

Minutes

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Monday, February 10, 2020

675 41st Street, Oakland, California 94609

Present: Kathleen Cha, Veda Florez, Madeline Kronenberg, Carole Levenson, and Leslie Stewart.

Excused: Roma Dawson and Alex Starr. Guests present: Alec MacDonald, Monitor Editor, and Ken Bukowski, LWV BAE.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m. by President Madeline Kronenberg.
2. Agenda Adjustments:
 - a. Add LWVBA Biennial Convention, May 2, 2020 under Good of the Order-Veda. Madeline to reserve space.
 - b. Add proposed budget needs to be presented and approved and needs to be on March Agenda.
3. Minutes: MSC to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting as corrected.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Leslie Stewart reported that our receivables are high; we have had trouble getting payments from our agencies. There were new purchase order agreements that need to be constructed, and the Air Board is now three payments behind. MTC is also behind.
 - b. Budget Committee: The Budget Committee consists of Sherry Smith, Lianne Campodonico and Ann Draper. The Budget should be ready for review by our next meeting.
 - c. Our taxes for FY 2018-2019 have been filed (Federal Form 990 E-Z, State Form 199, and Registry of Charitable Trusts), our 1099s have been filed. Next year will be easier, as this was the last year the Monitor project is running on separate books.
 - d. The final check will be deposited to repay the funds from last year's events after Leslie calculates the in-kind costs paid by Veda for domain registration and hosting.
 - e. There is no new information about our lease from the Diocese. Sacred Heart accepts the rent.
 - f. The proposed Budget is very conservative, necessarily until we know where we stand on the Monitor Project. We need a serious discussion at the March Board meeting. MSC (Cha/Florez) After Bay Area League Day, at the March Board meeting, we must have a strategic planning discussion about the future of the Monitor Project. Question: Should we invite former Board members who were connected to the Monitor Project, such as Sherry Smith, to attend?
5. Executive Committee Action: None.
6. Website: LWVBayArea.org has been renewed for another year, 2/10/2020-2/9/2021 for \$300 through WP Engine. There have been 302 visitors in the last 30 days.
7. Monitor:
 - a. Leslie and Alec will consult after the meeting about situation with the Water Emergency Transit Agency (WETA).

- b. Grants are still coming in. Women's Board of the Oakland Museum, Mid-Peninsula Open Space and Santa Clara Valley Water Agency.
 - c. Next Monitor: 45 Years in the Future-to play on the 45 years of the Monitor so far. Will have an ask to Local Leagues We need to think about subscriptions, charging agencies LLs the cost to print and mail copies, going totally electronic, whether the Monitor will continue. Having interns do work, with Alec doing less, updating our lists. Big issues!
 - d. Madeline needs to sign contract extension from MTC. It needs to be accurate before it is signed. In the 3rd year of the existing contract, the grant amount will be less; \$17,500. The payments are not properly structured, and need to be before signing.
8. Bay Area League Day: Madeline will check to see if there are complications with the change of location to the Auditorium, in terms of logistics like the AV system. Alex may be able to check this. Swatts are ready to go, and will have their book for sale. Roma may be their contact point person. There will be a check-in table and a table with information about School and Communities First, the Census, and the usual hand-outs plus the things speakers bring. There will be a revised evaluation form with the proper address.
9. Board Member Reports:
- a. IN North: Kathleen Cha reported that the meeting was very good, Diablo Valley was not represented. She met separately with Sonoma County.
 - b. MTC/ABAG: Kathleen reported that the relationship between the two agencies has improved. New General Manager must be helping.
10. New Board Member Outreach: Leslie and Roma are working on names; they have not heard from Bonnie Hamlin and Kate Quick. Veda submitted a list of names to the committee for review.
11. Records Retention: We will try to work on this after League Day.
12. Program Planning: Madeline will send a new letter to Local Leagues, we will address program planning at the March meeting. Kathleen will not be here.
13. LWV Bay Area Convention: We will convene on May 2 from 9:30-1 pm at Sacred Heart. We need to reserve a room and determine pricing. Topic of Educational Tools on Advocacy for Local Leagues. We will ask Carol Moon Goldberg to speak. We will also reach out to Christine Dragonetti on California non-profit organizations. For the business meeting, we need to report on regional priorities, how we work and what our positions are, and then how we implement through education and advocacy.
14. President's Report: None.
15. Schools and Communities First: Need more signatures!!
16. Good of the Order:
- a. Budget for Convention needs to be approved at March Board meeting.
 - b. Public Comment-Ken Bukowski spoke on free public transit-getting rid of fare boxes.
17. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. We will meet again on Monday, March 9th at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levenson, Secretary