

# Bay Area League Board of Directors Meeting

August 10, 2020

Minutes Via Zoom

Fifth Month of COVID-19 Stay-in-Place

1. Call to order. Attendees: Sherry Smith, Madeline Kronenberg, Mary Ann Benson, Leslie Stewart, Veda Florez, Roma Dawson, Kathleen Cha, Alex Starr, Eric Arens, Margo McGlone, Monitor Editor Alec MacDonald.
2. Approval of Minutes (Margo abstained because she did not attend). Approved Minutes should be sent to Veda for the Web. Unanimous approval of Letter to MTC which will include logo and website.
3. Sherry announced that she would be away for our next meeting, and would like to change the date to a week later – September 21. Madeline said that sign in would be the same. Veda announced that she will be involved with National Voter Registration Day on that date. Sherry showed her T-shirt honoring Harriet Tubman “Change for Twenty.” Alex and Madeline shared their “Vote” masks.
4. Treasurers Report. Leslie reported that she will send PMP invoices out this month. Monitor money is coming in. Working on agreement with Oakland League for office space. Treasurer’s Report accepted for filing
5. Monitor Report: Question about funding? Alec did receive notification from agencies that they would be continuing, so the Monitor should be able to finish out the year. If this board has ideas for potential donors, please include name, email, specific contact. October Monitor will include some information about the election.
6. Margo and Roma will be board appointees to Nominating Committee. Madeline updated information on the Directory. Ann offered to proofread. Leslie will send out PMPs before directory.
7. Communication Work Group. Roma, Veda, Leslie, Kathleen, Sherry. Sherry would like to find a date and time for a Zoom meeting. Veda is departing from Communications after 3 years. Some areas might be applicable: Word Press site, Mylo, Mail Chimp, Community calendar, Face Book, Survey Monkey. We have time to sort these out. Need a job description. Sherry requests this information be sent in an email to whole board.
8. Voter Service: Veda has organized 4 North Bay Leagues to prepare pros and cons: Marin, Sonoma, Solano and Napa. Each League will do 4 propositions. She has contacted Local Leagues about talking points for Zoom PSA. Marin, Sonoma and Diablo Valley will develop professional pro/con videos. Sherry suggested written reports.

9. **League Day, Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>.** Madeline reported SF Library still not booking sites. Sherry suggested that we consider planning for a Zoom on League Day. Leslie noted that local Leagues are getting speakers from all over. Kathleen reported on Oakland event in late August with many speakers. Zoom provides potential for speakers. Sherry reported on Suffrage stamps available from Post Office. Should this be our League Day Theme? **Suggestions:** 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of suffrage. Voting rights historic timeline and historical perspective. Voting rights in the next 100 years. What do voting rights mean? Correcting our mistakes and moving forward. Native Americans can't vote on their own land. Voter turnout. Areas where we have failed. LWV book on voting rights. Looking forward into next hundred years and looking at the past. Youth vote. Redistricting. League: Next 100 years, + historical background. **Possible Speakers:** Peggy Huston expert on Zoom, tech consultant member for Diablo Valley. Congress member Zoe Lofgren. President of Dominican U. Mary Marcy. **Committee:** Alex, Kathleen, Margo, Roma (Chair). Should try to get help from local Leagues. Leading up to the event should post teasers on Facebook and include suggested books to read.
10. BAL Council next spring, in May, via Zoom. Saturday? Afternoon? Evening? Send it to contacts in local leagues. Madeline will send lists of presidents to Sherry to ask for input on Council. Policing reform, fire protection, homeless. State Board approved study of homelessness. Alex recommended Louis Chicoine Director of Abode services Fremont.
11. Alex: Cal train is about to go belly up because 70% of budget comes from fares. Trying to solve problem. Roma negotiated agreement for 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a cent tax. San Jose and Santa Clara deficits might end service by December. No request for support from League. Would you approve this ballot measure if the LWV was opposed? Do we want to entertain it? Leslie points out that we need to ask local Leagues. Mayor Breed is supportive but supervisors are against. Alex suggests we send a letter to affected Leagues and County Council asking if they want to BAL to take a position. Sherry asked Alex to do this putting a query to the 8 leagues involved concerning this.
12. Regional Observers: Eric and Alex have sent in reports. Kathleen: Plan Bay Area workshop next week talking about plan. Next step beyond letter. CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act). Regional planning. Next meeting will have more information.
13. Veda asked whether regional agency observer reports should be in writing? Answer: Yes. Public advisory committees will be merged into 29 member committee - MTC ABAG and other committees. Trying to blend into regional equity. Really controversial move and it's a done deal.
14. Ken Bukowski, who had tuned in, said he will send a report to Leslie, Alex and Roma about Caltrain.
15. Adjourn to September 21 at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Ann Benson, Secretary