

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: October 16, 2023

Minutes

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

Boardmembers not present: Kathy Casenave, Ronda Sanders

League members present: Susan Mora Loyko

President Mary Kenefick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Minutes

MSC (Daveluy/B. Loyko): Minutes of the September 18, 2023 Board meeting were adopted.

Future Minutes will reflect Boardmembers present and not present: agreed by consensus.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer reported that at the end of September we had \$10,648 in the General Fund and \$13,422.32 in the Ed Fund.

Old Business

- **Nonpartisan policy** was adopted with a clarification of "non-League Issues." A copy of the updated policy will be included with the Minutes for this meeting.
- **Secretary of State program possibility:** The Board discussed issues surrounding the possibility of inviting the California Secretary of State, Shirley Weber, to speak in Stockton. Preliminary discussions with SOS staff indicated that she would be interested in coming to Stockton if we could get a diverse coalition of organizations to co-sponsor her visit. Some issues arose:
 - What will the Secretary of State talk about? This information will be helpful in securing interest from organizations.
 - We are interested in having the Secretary herself appear, not a member of her staff.
 - Do we need to guarantee an audience of a specific size?
 - Venue: we need a large venue. Cost? Will co-sponsoring organizations help to defray expenses? Delta's Atherton Auditorium will hold 1400 people but cost could be prohibitive.
 - Potential organizational co-sponsors: AAUW, NAACP, Faith in the Valley
 - **MSC (White/B. Loyko):** to activate the Executive Committee to look into the proposal to invite the Secretary of State to Stockton as a speaker and recommend a decision to the Board on this program. [Executive Committee: President Mary Kenefick, 1st Vice President Terri Mercer, 2nd Vice President Suzy Daveluy, Directors Patricia Voss and Cate White]

New Business

- **LWVUS Dues Transformation**: Jane Wagner-Tyack shared information from LWV Denver re the LWVUS dues transformation plan. It is unclear where the Denver League got its information. For the 2024-2025 year, the dues structure, including the payment of PMPs to LWVC and LWVUS will remain the same. The Board has several concerns about how the new dues structure will affect our budget; Jane suggested we await information from LWVC to learn how we will be affected by this change.
- **LWVSJC Social Media**: Jane Wagner-Tyack raised the issue of how we will/manage our social media outreach efforts. In addition to building a social media presence, we need to have a maintenance plan as well. We have a volunteer who is a student at Delta (Layla Alaswad) but we need a League member to supervise overall social media activities. We may want to consider the possibility of paying someone to take on social media work.
 - Terri Mercer said that AAUW had a social media guide and perhaps that would help us with our efforts. Susan Loyko said she could work with Layla on social media, especially in relation to membership work. Susan volunteered to coordinate a meeting with Jane, Terri, Layla, and herself.
- **February Membership Event**: Colleen Foster submitted a suggestion for a programming event to be held on February 3rd in place of the Program Planning event on our calendar. The event would focus on the Primary Election: why it's important, followed by a Pros and Cons presentation and a panel discussion Proposition 1 and its impact on mental health funding. The Board agreed to develop our own program planning process and not to participate in the LWVUS program planning this year. Colleen Foster and Suzy Daveluy will proceed with planning the Primary Election event for February 3rd.
- **Holiday Party**: Mary Kenefick will seek volunteers from the membership to plan a holiday event for our League. Patricia Voss volunteered to be on the committee.
- **Membership Survey**: Members indicated some interest in the three Issues for Education and Advocacy adopted at the Annual Meeting in June 2023. But the majority of responders showed a clear interest in voter service activities. The Board decided not to pursue programming in relation to the three Issues for Education and Advocacy this year and to focus on Voter Service programming in March, April, and May.

Committee Reports

- **Membership**
 - Susan Loyko is getting together with the Delta students who signed up at the Membership meeting to help with League membership outreach.
- **VCA Ad Hoc Committee**
 - Mary Kenefick reported that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors voted not to implement the Vote Center portion of the Voter's Choice Act. The Registrar of Voters is looking into the possibility of incorporating some Voter Center services at some polling places.
- **Lunch and Learn**: Colleen Foster thanked Terri Mercer for her detailed introduction to institutional and systemic racism as the first Lunch and Learn speaker.

Announcements

- The film *Iron-Jawed Angels* will be our featured event on October 21st at the Maya Angelou Library at 1:00 p.m.
- Colleen Foster said she would follow up with members about participation in the Rotary Read-In, as authorized by the Board in 2022-2023.
- Colleen Foster reminded the Board about the *Voter* deadline: November 1, 2023.

Topics for Future Meetings

- Nominations from the League for the Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement recognition

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON NOVEMBER 20TH AT 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary