

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – EDUCATION FUND  
FIFTH THIRD CONFERENCE ROOM  
March 1, 2010**

Present: Rose DiBiasi, Joyce Fletcher, Lydia Galton, Marjorie Joder, Anne Lewallen, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik

Absent: Pat Snyder, Chris Straton

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Parker at 11:46 a.m. A quorum was deemed present for conducting business.

The Board Agenda was approved as amended, and the following **Consent Agenda** items were moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of February 1, 2010.
2. Acceptance of the Financial Statements ending February 27, 2010.
3. Acceptance of the Voter Service Committee Report for filing.

Unfinished Business

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy** – Motion to adopt a amended was made by L. Galton and seconded by M. Joder. Motion passed unanimously. The Policy is attached to these minutes and will be posted with the minutes on the website.

New Business

1. **2010-11 Budget** – S. Parker presented the proposed Ed Fund Budget for the coming fiscal year. It was agreed to follow the same format as the General Fund Budget. L. Galton moved and A. Lewallen seconded to present the proposed budget to the membership at the Annual Meeting in April for their approval. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **2010 Program** – A motion was made by B. Schmelz and seconded by M. Joder to present League University and Voter Service Programs as revised to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Motion passed unanimously
3. **Board Evaluations** – Board members were asked to complete a Board Evaluation. S. Parker compiled the results and based on these findings the following recommendation will be made to next year's Board:

- Have the Finance Committee recommend a use for a surplus in the Education Fund account. Include in this recommendation a suggested amount to be kept as a minimum account balance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Slebodnik  
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Collier County and  
League of Women Voters of Collier County Education Fund  
Conflict of Interest Policy

**Background**

According to the League of Women Voters of the United States, “The League’s overall image and credibility in the community may be affected if conflict of interest issues arise. Therefore, Leagues should adopt a conflict of interest policy related to board members’ paid employment, service on other boards (including League boards at other levels), personal lobbying, etc. Generally, a board member, as a private individual, may serve on the board of a non-League organization or corporation—but should notify the League board of the appointment; League titles should be listed for identification purposes only.”

**Policy**

This policy only addresses financial conflicts of interest and extends to Board members only. The following policies shall be reviewed and adopted at the first Board of Directors meeting of the newly elected Board.

- Board members must disclose in writing all organizations with which they serve on the board or as paid staff.
- Board members must disclose in writing paid employment and compensated lobbying.
- Whenever there is a potential conflict of interest, the party involved is responsible for raising the possibility to the President and asking for Board guidance.
- At any meeting where there is a potential conflict of interest agenda item, this conflict of interest policy should be reiterated by the President.
- The Board will determine whether the party involved may participate in discussion.
- If it is determined that there is a conflict of interest, the party involved will not count towards a quorum on this item, and must leave the room when a vote is taken.

*Adopted by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Collier County and the Board of the League of Women Voters of Collier County Education Fund, March 1, 2010.*