



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

Board Members Present: Barbara Lewis, Geri McGillicuddy, Laura Grossman, Mindy Ryan, Lydia Nogales Parker

Absent with Notification: Marilyn Radisch

Others present: Ann Havlik, Pam Newbury

Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

The checking account ending balance is \$8,681.00. The savings account balance is \$2,518.75. The PayPal account transfer was \$311.20. The Bay Federal Union bank \$5,137.41. Total LWVSCC funds available are \$16,337.16. The Stripe Account money was transferred without the member names for reference. It appears it represents four new members; Geri will investigate further. There was a \$25.00 PorkBun payment.

President's report: Barbara Lewis

On February 21st, Barbara Lewis and Lydia Parker participated in a legislative interview with Robert Rivas. Barbara submitted the report of the Senator John Laird interview; stating that she thought all legislative interviews were a great use of LWVSCC time.

On March 4 there was a Local Program Planning meeting at the home of Sandy Warren. The details of that meeting will be discussed in the Program Report of the minutes.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

There are 8 new members since February. The names of those new members will appear in the VOTER. We have a total of 71 members plus one honorary member.

Program Report: Barbara Lewis

The Local Program Planning meeting on March 4th decided on several general topics which will need speakers and venues to be determined at a later date. The first topic of interest was io Youth Justice. The second issue was equity in education including childcare with a legislative focus. Kit Hein mentioned teachers and education as a program to be cosponsored with AAUW in November. We added "with legislative focus". The third topic of interest was how to improve fire protection including volunteer co ordination with the state. The fourth topic was a tour of the Soquel Wastewater to Drinking Water facility.

There was a motion by Laura Grossman to accept the program topics to present at the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mindy Ryan. The motion passed and was approved; Jan Karwin can add this decision to the Annual Meeting Kit.

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch

Marilyn submitted her report. She stated that the interview with John Laird; the article on Sandy Warren, our honorary member of over 50 years of League commitment; and an article about Sue Becker, an active League volunteer who recently passed; and an article about Women's History Month; as well as a note about the Robert Rivas interview on February 21, will all appear in the VOTER.

Articles to be submitted need to be received by March 14.

Publicity Report: Mindy Ryan

Mindy stated she will be at the MAH on Thursday to help staff the LWVSCC information table at the SC Herstory event.

There will be a calendar planning meeting in July for programs that start in September.

Webmaster Report: Pam Newbury

Pam stated that everyone in leadership positions now have access and ability to edit as expected on the new Membership portal. The Leadership page still needs editing to remove the three extra listings of Laura Grossman as membership chair. Currently, Pam Newbury is listed as webmaster and communications chair. At some point we will want to change the communications chair to Marilyn Radisch, but we should wait until things settle down to do so.

Pam reported a problem with a new member who bought two memberships but was only billed for one membership. This is an issue that ChapterSpot needs to correct.

Pam uploaded the revised bylaws and February minutes to the resources page on the portal. This worked, but unfortunately the wording on the button to view the documents says "download", which is misleading, as the button opens the document in a new window, but does not download the documents.

In April and May Pam will be out of town and Jan Karwin will manage the website.

The 630.1 budget line item was discussed where \$35.00 is paid to maintain the website; that is \$25.00 to pay for email hosting and \$10.00 for Vanity URL. The email hosting fee was the \$25.00 charged in February by PorkBun. The \$10.00 for the URL is not due until July.

There was discussion about Geri's access to Stripe and clear accounting regarding membership dues.

Pam mentioned that the information/ interests questions for new members can be edited by our League.

LWVSC can manage registration questions and add updates or view member responses.

Laura Grossman mentioned she has tried to remove Sue Becker, who is recently deceased, from the roster but was not successful. Pam said she would check on this.

Unfinished Business:

There was discussion about the annual meeting planned for June and whether Barbara Lewis should proceed with the idea of a morning meeting at one of the local libraries and which library has the meeting space and adequate parking. Program topics were approved earlier in this meeting, and possible speakers were suggested.

The nominating committee chair, Joyce Anderson, will schedule a meeting to proceed with candidates to serve LWVSCC.

There was discussion about the LWVSCC table at the MAH on Thursday. Brochures will be needed.

New Business:

Barbara mentioned she will email board members about the LWV State Convention scheduled for June 17th to 22nd. An attending delegate with voting privileges will pay \$75.00; a member may attend without voting privileges for \$30.00. Our local League may have three voting members. There are funds allocated in the budget for attendees. Deadline for registration is April 28, 2025.

Announcements:

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary