

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

Members present: Ellen Meyer, Susan Novak, Cynthia Morgan, Lynn Kelso, Ann Krabach, Marie Bairey, Cindy van Empel, Laurie Carley, Debra Whitmore, Sue Chaffee, Patty Lundy, Joan Goldsmith

Members absent: Julie Saugstad, Jennie Sweeney

Meeting called to order by President Ellen Meyer at 6:05 pm.

Minutes approved for filing.

President's Report:

- Six month activity summary distributed. Activities fell within LWVUS'S 5 major goals. Report will go on the website.
- List of LWV memberships as a percent of population in their county distributed.
- MJC student intern helped with Smartvoter and forums. She will write an article for the Voter about MJC student government. **Motion: M – M. Bairey/S- L. Carley.** Develop an outline for student internship program. **Passed.** Ellen will seek input from the intern to describe possible tasks and expectations for a student intern.
- Blog – Ellen talked to LWVC President. LWVUS has no guideline for blogs, but she urged caution as other Leagues have had problems. It requires monitoring and/or restrictions. **Motion: M-S. Chaffee/S- A. Krabach.** Allow Patty Lundy will initiate a Local Action Blog. **Passed.**
- League Structure – postponed
- Regional Workshop focused on membership development; we are doing most of the things suggested already.

Office Manager: No report

Treasurer: Sharon McKee completed a review of the books and found them in good order, praising Julie's work. The final budget report will be in the next Voter.

Finance Drive: We have 10 new donors from the government/elected official mailing list. Total receipts are a little behind this time last year; 74 members and donors have contributed \$6400. Joan suggested we send representatives to city council meetings in the 9 cities to introduce the League. Debra has been working on a script. Marie will prepare a list of meeting times and possible representatives.

Membership: Calls were made to members who have not renewed. Preliminary plans for Spring Membership Event were discussed. It will be in March with education/NCLB as a possible topic; the new MCS superintendent was suggested as a speaker. Other ideas – land use or environment.

Smartvoter: Letters were sent to all county candidates. No response yet. Intern will send reminder e-mails. Candidate lists and polling place look-up are operational.

Voter/Public Relations: **Motion: M- P. Lundy, S- S. Chaffee.** Extend mailing Voter to elected officials of the 9 cities for another 3 months. **Passed.**

Webmaster: Website continues to improve with regular updating of information.

Vice President: Holiday Fling will be December 3 at the Fenderson's. David Pier of the Gallo Performing Arts Center will speak. Flyers will be sent to members; donors and Advisors will have invitations included in their thank-you letters. National and Local Program Planning will be January 23 at 7 pm at the office. Information will be included in the next 2 Voters to generate interest and stress the importance of input.

Voter Service: City Council and MCS Board forums complete. Concerns about poor attendance; what can we do to bring more people out? Turlock School Board forum, co-sponsored with Turlock PTA, will be October 17 at Walnut School. Voter registration will be October 22 at the Turlock, Modesto, Patterson and Salida libraries.

Nominating Committee: Cindy has made contact with Congressman Cardoza as a possible speaker for Annual Meeting in early May. Other suggestions – California health care legislation.

Local Action: - Meetings – 2nd Tuesdays at 10:30 am as needed. Considering Local Action units in the other cities. The Committee will watch the proposed County sponsored land use initiative.

State & Nat'l Action: Sue reported from recent National Voter about US non-participation in the Kyoto Accord. Nat'l Program Planning is a time to suggest priorities for LWVUS. Immigration is another issue of concern.

New Business: **Motion: M- P. Lundy/S- J. Goldsmith.** Renew Stanislaus County Commission for Women membership. **Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Respectfully submitted, Marie Bairey, Secretary