



League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025

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

Absent with Notification: Mindy Ryan

Others in attendance: Ann Havlik, Pam Newbury

Minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting will be approved after changes by Pam Newbury are made to the Webmaster's report.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

The checking account ending balance is \$8,204.84. The savings account ending balance is \$2,518.54. The PayPal account balance is \$47.76. The Bay Federal Credit Union account is \$5,118.91. Total LWVSCC funds available is \$15,890.05. Insurance payment of \$35.65 was made.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara received a document copy of the LWVSCC Local ByLaws to type in revisions recommended by the National League. There is a link in the Touch base December email. The revision will be sent to attendees of today's Board meeting.

There was a planning meeting for the Legislative Interview with Assemblymember Dawn Addis, representing the 30th California Assembly District. Participants for the Legislative Interview with Asm. Gail Pellerin, representing the 28th Assembly District are: Barbara Lewis, Lydia Parker, Pam Newbury, Mindy Ryan, Stephanie Harlan, and Darby Kremers. All are members of the LWV Santa Cruz County. There will be a planning meeting for this interview next week on Jitsi. The interview will take place on January 24, 11 a.m.-noon in the Conference Room 318B of the County Government Building. Members of the San Jose/Santa Clara and Southwest Santa Clara County Leagues have scheduled a separate interview at the San Jose District Office.

There was some discussion about additional questions to ask at the interview. Stephanie Harlan suggested a question about the impact of additional housing on local communities and infrastructure, such as, water availability and traffic congestion. Pam Newbury suggested a question about the availability and cost of fire insurance.

The Legislative Interview with Senator John Laird of Senate District 17, will be on January 29th with a planning session on January 22nd.

The Legislative Interview with Speaker of the State Assembly, Robert Rivas, 29th District, will be February 21st.

There was a request from the Her Story event for participation by LWVSCC. Barbara will thank them for considering the League, but we must decline at this time.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

Laura sent 15 reminders as a final notice at the beginning of January and has dropped three members who haven't renewed their membership.

We have 73 members, six additional household members, 65 primary members, one lifetime member.

Barbara suggested that we consider events, such as the LWVUS study of the judiciary program as an event that encourages attendance.

Marilyn will leave the MailChimp list of members as it is currently.

Program Report: Stephanie Harlan

Stephanie reported there will be a State Program Planning meeting at Sandy Warren's home on January 28th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Stephanie will lead the discussion; Lydia will take notes and submit the report. Attendees are asked to RSVP to Sandi Warren.

She spoke about a virtual meeting with Asm. Dawn Addis to be co sponsored with LWV San Luis Obispo, with the idea to be presented to their board of directors this month. This could be our March program.

There was discussion of possible locations and speakers for the Annual Meeting in June. Stephanie agreed to follow up on venues and a speaker.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn plans to add a reminder about membership renewals in the next VOTER.

She will mention the State Program Planning meeting on Tuesday, January 28th, at Sandy Warren's home from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

She plans to add the four major topics of concern from the National League.

Pam mentioned that she had a copy of an interview with Sandy Warren from 2007 that she would forward to Marilyn to consider in a future edition of the VOTER.

Webmaster Report: Pam Newbury

Pam asked for someone to revise the membership renewal form currently on our website to reflect the new membership dues scheme and for an updated version of the bylaws to upload. She also reported the need to finish setting up the Stripe account. She mentioned that the

League does not want new members who sign up to pay with a check, and they must sign up online.

Pam said that, unfortunately, there will still be a need to manually reconcile MailChimp with the membership list on the ChapterSpot Portal.

She recommended that the members be sent an email from our League telling them to expect an email from the National League about the membership transformation. There will be a membership email from LWVUS to update their information in early 2025, possibly February. She wants the letter to members to clarify that this is not a membership renewal request.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

There is no publicity report.

Unfinished Business:

There is no unfinished business.

New Business:

There is no new business.

Announcements:

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be February 12, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary