

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: November 20, 2023

Minutes

Boardmembers present: Suzy Daveluy, Colleen Foster, Mary Kenefick, Bill Loyko, Terri Mercer, Daphne Shaw, Patricia Voss, Jane Wagner-Tyack, Cate White

Boardmembers not present: Kathy Casenave, Mary Ann Cox-Martin, Ronda Sanders

President Mary Kenefick called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted with Agenda Building added to the end of the submitted agenda.

Minutes

MSC (Wagner-Tyack/White): Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Board meeting were adopted, with corrections to finishing quotation marks and spelling.

- Future Minutes will have page numbers added, for ease of reference.
- Bill Loyko suggested that our meetings should be recorded for any boardmembers, committee members, or League members who may have missed it. Questions arose about the capacity of our Zoom account to accommodate recording, member interest, and how to limit any recording to members only. The Board agreed that we should be more proactive in getting information about Board actions/decisions to the membership at large. The suggestion to record Board meetings was tabled until the January Board meeting.
- The Secretary will send approved Minutes to Web Master Walt White to post on our web site.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer reported that at the end of October, we had \$10,647.31 in the General Fund and \$13,436.63 in the Ed Fund.
- The Treasurer has filed all required financial statements.
- The Year-end Financial Report to members will go out in the mail on November 27th.

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. Mary Kenefick will contact Bea to ask if she will accept the nomination. Colleen Foster will contact Diane Oren of the commission to find out the nomination timetable and process. Boardmembers agreed to help Bea with the application, if desired.
- **Holiday Party:** Mary Kenefick, Suzy Daveluy, and Patricia Voss are organizing the holiday Party this year. Another committee member would be helpful.

- There will be a few expenditures connected with the party but there is no budget category for it. Bill Loyko suggested that we add a Holiday Party line item to our budget in order to track expenses. **MSC (Loyko/Daveluy):** to allocate no more than \$300 to support the Holiday Party.

New Business

- **Legislative interviews:** Terri Mercer will coordinate our participation in the Legislative Interviews this year. Terri has a list of volunteers interested in working on the project.
- **League Calendar:** Mary Kenefick said that we need a centralized place to list League activities and suggested we have a calendar of activities posted on our web site. It was suggested that we list both member and public events, as well as committee meetings, so that members who might be interested will know what activities are taking place. Rather than designate someone who would funnel information to Walt White, our web master, it was decided that people who plan meetings/events/activities would send information directly to Walt: Firstcoolbreeze@gmail.com. Boardmembers were asked to be considerate of Walt's time and to give him enough advance notice to allow for posting of events. Colleen Foster will send our existing calendar to Walt.
- **The next meeting of the Board** was moved from the third Monday of the month (12/18) to **December 14th, via Zoom, at 6:30 p.m.**

Committee Reports

- **Voter Service**
 - Suzy Daveluy briefly reviewed the written report submitted with the agenda.
 - **Candidate Forums:** Terri Mercer gave an update on candidate forums for the Primary Election in March 2024. She reported that Betty Wilson, Executive Director of the San Joaquin Business Council, which was the lead organization of the coalition that sponsored candidate forums in 2022, asked that the League be the lead organization for the 2024 Primary Election forums. The forums are set for February 13, 15, and 16 – though the February 15th date could be changed since that is the date of the Susan B. Anthony dinner. Delta College Poli Sci students will participate again this year and the forums will once again be held on the Delta campus. The next meeting of the forum planning group will be held via Zoom on December 11th at 3:00. Let Terri know if you would like to be included on the Zoom.
- **Advocacy:** Mary Kenefick thanked Daphne Shaw for agreeing to chair the Advocacy Committee. Mary also announced that the warehousing project that was brought before the Tracy City Council has been denied.

Announcements

- Colleen Foster announced that the deadline for the short year-end edition of the *Voter* is December 8, 2023.
- March membership event: Mary Kenefick and Margo Praus are planning an informational session on warehousing, with an emphasis on air quality issues.

Topics for Future Meetings

- **December:**
 - Mid-year retreat: should we have one? Logistics?
 - Bringing the Secretary of State to SJ County
- **January**
 - Recording Board meetings
 - Bylaws revision
 - Nominations for 2024-2025 LWVSJC positions: beginning the process
- **February**
 - Program planning for LWVSJC focus in 2024-2025

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON DECEMBER 14TH AT 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary

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