

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – EDUCATION FUND  
NORTH COLLIER GOVERNMENT CENTER  
March 2, 2009**

Present: Chris Straton, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Marge Joder, Marilyn Bogen, Kathleen Slebodnik, Judy Weintraub, Rose DiBiasi, Stu Warshauer, Lydia Galton

Absent: Anne Lewallen

Also Present: Estelle Rauch

The meeting was called to order by President Straton at 9:35 a.m.

Secretary's Report:

The Board minutes of January 5, 2009 were approved as distributed  
The Board minutes of February 2, 2009 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

The report as of February 28, 2009 was accepted and filed for audit.

The audit of our financial records ending March 31, 2008 has been completed. The auditor's report will be given at the annual meeting in April.

A discussion of the 2009-10 Budget resulted in the following:

Evening program costs will be evaluated next year.

LWVF may ask for voluntary contributions again in lieu of a dues increase. We will not know this until the state convention in May. Two motions were made to send state \$650 and \$325 respectively from contingency funds. Both motions failed.

A lengthy discussion resulted in final budget figures to be included in April's Voter. Since we do not have the final figures from the Immokalee trip as yet, Board Members will be asked to approve the final budget via email prior to publication in the Voter.

Marge Joder agreed to investigate the possibility of investing \$5,000 of our funds in a certificate of deposit.

**Old Business:** The March General Meeting is set. Jack Bovee will present the status of Civics Education in Florida and the Collier County Schools. CCSB

Member, Julie Sprague, will be the speaker at the March 30<sup>th</sup> Education Committee Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 20 prior to the General Meeting. The program will be on Delinquency Prevention.

**New Business:** Estelle Rauch reported on the membership survey she conducted. She called non-renewing individuals to ask why they chose not to renew. The main reason given was that they viewed League as an active organization and they could not get involved at this time. They had no complaints about the friendliness of other members or activities of the League.

Her recommendation was to begin a mentoring program as a way of keeping members. New member contact should be made quickly after application is made to find out what interests that member has. Also, a timely call should be made to non-renewing individuals to address their concerns.

Stu Warshauer presented proposed By-Law changes. The discussion centered on meetings held electronically. The results of our discussion will be sent to board members for approval via email before going to the Voter.

The LWVCC Education Fund Program, which includes League University and Voter Services, was approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Slebodnik  
Secretary

