



The League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

President Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Board Members Present: Barbara Lewis, Marilyn Radisch, Geri McGillicuddy, Lydia Nogales Parker  
Absent with Notification: Laura Grossman, Mindy Ryan, and Stephanie Harlan  
Others present: Ann Havlik

Minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy**

The treasurer's report has been revised to include the money in our Bay Federal Money Market account. Any additional money paid at time of membership renewal will be considered a cash contribution. This may change in 2025 under the new LWV system. Pam Newbury has been investigating our choices for domain name and email provider. Geri mentioned that email should be included. Barbara mentioned that she would prefer to reply to emails from the LWVSCC address rather than her personal email. Geri McGillicuddy made a motion to accept Porkbun as our new domain register program with the ability to send email from the League email. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Radisch. The vote was unanimous. The checking account balance is \$10,308.37. The savings account balance is \$2,517.38. The BayFed Money Market account is \$5,015.31. The total LWVSCC funds available is \$17,841.06.

**Webmaster's Report: Pam Newbury (submitted earlier)**

Pam sent an informative and detailed report to members of the Board earlier this week. The following is an abridged version:

We need to change to a new domain name registrar for our website. For this, I am asking the Board for approval to proceed as follows. I am sending an update on the transition to the new membership structure which does not require a response.

Domain name registrar change: I recommend that we change to a different domain registrar and email service for our [LWVSCC.org](http://LWVSCC.org) domain name. Our current registrar, MyDomain.com seems to have become predatory, pushing unnecessary services and increasing their rates unreasonably. Our domain name registration is not due until July, so there should be no problem transferring. After looking at several different registrar services, I am recommending one called Porkbun.com. They have the lowest ongoing renewal prices, accept PayPal, and have good reviews. If the Board approves, I will proceed with transfer of our domain name registry to Porkbun. Let me know if I should purchase the email option.

**President's Report: Barbara Lewis**

Barbara opened the meeting on January 27th, at the Felton Library where Tricia Webber spoke about voting and the recent ballot. Barbara replied to inquiries from LWVSCC email; most questions were regarding registering to vote, ballot measures, and candidate forums. Barbara led the National Program Planning Meeting on January 30th, at the home of Sandy Warren,

and submitted the required forms online. She participated in the interviews with John Laird on 2/2, and Gail Pellerin on 2/9. She proofread the VOTER. Barbara appointed Pam Peterson to chair the Budget Committee; the other members of that committee are Jan Karwin, Geri McGillicuddy, Barbara Lewis, and Bob Lewis. They will begin in March. Barbara sent the legislative interview report to all participants in the Gail Pellerin interview. All the interviews have gone well. The Fifth District Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum on 2/7, went well. Dorothy Fry and Kit Hein handled questions, Dolores Takemoto was the time keeper, and Dinah Sapia was the moderator.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman (submitted earlier)

The LWVSCC has 71 total memberships: 64 primary members, 5 additional household members, one life time member, and one student member.

Program Report: Stephanie Harlan (submitted earlier)

It was mentioned that we consider options for the date of the Annual Meeting. Saturday, June 15th, or Saturday June 22, are being considered. We will need to secure the venue as well. If we are to use the Seascapes Golf Club, we need to contact them. Other venues and meeting styles were discussed: possibly a brown bag lunch meeting, a catered luncheon, or to be held in one of the local library's community rooms.

There was also discussion about a possible event in April. Stephanie will consider that possibility.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

The last VOTER featured the Tricia Webber program at the Felton Library. The next VOTER will feature the legislative interviews with John Laird and Gail Pellerin. The notes on the Gail Pellerin interview are now being reviewed by LWV participants and then will be forwarded with edits to Asm. Pellerin and her staff for edits or approval for use in the VOTER. The Local Program Planning Meeting for 2024-2025, is March 7th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Warren. This meeting is a great opportunity to suggest topics and speakers for the upcoming program year. The list will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in June. Jan Karwin will get out the Annual Meeting Kit 20-60 days before the annual meeting.

Marilyn mentioned she will investigate how MailChimp and the total number of memberships allowed compares to other services.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan (submitted earlier)

Mindy has continued to submit our program presentations and information to local newspapers and social media contacts.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Barbara authorized Pam Newbury to be the contact regarding the ChapterSpot conversion for our League.

Announcements:

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary