

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 10, 2010**

Members present: Ellen Meyer, Mildred Kinser, Hanna Renning, Susan Novak, Jean Tenney, Michele McNeil, Mary Giventer and Marie Bairey

Members excused: Ellen Dunbar, Lynn Kelso, Sue Chaffee, and Marsha Waggoner

President Ellen Meyer called the meeting to order at 6 pm. S. Novak served at Secretary until M. Bairey came.

- Jennie Sweeney will coordinate High School Voter Registration program
- Article will be in Modesto Bee for LWV 90th Anniversary
- League members expressed interest in ad hoc committee for Modesto runoff election review. Deadline February 15.
- Intern Malerie Michael was accepted to a program that leads to applying for a D.C. internship.
- **Second Vice President:**
- Hanna reported that 9 members attended Program Planning in January. It was difficult to locate concise, accurate LWVUS positions for reference. Letters from other Leagues recommended a study of federal funding for education. LWVSC recommended keeping national positions and concurred with the recommendation for study of education funding. It was also recommended that local positions be retained
- She was contacted by a Turlock member who is concerned about the City Council decision to use Redevelopment funds for the high school stadium. A citizens' group has filed a lawsuit challenging the procedures and legality. Marie will look for applicable League position.
- Jeanne Ferrari, an advocate for farmland preservation, is following the Turlock General Plan Review. It was suggested she communicate information with Local Action Committee to determine when/if action is appropriate.

Local Action: Next meeting is Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 at Marie Bairey's.

Treasurer: Michele reported that income from Finance Drive and Membership is less than budgeted, but lower expenses and unspent budgeted items should balance out. Ellen will appoint a Budget Committee.

Motion: S. Novak, S M. Giventer. Study the cost effectiveness of sending the *Voter* on e-mail and printing few copies vs. printing and bulk mail distribution. **Passed.** Michele noted that the bulk mail permit is \$185 per year.

Finance Drive: *Voter* insert to acknowledge donors is ready.

Membership: January 30 membership total submitted to LWVUS for PMP billing.

- One new member
 - Membership event is expensive and does not yield new members. Lunch and Learn is more effective.
- Motion:** M. Bairey, S – S. Novak. Do not have a Spring Membership Event this year. **Passed.**
- Susan reported L. Kelso's concern about lack of follow-up with potential members who attend Lunch and Learn. They receive a *Voter* and membership form. It was recommended a sign-in be established for telephone/e-mail follow-up from Membership Director.

First Vice President: LWVUS Convention is in Atlanta in June. Registration is \$295 + transportation and lodging. Due May 14. Delegate will be approved at next meeting.

Voter Service: No information whether LWVC Pros and Cons will be prepared for June election. LWVSC will hold forums for contested County offices. It was suggested we offer our services for the November Hughson City Council election.

P.R.: No report.

Webmaster: No report

Nominating: Annual meeting will be brunch May 22 at Appetez. Supervisor Vito Chiesa was contacted as potential speaker. Most of the slate of officers/directors for 2010-2011 is complete.

State and National: No report.

Lunch and Learn: Jorge Perez, Outreach Coordinate for Modesto City Schools will speak February 23 on gang prevention programs.

Voter: Next issue will be February/March. Articles due February 14.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm. Next meeting: March 10.
Respectfully, submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary.