League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2026

Call to order: Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
Board members present: Barbara Lewis, Jane Cohen, Laura Grossman, Denise Gurer, Pam Newbury, Pamela Peterson, Mindy Ryan, Suse Shane
Others present: Dorothy Fry (Voter Services Coach)
Board members absent with notification: Marilyn Radisch
Others absent with notification: Ann Havlik (LWV Coach, San Luis Obispo)

Minutes of the September 9, 2026 Board Meeting were approved.

Voter Services: Dorothy Fry

Dorothy reported that our two Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures presentations were very successful, well attended and attendees had lots of questions for the speakers. The speakers were Kit Hein, Sandy Warren, Marilyn McCusker and Dorothy Fry.

The October 3, 2026 session at the Aptos Public Library had 75 seated and approximately 25 standing attendees. We will try to hold this session in a larger room next time, possibly London Nelson. The October 10, 2026 session took place at the Downtown Santa Cruz Public Library because the originally scheduled location in Ben Lomond became unavailable.

Dorothy announced that she was invited to set up a voter registration table at the Patagonia Outlet Store on River Street, Santa Cruz, before a 6:30 presentation on protecting public lands inside to be held inside the closed store. She plans to bring new member, Catherine Larrick, with her to help train her and increase her League experience.

Treasurer‘s Report: as submitted by Pamela Peterson

October detailed Treasurer’s report has been received.
• Total funds available as of 9/30/26 is $10,164.70.
• Membership income received during September was from one new and four renewing members; all were paid through the LWVUS member portal.
• Two contributions to LWVSCC general fund were received; one contribution was processed at the same time as dues payments through the LWVUS member portal and one contribution from a non-member was made through the LWVSCC website using Zeffy.
• Charges incurred for services were the monthly mobile phone fee and the annual post office box fee. The PO Box fee increased 3.3% over last year and thus exceeded the budgeted amount by $9.00.

Pamela will complete all our non-profit and government reports in October.

Barbara approved the September reports for audit. Pamela reported having met with Dinah Sapia, our league auditor, on Oct 1st. There was discussion about the receipt of follow-up on last year's audit after suggestions from Jan Karwin. Barbara requested that Pamela contact Dinah to receive confirmation once this year's audit has been accepted.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara didn't give a President's report this month, except to report that she is continually tracking events at the National level and wants to thank all of us for keeping up with our responsibilities and activities.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

Laura reported that Suse Shane is the new Membership Chair who will submit an updated membership report before each future Board meeting. She has been a long-time member and will be a great asset to our Board. She is looking forward to attending future meetings now that she is in town.

60 Total Members includes:
1 New Member
Domingue Quincy
4 renewals
John Wittwer
Susan Wittwer
Judy Dudley
Connie Leas
2 Life members
Sandy Warren
Jan Karwin

Laura contacted Lydia Parker who plans to renew her membership now that she is home and recovering. Her name is included in the total membership number.

The LWV portal continues to send renewal notices to members as their dates get closer for renewal. I have contacted members who have been confirmed lapsed.

Pam Newbury brilliantly developed a QR code label for our local League. Laura has been updating membership brochures with these labels and will share with Suse Shane and other members for distribution.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

Mindy successfully processed all the publicity for our Pros and Cons Ballot Measures presentations resulting in two very successful sessions.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn reported to Barbara before this meeting, that next Voter will be distributed sometime this afternoon.

Webmaster Report: Denise Gurer

Minutes and Newsletter
- Added July Board meeting minutes.

Front Page
- Added link to CA LWV information on propositions we support.
- Added announcement of LWV Santa Cruz proposition information sessions to be held.

Calendar
- Added Proposition Information sessions to calendar: Aptos Library and Downtown Santa Cruz Public Library.

Laura Grossman made a motion, and Denise seconded it to update our Board of Directors roster to reflect that Suse Shane will serve as Membership Chairman and Second Vice President. It was passed unanimously.

Program Report: Pam Newbury

Pam updated us on the status of the Housing Affordability Presentation, with Dinah Sapia as moderator.
It was potentially scheduled for December 2 at the London Nelson Multi-Purpose room. But that date is not available. We are considering rescheduling it for Thursday, December 3rd from 6:30 to 8:30. A $200 deposit is required to confirm the reservation at London Nelson. Pam made a motion to authorize this room deposit for an unconfirmed location since we aren't sure yet where we will hold it. Mindy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pam reported that there is a total of $300 in the budget for this event. She is still working on finding and inviting panel participants.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

Pam Newbury reported that our LWV Banner has been misplaced, but those involved are looking for it. She suggested that we create a tablecloth with our logo to use at future events. Pamela Peterson noted there's money for this kind of thing already in the budget.

Barbara Lewis informed us that in November, the JITSI online meeting app that we've been using for our BOD meetings will begin to limit the time for free meetings to one and a half hours. We discussed that this would be sufficient since our meetings rarely exceed one hour.

Announcements:

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be on November 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

Jane Cohen, LWVSCC Secretary