

Minutes

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Monday, March 9, 2020

675 41st Street, Oakland, California 94609

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

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:51 a.m. by President Madeline Kronenberg.
2. Agenda Adjustments:
 - a. Add Bonnie Hamlin LWVBA Biennial Convention, May 2, 2020 under #4 after Minutes.
3. Minutes: MSC (Stewart/Florez) to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting as corrected. Corrections to be provided by Leslie and Kathleen.
4. Convention: Bonnie Hamlin: We need to change the date of our Convention. Nothing is ready to be sent out, and there is not enough time to prepare materials to be sent out timely. With the Coronavirus situation developing, we may need to hold our Convention electronically. We can possibly meet by Zoom, also check on a room here at Sacred Heart, but May 16 at the earliest. MSC (Dawson/Levenson) to change the date of LWVBA Convention to May 16th.
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Leslie Stewart reported money is coming in from League Day and we are whittling down our receivables. The Air Resources Board is looking into their missing payments and MTC should be sending a check.
 - b. Budget Committee: The Budget Committee consists of Sherry Smith, Lianne Campodonico and Ann Draper. The Budget is ready for review.
 - c. The final check to repay the funds from last year's events from Veda will be deposited next week.
 - d. There is no new information about our lease from the Diocese. Sacred Heart accepts the rent.
6. Executive Committee Action: None.
7. Bay Area League Day: It was agreed that the location was well-liked. Attendance was way down, which might have been due to the new location or to the Coronavirus. It was reported that 66 people signed up with EventBrite, 54 of those people came, 4 others who did not sign up in advance came, and there were 11 speakers. Participants were unhappy to not have the opportunity to ask questions. ***DATE for League Day 2021 IS January 30th. Possible locations: Dominican Sisters or S.F. Public Library. Madeline, Veda will check locations.
8. Budget: The Budget is a two-year proposal, which explores the possible changes to the Monitor Project. LWVBA finances are good, the Monitor Project is limping along. MSC (Dawson/Cha) to move the Monitor Project up on the Agenda. The Budget still includes \$30,000 a year for The Monitor Editor and \$15,750 for Monitor writers. Motion from Lianne Campodonico of the Budget Committee, presented by Leslie Stewart, to approve the League of women Voters Bay Area Budget as proposed, all in favor.
9. Monitor Project:

- a. The budget for The Monitor is on an annual basis.
 - b. There is a \$10,000 shortfall in the budget.
 - c. There are no longer reserves.
 - d. Funding from agencies has been declining.
 - i. Options:
 - 1. No Print Edition
 - 2. Look For Funding (we have been doing this for years)
 - 3. Put out 6 editions online only, with MTC providing funding for the Monitor Notes (Cecily).
 - 4. Create a Fund Raising Plan
 - 5. Suggestion (Levenson) to contact all previous agency funders and lay out the situation as it is and discuss the options going forward, with Madeline creating the correspondence.
 - e. Motion: MSC (Florez/Levenson) to move forward with a letter from Madeline to funders and sponsors, follow up with email, and then to follow up with phone calls from the Board with a script.
10. LWVUS Convention: Flights to Washington will probably be cheap. Roma, Kathleen and Veda would like to go, and Madeline might go. MSC (Dawson/Levenson) For LWVBA delegates to LWVUS Convention to not make a presentation on ILO function at LWV US Convention this year, with Florez voting no.
11. Website: No report.
12. Board Member Reports:
- a. IN North: Kathleen Cha reported that she has asked all the LL reps to send copies of their Program Planning notes to Kathleen. She will share the notes with Roma for IN South, and will ask for liaisons to report on input for regional positions.
 - b. RPS: Kathleen would like time on the April Agenda for Plan Bay Area and housing; examination of housing, Faster Bay Area, and transportation function. LWVC will have to be involved as well, as this is a broader geographic area than just the 9 Bay Area counties. Roma and Kathleen will look at bills that have arisen out of the CASAprcess. h
13. Nominating Committee: Many holes still to be filled.
14. Regional Governance Position: Tabled.
15. Records Retention: Leslie will try to get dates out for the first week in April.
16. Program Planning: We are waiting for responses.
17. President's Report: None.
18. HORIZON and Plan Bay Area: we will look at these next month.
19. Prop.13 School Bond Measure failed to pass, as well as 2/3 of other tax measures.
20. Schools and Communities First: April Meeting.
21. Transportation: Tabled until April meeting. North Bay Leagues need to include LWVBA.
22. Good of the Order: None.
23. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m. We will meet again on Monday, April 13th at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levenson, Secretary

