



The League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

President Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Board Members Present: Barbara Lewis, Marilyn Radisch, Laura Grossman, Mindy Ryan, Lydia Nogales Parker

Absent with Notification: Stephanie Harlan, Geri McGillicuddy

Others Present: Ann Havlik, Dorothy Fry

Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

The treasurer's report was distributed by email prior to the meeting.

The Checking Account ending balance is \$7,477.21. There are no checks outstanding.

The Savings Account balance is \$2,518.12. There is no PayPal balance. Total LWVSCC funds available are \$15,076.20.

President's Report:

The membership renewal letters have been mailed. Barbara received numerous emails from members and others volunteering to help with registering voters; she forwarded these emails to Dorothy Fry.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

There have been no new members this month. We have 66 primary members, 5 household memberships, one student member, and one honorary member; we have a total of 73 members.

Program Report: Stephanie Harlan

Stephanie is absent with notification.

Voter Service Report: Dorothy Fry

August 27: Candidate Forum for the Pajaro Valley School Board was a virtual event. It was sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers. Dinah Sapia, Dorothy Fry were moderators; Dee Takemoto was timekeeper at the event. Five of the six candidates participated.

September 14 (Saturday) John Laird will speak at the SC Police Department Community Center from 10:00-12 noon. The event is sponsored by the Democratic Women's Club. It is open to the public and Zoom attendance is available.

September 26: Fifth District County Supervisors' Forum is to be held at the Boulder Creek Recreation Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m. It is sponsored by the BC Business Association. Monica

Martinez and Christopher Bradford are the candidates. Dinah Sapia will moderate with Dee Takemoto as timekeeper.

October 4: Pros/Cons of measures on the ballot presented by LWVSCC and the AAUW at the Capitola Library from 10:30-12:30 (please arrive by 10:00 if you wish to help set up). The presenters are: Dorothy Fry, Marilyn McCusker, Sandy Warren, and Kit Hein. This event is open to the public. Name tags were suggested.

October 9: The SLV Water Board has 4 candidates and Measure U on the program. It will be from 6:00-8:30 at the Highland Park Senior Center in Ben Lomond and is sponsored by the Valley Women's Club. Dinah Sapia will be the moderator. Dee Takemoto will be the timekeeper. A person to sort the audience questions for the panel needs to be filled. Laura Grossman is considering.

There is a tentative Pros/Cons event scheduled for October 14 from 11:30-12:30, to be sponsored by The PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization), at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Melrose.

October 16: Pros/Cons at Garfield Park Village on Bay Street from 1:00-2:30. The presenters will be Dorothy Fry, Kit Hein, and Sandy Warren. This event is for residents only.

October 19: (Saturday) Pros/Cons at Santa Cruz Main Library from 10:00-12 noon. This event is sponsored by the library; David Addison is the contact person. Presenters will be Dorothy Fry, Sandy Warren, Marilyn McCusker, and Kit Hein. This event is open to the public.

Voter Registration:

September 17 is National Voter Registration Day (NVRG) across the nation. Local libraries are participating. Locally it is coordinated by Helen Ruiz-Thomas.

September 24 voter registration will be held at the "Cornucopia" event at UCSC on the East Field from 4:00-7:00 p.m. as part of freshman orientation.

September 28 (Saturday) voter registration will be available at the Queer Youth Summit Conferences at Watsonville High School from 8:15-10:15 a.m. Students who will be 18 years of age by November 5 may register. Students who are 16 may pre-register to get their name in the system and be automatically sent voter information when they turn 18. Students from Monterey and San Benito counties will be in attendance. Registration information for those counties will be available as well.

Ann Havlik: Chris Carson, President of the LWVC, has suggested that if any of our members witness any inappropriate conduct at a polling place, there is a number to call and report. Check the LWVC.org website.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn will meet with Mindy Ryan to finalize all events information to publish in the VOTER.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

Mindy will forward information for the VOTER to Marilyn Radisch. Mindy will get all promotions out to local media. She says the benefit of using CitySpark is it acts as a hub of information that

contacts all local media; however, visibility on CitySpark will require it be designated as a budget item. Mindy has contacted Christina Wise at The Press Banner, KAZU, and the Sentinel public service announcements.

Mindy will highlight the Easy Voters' Guide and create a Pros/Cons flyer for events at the local libraries. Dorothy Fry mentioned that David Addison is the person to contact to distribute flyers to the libraries.

Unfinished Business:

The board reviewed the LWV Nonpartisan Policy as amended on September 13, 2016 and approved it.

Board members who were added to the Nominating Committee for 2024-2015 by consensus are Laura Grossman and Marilyn Radisch. Both agreed to serve again.

All LWVSCC members serving in off board positions received unanimous approval from our board of directors.

New Business:

Barbara brought up the topic of how we get better acquainted with our membership. There was a discussion of possible ideas. Sign up sheets at our October 4, 19, and all Pros/Cons events was determined to be a good way to follow up on membership possibilities.

Announcements:

The next board meeting of LWVSCC will be October 9, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary