

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY**  
**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

Members Present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Marie Bairey, Lynn Kelso, Ann Krabach, Jennie Sweeney, Sue Chaffee, Patty Beyer

Members Absent: Julie Saugstad, Debbie Whitmore, Joan Goldsmith, Cynthia Morgan

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

Minutes approved for filing.

President's Report:

- LWVC newsletter available
- Reminder to think of sustaining member for recognition at Annual Meeting.
- Past-presidents will go to city council meetings outside Modesto to introduce the League. Alita Roberts coordinating.
- Ellen reported on processing of absentee ballots at Elections Office as part of public monitoring of elections.
- MJC Civic Engagement Project to promote voter registration will develop "Why I Vote" posters that include LWV logo and new internet links. **Motion:** M-S. Chaffee/S-L. Kelso. Approve using LWV logo on MJC Civic Engagement Project documents provided LWVC approves and LWV Stanislaus accepts final copy. **Passed.**
- We may get another intern through Steve Miller's MJC class.
- Revised LWV Stanislaus organizational chart presented for discussion and review.
- Proposal for organization of local units presented for discussion and review

Office Manager: No Report

Treasurer: Absent

Finance Drive: Lynn reported for Joan. To date, approximately \$7200 (\$4325 General, \$2850 Ed Fund) received; this is less than budget goal of \$8700. Reminder letters will be sent to previous donors who have not responded.

Membership: Of 163 members, 31 non-renewals to date. Reminders have been done. Directory will include those members, but a "Final Notice" will be sent to be sure the roster is accurate by PMP deadline. Lynn reported for Laurie Carley on options for location and speaker for Spring Event. Interest in MCS Superintendent confirmed as speaker.

Smartvoter: 13 of approximately 100 candidates countywide took advantage of the site.

Voter/Public Relations: Next Voter will be December/January. Holiday Fling flyers have been sent.

Webmaster: The website averages 87 hits per day. During elections week it averaged 106 hits.

Vice President: Holiday Fling plans in place. To generate interest and inform members, Ann will prepare a series of e-mails about LWVUS Program before the January 23 meeting. A response survey will be included in the January Voter.

Voter Service: Voter Service will order Pros and Cons with Treasurer signature as required by the order form. They will be distributed to MJC, high schools and libraries. Three propositions on Feb 5 ballot; Amy and Patty will do a Pros and Cons presentation at MJC January 17. We will hold a candidate forum for County Supervisors before June election.

Nominating: Process will begin soon.

Local Action: Patty presented the report from the Committee's Nov. 13 meeting.

- Stamp Out Sprawl (SOS)/Supervisors' Alternative Measure T to be studied for February ballot.
- City Council Districts Measure: recommend pros/cons Forum to educate voters; recommend position favoring independent commission to draw districts with public hearings.
- Charter Accountability: recommend M. Bairey review to determine if LWV should prepare pro/con.

**Motion:** M-M. Bairey/S-J. Sweeney. LWV Stanislaus will remain neutral on the City Council by-district election system measure on the Feb. 5 ballot. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

**Motion:** M-S. Chaffee/S-A. Krabach. Although we support change from the current city council election system, LWV Stanislaus will not take a position on the by-district ballot measure on Feb. 5 as it does not meet the full intent of our local program statement on municipal elections systems. **Passed.**

**Motion:** M-S Novak/S-L Kelso. Incorporate a pros/cons discussion of the by-district proposal at the January 17 MJC presentation. **Passed.**

**Motion:** M-S. Chaffee/S-J. Sweeney. If the by-district measure is passed, LWV Stanislaus will advocate for the implementation procedures recommended by the Charter Review Report which includes an independent commission and public hearings. **Passed.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary

