

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: December 14, 2023

Minutes

Boardmembers present: Colleen Foster, Mary Kenefick, Mary Ann Cox-Martin, Terri Mercer, Daphne Shaw, Patricia Voss, Jane Wagner-Tyack

Boardmembers not present: Kathy Casenave, Suzy Daveluy, Bill Loyko, Ronda Sanders, Cate White

President Mary Kenefick called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted (**MSC (Shaw/Wagner-Tyack)**) with the following additions:

- Under Old Business: report on Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement nomination
- Under Committee Reports: Program Committee

An email invitation to Board meetings was sent to the General Membership and although no one requested the link to attend, the Board agreed that it was important to continue this outreach to the membership.

Minutes

MSC (Shaw/Voss): Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Board meeting were adopted as reported corrected by the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report.

Old Business

- **Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement Nomination:** the Board decided to nominate Bea Lingenfelter for the Susan B. Anthony recognition given out by the San Joaquin Commission on the Status of Women. Colleen Foster reported that Bea thanked the Board but she declined for this year. Next year, we need to begin deliberation on nominations for the award much earlier, perhaps September or October.

New Business

- **Request for funds for Security at Candidate Forums:** Suzy Daveluy, Voter Service Chair, submitted a request for an amount not to exceed \$1500 for security at the Candidate Forums. Concerns were raised about agreeing to this large sum without having a more specific idea of the actual expenditure that would be involved. Some of the funds would go towards security for the forum at the Unitarian Church. It may be that Delta will cover the cost of forums on their campus. **MSC (Shaw/Cox-Martin):** while there was general agreement by the Board to support this request in concept, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for a decision when more specific cost estimates are provided.

Committee Reports

- **Voter Service:** Terri Mercer added some details to the written report submitted by Suzy Daveluy:
 - **Candidate forums**
 - **February 4, 2024** - Lodi: Judge of the Superior Court, Office 3
 - **February 12, 2024** – Delta College: Board of Supervisors, District 3;
SJ Board of Education, Area 3
 - **February 13, 2024** – Delta College: Board of Supervisors, Districts 1 and 5
 - **Time/Date TBD**: Stockton Mayor, City Council Districts 2, 4, 6
 - **February 24, 2024** – Unitarian Church: Stockton City Council, District 4
 - **Pros and Cons**: Bea Lingenfelter is tracking the LWVC web site for information on ballot propositions that will be on the Primary ballot. Bea will train League members interested in presenting Pros and Cons to community groups. A Pros and Cons presentation will be part of the February 3rd League program.
 - **High School presentations**: Alane Dashner has a connection with Bear Creek High School in Stockton for a presentation on voter education and voter registration.
 - The League has been approached about participating in the **Adopt a Poll Program** of the SJC Registrar of Voters. Terri Mercer will share information on the program with the Board and League membership.
- **Advocacy:** Mary Kenefick reported that the City of Stockton adopted the developer-supported option for a warehouse ordinance instead of an option that would have more impact on health and air quality which was supported by the League and many Stockton residents who live and/or work in the community where warehousing would be built.
- **Programming:** Colleen Foster reported that the February 3rd presentation focusing on the importance of the Primary Election was coming together and will be publicized in January.

Announcements

- **Legislative interviews**: Terri Mercer reported that she had received information on this year's legislative interviews and had forwarded the information to the volunteers interested in doing the interviews. They will meet early in the new year.
- **Poll Working Opportunity**: Terri Mercer said the County is seeking volunteers to work the polls for the March 5th Primary Election. Terri suggested this was an opportunity to earn money for the League while possibly involving members who are not engaged in other League activities currently. Volunteers will undergo training before working at the polls. Terri will share information with our members on this opportunity.

Topics for Future Meetings

- **January**
 - Recording Board meetings
 - Mid-year retreat: should we have one? Logistics?
 - Update on the commencement of a Woodbridge unit of the League
 - Bringing the Secretary of State to SJ County
 - Bylaws revision?

- **February**
 - Program planning for LWVSJC focus in 2024-2025
 - Nominations for 2024-2025 LWVSJC positions: beginning the process

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary