

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

**Board Meeting:** February 20, 2024

### **Minutes**

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

Boardmembers not present: Mary Ann Cox-Martin, Patricia Voss

League members present: Gretchen Newby

President Mary Kenefick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- New Business: Nominating Committee

### **Minutes**

**MSC (Loyko/White):** to accept the Minutes of the January 16, 2024 Board meeting, as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Bill Loyko reviewed the financial reports that were submitted with the agenda. The balance in the General Fund as of 1/31/24 was \$9,124.13. The balance in the Ed Fund as of 1/31/24 was \$13,478.99. He said he expects that by the end of the year, the balance of the Ed Fund will be under \$10,000.

The Treasurer said all our PMP payments have been paid for this League year. He also clarified that disbursements will only be listed on the monthly financial reports after the check has cleared our bank.

### **Old Business**

- Woodbridge Membership Unit: Mary Kenefick reported that a meeting of the Manteca Woodbridge LWVSJC Unit will meet on Thursday, 2/22/24. She is expecting 10 people, though it could be more. Five people have already indicated they plan to join the League. Bea Lingenfelter will give a presentation to the unit on voter service and either Mary Kenefick or Cate White will give a presentation on advocacy. Membership Chair Susan Loyko is planning to prepare 40 membership packets which can be used at the unit meeting or for other new members who join this year.
- Warehousing forum: Mary Kenefick reported that she, Margo Praus, and others have begun to meet to plan a forum on warehousing issues. It is likely that the forum will not be offered in May, as currently scheduled. Colleen Foster stated that for publicity purposes and the possibility of offering alternative programming that we be notified as soon as the committee decides if they will not offer the forum in May.
- Board membership: Mary Kenefick reported that she had a discussion with Kathy Casenave about missed Board meetings since our Bylaws state that "the board may declare vacant

the office of a director who has not attended three consecutive meetings of the board.” The purpose of a call from the president is to ascertain if a boardmember wishes to continue on the board or if there have been extenuating circumstances that have caused absences. It was agreed that a vacancy would not be automatic but would have to be voted on by the Board. **MSC (Loyko/Foster):** in accordance with the bylaws, the board position held by Kathy Casenave is declared vacant.

- Letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of not diminishing the number of ballot drop boxes: no letter has yet been sent. President Mary Kenefick will contact Bea Lingenfelter to discuss wording of such a letter. Mary noted that she has seen ballot drop boxes removed from at least one site in Manteca. Daphne Shaw suggested the letter be cc'd to the Registrar of Voters with the recommendation that information on the siting of drop boxes be more specific, to help voters locate them.

### **New Business**

- Pop-Up Forums: Mary Kenefick reported that a zoom presentation on Proposition 1 was arranged as a follow-up to the League event held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. She suggested that such pop-up events may be useful in the future as a way to get information to our members. Daphne suggested that any future Zoom meetings have enough lead time to allow members to plan to attend. Bill Loyko reminded the Board that the 2/3/24 event was recorded and is available in the three separate segments that were presented that day. He also suggested that we consider enforcing time limits on speakers in the future when there are several speakers in order to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to present their views.
- Annual Meeting Planning: The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Annual meeting Kit will be mailed to members on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Planning for that event needs to commence. Mary Kenefick, Suzy Daveluy, and Ronda Sanders volunteered to be the Annual Meeting planning committee. They will solicit suggestions for speakers and venues.
  - Bill Loyko confirmed that a budget to be presented to the membership must be approved first by the Board and the May board meeting will be too late to do so. He will schedule a meeting of the Finance Committee which will draft a budget for 2024-2025 to be presented to the Board at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - Colleen Foster said that we have sometimes issued an annual report to the members about our successes and challenges of the year, either in a written report or as part of the president's report at the annual meeting. No decision was made on how/if to get this information to League members, though Mary Kenefick lauded Terri Mercer and Suzy Daveluy for the heroic job they did on the primary election candidate forums.
- Nominating Committee: Cate White asked if the work of the Nominating Committee had begun. Suzy Daveluy reported that she, Margo Praus, and Daphne Shaw are the members of the Nominating Committee and they plan to meet soon. Colleen Foster said she had received an article from Margo Praus for the next *Voter* which will ask League members to send suggestions to the Nominating Committee.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Voter Service**: Suzy Daveluy reported on the candidate forums held on the delta campus with several community partners and praised Terri Mercer for her amazing contributions to the success of the four forums and for laying the foundation for organizing future forums. Terri thanked Suzy for the many areas of support she provided to make the forums a success.
  - Terri announced that she has created a Google Drive as a repository of information on forum issues and planning. She created a unique email that the League can use for forum-related communications, which will be very helpful to identify candidate forum emails to forum committee members and candidates alike. She also said she thought a budget of up to \$1000 would be reasonable to budget for forums.
  - Treasurer Bill Loyko said he would appreciate receiving information on In Kind contributions to forums for accurate budgeting.
- **Advocacy**:
  - Daphne Shaw reported on the Proposition 1 panel at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> League event. She is also monitoring what's going on re Proposition 1 by Leagues statewide.
  - Mary Kenefick reported that an issue surfaced recently concerning Delicato Winery which has been dumping toxic wastewater that will end up contaminating the aquifer. The Advocacy Committee will be looking at this situation to see if there is any action the League should/can take.
- **Lunch and Learn**: Colleen Foster reported that speakers for the Lunch and Learns for March-May have been scheduled. Whether to continue the Lunch and Learn meetings and whether they could be expanded outside Stockton, if continued, should be discussed in the near future.
- **Voter/Annual Meeting Kit deadlines**: Colleen Foster reviewed the publication deadlines for the next two Voters and the Annual Meeting Kit.

## **Announcements**

- **Stockton Women's Collaborative Black History Month lunch**: Ronda Sanders asked if the League would have an information table at the Black History Month lunch. Bill Loyko said he would ask Susan Loyko if she would attend the event and supply League information.
- **Treasurer position**: Bill Loyko announced that he will step down from the treasurer's position after the annual Meeting, so the Nominating Committee will need to seek someone to fill out the second year of his term. He said he would help to orient whoever followed him as treasurer. President Mary Kenefick thanked him for the work he has done this year.

## **Topics for Future Meetings**

- **March**
  - **Old Business**: report on legislative interviews
  - **New Business**: LWVUS Convention
- **April**
  - **New Business**: approve proposed budget

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, MARCH 18 AT 6:30.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Foster*

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Secretary

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