

**League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County  
Board of Directors Minutes-July 14, 2010**

**Members present:** Susan Novak, Stella Beratlis, Ann Krabach, Marie Bairey, Mildred Kinser, Marsha Waggoner, Ellen Dunbar, Diane Bartlett, Jean Tenney, Lynn Kelso, Seena Rhine, Laurie Carley, and Hanna Renning

**Excused:** Mary Giventer

**Call to order** at 6:00 p.m. by Susan Novak

- **MSC** (Kelso/Bailey) to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2010 Board Meeting

**President's Report:** The Ad Hoc Ed Fund Committee recommend that the money be moved to the LVUS

- **MSC** (Rhine/Dunbar) to move our Ed Fund money to the LWVUS for administration
- Julie Saugstad reviewed the treasurer's records for 2009-10 fiscal year and found them to be in excellent order. Michelle McNeil should be commended for her excellent work. Julie's letter will appear in the next issue of the VOTER.
- Convention-Approved study for federal role in education; grassroots group passed a second study of privatization to transfer government functions to private sector; updated the arms control position; changed wording to add principal of transparency to the Sarah Resolution.
- Bylaws committee (M. Bairey and J.Saugstad) have met and will proceed slowly

**Vice President's Report:** S. Beratlis reported on the Groundswell request which is a non-partisan grassroots organization. American Farmland Trust is affiliated and they have asked us to participate. Discussion was strongly supported by those who heard Mike Darnell speak at regional meeting. It was stated that his presentation juxtaposed our I and use position and that it seems appropriate for LWVSC to support and organization which reflects our position. After discussion it was MSC (Beratlis/Tenny) to become an affiliate of Groundswell.

**Treasurer's Report:** S. Rhine reported that the executive committee approved opening an account at Valley First Credit Union. In addition to the CD from Chase that came due on July 9<sup>th</sup>, all current membership dues have been deposited in this new account. Further discussion needed regarding long term CD as it is complicated due to the fact that the treasurer have changed several times by the time the CD comes due. Seena stated that we are in excellent financial shape.

**Finance Drive:** S. Novak reported for Mary Giventer that the finance drive committee met and reduced the list of contacts who would receive solicitations by U.S. mail based on their failure to donate in past years. Advisory group is being contacted. Mary, Lynn and Margie are working together.

**Membership:** Membership renewal letters were created and mailed by Colleen Norby. L. Kelso reported that we have two new members. Susan reported that we have been asked to co-sponsor with AAUW an event on October 27<sup>th</sup> which is called "Next Ten" and is an interactive program explaining the California budget process. It is anticipated that there will be no cost to our participation. If costs would be incurred, it would come from our Ed Fund account. Our name affiliated with event would broaden community participation. MSC (Renning/Bairey) that we co-sponsor the program "Next Ten" with the AAUW. Mary Giventer is the liaison for this event.

**Voter Service:** Ellen Dunbar reported that we will be presenting Pros & Cons at MJC on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for this event. Marsha Waggoner reported on the monitoring of the election in Miwuk which Susan and Marsha participated in. It was interesting and successful. It was suggested that

John Bliss, from CSI Consulting, who was the outside organization assisting in the mail in election, would be a good speaker for Lunch and Learn. An article will appear in the VOTER.

**Local Action:** M. Bairey will be following a potential measure M vote extension of sewers, an article regarding this measure appeared in the Modesto Bee on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The area being considered is in South Modesto-Parkview area. Marie will provide a statement based on league's position. Susan is on the city of Modesto run off election committee. In order to take a position on this matter we need a general membership meeting. It was decided that a meeting would be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at our office at the Peace Life Center at 6:00 p.m. The membership's recommendation will be presented at the September Board meeting. (At the 8-19 meeting we will also discuss the possible measure M vote.)

**State and National Action:** A. Krabach reported that the league positions are on the web site. Prop 27-redistricting reform will cancel what was voter approved previously and give power back to the legislature. There are no calls to action at this time. This proposition will also be discussed at the August membership meeting so that we will be prepared to speak to it later. Ann also reported that the Disclosure Act passed the House and will be considered in the Senate. It is no longer non-partisan and republicans are now opposed.

**Administrative:** L. Kelso happily reported, thanks to S. Beratlis, that "Open Office" is up and running at NO cost, we had approved a budget of \$300.00 at our last meeting.

**Lunch and Learn:** Torri Hughes, Patterson Police Chief will speak at the July Lunch and Learn.

**VOTER Editor:** J.Tenney reported that the first e-mailed VOTER reached members this month. It was suggested that the e-mailed version be sent to all members to get them hooked, while continuing to send them a hard copy. LWVC is sponsoring "webinars." Susan and Jean have done two already. Jean urged board members to watch them. It was suggested that we arrange to do so as a group. Diane will research capability at downtown library.