

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY**  
**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Laurie Carley, Lynn Kelso, Ann Krabach, Marie Bairey, Jennie Sweeney, Sue Chaffee, Joan Goldsmith, Patty Beyer, Member Joan Patterson

Members Absent: Julie Saugstad, Cynthia Morgan, Cindy vanEmpel

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

Minutes were approved for file.

President's Report:

- Distributed State League Update
- Distributed updated proposal for creating LWVSC units for later action
- Introduction to League presentations are being made to city councils outside Modesto by past presidents
- National Convention in Portland June 13 – 15. **Motion:** M-M. Bairey, S L. Carley. Approve President Ellen and Patty Beyer as our voting delegates. **Passed.** Other board members expressed interest in attending. LWVC Leadership Council May 17 – 18 in Sacramento.
- Sustaining Member. **Motion:** M-M. Bairey, S-A. Krabach. Select Helen Gordon as 2007-2008 sustaining member. **Passed.** Lynn will take charge of the plaque. Suggested that Margie Lipsky write the report.
- Facts for Voters – Susan Novak is revising it with focus on voter information. No elected officials names will be included, just contacts for government offices. Intern Monica will format for Bee printing.
- Annual Report- Board reports due March 10. Malory will assist.
- Budget Committee: **Motion:** M-M. Bairey, S-A. Krabach. Approve Debbie Kleinfelder, Lynn Kelso and Julie Saugstad for 2008-2009 Budget Committee. **Passed.**

Office Manager: No report

Treasurer: Marie distributed Treasurer's Report of January 31, 1008. **Motion:** M-L. Kelso, S-S. Chaffee. Accept report subject to audit. **Passed.**

Finance Drive: Thank you letters sent to donors. Names will be in March Voter. Joan's totals: \$8145 (\$3535 General Fund, \$4610 Ed Fund). Member contributions - \$4775, Donors \$3370. Joan expressed satisfaction with efforts to reach out to new donors in the county.

Membership: Two new members bringing total to 147. Discussion of membership renewal deadlines. Suggestions: Set up a membership renewal table at Annual Meeting. Send renewal letters in May with one reminder in the summer. Firm deadline: September 30. It was suggested we also have the membership survey at Annual Meeting. L. Carley reported that plans for Spring Membership event March 6 at the McHenry Museum are finalized. Special invitations will be sent to members of the education community.

Smart Voter: Individual ballots were on the site. Reimbursement from Elections Dept. still in question.

Voter/PR: Ellen will continue to prepare Voter. Feb/Mar Voter will go out late February. Late March Voter will include information for Annual Meeting. May/June Voter.

Web master: No Report

Vice President: Thirteen members attended Program Planning meeting. Nation Program suggestions forwarded to LWVUS.

Local Program: Retain current program, no new studies, present Municipal Election System to Annual Meeting. **Motion:** M. S. Chafee, S. J. Sweeney. Approve results of National and Local Program Planning meeting. **Passed.** Packet for Legislative Interview not available yet.

Voter Service: Registered 105 voters at 4 libraries. Supervisors Forum May 8 at City/County Plaza. No response from Turlock as possible site. Susan commended Pros and Cons presenters.

Nominating: Committee is meeting to prepare slate of officers. **Motion:** M-M. Bairey, S-S. Novak. Approve May 3 Brunch at the Double Tree Hotel for Annual Meeting. Cover costs over \$15 per person for the meal. **Passed.**

State and National: State health care measures dead. Keuhl bill will be reintroduced. Recent Nurse Day at the capitol to call attention to infant mortality. Efforts to increase nurse training. National: a website collects ideas for insuring uninsured. Debate continues: Is health care coverage an insurance or a provider problem?

Local Action: Marie report on Feb 12 meeting. Sunshine Week: California has laws to assure transparent government. Any statement should reflect that. No action. Transportation Tax: We are following the issue. Actual ballot proposal available in August. Tivoli: Statement to City Council prepared favoring the development with concerns about traffic. Ellen will present. West Park: committee is studying the project to determine exactly what it entails.

Lunch and Learn: Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden will speak on February 26.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey

Next Meeting March 12, 2008