



League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025

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

Absent with Notification: Mindy Ryan, Stephanie Harlan

Others present: Ann Havlik, Pam Newbury

Minutes of the January 8 , 2025 meeting were approved as submitted with Pam's rewrite in third person voice.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

The Checking Account ending balance is \$8,257.95. The Savings Account balance is \$2518.65. There are no checks outstanding. PayPal Account balance is \$311.20. The Bay Federal Credit Union balance is \$5,128.62. The total LWVSCC funds available is \$16,216.42. Geri said there were 2 new memberships and 4 renewal memberships. There was some discussion about how to record the donations given with a membership renewal.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara sent a thank you note to Gail Pellerin and Field Representative Lisette Jones for the hour-long legislative interview on January 24.

Barbara filled out the LWVUS survey and submitted it. She noted that LWVSCC did a lot of work on Voter Service last year. There was discussion about the number of followers we have on Facebook; there are 78.

Barbara mentioned that Stephanie Harlan, with regret, has submitted an email resigning as Program Chair due to health issues. She cannot continue on the Board and hopes to attend events in the future. The Board unanimously accepted her resignation.

Pam Newbury will prepare the revised bylaws for upload, eliminating markups and comments. She suggested using our League's logo at the top, which was agreed to by the board.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

The total membership is 65. There are 58 regular members, 6 household memberships, and one honorary membership. Laura mentioned that Diana Beardsley is a new member and the first to join on ChapterSpot.

Program Report: Stephanie Harlan

There was no program report.

VOTER: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn would like articles planned for the VOTER to have the deadline of next week.

Members need to renew online. Pam and Laura will draft an update regarding renewal procedures.

On the topic of offline renewals, Pam Newbury brought up the need to create a new printable join/renew form that reflects the new dues structure. There is a template available from National that can be personalized for our League. Geri and Laura will work on this and send it to Pam, who will upload it.

Pam Newbury will write an article for the VOTER to inform members about the new membership system, and especially NOT to send checks made out to LWVSCC.

Marilyn is planning to have the legislative interview notes and the state program planning meeting notes in the next VOTER.

There was a suggestion to have a Sandy Warren profile article and an article about Sue Becker and her years of volunteering for LWVSCC in a future issue of the VOTER.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

There was no publicity report.

Unfinished Business:

There was discussion regarding the bylaws revisions. Changes of interest include that the month of the annual meeting is no longer limited to June, and notification could be given 20 to 90 days before the annual meeting, allowing for an extension of the current 20 to 60 day advance notice time period. There was a motion made by Geri McGillicuddy and seconded by Marilyn Radisch to approve the bylaws revisions changes. The motion received unanimous approval.

Barbara suggested a link in the VOTER to access the bylaws.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Webmaster Report: Pam Newbury

Webmaster Pam Newbury reported that the new join page with links to the new member portal is live and online. The board was able to view the page through screen sharing. The page is working as expected, and we had one new member join. She experienced a problem when the link she was sent to activate her account after she joined didn't work, but was able to get around

that by accessing the portal from our webpage. She reviewed the sections on the page and what each one is about. Laura asked if payment by check was mentioned. Pam responded that this is mentioned under the "Questions" section, where members who want to join offline should contact us by email or phone.

She also reviewed the Donate page, which still uses PayPal to make donations; the PayPal form needs some revision, but it is difficult to work with PayPal and she wanted to leave it as-is until we decide if Stripe would work as a payment platform instead. Her suggestion was to see how our experience goes with Stripe for the membership payments; if we find Stripe is easy to use, then we might consider replacing PayPal with Stripe for all payments in the future. She has heard that this entails setting up a separate account, but it would make it easier for Geri to deal with only one system and we have concerns about access to the PayPal account, which is connected to the account and email of our past treasurer, Jan Karwin; this has proven impossible to change.

Pam discussed her concern about members now having to have two different member login processes. Because MyLO (the My League Online website software) still has a completely separate member roster from ChapterSpot, members will need to maintain a separate account password for MyLO in order to access the member's only page. Pam recommended that, going forward, the "Members Only" page be open to all, and not require a password for access, thus eliminating the need for the second account on MyLO. After some discussion, the board agreed to this proposal.

Pam recommended that more than one person have access to the Stripe account. Currently it's just Geri that has access. Barbara recommended that the second person be Laura Grossman, who is membership chair.

There are still many unresolved issues with the ChapterSpot portal, especially with access for leaders.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

Announcements:

The next LWVSCC Board meeting will be March 12th at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary