

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
JOINT BOARD MEETING August 11, 2010**

Members present: Marie Bairey, Diane Bartlett, Laurie Carley, Ellen Dunbar, Mary Giventer, Lynn Kelso, Mildred Kinser, Anne Krabach, Susan Novak, Hanna Renning, Seena Rhine, Jean Tenney and Marsha Waggoner.

Guest member: Anne Bartlett

Excused: S. Beratlis

Call to order: 6:00 p.m. by S. Novak

MSC (E. Dunbar/A. Krabach) to approve minutes of July 14, 2010

President's Report: S. Novak

•**MSC** (M. Kinser/M. Giventer) to approve Stella Beratlis and Ellen Dunbar for the 2010-11 Nominating Committee.

•**MSC** (H. Renning/S. Rhine) to renew our membership in SCCW

•Board liability insurance was discussed. Currently we have liability insurance through LWVC which covers property. Personal liability insurance for board members is not covered. Cost of group liability would be approximately \$500.00 per year. Very few local leagues carry this type of insurance and those who do, have paid staff. The consensus of those present was that we do not need the liability insurance to cover board members.

•Management Training workshops will be held in Fresno and Sacramento in September. Ann Krabach will attend the workshop on Advocacy-how League does it.

•Introduced our student member/intern-Anne Bartlett who is working on updating our local media lists and some information for Smart Voter. She also is working up a template on a trial version of icontact.com. This web service allows nonprofits to create e-newsletters (which they call "messages") for \$9.95 per month. The service maintains the e-mail contact list. You can also track how many people are reading your newsletter and send out "e-postcards."

Treasurer's Report: S. Rhine

•Letter sent to Peace Life Center regarding missing/un-cashed rent checks informing them that our current rent check will be held until the this problem is resolved

MSC (M. Bairey/E. Dunbar) to approve the treasurer's report as filed.

•Discussed need to reduce redundant budget categories. M. Bairey suggested we review previous budgets and recommend that the Budget Committee consider consolidating categories during their budget process in the spring.

•Thanked Michelle McNeil for all of her time in July resolving the new budget software and bank switch.

Finance Drive: M. Giventer

•Envelope stuffing event will be held at L. Kelso's at 1:00 on Sept. 1st

•Finance advisors determined that letters will be sent out after Labor Day

Membership: H. Renning

•Holiday Fling will be held in the home of Lynn Fenderson on Monday, December 6th

•**MSC** (M. Bairey/M. Kinser) to contact Lynn Dickerson, Gallo Center for the Arts, for our Holiday Fling speaker. It was also suggested that Jim Johnson-Public Outreach_?__ would be a good choice if Lynn is unavailable. It was suggested we invite a local choral group to entertain early in the evening: CSUS, MJC, Downey

•M Giventer reviewed the plans for the "Next Ten" program being sponsored in conjunction with AAUW which will be held on Wednesday October 27th. They have requested that we provide LWV literature and a membership presence. M. Giventer will provide an article for the VOTER.

•L. Kelso reported that we have added one new member in August

• Membership renewal postcard reminders will go out in September

Voter Service: E. Dunbar

•Forums will be held between September 12th and October 10th in Oakdale and Riverbank

•Volunteers are needed!!

Local Action: M. Bairey

•A general membership meeting will be held on August 19th at the League Office at 6:30 p.m. on the following topics: City Election Runoff, proposed change to the City Charter, proposed advisory vote on Parklawn sewer extension; State League Recommendations on Ballot Propositions

State & National: A. Krabach

LWVC is opposed to Proposition 27 which would eliminate the Redistricting Commission

Administrative: L. Kelso –No report

Lunch & Learn: M. Kinser

•July-Torrie Hughes' presentation was awesome!

•August-Steve Ashman, Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

•September-Joseph Muratore, Modesto City Council

•October-Sue Siefkin-Judge

Voter: J. Tenney –articles due Sunday, August 15th

Bylaws Committee: M. Bairey (see attached handout)

- Bairey, Davis, Kelso, Lish, and Saugstad and interested others will meet on August 25th at 2:00 p.m. at M. Bairey's home
 - Committee will look at State and National models to simplify our bylaws
 - Consensus after discussion to proceed with bylaws revision
- Webmaster:** D. Bartlett
- Remember to blind-copy president on web responses
 - Public Relations:** No report
- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.** Next meeting will be September 8th at the LWV office 720 13th St.
Respectfully submitted, **Laurie Carley, Secretary 2010-2011**