

**League of Women Voters of Butte County**  
**May 24, 2016 Annual Meeting**  
**DRAFT Minutes**

On May 24, 2016 the Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Butte County was held at the First Baptist Church, 850 Palmetto Avenue, Chico, CA.

**Call to Order**

President Margaret Swick called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

**Appointment of Parliamentarian**

Carolyn Dusenbury was appointed as the Parliamentarian for the meeting.

**Credentials/Quorum Report: 15% of Membership**

As of May 24, 2016 the League of Women Voters of Butte County had 118 members. There were 32 members present at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, a quorum was reached.

**MINUTES of MAY 20, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

There was one correction. The secretary was direction to correct the spelling of "Bored" members to "Board" members.

Carol Burr moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was adopted.

**BUDGET FOR 2016-2017**

Toni Reid read the Budget Committee's Comments on the proposed budget for the year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

"The budget we have proposed shows \$2,210 more in projected expenses than projected income and, with a contingency line item added, the deficit could amount to as much as \$5,210. Since this is a departure from past budgets that balanced current expenses with current income, we feel an explanation of our thinking is in order.

Reliable income sources for the League are somewhat limited at present. The committee feels that the income figure of \$26,950 represents a realistic assessment of income that is neither overly conservative nor overly aggressive.

Most expenses shown on the budget are either fixed or fairly inflexible. They involve maintaining our office space and communication systems and are in line with past budgets. The large departure is the \$8,500 projected for meetings, director programs and voter service. We have done this because we feel that 2016 offers great opportunities for the League in our communities.

November of 2016 will be the General election and it is a presidential election as well which often brings higher turnout. Our congressional race has multiple candidates, which means a runoff in November is likely. The same is true of 2 of the 3 supervisorial races. City council seats will be up for election in at least 4 cities, possibly 5.

There are currently eight propositions on the State ballot and upwards of 70 that are currently circulating!! If even a small percentage of them are added to the ballot it will certainly be formidable.

Our committee feels that resources should be available to do as many candidate forums in as many communities as we have League members willing and able to conduct them. A large public forum on the state propositions conducted by the League would give good exposure to the League and fully meet our Mission Statement of "increasing understanding of major public issues". Cost of venues could be higher than in past years and videotaping is also expensive. In short, it will take money to do the League work in the 2016 election cycle and the committee feels that it should be budgeted.

**The budget committee also recommends:**

- 1) A standing Financial Resources Committee looking at additional fundraising and all expenses.
- 2) Moving 4% of Endowment Fund to Charitable Fund.
- 3) Setting in motion a layered CD plan for reserve funds (As outlined by <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>Chris Boyle).
- 4) Checking on the Investment plan for Endowment Fund (Aggressive or <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>Conservative)."

The proposed budget for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for the League of Women Voters of Butte County is:

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

**INCOME:**

<u>Voter Registration</u>	\$	2,500.00
Members Dues	\$	6,100.00
Contributions	\$	500.00
Interest	\$	20.00
Office Rent Share	\$	3,780.00
Funds Trans from Annie B's	\$	3,700.00
Wine Tasting Fundraising	\$	9,000.00
Other Fundraising	\$	1,350.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,950.00</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Postal Service	\$	500.00
Office Rent	\$	7,775.00
Storage Rent	\$	375.00
Bank Fees	\$	110.00
Office Supplies	\$	500.00
Repairs & Maint	\$	300.00
Utilities	\$	900.00
Telephone/Internet	\$	1,250.00
Website	\$	800.00
Printing	\$	500.00
Insurance	\$	350.00
President Discretionary	\$	150.00
PMP	\$	5,600.00
Other Taxes	\$	50.00
Advancement/Conferences	\$	1,500.00
Meetings/Programs/Voter Service	\$	8,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,160.00</b>
Contingencies	\$	3,000.00
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Contingencies</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,160.00</b>

**NET LOSS** **\$ (5,210.00)**

Suellen Rowilson moved to accept the budget. The motion was adopted.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Margaret Swick voiced concern over the following issues:

- **Membership:** The Butte County League of Women Voters currently has 118 members. The membership is strong, but the member number is not increasing. There is a Membership Committee that is working on membership. Margaret encouraged League members to join the committee.
- **Finance Committee:** There is need for an ongoing Finance Committee to deal with earning income that the League needs to do our work. Currently the Finance Committee consists of Barbara Evans, Toni Reid, and Christine Boyle, along with Joan Stoner and Associates.
- **Voter Service:** It was a difficult year for Voter Service because both Shawn Murphy and then Linda MacMichael had to resign from chairing the committee. Therefore, our League was not totally able to fulfill the contract we had signed with the Butte County Registrar, Candace Grubbs. However, Margaret and Toni Reid met with Candace and agreed to involve students in our upcoming Forums and Pros & Cons education sessions.
- **Structure:** There is a high risk if only one person chairs a committee, so next year there will be a pair of people chairing each committee.
- **Pros and Cons:** Sign up for Pros & Cons teams. The goal is to have enough members involved so different people can lead the various Pros & Cons educational events.
- **League Photos:** All members need to take photos of League activities. Margaret would like to see a full digital display on our League website.
- **National Convention:** Toni Reid, Christine Boyle, and Margaret Swick are representing our League at the National Convention.

## **PROGRAM and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Natural Resources**

Claire Greene presented information concerning the recent Water Forum on May 21, 2016. Barbara Hennigan organized the Forum, asked Claire to monitor it, and asked the League to cater the event. However, Barbara became ill about three weeks before the forum. Claire gathered the list of speakers and their biographies, and finished pulling the forum together. Barbara had put together a tremendous program. The speakers were great and the sequence of the speakers made their information even more meaningful and educational. The food was great and added to the overall experience, as Barbara had envisioned it would.

## **Social Policy**

Carol Burr presented information on the Higher Education Consensus Study and the new Health Care Position. Margaret Swick gave her a pin in recognition of her work on the Social Policy Committee.

## **Higher Education Consensus Study**

Jim Gregg (UC, Berkeley) and Carol Burr (CSU, Chico) co-chaired the committee to conduct the consensus study. Susan Green (CSU, Chico), and Nicole LaGrave (Butte College) assisted them and added a unique perspective. The February 9<sup>th</sup> Consensus Meeting formed the basis for the information fed into Survey Monkey. If there was a great deal of discrepancy of thought regarding a question, a summary was entered in the space provided for written comments. The State League is gathering the survey responses through the end of June and has given itself a year to compile the results.

## **New Health Care Position**

Carol Burr presented the new local health care position. It had not been updated since 1992. William Todd-Mancillas moved to approve the new Health Care Position. The motion was adopted.

## **Voter Service**

Margaret Swick presented for Linda MacMichael who was unable to attend. Going forward Voter Service hopes to continue to partner with the California Civic Learning Partnership Committee of Butte County, and to involve students in our upcoming Forums and Pros and Cons.

## **Observers**

Rose Kelley presented the Observers and the hours that they had observed this year. The goal of the Observers for next year is to expand into Biggs, Gridley, and Paradise.

Lyla Gregg is retiring from the Observers this year after at least 40 years of service. Lyla was given a lovely orchid in recognition of her service.

## **Wine Tasting Benefit**

Sharon Wallace and Keitha Corbit co-chaired the Wine Tasting Benefit this year. The League netted \$9,055 from the event. Member ticket sales were very successful. In addition, two more ticket outlets were added, one in Paradise and one in Gridley.

Sharon Wallace is going to co-chair the Wine Tasting Benefit for next year. She needs someone to volunteer to co-chair with her.

### **ELECTION of 2016-2017 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

Carol Burr spoke for Betsy Kruger, who was Chair of the Nominating Committee, because Betsy was unable to attend the meeting due to travel commitments. Carol asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Claire Greene moved to close the nominations. The motion was adopted. Toni Reid moved to accept the slate of new officers and directors. The motion was adopted.

### **Slate of new officers and directors for the Board of the League of Women Voters of Butte County for 2016-2017**

<b><u>OFFICERS</u></b>		<b><u>TERM EXPIRATION</u></b>
President	Margaret Swick	2017
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Toni Reid	2017
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>Mary Goloff</b>	<b>2018*</b>
Secretary	Diana Magrey	2017
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Debra Barger</b>	<b>2018*</b>
<b><u>DIRECTORS</u></b>		
<b>Claire Greene</b>		<b>2018*</b>
<b>Barbara Evans</b>		<b>2018*</b>
<b>William Todd-Mancillas</b>		<b>2018*</b>
<b>Mary Kowta</b>		<b>2018*</b>
<b>Elizabeth Colleran</b>		<b>2018*</b>
Sharon Wallace		2017
Linda Lundsford		2017
Rose Kelley		2017
Krista Stone		2017

***\*Note: 2016 New Nominees are in bold type and will serve 2016- 2018.***

### **Nominating Committee**

The 2017 Nominating Committee is to be nominated from the floor and elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Linda Furr and Loretta Torres both volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. Carol Burr moved that we elect these two people to the Nominating Committee. The motion was adopted.

Margaret Swick indicated that during the Planning Meeting of the League Board for the upcoming 2016-2017 year, the board would address the issue of filling the remaining three positions on the Nominating Committee, one more non-board member and two board members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jane Wanderer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted. Therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.