

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MARCH 12, 2008

Board Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Ann Krabach, Lynn Kelso, Marie Bairey, Cindy van Empel, Cynthia Morgan, Julie Saugstad, Joan Goldsmith, Susan Chaffee, Debra Whitmore. Members: Debbie Kleinfelder, Joan Patterson, Virginia Lish

Absent: Patty Beyer, Jennie Sweeney

Meeting called to order by President Ellen at 6 pm. Ellen introduced Board and members attending.

Minutes: **Motion** M-J. Saugstad, S-L. Kelso. Approved the minutes for filing. **Passed.**

President's Report: Ellen distributed updates:

- LWVC Leadership Council May 16/17; LWVUS Convention June 13-17.
- State and National are discussing possibility of raising PMP.
- MJC requested Pros and Cons presentation for the fall.
- Randy Siefkin suggested Election Night Celebration November 4 with all interested political/non-political groups.
- Ellen is serving on the City of Modesto Salary Setting Commission
- April 1 deadline for submitting information for Annual Report.

Budget Committee: Chair Debbie Kleinfelder presented proposed 2008-2009 budget. She noted that we have had deficit budgets for the last few years to bring down reserve balance. Also, dues cover PMP (with \$1 for local) and Finance Drive funds program. The time has come to reconsider that practice in light of increased costs, possible increases in PMPs and uncertain revenues. She explained the proposed budget line-by-line. **Motion:** M-M. Bairey, S-J. Saugstad: Recommend that the membership at Annual Meeting approve increase in dues of \$10 for individual and \$15 for family. **Passed.**

Motion: M- J. Saugstad, S-S. Chaffee. Accept proposed 2008-2009 budget proposed by the Budget Committee with correction of LWV Stanislaus County and changes on income line to reflect proposed dues increase. **Passed.**

Nominating Committee: Cindy presented 2008-2009 slate of officers and directors recommended by the Nominating Committee. Positions of VP Administrative, Nominating Chair and non-board member and PR are still vacant. She reviewed plans for Annual Meeting May 3 at the Double Tree. Congressman Cardoza is scheduled as speaker. **Motion:** M-S. Chaffee, S-D. Whitmore. Annual Meeting cost of meals over \$20 will be covered by LWVSC. **Passed.** This rescinds motion of February 13 to cover over \$15.

Treasurer: Julie distributed February report. Accepted for review.

Finance Drive: Joan distributed summary of 2008 Finance Drive activities with questions for next year's chair and Board.

Vice President: Legislative Interview assignment is Assemblymembers Berryhill and Galgiani. Ann will schedule.

Voter Service: Supervisors' forum May 8. Two contested seats. Susan will monitor SEI Union elections. Received \$40 for that service. Have not heard from CSUS or MJC to monitor student body elections. Riverbank requested City Council forum in October. "Facts for Voters" being finalized.

State and National Action: Kuehl healthcare bill is reintroduced in Assembly. It is getting more support from medical community and other major constituencies. SF Chronicle reported increased interest in Green power with high oil costs. LWVC opposes Prop 98 and supports Prop 99 on the June ballot.

Local Action: Marie reported that the committee is following the Tivoli development ,Patty has met with Councilperson Keating regarding proposed Transportation Tax and the committee continues to study the tax as well as West Park.

Membership: Forty-one attended March 6 event. It was well planned and the choice of speaker good. One new member from the event and another via mail.

Voter: Debbie will prepare the Voter which will include materials for Annual Meeting.

President: Cindy van Empel has submitted a letter of resignation as Nominating Chair. The committee will assume the responsibilities. The Joint Board meeting will be May 28 at Lynn Kelso's with dinner at 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05. Next meeting April 9.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary