



The League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Call to order: President Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board Members Present: Barbara Lewis, Marilyn Radisch, Geri McGillicuddy, Mindy Ryan, Lydia Nogales Parker

Those absent with notification: Stephanie Harlan, Laura Grossman

Others present: Ann Havlik, Pam Newbury

Minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

The checking account balance is \$10,394.06. The savings account balance is \$2,517.48. The total balance is \$17,996.76. The PayPal account balance is \$62.47. The League has three new members. Geri has asked that all program presentation receipts be submitted, even as "in kind" donations to reflect that our programs are using budgeted funds.

Webmaster's Report: Pam Newbury

Pam asked that a new membership roster be sent to her, and as some of the other board members requested one also, it was suggested that an up-to-date roster be sent to all LWVSCC Board Members as well as Pam Newbury.

Porkbun is now our new domain name and email forwarding service. Our domain name registration has been renewed for another year; since the previous renewal year doesn't end until July 2024, we won't need to renew again until July 30, 2025. So far, Pam is pleased with the excellent tech support available from Porkbun.

The league@lwvsc.org email has been set up to be able to both send and receive emails. Barbara has access to that email service. The cost for the send-receive league@ email address is \$24.00 per year through Porkbun; it has been paid for one year and will renew next February. All email forwarding is now being done through Porkbun's free email forwarding service for the president@, newsletter@, membership@, elections@, rsvp@, and treasurer@ LWVSCC.org email addresses. This is a receive-only service; you cannot send from them.

There was a discussion about the League's cell phone, where it was purchased and where it can get reception. Pam tried to connect the phone to a wi-fi network, but it turns out that Boost Mobile does not support wi-fi calling on this phone. Pam suggested that in the future the League might want to investigate switching to an online service that allows you to use a computer as a phone, rather than having an actual phone. Geri currently has the phone and questioned whether the League needs a phone. She will research this idea further.

Pam mentioned that we have a problem with the fact that PayPal will only send notice of transactions to the primary account holder; that person is currently Jan Karwin. Best practice would be for the current treasurer to be the primary account holder. Unfortunately, it has proven to be difficult to change.

As part of the membership transformation, LWVUS will require all Leagues to accept membership payment by Stripe starting in November. Stripe is a payment platform that businesses can use to

accept payments online. The customer does not need to have a Stripe account to pay; payment can be made with a credit card or by a variety of other means such as electronic funds transfers. Jan would like us to switch to Stripe as soon as possible. Pam will investigate further and report back in May. Pam has agreed to be the main point of contact for our League for the upcoming membership structure transformation.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara has submitted LWVC Voter Service Survey. She reviewed the bylaws Guidance for the Leagues, specifically Article VII Section 2 and Article III Section 3. We will review those in April. There was an email sent to the board members stating what needs to be changed with LWVUS policy. Membership changes will happen in January 2025; other changes will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. Ann Havlik mentioned that we can wait on bylaws decisions as nothing will change until 2025.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

Laura sent her report by email. We have a total of 72 total memberships: 65 primary memberships, 5 household/additional memberships, one lifetime membership, and one student membership. Joyce Anderson agreed to host a membership tea at her home in April. The date will be determined after Laura contacts new members. The Nominating Committee continues to work on some off/board positions, meanwhile Eloise Graham will send the slate of officers to Barbara Lewis and Jan Karwin for the annual meeting kit. Board members will soon get an updated membership roster.

Program Report: Barbara reported for Stephanie Harlan

The Seascapes Golf Club Room is available on June 22nd. The menu will be the Garden Scramble selection. The speaker will be someone from the Marine Sanctuary, or a professor from Cabrillo College or UCSC. The LWVSCC Board agreed to go ahead with the arrangements at Seascapes.

Voter Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn will have the Gail Pellerin Interview in the next VOTER as well as recent website information from Pam Newbury. The interviews with John Laird and Dawn Addis will be in a later VOTER publication.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

There was no updated publicity report.

Unfinished Business:

At the most recent Local Program Planning meeting, it was discussed that the two topics for future program planning be: Climate Change and Voting Rights. These topics will be in the Annual Meeting Kit.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary