

League of Women Voters of Modesto
Minutes of Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Members Present: Patty Lundy, Marie Bairey, Julie Saugastad, Susan Novak, Laurie Carley, Maria Arevalo, Myrtle Osner, Debbie Kleinfelder, Mildred Kinser

Members Excused: Amy Christensen

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Patty Lundy

Minutes of July 13, 2005 meeting approved with corrections.

President's Report by Patty Lundy

Honor Denney resigned as Secretary. MSC to accept Honor's resignation and to appoint Joan Patterson as Secretary.

The meeting to discuss changing our League's name to League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County will be on Wednesday, November 16 at Patty Lundy's house. Board members will bring desserts. A tentative time was set for 7 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

We receive \$600 for Voter Service from California State University Stanislaus. Our balance as of 7/30/2005 was \$18,892.21

Voter Service Report

Patty Lundy reported for Amy Christensen. We will hold forums for the Modesto City Council and the Modesto City Schools Board of Trustees on September 21.

The first meeting of the Voter Service Committee will be Wednesday, August 17 at Myrtle's house instead of the League Office (which is not available).

AAUW in Turlock requested that we co-sponsor an issues forum in Turlock. Since we are co-sponsoring a Pros and Cons forum with CSU Stanislaus, we will ask Amy to see if AAUW can be added as an additional sponsor.

We have had a request from Ceres to help with a forum. We will assist by providing timers, a moderator, and help with question sorting.

Lunch and Learn

Mildred reported that Richard Robinson, CEO of Stanislaus County will be the August speaker. She is working on getting Superior Court Judge John Shaver for the September luncheon.

Local Action Committee

Marie Bairey and Patty Lundy met with Janice Keating about the tin cup ordinance. While we look at its provisions as a safeguard, candidates look at it as limits.

Marie attended a meeting about the General Plan Review for the City of Modesto.

Maria Arevalo is putting together a committee to begin the local gang study. She anticipates that the focus of the study will be on what resources the community needs to address the gang problem.

Nominating Committee

MSC to appoint Marie Bairey and Laurie Carley to this year's nominating committee.

Smart Voter

Susan Novak asked for a Board vote on whether or not to participate in Smart Voter for the November 2005 elections. MSC to not participate on the local level. The custom ballot lookup feature (previously paid for by the Elections Department) is what makes the local site special and worth promoting. The candidate pages, which we could afford to provide, were not used by the candidates. Despite a letter and follow up phone calls, only a dozen candidates took advantage of the site. Patty will arrange a meeting with Lee Lundrigen to try to get full funding for Smart Voter for next year.

Second Vice President's Report

No report

The Voter

Articles for the September Voter should be sent to Ellen by August 17. There were many compliments about the August Voter, especially the "Let 's Hear It From Our Members" column.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Susan Novak for Joan Patterson