

League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County Board Meeting Minutes August 9, 2023

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

Board Members present: Barbara Lewis, Marilyn Radisch, Geri McGillicuddy, Laura Grossman, Stephanie Harlan, Lydia Nogales Parker

Mindy Ryan was absent with notification.

Others present: Pam Newbury

The minutes of the July 12th, LWVSCC Board meeting were approved as submitted.

The notes for the July 18th, Program Calendar Meeting were approved, and Barbara mentioned they will be distributed to the members on her list. Not every date and venue is determined, but members may wish to check their calendars.

Treasurer's report: Geri McGillicuddy

The Checking Account balance is \$13,528.19. The Savings Account balance is \$5,016.33.

Geri mentioned that we can get a nine month Certificate of Deposit from Santa Cruz Community Credit Union that pays a 3.75% dividend rate. If we make the transfer now we will have the transaction and dividend occur within the fiscal year. We are currently getting .05% at County Bank. Geri made a motion that we take \$2,500.00 from the Savings Account and \$2,500.00 from the Checking Account to combine and get a nine month Certificate of Deposit. Stephanie Harlan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership this month had a total of \$2,275.00, with eight more memberships recorded.

There was a \$100.00 donation to the Ed Fund. The expense of \$525.00 was the first PMP payment to the state. Total income less expenses was \$2,845.25.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara reviewed the July 12th, Board Minutes and the July 18th, Calendar Program Notes and sent revised copies to the LWVSCC Board Members. She represented the local League at the LWVC Health Care Interest Meeting July 25th, on Zoom. The speaker was Gigi Crowder, Executive Director of Contra Costa County NAMI. Their plan is to produce programs that are available to Leagues throughout the state.

Barbara communicated with Dorothy Fry, who has registered our League for the September 19th Voter Registration Day. Dorothy will coordinate plans for that day with Marilyn McCusker.

Barbara attended the Human Trafficking Program on July 29th. The speaker was Ken Best. It was sponsored by the AAUW, the Soroptimists, and LWVSCC. The event was in the auditorium at the Resource Center for Non Violence.

Website: Pam Newbury

Pam discussed what currently is posted on the web site. There is a Public Page open to anyone. It has issues of the VOTER available. There is a Members' Page that has specific items, such as the Board Meeting Minutes after they have been approved by the Board. This page has any information pertaining to members only. There is an Archives section that has past information, VOTERS, and minutes. The Calendar will list date, time, and place of any meeting as soon as determined. Please send information quickly to Pam so she can post that information on the site as well as on Facebook. Stephanie Harlan, as Program Director, will be sure that information quickly gets to Pam.

Pam will work closely with Laura Grossman, Barbara Lewis, Geri McGillicuddy, and Marilyn Radisch to process new members for their log-in information. Geri will be the lead contact person regarding membership as membership dues are collected by the treasurer, even state received memberships. This list will be sent to Marilyn Radisch by Geri.

It was determined that to find information about the budget, a Treasurer's Report will be on the members page twice within each fiscal year, once early in the year and another at a later date.

There was some discussion about Club Express. It was determined that no decision has been made by LWVUS regarding a change to Club Express software at this time.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

There are 83 members currently: 66 individual members, 8 household memberships (16 members), one Honorary member. Our previous student member has joined as a regular individual member. The Membership Tea will be in the fall. Laura will contact Joyce Anderson to finalize date and time.

Program Report: Stephanie Harlan

Ross Clark has agreed to be the speaker on October 7th or 14th, at the Live Oak Grange. We will co-sponsor with Save Our Shores and possibly Ground Swell Coastal Ecology, an organization that restores coastal areas from storm damage by planting native plants.

Stephanie is organizing a program that will have Tricia Webber from the SC Elections Department discussing Voting Rights and Voter Outreach.

There was a discussion about recording program events. It was something Pam Newbury did in the past, and it allowed the League to post the video in the archives. Pam is willing to video record programs for posting on our web site again.

Stephanie mentioned that there may be a survey, such as Doodle Poll, on the website regarding interest in future program ideas,

VOTER: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn plans to have the VOTER available about September 12th. The deadline for submissions will be August 23rd.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan There was no publicity report.

Unfinished Business:

Barbara mentioned the Board needs to appoint two members of the Board of Directors to the Nominating Committee for 2023-2024 to join already-elected members: Eloise Graham, Sandy Warren, and Karen Smith. After Laura Grossman and Marilyn Radisch agreed to serve again, Stephanie Harlan moved, and Geri McGillicuddy seconded the motion, the Board appoint Laura Grossman and Marilyn Radisch to the 2023-2024 Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be September 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. on Jitsi.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary