

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY ED FUND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NORTH COLLIER GOVERNMENT CENTER, NAPLES
January 7, 2008**

The regular January meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County Ed Fund, held January 7, 2008, at the North Collier Government Center, was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Jeannette Boucher, Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Evans, Lydia Galton, Marge Joder, Anne Lewallen, Bernice Schmelz, and Chris Straton. Absent: Jen Walker, Nicole Ryan. Also attending: Sandy Parker, Bonnie Michaels.

Upon motion made by Ms. Galton, seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the Board Meeting held December 3, 2007, was approved.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$10,517.35 as of December 31, 2007, was ordered filed.

OLD BUSINESS

High School Multi-Media Contest

Because of a need for more entrants, the due date was extended to January 21. It was reported that a grant in the amount of \$500 had been received from the Women's Consortium.

January General Meeting

Plans are in place for a program on the pros and cons of tolling I-75. A blast email will go out reminding members of the regifting sale to be held following the meeting.

League 101

Ms. Evans is chairing this educational effort which will result in the development of presentations that may be used by the League both to orient its members and educate the general public. Each committee will be asked to participate. She called attention to the guidelines she had developed and showed pages printed from a sample Power Point presentation. Ms. Schmelz volunteered to work with Ms. Evans on a Justice Committee pilot project, with the goal of its being completed by the February Board Meeting. Also in February, Ms. Straton will put together an outline for a presentation of what makes League work, listing various service opportunities of an administrative nature.

In an effort to further educate and involve members, it was decided to schedule a business meeting before the program at each regular meeting beginning in February, with, among other things, committee chairs being asked to report. Ms. Evans will develop a procedure for those in attendance to sign up to attend future committee meetings that may be of interest to them.

Survey on Collier County Natural Resource Issues

In general, it was the sense of the Board that the League should support surveys such as the environmental questionnaire proposed by Bonnie Michaels. It was agreed that

Question 8 be removed. Results would be presented at an evening “Report to the Community” event to be held in April at a venue as yet to be selected. Ways of distributing the survey were discussed, among which were having it available through League’s Website. The costs involved will be determined.

Immigration Study

Meetings have been planned and announced. After they have taken place, the Board will be asked to determine if we have consensus.

January 8 City of Naples Candidate Forum

This Forum will be televised live. The questions League will ask were circulated. It was suggested League might send an email blast to its members who are Naples residents to make sure they know about the telecast.

Fundraising

Fundraising will depend upon projects being endorsed that need financing. Ms. Galton stressed the need to identify such projects. This matter remains one of continuing importance.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Ms. Soling from the Board

Upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, Ms. Soling’s resignation from the Board was accepted with regret.

Programs for February, March and April

As suggested by Ms. Evans, it was decided that one-half hour will be allowed for a business meeting each month, with this business meeting to immediately precede the introduction of speakers. Lunch will be scheduled for 11:30, the business meeting will be scheduled at 12:30, and the program will start at 1:00.

First Vice President and General Meeting Program Coordinator Ms. Galton led a discussion of programs for the next three months.

February. The subject will be “Challenges and Potential Solutions to Healthcare for Collier County.” Ms. Galton will begin lining up panel members to address this topic.

March. The subject will be “Challenges and Potential Solutions to Immigration for Collier County.” Ms. Schmelz volunteered to plan this program.

April. This will be a “Meet and Greet” for all declared candidates.

Know Your County Government Program

This program is on hiatus as described in the current VOTER.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher
Secretary

APPROVED AS CORRECTED 2/4/08