

## Minutes

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Monday, January 13, 2020

675 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Oakland, California 94609

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

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:53 a.m. by President Madeline Kronenberg.
2. Agenda Adjustments:
  - a. Add LWVBA Biennial Convention, May 2, 2020 under Good of the Order-Veda.
  - b. Add time for public comment from Ken Bukowski on Land Use & Financial Responsibility for Transportation Infrastructure under Good of the Order.
3. Minutes: MSC (Starr/Dawson) to approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting as corrected.
4. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Stewart reported that she has been working hard to tie up all the loose ends in our financial reports and accounts before the end of this biennium, after which she will no longer be our Treasurer. Because we are now on a two-year budget cycle, it is more complicated to compile the information necessary to make her reports. She has been able to access our statements from CITIBank. Several of our receivables were received, including some payments from MTC and the payments from Veda Florez. PMP is still missing from LWV San Francisco. Leslie is looking for Local League members to participate in the Budget Committee, which should have a report to the Board by the end of February. Leslie will write up a brief job description. Leslie will be e-filing 1099s for the Monitor editors and writers before the end of the month. She still has not been able to get an update on the status of our lease from Sacred Heart.
5. Executive Committee Action: None.
6. Website: No Report.
7. Issues/Outreach: To be continued.
8. Monitor:
  - a. Alec reported that MTC has indicated that they will honor our contract through June of 2021, but we don't know what the amount of their payment to the Monitor Project will be.
  - b. The Special Edition of the Monitor is in the works and will be coming out in February. The cost is partially underwritten by a donation from The Oakland Museum women's Board. Since the edition is coming out after the White Elephant Preview Sale, the Monitor Notes include a link to the White Elephant Sale page, and clicks will be recorded so the donor and other potential donors can see if this is an effective way to reach out to possible supporters.
  - c. Not very much response to the December request for donations. It was suggested that we ask for Valentine's Day, "Give your Heart to the League" and use Go Fund Me. It was also suggested that we celebrate this as our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Alec has a vision of securing a funding stream that will allow us to hire a publisher/grant writer/outreach

person for the Monitor Project. MSC (Florez/Starr) to activate a Go Fund Me account in the next six months to try to raise money for the Monitor Project.

- d. Monitor Oversight Committee: Policy is that there should be someone to review League publications before they are published to make sure they are in good order, fit our mission and do not contain actionable content. We need an active Monitor Oversight Committee, and in the meantime, Madeline should review publications before they are released.
9. Bay Area League Day:
- a. So far, 11 tickets have been sold.
  - b. The Swatts' book will be available for sale.
  - c. Organization of League Day:
    - i. Opening
      1. Three panels:
        - a. Social Justice
          - i. Immigration
          - ii. Human trafficking
          - iii. Housing
          - iv. Health
        - b. Economic Empowerment
          - i. Women in the work place
          - ii. Women in the community
        - c. Political Empowerment
  - d. Possible time line and speaker:
    - i. Opening
      1. Oakland Mayor Libby Shaaf or Lily Mei 10-10:10
    - ii. Swatts 10:10-10:30
    - iii. Economic Empowerment 10:35-11:25
      1. Panel One: Social Justice in Action
        - a. Economic empowerment 10 minutes
        - b. Human Trafficking 10 minutes
        - c. Immigration 10 minutes
        - d. Q & A
      2. Break 11:20-11:30
      3. Panel Two: Empowerment in the Workplace and Community 11:30-12:15
      4. Lunch 12:20-1:20
      5. Panel Three: Political Empowerment 1:25-2:30
      6. Closing: Wrap-up, evaluations, capturing data and outcomes. Encourage participants to think about signing up for LWVBA volunteer opportunities, such as observers and committee members.
  - e. Other suggested speakers: Sister Elaine, Melissa Jones (BARHI), Laising Saechao, Camille Llanes Fontanilla (SPUR), Janelle Shane and Emily Cheng (tech, artificial Intelligence), Diana Becton and Nancy O'Malley, Laurie Figoli (restorative justice).

10. Committee Reports: Revitalization of Committees. We need committee members for Housing, Regional Governance, Open Space, Communications, Monitor.
11. Board Member Reports:
  - a. Kathleen Cha reported she will have a comprehensive report on regional planning at the February Board meeting.
  - b. Roma Dawson reported on needing a comprehensive bibliography for the homeless taskforce; quality of life, arrests, so there is a record.
  - c. Alex Starr reported that Gail Tupper, our observer on water issues, is back. Alex also reported that there possibly is going to be a meeting of new transportation committee members.
  - d. Leslie Stewart reported that we have new and enthusiastic BART Oversight Committee Members.
12. New Board Member Outreach/Nominating Committee: Ann Draper and Roma Dawson have not yet heard from Bonnie Hamlin, nor Kate Quick (aside, Kate's husband John passed away). Roma will reach out to Bonnie.
13. Program Planning: Madeline will send out another communique on Program Planning/Regional Governance to our Local Leagues.
14. Records Retention: Work has begun, but it is not yet completed.
15. President's Report: None.
16. Prop 13 School Construction Bond March 2020 was endorsed by LWVC. There is a 4% ceiling on amount of increase.
17. Schools and Communities First: New petitions are being circulated. There will be a presentation at IN North. We should have a good fact sheet to distribute. We should also be holding workshops and trainings (Alex Starr).
18. Good of the Order:
  - a. Convention. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Veda reported that Carol Moon Goldberg, LWVC has been invited and there will be a training session on "Leaning into Advocacy", how Local Leagues can influence the community. The location will be at Sacred Heart. The proposed topic of the Convention will be "Consensus".
  - b. Ken Bukowski wants LWVBA to look into the cost of infrastructure projects and MTC, and Faster Bay Area.
19. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 at Sacred Heart.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levenson

Secretary