

## **League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County**

**Board Meeting:** April 15, 2024 – on Zoom

### **Minutes**

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

Boardmembers not present: Ronda Sanders

Members Present: Susan Mora Loyko, Margo Praus, Yvette Remlinger

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

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted as submitted.

### **Minutes**

**MSC (Daveluy/White):** to accept the Minutes of the March 18, 2024 Board meeting, as submitted.

There was a clarification regarding a letter sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding ballot drop boxes: the letter was sent from League member Bea Lingenfelter as a personal letter. It was not a letter from the League.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bill Loyko reviewed the financial report that he submitted for the meeting. There is a balance of \$8,392.19 in the General Fund and \$13,506.64 in the Ed Fund as of 3/31/24.

### **Old Business**

- Annual Meeting Planning: Suzy Daveluy reported that the Annual Meeting had to be moved to June 8, 2024. The meeting will be held at Papapavlos restaurant from 11:00-1:30. Six items from the menu will be offered to attendees, with the price being the same for all the choices. UOP Professor Teresa Bergman who has done books on women memorials in the United States will be invited to be the speaker.
- Nominating Committee: Suzy Daveluy reported on the progress the Nominating Committee has made in filling the slate of officers, directors, and nominating committee members that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. While several slots have been filled, we still need a candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, one director, and two at-large members for the Nominating Committee. Board members were urged to consider filling these slots and/or suggesting candidates for these positions to the Nominating Committee. Cate White volunteered to fill the open slot on the Helen Pearson Award committee.
- Candidate Forum Planning: Suzy Daveluy reported on the planning for candidate forums to be held at Delta College. Four evenings of forums are currently planned and will take place on September 19, 24, 25, and 26. The Delta forums will cover the Stockton mayor and city council districts 2, 4, and 6, Board of Supervisors District 1, assembly, state senate, and congress. The two candidates in each of these races have been identified through the

Primary Election balloting. Forums will also feature candidates for the 3 Stockton USD trustee seats up for election and the four trustee slots for Delta College. Filing deadline for the school district and college trustees in August 7<sup>th</sup>, so planning for those races will have to wait to learn the number of candidates for each seat. The forum planning committee is looking to have 'meatier' questions for the General Election and is looking for strong moderators for each race. Co-sponsors have been asked to make a monetary contribution; some committee members will take aa request to their respective boards.

- **Buttons:** Mary Kenefick will research getting buttons with *League of Women Voters* on them as mementos and thank yous for the Delta students who helped with the candidate forums for the Primary Election. Mary Ann Cox-Martin volunteered to pay for the buttons for students which President Mary Kenefick would like to distribute at the end of the year awards dinner for Delta's political science students on May 9th.
- **LWVUS Transformation:** a polling of Board members did not yield a date that all boardmembers were available to attend a meeting to discuss impacts of the LWVUS transformation plan. It was decided to hold the meeting on a date where the most boardmembers could attend. Colleen Foster was tasked with determining that date based on previous responses and informing the Board of the time and place that said meeting would take place.
- **LWVUS Convention: MSC (White/Voss):** to authorize Mary Kenefick and Jane Wagner-Tyack as our delegates to the LWVUS Convention. They will attend virtually.

### **New Business**

- **Budget:** Bill Loyko reviewed the budget recommended by the Finance Committee (Treasurer Bill Loyko, Colleen Foster, Jane Wagner-Tyack). He noted that our P.O. Box fee had gone up significantly but that most other expenses followed last year's budget, though some changes are recommended based on actual expenditures this year. He also noted that there is a significant amount allocated to fundraising efforts which are needed to minimize transfers from the Ed Fund which will likely have a balance below \$10,000 by the end of the fiscal year. He also noted that the Finance Committee recommended a line item to support advocacy but had not recommended a specific amount to budget. **MSC (Foster/Shaw):** to allocatee \$250 for advocacy in the 2024-2025 recommended budget. **MC:** to accept the budget recommended by the Finance Committee with the addition of \$250 for advocacy and to include this recommended budget in the Annual Meeting Kit as recommended to the membership.
  - The need for updated membership brochures came up as part of the budget discussion. Mary Kenefick and Mary Ann Cox-Martin volunteered to work with League member and graphic artist Melissa Williams to update that brochure.
- **Board Meetings:** It was decided to keep the third Monday of each month as the regular Board meeting dates for the rest of this League year. The new Board will determine meeting days/times for Board meetings next Legue year.
- **Issues for Education and Advocacy:** Colleen Foster reported on the April 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting where League members suggested ideas for topics to focus on next year.

**MSC (Daveluy/White):** to adopt two issues for education and advocacy to recommend to the membership at the Annual Meeting: 1) Impact of Proposition 1 on mental health services in San Joaquin County, and 2) Climate change. Patricia Voss suggested we might frame the issues as “A Year of Accountability.”

- Archives: Terri Mercer said she had a high-speed scanner that the League could use to preserve and organize League historical materials. She could do this work over the summer. The Board thanked and accepted Terri’s offer.
- Bylaws: Colleen Foster reported that she had not completed work that Bev Blum, Mary Kenefick, and Jane Wagner-Tyack had done on updating our bylaws. Our bylaws need to be brought into conformance with LWVC bylaws and with any changes LWVUS will institute with the new transformation. She said she would continue to work on suggested revisions and would bring it to the Board in the coming year.

### **Committee Reports**

- Voter Service: Suzy Daveluy reported on the voter registration efforts that League member Alane Dashner has organized with McNair High School in Stockton.
- Advocacy: Margo Praus reported on the Warehousing meeting planned for July 20, 2024 at the Ag Center in Stockton from 10:00-12:30. The organizers (Margo Praus, Daphne Shaw, Mary Kenefick, Mary Ann Cox-Martin) are still working on lining up panelists for the meeting.
- Membership: Susan Mora Loyko asked for volunteers to help with League tabling at Earth Day in Victory Park on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Alane Dashner volunteered to set up for the event. Van Ha To-Cowell, Daphne Shaw, and Mary Kenefick volunteered for the event.

### **Announcements**

- Delta College Political Science Department Award Dinner: Dr. Joel Blank sent email invitations to the end of the year award dinner. Last year, LWVUS received recognition from the Department for our civic work. Jane Wagner-Tyack will forward the email to League members.
- Susan Mora Loyko announced that, after 20 years leading the membership recruitment efforts for our League, that she will step down as Membership Chair at the end of the League year.

### **Topics for Future Meetings**

- May
  - Old Business
    - Annual Meeting
      - Appointment of Committee to approve 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
      - Decide on presenters for Issues for Education & Advocacy and for information of LWVUS transformation.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, MAY 20TH AT 6:30.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Foster*

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Secretary