



BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 13, 2025

Call to Order: Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Barbara Lewis, Marilyn Radisch, Pamela Peterson, Pam Newbury, Mindy Ryan, Ann Havlik, Laura Grossman, Beth Herrick
Absent with notification: Denise Gurer and Jane Cohen

Minutes of the Board Meeting held July 9, 2025, were approved unanimously and submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pamela Peterson:

Pamela stated that our current balance is \$13,673. This is enough to pay the PMP dues to LWVUS and LWVC by 6/30/26; however, due to the implementation of the new unified membership system, LWVC is giving the local Leagues leeway to pay dues over 2 years and LWVUS will entertain a deadline extension request. State and Federal filings are up to date. There have been six membership renewals and one new member added to the roster.

There was discussion regarding the increase in dues by LWVSCC from \$5 to \$15 under the new membership system. There was concern expressed regarding the lower number of renewals and contributions and for new service fees through Chapter Spot and Stripe.

Pam Newbury stated that we still use PayPal for event payments when needed as well as on our "Donate" web page

There is a link on the "Donate" page to a form with instructions on how to make tax-deductible donations to the Education Fund via check. There is currently \$785 available in the Education Fund.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barbara Lewis

No report this month.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laura Grossman

Laura Grossman reported current membership is 78; Sharon Wiley is the newest member. She added that the national website is “daunting”; members are encouraged to renew through the LWV portal.

PROGRAM REPORT: Pam Newbury

A tour of the Soquel Creek Water Treatment Plant was originally planned for October, but due to the commissioning process currently underway, a tour scheduled in October could not be confirmed. After some discussion, the board agreed that January was the best option for rescheduling the tour. The board agreed that a Saturday mid-morning tour would work best. Barbara requested that Pam contact AAUW to make sure we don't schedule the tour on a date that conflicts with their January program, as many LWV members belong to that organization as well. Pam will contact the tour scheduler to set a date for the tour in January. She hopes to have the date to announce in the next VOTER. The number of participants is limited to 26, so we will want to limit the tour to LWVSCC members and guests.

9/6: AAUW event on Women's Leadership in Watsonville is planned. The board agreed to Pam's suggestion that the event be publicized in the VOTER.

Other dates discussed: February 17: National Program Planning Meeting—Barbara will contact LWVUS to inquire about the online reporting deadline. Sandy Warren has agreed to host both the National and Local program planning meetings. Pam proposed shortening the meeting from two hours to one and a half hours, as members might prefer a shorter meeting and in recent years the meetings have not lasted the full two hours. The board agreed.

March 31: Local Program Planning Meeting

April: Youth Justice

May: Fire Protection

June: Annual Meeting

VOTER: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn will accept submissions up to August 23, 2025. Barbara will submit the President's Message by 8/20/25 which was the proposed deadline.

WEBMASTER REPORT: sent by Denise Gurer:

Updates to website:

- Archived old Voter newsletters
- Posted July newsletter
- Updated Board of Directors
- Updated Annual meeting Kit and Minutes

LWV Google Drive

- Updated folders to archive previous fiscal year minutes (including Annual Meeting), newsletters and board of directors
- Uploaded recent newsletter, minutes and board of directors

Question for the Board: Do we want a page that has head photos of Board along with short bios?

Board members agreed that a group photo on the front page would be best.

PUBLICITY: Mindy Ryan

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board of Directors representatives to the Nominating Committee chosen today are Laura Grossman and Marilyn Radisch. They were both elected unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara reviewed the features of the Nonpartisan policy. LWV does not endorse candidates but does support positions. Board members should not speak publicly regarding candidates

If a board member decides to run for elected office, they need to resign-from the board.

No amendments proposed; Laura moved to approve and Marilyn seconded; the policy was approved unanimously.

Pam Newbury noted that Denise Gurer asked in her report if the board wanted photos and bios on the League's website. The board agreed that they preferred not to have that information online. Instead, a proposal was made to update the group photo displayed on our website, which will be done the next time all board members are present at an event.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by Beth Herrick, Secretary
Revised by Pam Newbury at the board's request