

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: March 18,, 2024 – on Zoom

Minutes

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

Boardmembers not present: Bill Loyko, Ronda Sanders

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

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- New Business: Archives (Terri Mercer)

Minutes

MSC (Cox-Martin/Daveluy): to accept the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board meeting, as submitted with the addition of “up to \$1000” in the Voter Service section of Committee Reports.

Terri Mercer said she would send to the Board the unique email that she created for use with candidates.

Treasurer’s Report

Terri Mercer read the Treasurer’s Report submitted by treasurer Bill Loyko. There is \$8,447.88 in the General Fund and \$13,492.35 in the Ed Fund as of 2/29/24.

Old Business

- Annual Meeting Planning: Mary Kenefick said the committee to plan the Annual Meeting had not yet met but would do so soon. The Committee members are Mary Kenefick, Suzy Daveluy, and Ronda Sanders. Cate White agreed to join the committee.
- Letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of not diminishing the number of ballot drop boxes: Mary Kenefick reported that Bea Lingenfelter sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors stating our support for not diminishing the number of ballot drop boxes. Mary Kenefick will get a copy of that letter to the Board.
- Nominating Committee: the committee is seeking candidates for open positions, but getting commitments has been a challenge. Suzy Daveluy reported that the committee will have its slate of candidates submitted on time to meet the mailing deadline for the Annual Meeting Kit. The committee meets every Tuesday morning; refer suggestions for candidates to Suzy, Margo Praus, or Daphne Shaw.
- Legislative Interviews: We were unable to complete legislative interviews this year due to difficulty in getting responses back from local state legislative officeholders.

New Business

- LWVUS Transformation: There are many issues impacting local Leagues in the LWVUS transformation plan which is to go into effect in January 2025. The Board will meet in person to identify issues we need to plan for in the coming year. It was suggested the Board meet after the April 13th membership meeting, if everyone could attend. Colleen Foster will poll boardmembers for their availability to attend an in-person meeting on this topic, either on 4/13/24 or in early May. It was requested that the Board be given a list of concerns and related background information prior to the in-person meeting on transformation.
- Candidate Forum Policy: Suzy Daveluy distributed a draft of the proposed policy on candidate forums. Suggestions for a 5-minute presentation by a candidate who expected to participate in a forum but was unexpectedly the only candidate to appear will be added to the Forum Guidelines rather than the policy. **MSC (Mercer/White)**: to adopt the draft policy as submitted (minus page reference numbers).
 - Sharing responsibility for the forums is a new idea for our past partners and may be hard to implement.
 - We need more help on the forums for the General Election forums. Mary Ann Cox-Martin volunteered to be on the committee and to help with forum activities. Boardmembers were asked to send recommendations of others who may be willing to assist to Mary Kenefick or Suzy Daveluy.
 - Having LWVUS act in an advisory only capacity for other community forums may be infeasible.
- LWVUS Convention in Washington, D.C.: Cost of attending the LWVUS Convention this June was estimated at between \$2500 and \$3000 per person. The Board decided not to send in-person delegates to LWVUS Convention.
 - **MSC (Shaw/Cox-Martin)**: to attend LWVUS Convention remotely.
 - **MSC (Daveluy/Kenefick)**: to pay for at least our two allocated delegates to Convention.
 - Since \$1000 was budgeted for LWVUS Convention, we could see if other League members would be interested in attending remotely. Jane Wagner-Tyack said she would attend remotely; she could be one of our delegates, though no specific decision was made on delegates at the meeting.
- April Membership Meeting: Colleen Foster reviewed the suggestion for an April membership meeting that was sent to the Board. The meeting would be a welcome for new members, followed by a program planning session that would encourage attendees to sign up for specific activities to help with next year. **MSC (Cox-Martin/Wagner-Tyack)**: to allocate \$125 to support refreshments for this event.
- Buttons; name tags for boardmembers: Mary Kenefick reported student interest in the League button she wore to candidate forums. She suggested that having buttons for students and others as a way to encourage their interest in the League as well as to advertise the League. She will check out League stores (LWVUS/LWVC) for buttons to purchase. Mary also suggested that boardmembers should have League name tags. Mary Kenefick and Terri Mercer will check out availability of name tags. Mary also suggested that we create a t-shirt that could be sold as a fundraiser.

- Archives: this discussion was deferred to the next Board meeting.

Committee Reports

- Voter Service: Suzy Daveluy reported that there had been a debriefing re the Primary Election candidate forums with Joel Blank from Delta's political science department and Betty Wilson from the Business Council. Meeting with the full cohort of past co-sponsors will be held monthly through July after which meetings would be every 2 weeks to plan for forums for candidates in the General Election. These meetings are set for the 2nd Tuesday of each month via Zoom at 2:00 p.m.
 - Forums have been set for September 24, 25, and 26. Those in runoff elections will be scheduled for 3 per night since those races will have only two candidates each.
 - Candidates for SUSD and Delta College trustees do not register for the General Election until August 9th, so forms will be considered as we learn the number of candidates for each office.
- Advocacy: The Advocacy Committee is planning an informational session on the impacts of warehousing on July 20th to be held at the Robert Cabral Agricultural Center. Cost of the venue is \$130. Budget for refreshments is \$80. **MSC (White/Voss)**: to allocate \$210 for the warehousing program. Jane Wagner-Tyack pointed out this money would come out of next year's budget.

Topics for Future Meetings

- April
 - Old Business
 - LWVUS Convention
 - Name tags; buttons
 - New Business:
 - Proposed budget for 2024-2025
 - Archives
 - Bylaws
 - Fundraising

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, APRIL 15TH AT 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary