

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

**Members present:** Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Mary Giventer, Hanna Renning, Lynn Kelso, Marie Bairey, Ellen Dunbar, Sue Chaffee

**Members excused:** Jean Tenney, Colleen Norby, Marsha Waggoner

**President** Ellen Meyer called the meeting to order at 6 pm. She read a statement of purpose by Cady Stanton from the LWVUS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet.

**Minutes:** **Motion:** M. Kinser, S – E. Dunbar. Approve minutes of August 12, 2009. **Passed.**

**President's Report:**

- Two candidates are on the Smartvoter website
- MJC - No response regarding intern position. LWVSC will continue to be involved with the Civic Engagement Project. Constitution Day event is September 17 at 7 pm. League will register voters.
- LWVUS Convention is in Atlanta June 11 – 15, 2010. 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is February 14. We will combine that theme with Women's History Month for March Membership Event.
- LWVC Leadership Council is in Sacramento May 14, 2010.
- Joan Goldsmith completed review of financial records and found everything in order. She praised Polly, Lynn and Michelle for their work, especially the transition to the computer.

**Second Vice President:**

- Board members from Turlock are working with Voter Service on candidate forums in Turlock.
- Holiday Fling: Hanna will confirm date with Fendersons. Potential speakers were suggested.
- LWVSC and AAUW are co-sponsoring Dinner with Roy Wasden, Turlock City Manager, November 5, probably at Henry's coordinated by Board members from Turlock to increase our visibility in Turlock.

**Treasurer:** Michelle modified the budget format to separate Finance Drive Education Fund and General Fund for accounting purposes. **Motion:** M. Bairey, S – L. Kelso. Accept Treasurer's report for review. **Passed.**

**First Vice President:** Regional Workshop September 26 has 9 LWVSC registrants, none from neighboring Leagues. Minimum of 15 required by LWVC to put it on. Reminder e-mail will be sent and other Leagues contacted. **Motion:** S. Chaffee, S – H. Renning: Request \$25 from Ed Fund for a student intern or member to attend the workshop. **Passed.**

**Finance Drive:** Letters were mailed September 4 with 10 responses totaling \$665.

**Membership:** Lynn reported 122 renewals (78 single and 22 family). Two new members joined at Lunch and Learn.

**Voter Service:**

- Six candidate forums are scheduled with two co-sponsored: Modesto District 2 with King Kennedy Center, Turlock School Board with Walnut School PTA. Staffing is almost complete.
- Possible voter registration October 19 at the main library.
- Moderator Training September 16 at Marsha Waggoner's.
- If a candidate does not attend a forum leaving it "uncontested" for the event, it would become a "meet the candidate" opportunity.

**Public Relations:** Efforts are being made to televise the forums. Modesto District 4 and MCS Board are at City Hall. Susan is trying to coordinate televising Turlock School Board Forum. Riverbank will televise. MyTV26 has offered to televise Modesto Districts 2 and 5.

**Webmaster:** No report.

**Nominating:** No report.

**State and National:** Sue will include H1N1 flu information in the *Voter*.

**Local Action:** Marie reported results of the study of Modesto's sewer annexation ballot measures and circulated a DRAFT position statement. **Motion:** M. Bairey, S – L. Kelso. Approve consensus positions recommended for Modesto Measures A, B, C, D and E. **Passed.** Complete statement will be in October *Voter*. A – No position on Kiernan Corridor, B – Oppose College West, C – Support North McHenry, D and E – Oppose Tivoli North and Hetch-Hetchy.

**Lunch and Learn:** September 29 speaker is District Attorney Birgit Fladager on anti-gang strategies.

**Voter:** Lynn requested using a checklist to be sure time-sensitive articles are printed in the *Voter*. Editor will consult with President if there are concerns about space. Articles due September 13.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50. Next meeting: October 4, 2009

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary.