

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD MEETING JULY 9, 2008**

Members present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Polly Klopfer, Ellen Dunbar, Lynn Kelso, Colleen Norby, Marie Bairey, Jean Tenney, Mildred Kinser, Patty Beyer

Members absent: Amy Wolfe, Hannah Renning, Sue Chaffee

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

Minutes: **Motion:** M- L. Kelso, S-P. Klopfer. Approve May 28, 2008 minutes for filing. **Passed.**

President's Report:

- National Convention adopted addition to League Principles. "The League of Women Voters of the United State believes that all powers of the U. S. government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive and judicial." Convention report in June *Voter*.
- MJC invited League to make a presentation on how to select candidates as part of Constitution activities in the fall. Amy Wolfe expressed interest and willingness.
- Stella has made changes in the website to look more like LWVUS.
- Hannah is interested in developing League activities in Turlock. Ideas welcome.
- Susan Novak will assume PR responsibilities as part of VP position.

Office Manager: No report

Treasurer: Polly distributed summary report for April through June. Final report should be complete in August for review. She explained new reporting format which will include monthly and cumulative budget information. She suggested membership renewal letters be sent June 15 so income is reported within the budget year. This will be referred to Budget Committee.

Finance Drive: Committee has met. New member Seena Rhine. They are on-target to send letters by fall. They will promote donations to honor individuals and follow up with appropriate notice. Ellen noted that National Convention gave "Directions to the Board" to coordinate its fund drive so as not to conflict with local Leagues.

Membership: Renewal letters have been sent; 71 responses to date. Reminders will be sent in August with review of non-responders in September for individual follow-up. Member survey will be included in August *Voter*.

Facts for Voters: Susan reported an estimate for MJC to print revised *Facts for Voters* (1000@ \$224, 2500 @ \$250). **Motion:** M – M. Bairey, S- P. Beyer. Work with MJC to print *Facts for Voters* using Ed. Fund with possible contribution from MJC. **Passed.** Ellen D. reported the committee has met with plans for fall elections.

- Expanded voter registration at libraries (on or before October 20) and Modesto Wine and Arts August 16.
- Candidate Forums: Riverbank- September 23 and Turlock- date to be determined
- Possible Pros and Cons presentation at MJC. Amy, Patty and Ellen D possible presenters.
- Moderator training in August
- Mock Elections materials available from LWVUS. Susan will contact potential coordinator. Electing the President 2008 newspaper supplement also available.

Nominating Committee: Committee needs two representatives from Board and another off-Board.

Local Action:

- **Motion:** M- P. Beyer, S-L. Kelso. Approve letter to County Supervisors and Planning Commissioners regarding issues of concern for the West Park Development Environmental Impact Report. **Passed.**
- Modesto farm land mitigation: LWVSC is a "stakeholder" receiving information on the process.
- Stanislaus County Better Roads/Safe Street Program (i.e. transportation tax) – Consensus meeting at Alita Roberts' Wednesday August 20 at 7 pm.
- Patty reported on the process and progress of the Modesto Districting Commission. She invited people who are interested in drawing a district map to submit to meet with her.

State and National Action: No report

Lunch and Learn: July – Ryan Swehla on an affordable housing project; August – Turlock Mayor John Lazar

Voter: Articles due July 11. Timeline discussed to assure time for editing and timely mailing.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm Next meeting August 13 at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary