

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OCTOBER 14, 2009

Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Lynn Kelso, Ellen Dunbar, Jean Tenney, Hanna Renning, Michelle McNeil, Mary Giventer, Marsha Waggoner, Marie Bairey

Members Excused: Sue Chaffee, Mildred Kinser, Colleen Norby

President Ellen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes: **Motion:** E. Dunbar, S – M. Waggoner. Approve the minutes of September 9 with the following corrections: Mildred Kinser and Michelle McNeil were present. Next meeting October 14, 2009. **Passed.**

President's Report:

- Smartvoter – 11 candidates are participating. President Ellen recommends we not participate in the candidate statements in the future because of the disappointing response from candidates. We would list election events with a link to the County Elections Office.
- Intern Holly Crayton worked on Smartvoter and assisted with forums. She will possibly work on gang study follow-up.
- Ellen sent letters to the family of Carol Christensen noting memorial contributors and to Mayor Ridenour praising the City Clerk for her assistance with election forums.
- MJC Constitution Day was well attended.
- Stanislaus Commission for Women mentioned possible joint event. Nothing specific at this time.

Second Vice President: Holiday Fling is December 7 at Fenderson's. Marsha will contact YES Company Ambassadors for possible program. LWVSC and AAUW will co-sponsor Dinner with Roy Wasden November 5 at 6 p.m. at Henry's in Turlock. Announcements will be made in *Voter*, e-mail, Bee and Turlock Journal and at Lunch and Learn.

Treasurer: **Motion:** H. Renning, S –M. Bairey. Accept monthly report for review. **Passed.**

First Vice President: Susan reported that 23 attended the LWVC Regional Workshop with positive responses from attendees from other Leagues. Five moderators were trained in August.

PR: All 6 forums were aired on cable TV. There was excellent coverage by the Bee. Facebook link to Democratic Party and Leadership Modesto requiring member attendance at a forum boosted turnout.

Finance Drive: Ed Fund is close to goal; General Fund donations are lagging: 39 member donors and 26 community donors. Reminders will be sent to previous donors who have not responded.

Membership: Lynn reported 135 members to date. Ellen called those who had not renewed. Those who have not responded will be dropped. Lynn showed the updated New Member Packet.

Voter Service: Ellen Dunbar summarized VS activities: 6 candidate forums with 18 volunteers; assisted at MJC Forum; District 2, co-sponsored by King Kennedy Center, had 50+ attendees. Last day voter registration will be at the Modesto Library October 19 from 12 – 4.

Webmaster: No report

Nominating: No report

Local Action: Bee published League positions on Measures A – E as an OpEd piece, and League was cited in other articles concerning the ballot measures.

State and Nation: LWVC is covering water legislation.

Lunch and Learn: October 27 speaker is Michael Sullivan, CEO of Golden Valley Health Care.

Voter: Articles due by October 18.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting November 11 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary.