

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING OF JULY 11, 2007**

Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Ann Krabach, Lynn Kelso, Marie Bairey, Susan Novak, Cynthia Morgan, Debbie Whitmore, Myrtle Osner, Stella Beratlis

Members Absent: Sue Chaffee, Julie Saugstad, Jennie Sweeney, Patty Lundy, Joan Goldsmith, Cindy Van Empel.

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

Minutes of the May 23 meeting were approved for filing.

President's Report: Ellen distributed Board packets with revised by-laws and other goodies.

- Student intern from MJC available 3 to 10 hours per week. **Motion – M:** S. Novak/**S:**M. Bairey. Investigate options for using MJC Poli Sci student intern during the fall semester. **Passed.**
- Smart voter. Ellen will contact Lee Lundrigan about funding for the November election. We will decide whether to participate.
- Citadel Communication will air LWV Stanislaus PSA's.
- Patrick and Sharon McKee will audit League books. Materials being prepared.
- Randy Siefkin suggested a partnership with League and Modesto Film Society for a film event – possibly for Membership Event or 60th League anniversary. Ellen will get more details. It was suggested a committee work with them.
- LWVC Regional Workshop October 6 in Fresno.
- Ellen presented a plan to fill Local Action Director vacancy. **Motion – M:** M. Bairey/**S:**D. Whitmore. For 2007-2008 appoint Patty Lundy as Local Action Director, Ann Krabach will be Vice President, Immediate Past-President will chair meetings in the President's absence, director responsibilities will be realigned. **Passed.**
- LWVC Membership Recruitment Initiative. **Motion – M:** M. Bairey/**S:** L Kelso. Not participate in LWVC initiative but continue our county-wide expansion efforts. **Passed.**

Office Manager: Myrtle processes returned mail to update mailing lists. Sends new member packets. Will keep abreast to answer phone inquiries.

Treasurer: Marie distributed tentative end-of-year report. Final will be in Voter after audit. Expenses and income under budget. Note that dues income is posted in two fiscal years. Budget included higher expenses than income to be covered by reserves. Approved for file.

Finance Drive: Lynn reported that the committee met to review donor lists. Financial

Advisors list expanded with people from other cities in the county. Joan sees Finance Drive as a PR effort as well as income source especially with county-wide expansion. New, eye-catching list of accomplishments will be included in letters. **Motion – M:**S. Novak/**S:**A.Krabach. Add City Clerks to Voter mailing list. **Passed. Motion- M:**S.Novak/**S:**D.Whitmore. Add Mayor and city council members from the 9 county cities to Voter mailing list for 3 months. Add newly elected officials for 3 months. **Passed.**

Membership: Marie reported membership checks are being received.

Revised membership survey was reviewed. Will be included in the Voter.

Voter Service: Susan showed the Voter Registration Kits Linda Walden prepared. Forum materials also organized. Potential candidate forums – Modesto City Council and Stanislaus County Board of Education. We will respond to requests from other communities. Will schedule 10th Street Place Chambers for forums. Moderator training July 24 at Susan Novak's.

Webmistress: Stella welcomes suggestions. Has posted local League positions and will add membership survey to the Join Us page. Finance Drive information will be added.

Municipal Election Study: Committee will meet July 18 to review research and interview data.

The Modesto advisory vote for council elections will involve education and outreach. Consider League's role, especially if we develop a position. Because of the complications of the current system, the Modesto Charter Review Committee will recommend there be no run-off election for City Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm. Next meeting August 8, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Bairey, Secretary