

Minutes

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Monday, April 13, 2020

By Zoom

Present: Kathleen Cha, Roma Dawson, Veda Florez, Madeline Kronenberg, Carole Levenson, Alex Starr and Leslie Stewart. Guests present: Alec MacDonald-Monitor Editor, Bonnie Hamlin- Nominating Committee, Margaret Mylon and Ken Bukowski- LWV BAE.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by President Madeline Kronenberg.
2. Agenda Adjustments: None
3. Minutes: MSC (Dawson/Cha) to approve the Minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting as corrected.
4. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Stewart reported that all receivables have been submitted. The Air District was mailing their payments to the wrong address. Our insurance is paid, and we have heard nothing from the Diocese about our lease.
5. Executive Committee Action: None.
6. Covid Adjustments: States are relaxing requirements for in-person meetings (in other words, since it is impossible to meet in person during shelter in place order, meetings are allowed by other means), Leslie Stewart will distribute information. It would be prudent to amend the By-Laws to conform to the new circumstances, and to define who can participate and who can vote, and which platforms can be used.
7. Convention: Bonnie Hamlin: We need to change the date of our Convention again. The Nominating Committee still needs more time. With the Coronavirus situation developing, we need to hold our Convention electronically. We can meet by Zoom on June 6. MSC (Starr/Florez) to change the date of LWVBA Convention to June 6th, from 10-11:30 a.m. Business meeting only.
8. Budget: We have before us a two-year budget to present at Convention.
9. LWVUS Convention: The Convention has not yet been cancelled.
10. Website: Bay Area League Day videos have been posted. LWVBA Convention information will be posted with a link to EventBrite; there will be no cost to attend.
11. Monitor: Alec reported that the April edition has gone out, the print edition has been reduced in number, and an Editorial letter outlining continuing viability issues was included. Since then, transportation agencies have had almost no ridership, so are in a deep financial hole. Readers have responded expressing concern, stating their appreciation for and value of the publication, and some donations have been received. Ken Buukowski suggested that we ask City Clerks to provide electronic links to the "Monitor" as a service to their staff and residents. It was suggested that we present a grant request to the State Library. Veda Florez suggested that we seek funding from United Way of the Bay Area. Alec recommends the LWVBA Board members do outreach; he will send out talking points and people to contact. Madeline suggested we consider having a GO Fund Me campaign.
12. Board Member Reports:
 - a. Kathleen Cha:

- i. RPC: Kathleen reported that meetings have been suspended but actions are still being taken.
 - ii. Plan Bay Area: Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and Weiner bill SB #902 - Roma and Kathleen should have a joint committee to work on these issues together.
 - b. Alex Starr-Transportation: Alex attended (virtually?) a Seamless Bay Area meeting, and felt that the materials were covered years ago when Eva Bansner was LWWVBA President. We shouldn't be re-inventing the wheel. Ken Bukowski's presentation will be covered on the May Agenda. The bail-out does not cover transportation, so far. Preston Jordan is Alex's contact.
 - c. Roma Dawson: AB 3205 and SB 1389 concern housing, local control, density issues, and CEQU effects. Regional solutions to tackle barriers.
13. Membership Outreach and Nominating Committee: Bonnie Hamlin, Nominating Committee Chair, reported that our guest today, Margaret (Margo) McGlone, has accepted an invitation to join the LWVBA Board. Roma Dawson has done some outreach, and received two soft noes. Mony Flores Bauer has been approached, and may do organizational work with the Board, but has not agreed to a Board position. There are plans to reach out to Brenda Rodriguez. Due to the current situation with Covid 19, and the need to meet remotely, there was discussion on how to take these changes into account moving forward. *MSC (Dawson/Florez) to include in the next two year budget two years of remote access for Board and committee meetings, with a League of Women Voters Bay Area Zoom account in the budget. Leslie Stewart will check our proposed Budget, and with the Budget Committee and get back to us at our next meeting. Bonnie Hamlin will do a Doodle Poll of potential meeting days, dates and times.
14. Regional Governance: This will be on the Agenda for May, with reporting from Kathleen Cha and Ken Bukowski.
15. Records retention: When the Coronavirus crisis is over, we will create a new schedule for working on record retention.
16. Program Planning: Kathleen Cha expects to have updates at the next IN North meeting. Madeline needs to send the forms out again, along with our new Convention date and Local League program planning results.
17. President's Report: The Marin and Sonoma Leagues sent out a letter about SMART, which is a regional issue, without going through LWVBA. Madeline will communicate with Marin and Sonoma about levels of League, etc.
18. Horizon and Plan Bay Area: No report.
19. Schools and Communities First: Has qualified for the November Ballot.
20. Transportation: Will be on the May Agenda.
21. Good of the Order:
- a. Alex Starr: We need to set a date, time, place (or not) for our Retreat.
 - b. Bonnie Hamlin: There are inconsistencies in our By-Laws; she will send out a list to the Board. Leslie will send Bonnie our most recent version of our By-Laws.
22. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm. We will meet again on May 11, 2020; we will meet remotely by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levenson, Secretary

