

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County – Annual Meeting

June 21, 2025, Lakeview Clubhouse at Woodbridge, Manteca

Minutes

Members present: Lilia Becerra Quintor, Alane Dashner, Suzy Daveluy, Colleen Foster, Kathy Hart, Rosemary Hein, Ruby Hennessey, Monica Hunt, Mary Kenefick, Sue Kenmotsu, Barbara Lea, Bea Lingenfelter, Ann Meneguzzi, Bette Outlaw, Margo Praus, Yvette Remlinger, Ronda Sanders, Jane Wagner-Tyack, Cate White, Walt White

Guest: Diane Van Wagoner

Speakers: Ines Ruiz-Huston, Fernanda Perrera

SPEAKER

President Mary Kenefick welcomed League members to the Annual Meeting and introduced our speakers, Ines Ruiz-Huston of El Concilio and Fernanda Perrera, an immigration attorney, who spoke on the impact of the federal administration's ongoing actions against immigrants. One of the many disturbing facts was that there has been a 30% drop in school attendance by children of immigrants who are afraid that they and their children could be taken in sweeps that have taken American citizens as well as undocumented immigrants. They distributed Red Cards listing immigrants' rights if detained by ICE – though they admitted that the information may not be helpful in the current climate where federal policy has allowed ICE almost no discretion in deciding if a person is dangerous to the community and should be detained.

They said that in San Joaquin County, they had a good relationship with both the District Attorney's office and local ICE officials. While people have been detained on their way to work, no one has been detained in their home and there have been no break-ins by ICE staff. The emphasis for detention has focused on those who are newly arrived. Most detainees are the main breadwinners for their families, so there is a need for support for families to meet the expenses of daily living. There is a need for allies to help each family. They urged us to be alert, to speak up, and to inform others about the issues impacting not only immigrants but our entire society.

BUSINESS MEETING

The membership meeting was called to order by President Mary Kenefick at 12:43 p.m. She confirmed that there was a quorum. Colleen Foster was announced as parliamentarian.

Without objection, the Rules of the Day and Order of Business were adopted as printed in the Annual Meeting Kit.

Ruby Hennessey, Bea Lingenfelter, and Cate White were appointed as the Committee to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes.

President's Report

President Mary Kenefick reviewed her notes from last year's annual meeting and said many of the issues she highlighted then were still relevant this year:

- The Lunch and Learns offered League members a way to meet and be informed and they met this goal with a broad attendance by the membership.
- The candidate forums held in Stockton and Manteca were well attended and offered good information on candidates for local office. It was hoped that these forums could be expanded into Lodi, Tracy, and Lathrop in the future.
- The LWV transformation process is underway and it is likely to adversely affect our local budget.
 - With minimum dues set at \$20, we have an opportunity to encourage young people to become involved in the League. Five scholarships for student memberships @\$20 has been included in the proposed budget.
- Her concern that Democracy is at risk is even more of a concern today.

President Kenefick noted some accomplishments of the last year:

- The revision of the bylaws, a multi-year project, was finally completed.
- A new LWVSJC storage unit was secured at a much lower cost.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Yvette Remlinger compared July 2024 and 2025 balances for the General Fund and reported on the Ed Fund balance:

General Fund

2024: \$13,568 2025: \$10,121

Total Income year-to-date: \$11,234.64

Total Expenses year-to-date: \$ 8,540.79

Ed Fund

Net worth as of 6/15/25: \$11,089.52

The decline in revenue is concerning and likely to continue unless members and others contribute donations to offset the loss of revenue we will see by having the recommended dues set at \$75, instead of the \$90 our members have been paying, which will result in \$15 revenue per member instead of \$30 we saw from the \$90 dues. Dues paid to LWVUS via credit card will actually net LWVSJC \$13.62 since credit card fees will be deducted.

Treasurer Remlinger will be glad to help members who have any questions on how to renew their membership online.

Presentation of Recommended Program

Suzy Daveluy reported on the Recommended Program for the 2025-2026 year.

- Making Democracy Work
- Women's Rights
- Immigration

Non-recommended programs topics were Department of Education, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Healthcare.

The motion to adopt the recommended program for the year was put forth by the Board and did not require a second.

Moved Carried to adopt the recommended program topics as our issues for education and advocacy for the coming League year.

Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Treasurer Yvette Remlinger reviewed the budget that was presented to the membership for adoption in the Annual Meeting Kit. We have one last PMP (per member payment) due in August, based on our membership in January 2025. We will likely not have the revenue to meet this last PMP and will have to take the payment from existing General Fund resources.

Treasurer Remlinger explained the line item “projected shortfall mitigation” as the money promised by LWVUS to pay local Leagues any difference between our PMP and the dues revenue we have collected.

Storage costs are likely to decrease from the projected budget line item of \$1700 to an estimated \$1000 due to the decrease in storage unit expenses.

The budget is recommended by the Board; the motion to adopt the budget did not require a second.

Moved Carried: to adopt the proposed budget for 2025-2026 as printed in the Annual Meeting Kit.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Margo Praus, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported on the slate of officers, directors, and Nominating Committee members to be voted on.

Officers and Directors

- President (2025-2026): Suzy Daveluy
- 1st Vice President (2025-2026) – Voter Service Chair: open to nominations from the floor
- 2nd Vice President (2025-2027): Mary Kenefick
- Treasurer (2025-2027): Yvette Remlinger
- Directors: 2025-2027
 - Mary Ann Cox-Martin
 - Alane Dashner
 - Daphne Shaw

- Two Director positions (2025-2026) to fill vacancies are also open for nominations from the floor

Nominating Committee

- Margo Praus, Chair
 - Terri Mercer
 - Position open for nominations from the floor
- Two members will be appointed from the Board

Helen Pearson Award Committee

- Donna Brown
- Terri Mercer
- Cate White

There were no nominations from the floor. As a recommendation from the Nominating Committee, the proposed slate of nominees did not need a second.

Moved Carried: to adopt the slate of nominees for office as printed in the Annual Meeting Kit and reported above.

Helen Pearson Award

Suzy Daveluy announced the recipient of the Helen Pearson Award, noting that the award was established to recognize a member who has made an outstanding contribution to our League, demonstrating both diligence and good cheer. Citing her many contributions in the areas of financial organization during a year of transition, support for members navigating the new LWVUS online member portal, participation in Pros and Cons presentations, featured presenter at an explanation for members of transformation issues, and overall support for programming throughout the year, she announced this year's recipient: Yvette Remlinger.

Direction to the Board

Suzy Daveluy invited League members to add any comments to the incoming Board to the sheets posted along the walls.

Announcements

- Bea Lingenfelter distributed 2 types of postcards that can be used to send to your local, state, or congressional representatives on issues of concern to you. Urging and implementing action is part of the programming goal of the Women's Rights Committee that has been formed to address issues in the coming year.
- Suzy Daveluy thanked outgoing president Mary Kenefick for her year of leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

Colleen Foster
Secretary, 2024-2026

Annual Meeting Minutes – June 2025

Minutes approved July 2, 2025, by the Annual Meeting Minutes Committee: Ruby Henessey,
Bea Lingenfelter, Cate White