

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: January 16, 2024

Minutes

Boardmembers present: Colleen Foster, Mary Kenefick, Bill Loyko, Terri Mercer, Ronda Sanders, Patricia Voss, Jane Wagner-Tyack, Cate White

Boardmembers not present: Kathy Casenave, Suzy Daveluy, Mary Ann Cox-Martin, Daphne Shaw

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 with the following additions:

- Old Business: status of visit by the California Secretary of State
- New Business: Boardmembers; Voter Service
- Committee reports: Programming – February event on the Primary Election; Communications - Facebook

Minutes

MSC (Voss/Sanders): to accept the Minutes of the December 14, 2023 meeting, as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Loyko reviewed the financial reports that were submitted with the agenda.

The balance in the General Fund as of 12/31/23 was \$10,171.97. The balance in the Ed Fund as of 12/31/23 was \$13,464.73. The Treasurer will add the Lunch and Learn speaker's lunch expense to the disbursements on the December financial report.

Old Business

- Security costs for candidate forums: a decision on the League's contribution to security costs for the forums has been referred to the Executive Committee.
- Woodbridge Membership Unit: Mary Kenefick gave a brief report on a meeting of the Woodbridge membership unit that will occur in the near future. She is working on an agenda which will include an introduction to the League and Pros and Cons on Prop 1. All Manteca League members will be invited to the meeting. Notes on the meeting will be taken and a brief report on it will be made to the Board.
- Secretary of State visit: It was decided not to try to secure a visit from the Secretary of State any time this League year due to the lateness of trying to arrange for such a visit. We are still interested in having the Secretary of State at a League meeting, perhaps in the next fiscal year.

New Business

- Recording Board meetings: Bill Loyko suggested that we record and post Board meetings so that our members will have a better idea of what the Board is doing and possibly become

interested in helping with some of the projects that the Board is undertaking. Benefits could be that members would become more informed and more involved and boardmembers who could not attend the meeting would have a source of information more expansive than the Minutes. Concerns raised included perceived lack of interest among members to watch a 90-minute meeting and potential technical challenges of posting recordings for members only.

MS (Loyko/Mercer): to record and post Board meetings for members to view. Motion failed.

- **Letter to the Board of Supervisors re reducing the number of voting drop boxes**: Suzy Daveluy submitted a report noting that Supervisor Steve Ding suggested at a Board of Supervisors meeting that the county reduce the number of drop boxes where voters could drop off their ballots in the March election. Although the suggestion was not adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the Board felt it would be useful to go on record as opposing any decrease in opportunities that would encourage people to vote in the Primary Election. Bea Lingenfelter would be approached to draft such a letter for President Kenefick to sign and send.
- **Warehousing Forum Planning**: a program on warehousing is being planned by Mary Kenefick and Margo Praus, with the help of other interested and informed parties, to be presented in May. It was suggested that if a countervailing point of view was to be included in the forum that someone from the San Joaquin Partnership might be approached to participate.
- **Midyear Board Retreat**: it was decided that we would not have a midyear Board retreat, that an annual Board retreat would serve our planning needs.
- **Boardmembers**: Bill Loyko suggested that since our Bylaws say that if a boardmember misses three board meetings in a row that they would no longer be on the Board that we institute a practice of contacting a boardmember with two consecutive unexcused absences to alert them to the bylaws and to see if that boardmember wishes to continue on the Board. It was suggested that the president or the secretary contact any boardmember reaching that threshold. **MSC (Loyko/White)**: to institute the practice as outlined.

Committee Reports

- **Voter Service**: Terri Mercer reported on the candidate forums.
 - District 5 Board of Supervisors forum was moved to Tracy. Financial support may be needed to secure a venue, technological support, security, and other possible costs. **MSC (Mercer/White)**: to allocate \$1000 to support the forum in Tracy. The Treasurer alerted the Board to the possibility that the Ed Fund balance may go below \$8000 if all potential voter service costs are expended and we will need to consider fundraising to supplement our coffers.
 - Moderators are needed for the Delta forums. Colleen Foster said she would contact Ann Johnston about being a moderator on February 8th and Susan Loyko would contact Bobby Bivens of the NAACP to see if he would be a moderator for the forum on February 12th.

- Colleen Foster volunteered to draft a press release for the forums for the voter services committee.
- We should have *Easy Voter Guides* and *Pros and Cons* at League events focused on the Primary Election. LWVC no longer provides these for local Leagues to purchase but we can print them off links on the LWVC web site.
- Advocacy: Daphne Shaw reported on that she had secured people who would speak about Proposition 1 at the February 3rd League event. LWVC has taken a NO position on Proposition 1.
- Primary Election event: Colleen Foster asked the Board to share the flyer that Melissa Williams prepared for the February 3rd event focusing on the Primary Election.
- Facebook: Jane Wagner-Tyack said she had an update on our Facebook presence which she would share with those interested.

Topics for Future Meetings

- **February**
 - Old Business: reports on voter service expenditures, boardmember absences, letter to the Board of Supervisors re ballot drop boxes
 - New Business: Appoint Committee to plan Annual Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary