

League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County

Board Meeting: November 17, 2025 – on Zoom

Minutes

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

Noticed Absence: Ruby Hennessey

Other League members present: Abby Avila Hernandez, Sofia Stewart-Lopez, Barbara St. Urbain, Chris Varela

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

The agenda was adopted as submitted.

Minutes

MSC (Dashner/Shaw): to accept the Minutes of the Board meeting of October 20, 2025, as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Yvette Remlinger reviewed the financial report she submitted with the agenda. As of 10/31/25, there was \$11,419.77 in the General Fund and \$10,273.02 in the Ed Fund. Treasurer reported that our storage fees had been reduced from \$90/month to \$75/month for six months. She also alerted the Board that PMP payments had yet to be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy Committee: no report

Issues for Education and Advocacy

Making Democracy Work: program on 5/16/26

Women's Rights: program moved from 3/21 to 3/28

Immigration: program scheduled for 2/21 at O'Connor Woods

Programming Committee

Programming calendar so far this year:

November 22nd: Genevieve Valentine, Director of San Joaquin County Department of Health, will speak on the transformation of behavioral health in San Joaquin County at the Chavez Library from 10:00-noon.

Holiday Gathering: Potluck on 12/13 from 11-1 at the Chavez Library.

January: TBA

Lunch and Learn

November 18th: speaker from the County Office of Education on how the Office supports immigrant students.

January 13th: Krista Fiser, CEO/St. Mary's Community Services

February 10th: TBA

April 14th: TBA

May 12th: program by Women's Rights Committee

Voter Service Committee

- **Voter Registration**

A voter registration event is scheduled for December in Mountain House. Alane Dashner is coordinating our volunteers. We will also participate at a LULAC event at Delta College. Barbara St. Urbain asked if the League would register voters at local participation events in national protests. Yes, as volunteers allow.

- **Candidate Forums**

Planning is underway for forums to be presented at Delta College in April.

Membership Committee

- We have 9 new members. So far, half of them have claimed their accounts. Mary Ann Cox-Martin and Yvette Remlinger tabled at 5 events in four months as outreach for new members.
- Mary Ann Cox-Martin is recruiting mentors for our new members.

Nominating Committee

The President appointed Ruby Hennessey and Yvette Remlinger as board representatives on the Nominating Committee, joining Chair Margo Praus, Terri Mercer, and Rosemary Hein.

Fundraising: no report. The Board reiterated its support for focusing on specific LWVSLC activities as an opportunity for donation support.

NEW BUSINESS

League Messaging

A survey of League members resulted in suggestions for short messages to let people know what the League is all about, as a way to interest people in membership. The Board discussed the messages and offered suggestions for edits as well as some guidelines for whatever message(s) we adopt: make it punchy (less is more), keep info on 60 years of local League history. Suzy Daveluy will work on the messaging with the input from members and boardmembers and bring other suggestions to our next Board meeting.

Social Media Policy

President Suzy Daveluy is working on this policy and will bring a draft to a future meeting.

GOTV postcarding for the June 2026 Primary Election

A report will be prepared for our next Board meeting.

Legislative Interviews

The LWVC legislative interview kit has just been published. Reports on legislative interviews are due to LWVC on 2/23/26. One element of the interviews is to share with our legislators what our priorities and concerns are. We will discuss this at our next Board meeting and forward conclusions to the members conducting the legislative interviews.

Open Letter on the Integrity of San Joaquin County's Public Discourse and Governance

Our League received a draft of a letter expressing concerns about public discourse and governance in San Joaquin County, with a request that we sign on as supporters. Board discussion centered around lack of specificity in listing concerns, who the document is intended for, what result is hoped for, and the general lack of clarity in the writing of the document. The Board declined to support the document but agreed that it might be able to do so if a revised document aligned with League positions and addressed the issues raised by the Board.

Program Planning Meeting

It was decided to have a separate meeting to select issues for education and advocacy for the next League year at a membership meeting already scheduled for April 11th.

Voter – Moving Forward

Current Voter editor Colleen Foster has said she will edit the newsletter through the end of this League year. We will advertise for another editor via Chapter Spot emails to our membership.

LWVUS Annual Survey

Suzy Daveluy and Yvette Remlinger volunteered to complete the LWVUS annual survey.

Agenda Building for the next meeting - continued

- Legislative Interviews
Pending from previous meetings: Social Media policy, Mentorship guidelines

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026 AT 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Foster

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Secretary