



League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County
Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

Call to order: Barbara Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Board members present: Barbara Lewis, Geri McGillicuddy, Laura Grossman, Lydia Nogales Parker

Absent with notification: Marilyn Radisch, Mindy Ryan

Others present: Ann Havlik

Minutes of the March 13, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Geri McGillicuddy

Geri attended a ChapterSpot meeting on April 10, 2025. She and Laura Grossman will continue to report on the uses of this site. Community Bank has changed its name to West Coast Community Bank.

Eve Robison made a donation in memory of Sue Becker.

President's Report: Barbara Lewis

Barbara had a request from Jan Karwin that we change the wording of program topic number four. She suggested that the topic "Tour of Soquel Wastewater to drinking water facilities" be changed to, "Tour of Soquel Creek Water District's recycling facilities". The tour will be open to all members. Laura Grossman made a motion to change the wording for our annual meeting kit. Geri McGillicuddy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Barbara mentioned an article in the April 6th Community Section of the Santa Cruz Sentinel that featured LWVSCC member, Joyce Anderson. The article will be mentioned in the VOTER.

Barbara attended two webinars presented by the state League. One was on climate change; the presenter was Tom Steyer, author of "Cheaper, Faster, Better". The second webinar was the first of a three part series on voter participation and how to have better outreach to underrepresented communities. There may be recordings available for those interested.

Barbara checked local library sites for the annual meeting. They require a sixty day advanced registration to book a room.

Membership Report: Laura Grossman

We have 71 current members and one honorary member, Sandy Warren.

Nominating Committee Report: Laura Grossman

Joyce Anderson, Nominating Committee Chair, is unavailable as she is starting her Community Television program; Laura Grossman will report.

The board positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Webmaster need to be filled in July 2025. Pam Peterson is willing to be on the board as Treasurer. There was a discussion about restructuring the position of Secretary where written reports are given to the secretary to submit. Ann Havlik mentioned that her League uses Googledocs for committee reports at each meeting. The chairs of each committee make reports to the board members. They have reports from Voter Service, Social Policy (DEI), Government Policy (redistricting), Natural Resources, and Communications (civil discourse). Each report relates discussion items, any action to be taken and by whom, plus any speakers to be featured. She stated this format, "grew out of program planning and what your League is interested in."

VOTER Report: Marilyn Radisch (presented by Barbara Lewis)

Sandra Warren, honorary 50+ year member, will be featured in the next VOTER and there will be a new members list. Deadline for input for the next edition of the VOTER will be April 22nd.

Unfinished Business:

The LWVC Convention will be: June 17-20 workshops available to all members, June 21-22 from 9:00-4:00 business meeting where all delegates may vote. LWVSCC is permitted to have three voting members attend. Anyone wishing to be a voting delegate should contact Barbara for more information.

The Annual Meeting dates in June were discussed. The speakers will be Board of Supervisors Kimberly De Serpa and/or Monica Martinez. Barbara will be contacting the Aptos and Scotts Valley Libraries.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Announcements:

The next board meeting will be May 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Lydia Nogales Parker, LWVSCC Secretary