

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY
2009 ANNUAL MEETING – GENERAL FUND
COLLIER ATHLETIC CLUB
April 20, 2009

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Collier County, held April 20, 2009, at the Collier County Athletic Club, Naples, was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Chris Straton.

Ms. Straton declared a quorum present and appointed the following meeting officials: Parliamentarian, Ann Campbell; Timer, Pat Snyder; Minutes Reading Committee, Pat Lawrence (Chair), Jeanne Brooker and Deanna Bess.

A motion was made by Jen Walker and seconded by Pat Lawrence to adopt the agenda and rules as printed in the Annual Meeting materials. The motion passed unanimously.

The Report of the 2008 Minutes Reading Committee, which was comprised of Kathleen Slebodnik (Chair), Anna Allen and Stu Warshauer, was presented by Ms. Slebodnik who stated that the committee had reviewed the Minutes and was satisfied with them. There being no objection, the report of this committee was accepted.

Treasurer Marjorie Joder gave the Treasurer's Report, which showed a total net worth as of March 31, 2009 of \$6,175.27. Ms. Joder noted a deficit in cash flow which is usually improved when membership is renewed in the fall. Ms. Straton ordered the report filed for audit.

Ms Straton also announced that the financial records for 2006-07 have been audited by Vince DiBiasi and were found to be accurate.

Ms. Joder then gave the report of the Budget Committee, noting that contributions have been down and the 2009-10 Budget reflects this decrease. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Joder and seconded by Anne Lewallen that the LWVCC General Fund Budget be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The agenda then moved to a discussion of the Bylaws Committee Report with Marilyn Bogen and Stu Warshauer (Co-chairs) and the Board of Directors presenting changes reflecting the ability of the organization to conduct business via electronic means. Board of Directors, Article IV, Sections 5 and 6 were deleted; Meetings, Article VII, Sections 1 and 2 were revised; and Section 3 was added. It was moved by Ms. Bogen and seconded by Mr. Warshauer that the revisions to the Bylaws be accepted. The motion passed.

It was noted in the discussion that notification of Board Meetings conducted by electronic means would make it difficult for members to participate. Members have always been welcome at Board Meetings. The Board was directed to discuss this issue and report their findings to the general membership.

Consideration and adoption of the 2009-10 General Fund Program followed. Upon a motion made by Ms. Joder and seconded by Joyce Fletcher, the program was accepted as presented.

Ms. Straton then gave her President's Report. She enumerated the year's activities giving recognition to those who organized them. Highlights included the many articles printed in the Naples Daily News, Adopt-A-Precinct program, updated Voters Guides, field trip to Immokalee, holiday party, League's fine website and VOTER, and excellent committee meetings.

Sheilah Crowley (Chair) gave the report of the Nominating Committee. Her committee consisted of Linda Denning, Kathy Ryan, Kathleen Slebodnik and Marjorie Joder. She presented the slate of officers and Chris Straton then asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, nominations were closed, and Ms Crowley moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Wendy Riedel, and directed the secretary to cast the vote accepting the report and electing the nominated officers. The motion passed.

In the absence of 1st Vice President, Lydia Galton, newly elected President, Sandy Parker, spoke of our League's gratitude and appreciation for all the work Chris Straton has done during her three years as president and presented her with our gift of a leather briefcase. Her leadership has raised League awareness in the community and increased our reputation for integrity and nonpartisan political activity.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

It is hereby noted that a copy of the Annual Meeting materials as published in the most recent VOTER is attached along with a copy of the Treasurer's report.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Slebodnik
Secretary

[Approved by the Minutes Reading Committee]