

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

**Board Meeting:** October 21, 2024 – on Zoom

### **Minutes**

Boardmembers present: Mary Ann Cox-Martin, Suzy Daveluy, Christeen Ferree, Colleen Foster, Ruby Hennessey, Samantha Johnson, Mary Kenefick, Yvette Remlinger, Daphne Shaw, Sarah Tygert

Vice President Suzy Daveluy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted with one addition to New Business:

- Sharing non-League activities via lwvsjc Gmail or Facebook
- Legislative Interviews discussion

### **Minutes**

**MSC (Shaw/Ferree):** to accept the Minutes of the Joint Board meeting of September 9, 2024 as submitted.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Yvette Remlinger reviewed the financial report she submitted with the agenda. As of 9/30/24, there was \$12,545.84 in the General Fund and \$11,094.30 in the Ed Fund.

She also reported that she is working on the Year-end Financial report which, according to our bylaws, must be sent to the membership by the end of October.

President Mary Kenefick gave an update on voter service expenditures that she was authorized by the Board to incur:

- Voter registration materials at Delta College: no expenditures were required. (\$150 had been authorized.)
- Manteca City Council forum: the City of Manteca sponsored the VFW Hall venue cost for the forum, so there were no expenditures for this event. (\$200 had been authorized.)

Voter Service Chair Suzy Daveluy reported that she had voter service expenses of just over \$100 which would be submitted to the treasurer.

### **Old Business**

- Lunch and Learn: Colleen Foster reported that Lunch and Learn speakers are scheduled for November, January, February, and March. Speakers for April and May are being pursued. Manteca City Manager Toni Lundgren was an interesting speaker at the October Lunch and Learn.

- Voter Services: Chair Suzy Daveluy reviewed the report she submitted with the agenda. She pointed out that the Delta forums coalition is interested in meeting outside the election cycles to present public information to the community. She also said that members of the coalition stressed that the work of the coalition needs to be more uniformly distributed in the future; this season the League did the lion's share of the forums presented at Delta.

Suzy also thanked Bea Lingenfelter and the League volunteers she coordinated for Pros and Cons presentations and Alane Dashner for her high school voter registration efforts.

Several Board members thanked Suzy for her tremendous leadership in our voter service activities this fall. She said it was definitely a group effort.

- Susan B. Anthony Nomination: Colleen Foster reminded the Board that we had agreed last year to nominate Bea Lingenfelter for the San Joaquin Commission's Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement recognition this year and that Bea had agreed to be nominated. Ruby Hennessey said she would work with Jane Wagner-Tyack and Cate White who are working with Bea on the nomination papers. Mary Ann Cox-Martin also volunteered to help fill out the paperwork since she has experience filling out the required forms.

### **New Business**

- Programming: Suzy Daveluy and Colleen Foster reviewed the programming calendar prepared at the Board retreat in July since several changes needed to be made. They also offered a couple suggestions for programming for the rest of the League year.
  - The warehousing panel originally scheduled for November will not take place. The Board agreed not to try to offer a November program for members except for the Lunch and Learn. Mary Ann Cox-Martin said she was on the planning group for the warehousing panel and they expected to present their program in April.
  - The program on the impact of Proposition 1 on local mental health services will be postponed until next fiscal year since implementation of aspects of Prop 1 won't go into effect until July 1, 2026. Daphne Shaw also suggested that the program encompass Care Court activity and SB43 legislation since each have an impact on mental health services.
  - It was recommended and agreed not to have two program planning membership meetings next spring.
  - Programming ideas for the spring:
    - Civil civic discourse: Suzy reported on a discussion offered by the UOP OLLI program called Braver Angels that focused on how to make political discussion less rancorous and more productive. She also mentioned a book on the same theme: *I Never Thought of It That Way* by Monica Guzman that Suzy and some community members read and discussed recently. The enthusiasm from that group led her to suggest that we consider getting Ms. Guzman as a League speaker who would focus on how to listen and communicate with each other. The Board thought that was a good idea and Suzy will pursue this potential program.

- Housing: how has the court ruling allowing the dismantling of homeless encampments regardless of whether shelter beds are available impacted San Joaquin County's unsheltered population? Suzy will investigate whether there is enough local information on this topic to offer a program in the spring.
  - A tentative new schedule was drafted:
    - January: program planning
    - February/March: Monica Guzman; impact on unsheltered residents (either month, depending on availability of presenters)
    - April: warehousing in SJ county
    - May: bylaws amendments
    - June 21: Annual Meeting (date unchanged)
- Web site inquiries: Colleen Foster suggested that we have one designated responder to any/all inquiries that come to our League via our web site's 'contact us' portal. Mary Kenefick will contact Cate White to see if she might take on this role.
- Holiday Party: a potluck League Holiday Party will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Woodbridge from 11:00-2:00. Mary Kenefick asked for volunteers to help with set-up/clean-up: Ruby Hennessey volunteered. Mary will seek other Manteca-based help. It was suggested that we ask our members to bring books that we would give to children via a woman's group, school, or other organization.
- Sharing non-League activities with our members: occasionally we are asked to share information on activities in the community with our members. We do not have a designated person to handle these requests. It was decided that since Jane Wagner-Tyack handled our gmail communication, she could receive these requests and decide what to forward to our members. Colleen Foster was designated back-up and was tasked with informing Jane and also Margo Praus who recently asked that a Sierra Club program be shared with our members. The President will be consulted if the need arises to have other input on a request. Colleen will put a brief notice of this procedure in the next *Voter*.
- Legislative Interviews: this year LWVC has changed the procedure for Legislative Interviews. In the past, LWVC has provided topics to discuss with legislators. This year, we are to ask the legislators we talk with what their 'priorities and concerns' are and to let them know what our League's priorities and concerns are in return. Terri Mercer is coordinating our participation in the Legislative Interview process this year.
  - At our November Board meeting, we will have a discussion of our priorities and concerns to share with those who will meet with legislators.

### **Announcements**

- Christeen Ferree said she had visited former LWVSJC member Julie Schardt on a trip to Maryland and Julie sent her greetings back to all those in the League who know her.

### **Agenda Building for November Board Meeting**

- **LWVSJC Priorities and Concerns** Discussion (prepare in advance)

- **Transformation Issues:** Colleen Foster will forward to the Board an email from LWVUS on transformation issues that we should be on top of, e.g., having a Chapter Spot liaison, setting up a Stripe account to receive funds coming from LWVUS, and auto renewal issues.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Foster*

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Secretary