

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

**Board Meeting:** September 15, 2025 – on Zoom

### **Minutes**

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

Other League members present: Kathy Hart, Jacqueline Morrison, Margo Praus

Vice President Suzy Daveluy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted with the addition of Communications Committee to old business.

### **Minutes**

**MSC (Cox-Martin/Hennessey):** to accept the Minutes of the Board meeting of August 18, 2025 with the correction of one typo.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Yvette Remlinger reviewed the financial report she submitted with the agenda. As of 8/31/25, there was \$13,530.64 in the General Fund and \$8,535.87 in the Ed Fund.

She said that \$2080 in LWVUS PMP was due at the end of the fiscal year and that she would pay it then. LWVC PMP is billed quarterly; we have not received that invoice yet but will also pay it at the end of the fiscal year.

All paperwork or our 990s have been filed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Advocacy Committee**

Suzy Daveluy asked if we could get volunteers to monitor local government agendas. Mary Kenefick and Daphne Shaw will seek such volunteers.

#### **Finance Committee**

Colleen Foster summarized the written report from the Finance Committee which stated that the committee believed we had sufficient funds to reimburse the Ed Fund for its grant to the General Fund in FY24-25. The grant brought the Ed Fund balance below the desired \$10,000 balance. The Finance Committee submitted the following motion:

Move to transfer \$1650 from the General Fund to the Ed Fund to achieve a \$10,000 balance in the Ed Fund. **Motion carried.**

### **Programming Committee**

Programming calendar so far this year:

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** joint membership meeting with AAUW at O'Connor Woods, featuring San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Olivia Hale and a presentation on Proposition 50.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Genevieve Valentine, Director of San Joaquin County Department of Health, will speak on the transformation of behavioral health in San Joaquin County following the passage of Proposition 1. Another speaker offering a different perspective may also be part of the program.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Lunch and Learn with speaker Barbara St. Urbain, founder and chair of DEI4SJC.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>:** speaker from the County Office of Education on immigration issues among the student population.

### **Voter Service Committee**

Suzy Daveluy reported that the organizations that the forums presented by the San Joaquin Civic Alliance at Delta College were well attended. The Alliance will host candidate forums in April, before the June Primary Election. Volunteers to help with forums are needed.

Easy Voter Guides will arrive before our upcoming events and will be available at the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and for the Reinvent South Stockton event at the Fairgrounds and for other community events and at local public libraries.

Five LWVSJC membership scholarships will be available for interested students who are part of the Politics and Law Club at Delta College.

Proposition 50 presentations will be made to a Tracy women's group and Delta students.

Alane Dashner is working with the Registrar of Voters on voter registration. She will represent the League at the Lodi Street Fair (10/5) and she and Yvette Remlinger will be at Delta College (9/16). We hope to have a presence at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Day in Ripon on 10/18 and Light Up Main Street Day in Mountain House on 12/6.

### **Membership Committee**

Mary Ann Cox-Martin said five people who attended local protests expressed interest in the League. She has been in contact with some of them following the local event. The membership committee would like to secure mentors for new members. Mary Ann will bring written guidelines for mentorship to the October Board meeting.

### **Communications**

Suzy Daveluy announced that because we cannot locate our credentials for our Facebook page, we will have a presence as a Facebook group instead. Terri Mercer is researching how to

implement this. Having a Facebook Group will allow us to also post on Instagram, which we hope will reach a wider, younger audience.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Issues for Education and Advocacy**

- **Women's Rights Committee**

- Colleen Foster reported that the Women's Rights committee agreed to plan a membership program for March, Women's History Month. The theme for the meeting will be an Update on the Status of Women in the U.S. and will focus on women's health issues, the status of the ERA, and issues surrounding women candidates for political office.
- The committee also would like to encourage League members to participate in Get Out the Vote efforts for the special election re Proposition 50. The committee proposes that we send 500 postcards urging voters who are registered with No Party Preference to cast their ballots. To support this plan, the committee submitted the following motion:

- Move to support the GOTV postcarding effort for the November 4, 2025 Special Election by funding postcard stamps at a cost not to exceed \$300.

**Motion carried.**

- **Democracy Committee:** no report
- **Immigration Committee:** the committee is planning to work on a study and partner with students from Delta College. The LWV Clearing House has a study that we may be able to use as a template.

### **Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement Award**

It is time to solicit suggestions from our League members for a person LWVSJC can nominate for the Susan B. Anthony award. Mary Ann Cox-Martin will draft an email to be sent to our members asking for nominations and Yvette Remlinger will send it out via ChapterSpot, asking for suggestions to be reviewed at our October Board meeting. Mary Ann Cox-Martin and Kathy Hart volunteered to review the suggestions that are submitted.

### **Fundraising**

Until we have accurate information on shortfall mitigation from LWVU, it is difficult to assess the need for and level of fundraising we should undertake. Before we begin, we should be clear on what we are raising funds for. The Finance Committee suggested we ask potential donors to "adopt an expense." We have ongoing expenses that are not 'sexy' but that support the work of our League, e.g., storage costs, filing fees, POB fees, insurance, member communication postage and printing.

The Board offered several practical suggestions for the Finance Committee to pursue.

### Announcements

The Kickoff meeting will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Mary Ann Cox-Martin's home. Plan to attend and bring a guest.

### Agenda Building for the next meeting

- Mentorship guidelines
- Social Media policy
- Susan B. Anthony nomination suggestions

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Colleen Foster*

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Secretary

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