

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 15, 2021

Virtual Meeting Online via RingCentral

Board members present: Susan Hauser, presiding; Anne McKereghan, Ashley Lorden, William Smith, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Laura Kinley, Keasha Martindill, Doris Gee, Sally Faulhaber, Kate Quick. **Other members present:** Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Red Lustig, Mari Clark, Kristan Wong Karinen, Carol Kasperek.

Call to order: Susan Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Ashley moved and Doris seconded to accept consent agenda.

President's Report: We are permitted to send 4 voting members to the state convention (<https://lwvc.wordpress.com/2021/03/11/first-call-to-convention/>) in June; we got volunteers Anne, Kate, Bill, and Keasha, and all are welcome to attend virtually (non-voting). We are willing to sponsor the fee for additional members wanting to attend (and there are also convention scholarships available as part of the application). LWVCA is requesting sponsorship for the state convention at levels \$300++ which we could choose to contribute to. Kate motioned, Bill seconded, and we approved sponsoring with \$500, for which we'll be listed in the materials. Our annual meeting is June 26 and we'd like to feature a speaker; we will ask League member Serena Chen who recently made an eloquent presentation about the history of AAPI discrimination in California and Alameda to the Alameda Democratic Club.

Budget Committee Report: There will be no change to our per-member remittances to state and national leagues. We are including funds for next year's national convention in person in the budget. The committee looked at trimming the budget for VerifyIt and found that questions is the only flexible item; we lowered this budget slightly. For the speech tournament, the committee intends to host in person next year and requests budget for 3 winners, but the board suggests that prize money should be fundraised. Anne moved, Laura seconded, and we approved to accept budget as presented, with additional income and outgoing of \$2690 for the speech tournament.

Youth Outreach Committee Report: New co-chair Kristan has started preparing a plan to resurrect the speech competition in 2022, with a goal of 10+ entrants, with advertising beginning now. Kristan presented a detailed plan and has our full support to help us engage with local youth.

Action Committee Report: We have 2 programs coming up on local Election Reform. Allan Mann is also seeking additional committee members to help decide actions on Campaign Finance Reform. Another issue we've been considering is the rights of ad-hoc commissions appointed by the City (3 attorneys have advised that there is a problem); we're preparing a letter to the City Attorney to request consideration. Depending on the initial response, we

will consider what further action is appropriate. Doris moved, Anne seconded, and we approved sending this letter.

Program Committee Report: Recent Electrification program received great feedback; breakout rooms worked well. We successfully centered equity in the discussion, and made some progress considering how different agencies and departments can work together. The recording is available and we'll promote it.

Nominating Committee Report: We have draft nominations for 6 officers and 9 directors; we have open positions for Communications, Membership, and Programs Co-chair. We plan to leave the next Nominating Committee's non-board-member positions open to request volunteers at the Annual Meeting.

Good of the Order: Laura moves that LWVA endorses HR1814, the bill for civics education, which last meeting we agreed to reach out to LWVUS to ask that they consider supporting. She will send out information on the bill and create a Fact Sheet, and we'll vote on it next meeting, and will also validate the process to gather momentum by seeking endorsements from other local and state leagues. Anne is in contact with a diversity consultant, and Karen suggests Kiki who has worked with Friends of the Library as another potential resource. We will form a task force to recommend actions to support DEI (potentially including establishing a committee); Keasha will research what other leagues have in place, and Ashley and Bill volunteer to serve.

Susan adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.