

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NORTH COLLIER GOVERNMENT CENTER, NAPLES
March 3, 2008**

The regular March meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held March 3, 2008, at the North Collier Government Center, was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Jeannette Boucher, Lydia Galton, Rose DiBiassi, Anne Lewallen, Bernice Schmelz, and Chris Straton. Absent: Joyce Evans, Marge Joder, Nicole Ryan, and Jen Walker. Also attending: Ann Campbell, Kathleen Slebodnik and Sandy Parker.

Upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes of the Board Meeting held February 4, 2008, was approved.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$10,642.27 as of February 29, 2008, was ordered filed.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Board Meeting

A special meeting of the board to approve a budget, program items and changes to the bylaws will be held at 10:00 a.m. March 17 (prior to the March General Meeting).

Budget

The Board discussed the first draft of a proposed budget for 2008-9 proposed earlier by Ms. Joder. Changes were discussed which will be incorporated into the final proposed budget to be circulated by email and presented to the board on March 17. It was suggested that footnotes be added to clarify certain items, particularly dues. It was also suggested that in-kind costs, such as that of our using the CCAC as a meeting venue, be reflected in some way.

Bylaws

Possible Bylaws changes were discussed. It was agreed that they will be submitted for approval to the Board on March 17.

Nominating

Chairman Kathleen Slebodnik gave an informal, interim report. Because there remain openings, she invited those present to contact her if they have suggestions.

Membership

Our membership count is 144 (as of January 31), of whom 15 are associates. The next membership coffee will be held at 10:00 at the home of Ms. Lewallen on March 13.

LWVF Legislative Seminar

Kathleen Slebodnik was approved as our delegate.

Delegate to National Convention (June 13-17, Portland, Oregon)

Upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, Ms. Galton was approved as our delegate to National Convention. It was noted that we are entitled to a second delegate should another member wish to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Promotional Flyer Suggested

Ms. DiBiasi suggested that “League meets here” type signage might be developed to place inside the entrance at the CCAC on days when League has general meetings, thus letting the public know that they are invited to attend. Ms. Parker volunteered to work on implementing this concept. This discussion led to the suggestion that membership materials be examined to see if additional materials, such as flyers, would be useful in attracting new members.

Program Planning 2008

It was agreed to postpone decisions on League Program until the Special Board Meeting on March 17. Discussion of a proposed Social Policy Field Trip was postponed until the April Board Meeting.

Palm Beach County’s Annual Meeting

Interested Board members were invited to join Ms. Straton and Ms. Galton for a trip to Palm Beach April 4 and 5 to attend this meeting and a special dinner. Mary Wilson, LUVUS President, and Dianne Wheatley, Florida State President, will be present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher
Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD 3.17.08