

League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

Call to order: President Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Board Members present: Barbara Lewis, Marilyn Radisch, Geri McGillicuddy, Laura Grossman, Stephanie Harlan, Lydia Nogales Parker. Mindy Ryan was absent with notification.

Others present: Ann Havlik

Minutes of the May 10, 2023 and the June 10, 2023 Annual Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

Membership renewal totals will be recorded next month.

The Annual Meeting luncheon expenses came in under the \$1,200.00 budget at \$1,065.39. Our local League donations is \$1865.00.The Ed Fund donations for the year were \$200.00. The PMP dues will be paid in August.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara has updated the contact information on the Local League Information Form to the state. The 2023-2024 Board of Directors roster was distributed by email after the Annual Meeting. Pam Peterson will do our annual audit and work closely with our Treasurer, Geri McGillicuddy. The annual Meeting minutes have been reviewed and sent. The VOTER for June and July has been approved and distributed.

There is a Program Calendar Planning Meeting scheduled for July 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

Membership renewals are still coming in. Some of our members have moved, so the numbers keep changing. We have 83 total members: 65 individual members, 8 household members (16), one student and one 50 year honorary member. We are planning a Membership Tea in the fall.

Program Report: Stephanie Harlan

There will be a meeting on July 18th on Jitsi to schedule dates for upcoming programs. It is a good idea to have a co-sponsor at these events to increase the number of attendees. For example, the SC Women Lawyers often get continuing education credits at these events. Some suggested speakers were: Santa Cruz County Clerk Tricia Webber, Gail Pellerin, who delivered great insights into the workings of our state legislation and the voting experience at the Annual Meeting, as well as our four local mayors: Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Capitola, and Watsonville. They could present what is going on in their community and what they are currently doing. Another program idea was the topic of voter outreach; it is a topic Dorothy Fry and Marilyn McCusker are investigating. Laura mentioned that she had a list of members who are interested in this topic. Another source for speakers could be UCSC.

Barbara mentioned that attendance varies depending on the time of year. We were reminded of the Human Trafficking Program sponsored by the AAUW, with Soroptimists of Capitola and LWVSCC as co-sponsors will be on July 29th.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

The next VOTER will be June/July. It will have an update on the LWVSCC Programs. Marilyn mentioned that she and Pam Newbury will be redesigning the format for the VOTER newsletter.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan Barbara thanked Mindy for the excellent publicity for the Annual Meeting in June.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Barbara had asked us to review the Nonpartisan Policy as it applies to Board members. There was a motion by Laura Grossman to approve the Nonpartisan Policy of the LWVSCC. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Radisch. The motion passed.

The Board voted to approve the off-board positions as listed at the Annual Meeting: Hospitality, Joyce Anderson; LWVSCC League telephone, Kathy Van Horn; Program Coach, Nancy Litvak; Voter Services, Dorothy Fry and Marilyn McCusker; webmaster, Pam Newbury. Stephanie Harlan moved that we approve these positions; Geri McGillicuddy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Lydia announced that she will be having surgery in September and requested that everyone email their report for the September meeting that her substitute secretary can use to compile the minutes.

Barbara asked everyone to bring a calendar to the Program Calendar Meeting on July 18th. Next Board meeting is August 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary