



**League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2026**

**Call to order:** Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Board members present:** Barbara Lewis, Jane Cohen, Laura Grossman, Denise Gurer, Pam Newbury, Marilyn Radisch

**Board members absent with notification:** Pamela Peterson, Mindy Ryan

**Others present:** Ann Havlik (LWV Coach from San Luis Obispo)

**Minutes** of the February 11, 2026 Board Meeting were approved with accepted corrections.

**Treasurer's Report: as submitted by Pamela Peterson**

- Total funds available as of 2/28/26 were \$10,580.03.
- Membership income received during February was from three new members through the online LWVUS portal.
- Annual fee was paid to PorkBun to renew email hosting.
- During March, we will assess whether LWVSCC qualifies for shortfall mitigation support from LWVUS due to the migration to the ChapterSpot membership portal for dues payments.
- A large thank you and much appreciation to both Pam Newbury for agreeing to serve as the key contact for our new online payment platform, Zeffy, and to Jan Karwin for sponsoring the online PayPal account for many years.

**President's Report: Barbara Lewis**

- The results of our National Program Planning meeting were submitted online to LWVUS shortly after our February 17 meeting using the notes taken. Barbara registered as a virtual delegate for the LWVUS convention (\$150 paid) and learned that Santa Cruz County League is allotted a total of 2 delegates, including the president, for the national convention. League's that won't be using their total are being asked to release their spots, so that those who want to send more delegates can do that this month. The cost for observers is the same as delegates, \$150.
- Barbara contacted members for the review of the area of the proposed budget that concerns them, with Pamela Peterson expecting to produce a proposed budget this coming week.
- Barbara attended the planning session chaired by Tama Olver for the 3/11 legislative interview with Assemblymember Robert Rivas, Speaker of the 29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District of California; Denise Gurer also represented LWVSCC at the planning session and will participate in the interview.

### **Membership Report: Laura Grossman**

- 66 Total members includes
  - 1 Life member
  - 2 new members
    - Catherine Carrick, Jody Len
- Renewals
  - Joyce Anderson renewed her membership and offered to host a membership tea at her home, possibly in June.
- Denise Gurer and Laura are working on a Membership survey for new members. Denise recommends we use Google Forms which allows the use of radio buttons and open-ended responses. We discussed a rough draft of about 8 questions for the survey. Barbara Lewis requested the survey collect information regarding members' willingness to participate in interviews of local (not State) candidates and legislators. Laura and Denise will send board members a draft of the survey for comments soon.

### **Program Report: Pam Newbury**

- Upcoming Local Program Planning meeting on 3/31 will be held at Sandy Warren's home. Pam will send some email reminders and submit a reminder to be added to the next issue of the VOTER which will include a request for suggestions and volunteers to notify us using the league email address [league@lwvsc.org](mailto:league@lwvsc.org).
- We discussed having our annual meeting before the end of the fiscal year and some possible locations to be considered. Pam suggested inviting Nicole Coburn, recently appointed County of Santa Cruz Executive Officer, to be the speaker.

### **Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan**

None

### **VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch**

- Next issue deadline for submissions is 3/16
- Content will concentrate on LWV interviews held with Assemblymembers Pellerin and Addis and State Senator John Laird
- Additional content will include a President's Message from Barbara Lewis and a Program Report from Pam Newbury.

### **Webmaster Report: Denise Gurer**

- Minutes and Newsletter
  - Uploaded January minutes to website and LWVSCC Google Drive'
- Front Page
  - No changes
- Events
  - None added this month
- Other
  - Added Zeffy to our donation page. Need to look into the possibility of Zeffy allowing funds to be earmarked for education to qualify as tax deductions.
  - Thanks to Pam Newbury for agreeing to be the required "human" contact person for our Zeffy account.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Barbara Lewis asked if any board member wants to be delegate to the National LWV Convention in Columbus, OH June 25-28th. The \$150 cost to be a delegate is reimbursable by LWVSCC.

**New Business**

None

**Announcements:**

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be on April 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am.

Jane Cohen, LWVSCC Secretary