

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2008

Members present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Polly Klopfer, Ellen Dunbar, Lynn Kelso Hanna Renning, Marie Bairey, Patty Beyer, Amy Wolfe, Colleen Norby. Off Board: Margie Lipsky, Mildred Kinser, Marsha Waggoner
Members absent: Sue Chaffee, Jean Tenney

Meeting called to order by President Ellen Meyer at 6 pm.

Minutes: Corrected spelling of Hanna Renning's name. **Motion:** M – E. Dunbar, S – M. Kinser. Approve July 9, 2008 minutes as corrected for filing. **Passed**

President's Report:

- League telephone has been transferred to Lynn Kelso. She will pass calls along to appropriate officers or directors.
- Randy Siefkin is still interested in an election night event at the State Theater inviting interested political organizations to watch the election returns.
- MCJ Civic Engagement Project (CEP): 2 volunteers for League intern program, "Why I Vote" posters ready for display on campus, Constitution Day event being planned, 40 copies of League's publication Selecting a President purchased for use at MJC.
- Ellen will see if there might be an interested intern from Cal State Stanislaus.
- Smartvoter: It may be possible to participate at no local cost as we have not budgeted for it. Pros and Cons service is free, but there is usually a charge for Ballot Look-up.

Office Manager: No Report

Treasurer: Polly districted charts that keyed the budget to the list of accounts and budget report through mid August. **Motion:** M- L. Kelso, S-S. Novak. Approve report for review. **Passed.**

Finance Drive: Committee will meet August 21 for a "stuffing party". Letters to be mailed September 5.

Membership: To date, 51 members have not renewed (of approximately 150). Reminder postcards will be sent with follow-up telephone calls in September.

Voter Service:

- *Fact for Voters* completed and ready for distribution. 5000 purchased @\$330; 2500 and costs split with MJC CEP.
- Art and Wine Fest August 16. M. Waggoner and E. Dunbar are making arrangements for voter registration booth...
- Riverbank City Council Forum September 23
- 3000 Pros and Cons to be ordered. Will check on costs.
- Need to follow-up on Mock Elections materials.
- Pros and Cons October 15 co-sponsored by MJC CEP.

Lunch and Learn: August 26 speaker is Mayor Farrell Jackson of Oakdale. October speaker is Mayor John Lazar of Turlock. Judge Hugh Rose of the Modesto Redistricting Commission suggested as a speaker.

Webmaster: Website continues to be visited at a steady pace.

2nd Vice President:

- New Dean of college of Music and Performing Arts and Cal State is suggested as Holiday Fling speaker. Lynn Fenderson to be contact to confirm date.
- To expand Turlock presence: Hanna asked to speak about League at AAUW membership event in September and invite them to assist with voter registration in Turlock. We will investigate having a Pros and Cons at Cal State, perhaps with AAUW.

Nominating: **Motion:** M- M. Bairey, S – A. Wolfe. Appoint Lynn Kelso and Susan Novak as on-board members of the nominating committee. **Passed.** Still need another off board member.

Local Action:

- Modesto districting mapping meeting cancelled due to lack of response.
- Got responses from Supervisors DiMartini and Grover and Keith Boggs to our letter regarding West Park EIR.
- Transportation Tax Consensus meeting August 20.
- Attended stakeholders meeting for farm land mitigation.
- Future topic: gang violence

State and National: No report.

Voter: articles due August 16 to Jean and Ellen.

Announcement: Amy asked the Board to begin thinking of ways to expand our donor mailing list.

Meeting adjourned: 730 pm. Next Board meeting September 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary