

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 9, 2008

Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Cynthia Morgan, Lynn Kelso, Susan Novak, Ann Krabach, Julie Saugstad, Patty Beyer, Laurie Carley, Sue Chaffee, Joan Goldsmith

Members Absent: Jennie Sweeney, Debra Whitmore, Cindy van Empel

Meeting called to order by President Ellen Meyer at 6:00 pm.

Minutes approved as corrected: (Measure T = Measure L; Jan 17 = Jan 16) **Motion: M – L. Kelso, S – J. Saugstad. Passed**
President's Report:

- Past-presidents scheduled to introduce League to City Councils: (Novak to Ceres, Cash-Dudley to Hughson and Turlock, Lipsky to Modesto) Alita Roberts is coordinating.
- National Convention in Portland June 13 – 17, 2008. Ellen and Patty expressed interest. Delegates to be elected at next meeting.
- **Motion: M-P. Beyer, S-J Saugstad.** Our League will not participate in review of National League by-laws. **Passed.**
- Think about Sustaining Member award; must be selected soon.
- Ellen will continue to work on Unit guidelines, perhaps with assistance from Turlock members.
- Two MJC students are interested in League Intern position for Spring. Ellen will work with MJC.
- Information about Adopt-a-Pole from County Elections Department

Office Manager: No report

Treasurer: Reports for October and December discussed and accepted for filing.

Finance Drive: To date received \$7895 (\$3435 Ed Fund, \$4460 General Fund); Goal is \$8700. It was noted that we gained new donors from our county-wide outreach. Thank-you notes and Voter acknowledgement will be completed.

Membership: It was suggested we maintain stricter deadlines and schedules for Membership procedures. Laurie reported that the Spring Membership Event will be March 6 with Speaker Arturo Flores, MCS Superintendent. Details discussed. **Motion: M – L. Carley, S- Ann Krabach. To hold the event at the McHenry Museum downstairs. Passed.**

Smartvoter: The site is up to date with local measures. Waiting for payment from Elections Department. Ellen will contact LWVC representative.

Voter/PR: Ellen is taking Debra's place during her illness. She will send MJC/Pros and Cons and Spring Event information.

Web master: No report

Vice President: Final plans for Program Planning January 23 were discussed.

Voter Service:

- Notice was too short to plan a Forum on Measures E and L.
- Voter registration will be held January 22 at Salida, Modesto, Turlock and Patterson libraries.
- Date for forum for County Supervisors tentatively set for May 8 prior to June election. Susan will investigate holding the forums in Supervisors' communities rather than Tenth Street Place.

Nominating Committee: No report

State and National Action: AS 1, health care measure, passed Assembly. Still in the system. LWVC supports Kuehl bill.

Local Action:

- Executive Board in December approved neutral position on Measure M (Charter Amendment – Accountability) as we have no position from which to support or oppose. Neutral position on Measure N (Charter Amendment – District election) approved in November.
- **Motion: M-P. Beyer, S – A. Krabach.** Direct Local Action Committee to prepare an opinion piece supporting Measure E (Stamp Out Sprawl) and opposing Measure L (Supervisors' Alternative). **Passed.** The statement will be distributed to *Modesto Bee* and newspapers in other cities of the county **and go on our website.**
- The Committee is currently studying the proposed Tivoli development in east Modesto.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next Meeting February 13, 2008

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary