

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: August 18, 2025 – on Zoom

Minutes

Boardmembers present: Mary Ann Cox-Martin, Alane Dashner, Suzy Daveluy, Colleen Foster, Ruby Hennessey, Yvette Remlinger, Daphne Shaw

Boardmembers not present: Mary Kenefick

Others Present: Ann Meneguzzi, Terri Mercer, Patricia Voss

President Suzy Daveluy called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted with the addition of comments by Daphne Shaw to follow approval of agenda.

Comments by Daphne Shaw re former League President Dee Matteucci

Daphne announced that her good friend and former LWVSJC President Dee Matteucci had passed away. Dee was a remarkable and versatile woman with many interests and pursuits, such as trekking around Annapurna at 50 or going helicopter skiing. She was an avid tennis player, an accomplished scientist, a San Joaquin County Commission on the Status of Women Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement recipient, and a leader in our League, presenting Pros and Cons for years at election time and training others to do so effectively, in addition to her leadership as League president. She passed away at 88 at O'Connor Woods memory care. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Yvette Remlinger reviewed the financial report she submitted with the agenda. As of 7/31/25, there was \$13,355.30 in the General Fund and \$8,380.47 in the Ed Fund.

She said she had been able to access Ed Fund information online after resolving a glitch. She reported that we receive deposits several different ways – e.g., check, LWVUS Stripe account, bill pay – which makes it a bit trickier to align balances with what is reported as our share of dues with the actual deposits made, due in part to the deduction of credit card fees. She also noted that the Ed Fund balance is below the desired \$10,000.

OLD BUSINESS

Advocacy

- Advocacy Committee: Daphne Shaw reported that the committee had not met yet this year, so there was no report.
- Observer Corps: Suzy Daveluy asked if the Board had an interest in tracking the agendas for the Board of Supervisors and the Stockton City Council. There was agreement that this would be useful. Suzy will see if she can interest volunteers in this activity.

Programming

Kickoff Meeting: plans for the Kickoff meeting on September 20th are in place and a flyer should be out soon. The meeting will be at the home of Mary Ann Cox-Martin from 2:00-3:30 p.m. and will feature Alane Dashner making a presentation as Laura De Force Gordon, a Lodi resident who was a California lawyer, newspaper publisher, and a prominent suffragette. Members are invited to bring an appetizer to share and are encouraged to bring a guest.

Programming Calendar: Colleen Foster reviewed the programming plans for the year. Secretary of State Shirley Weber has been invited to be the speaker at the joint LWVSJC/AAUW Stockton membership meeting on October 4th. Daphne Shaw is trying to contact Genevieve Valentine, San Joaquin County Director of Health Services, for our November program. (Note: she has been secured for November 15th to give an update on SJ County mental health outcomes since the implementation of Proposition 1.) The Democracy Committee will present a program in May and the Women's Rights Committee will be asked to plan a program in March for Women's History Month. Other programs will be announced in the *Voter* and at Board meetings, as well as via our Gmail and social media accounts.

Lunch and Learn: these are scheduled for October and November, January and February, April and May. Speakers will be announced prior to each Lunch and Learn.

Voter Service

- Suzy Daveluy reported on the town halls that are sponsored by the San Joaquin Civic Alliance, the outgrowth of the coalition that presented candidate forums at Delta College. Two town halls are scheduled:
 - September 4th: Stockton City Councilmembers Mario Enriquez and Jason Lee
 - September 11th: Supervisors Sonny Dhaliwal and Mario Gardea
- Candidate forums for the June primary will be held in April.

Membership

Take Back the Night: Yvette Remlinger and Mary Ann Cox-Martin reported that they attended the Take Back the Night event on Yosemite Street in Stockton where 4 new members signed up.

Renewals: Yvette reported that 30 current League members have not renewed, including 26 long-time members. Calls will be made to these members to encourage them to renew their membership. We need to let our members know that their membership is making a difference. Members who have not renewed by the end of August will be deactivated by LWVUS from the member database.

NEW BUSINESS

Communication Committee: Suzy Daveluy reported on the Zoom meeting with members of the Communication Committee: Jane Wagner-Tyack, Walt White, Colleen Foster, and Terri Mercer. The focus of the meeting was on strengthening and broadening our social media presence.

Requests for flyers for events should be sent directly to Melissa Williams by the event organizers. Suzy is working on a draft of a social media policy. For now, we will only post information on League activities.

We have a Facebook account but lack of access to our credentials has been frustrating. Terri Mercer suggested a possible solution by using a Facebook Group instead of a Facebook account. We do not currently have an Instagram account but we need one to reach a younger audience. Suzy will do some research on whether we can link an Instagram account to a Facebook Group.

Colleen Foster will end her tenure as *Voter* editor at the end of this League year. A new editor will be recruited to fill this position.

New Recruitment Brochure

Terri Mercer reported that she was able to “free” the membership brochure from template restraints so that it could be designed to our specifications. She will order brochures immediately in order to have them available for community events.

Defining Our League Message

We need to give people evidence of why it’s important to join the League. What difference do we make? We need to let the public know what we do in a way that speaks to them.

Fundraising

With the League transformation in effect this fiscal year, we are facing financial uncertainties that need to be addressed. The Ed Fund balance has gone below the \$10,000 level that we have tried to maintain. The level of “financial mitigation” promised by LWVUS for this first year of transformation is uncertain. In light of these circumstances, we need a fundraising campaign. The Board suggested a fundraising goal of \$1000. President Suzy Daveluy will ask the Finance Committee to take on this task.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary