

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ROBB & STUCKY, NAPLES
March 5, 2007

The regular March meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held March 5, 2007, at Robb & Stucky, Naples, was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by President Chris Straton. Present: Jeannette Boucher, Joyce Evans, Marge Joder, Bonnie Michaels, Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz, Kathleen Slebodnik, Chris Straton, Nancy Wolfe. Excused: Lydia Galton, Nicole Ryan, Jen Walker. Off-Board: Ann Campbell.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Government Committee report was pulled from the Consent Agenda, and it was noted that a Membership report was being circulated as well as a substitute Social Policy report. **Upon motion made by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried, the Consent Agenda, including the February Board Minutes that were discussed briefly, was approved as reconstituted.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$11,325.45 as of February 28, 2007, was ordered filed. Ms. Joder circulated three forms (Request for Reimbursement, Record of Like-Kind Donations, and Record of Funds Collected and Deposited) and asked that they be used as appropriate to clarify League's expenses and income. Members are requested to provide input on the wording of the forms to Ms. Joder. After being approved at the April Board Meeting, the forms will be placed in the Members-only section of the Website for easy accessibility.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws. Following discussion, **it was moved by Ms. Schmelz, seconded and unanimously carried to amend the proposed Bylaws changes as submitted by deleting the sentence "Any member who fails to pay her or his dues by January 15 of the following calendar year shall be dropped from the membership rolls."**

Budget

Treasurer Marge Joder presented an initial draft of a budget for 4/1/07 to 3/31/08. It was decided to reduce Item #811 (Council) to \$500 from \$1,000 and to increase Item #812 (Seminars/Conference) from \$700 to \$900. Committee expenses totaling \$400 will be added as line items as follows: Government: \$250; Natural Resources: \$150; Justice: \$100; and Social Policy: \$100. It was also decided to title Item #825 Contingency Dues Increase rather than Contribution to State as a result of Ms. Schmelz's suggestion, which received overwhelming support, that LWVCC not make a voluntary contribution of \$5.00 per member as LWVF had requested. It was agreed we would only spend the \$600

budgeted, or a portion thereof, if a State dues increase is formally adopted. **It was then moved (Parker), seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the proposed budget as amended with the proviso that Ms. Joder balance the budget by adjusting contributions.**

Government Committee

Ms. Parker announced that Ms. Evans will chair a study of Charter Government assuming the study is adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Local Program for Presentation at the Annual Meeting

After discussion, **upon motion made by Ms. Wolfe, seconded and unanimously carried, the following committee proposed Local Programs were approved for submission to the membership at the Annual Meeting: Natural Resources, Justice, Social Policy (first four items), Housing (last item only) and Government.**

Member Orientation

It was announced that the next member orientation is scheduled for March 7.

April 2007 VOTER

Ms. Parker emphasized the need to submit articles as soon as possible. She then reviewed what is planned for a Special Insert to include Annual Meeting materials. It was agreed that Ms. Straton would provide a standardized format for everyone to use when submitting their proposed local programs for the VOTER.

NEW BUSINESS

Workforce Housing Consensus

Ms. Slebodnik and her committee were given accolades for their outstanding work in conducting this consensus. **Upon motion made by Ms. Parker, seconded and unanimously carried, it was decided to attain Board approval of the Consensus as presented by circulating it to the Board by e-mail for comments. Assuming Board member agreement, it will be published in the April VOTER with final ratification at the April Board Meeting.**

BCC Agenda Availability

Ms. Parker reported that League member Chrystal Kinzel has offered to provide interested committee chairs with suggestions about portions of upcoming Board of County Commission meeting agendas that might be relevant to the various committees' Observer Corps when the agendas become available to the general public. Any committee chairs interested in taking advantage of Ms. Kinzel's offer were asked to contact Ms. Kinzel to discuss the types of agenda items that might be of interest to them.

Guest Editorial

Ramifications of the recent Naples Daily News Guest Editorial by President Straton pertaining to the Sunshine Law were discussed. Board members offered various suggestions but did not feel Ms. Straton should retract her stated position, which, it was felt, had been misinterpreted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Straton at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette M. Boucher
Secretary