

2017 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA

September 21, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members attending: Marian Breitbart, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Cynthia Silva, Keasha Martindill, Doris Gee, Kate Quick, Karen Butter, Felice Zensius, Ken Werner, Georgia Gates Derr **Absent:** Patricia Young, Juelle-Ann Boyer, Sally Faulhaber, Linda Asbury **Other members attending:** Marilyn Ng, Shubha Fanse

Call to Order – Georgia Gates Derr– 7:05 p.m.

Karen Butter presented the option of a consent agenda for Minutes and Treasurer’s report to be used to speed up meetings.

Minutes: August 5, 2017 Board Retreat Minutes accepted and filed after 3 corrections.

Treasurer’s Report –Accepted and filed for audit. (handout)

Administrative Update/Calendar – **Georgia Gates Derr** – encouraged board members to sign up for Action Alerts from LWVCA and LWVUS. The Event Schedule and Administrative Calendar were reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Action – Felice Zensius and Karen Butter –State: Make It Fair legislation has not yet been introduced; no new legislative action will occur after Sept. 15. Copies of Make It Fair brochure are available from LWV Oakland website; town hall in Oakland had 300+ attendees. Governor Brown signed the Disclose Act. Local: Karen provided data on funds spent in races for Alameda Mayor and City Council for 2012-2016. The committee is working on presenting a workshop of how to run for office with Michelle Ellison.

Communications – Keasha Martindill reported that two interns from the College of Alameda will begin work with the Committee in 2018. The new Voter editor is Rachel Wellman. Douglas Neu will back up e-blasts and website. The committee is happy with the Weebly platform. Motion made, seconded and passed to cease payment for Easy Web MYLO platform, with understanding that committee will review this decision in future.

Fundraising (MYPO) - Will be held on March 29, 2018, 5:30-7:30 PM at Elks Lodge in the large upstairs ballroom (“Lodge Room”). Linda Asbury has resigned as the chair due to other obligations. A new chair will be recruited.

Healthcare – Shubha Fanse –reported that the August 31 forum at Alameda Hospital had a small turnout, but it was a good forum. The committee will meet to determine if it should continue and, if so, to decide on a focus.

Membership – Doris Gee. We currently have 169 members. The committee is working on a new member booklet. Members of City Boards and Commissions will be encouraged to join. Doug Neu will manage national membership database and local membership directory.

Program/Forums – Ruth Dixon-Mueller reported for Patricia Young on upcoming LWVA co-sponsored forum on Immigration at Alameda Free Library Sept. 27 6:30-8 PM and on Voter Suppression, co-sponsored with LWV Oakland, on November 9, 2017 at Elks Lodge.

Youth Outreach – Alice Fried provided a written report on the LWVA/COA Internship Program and the LWVA/COA Civics Scholarship Program. More Youth Outreach volunteers are needed. Alice requested that we send her topical ideas for student essay competition.

Voter Service – Ken Werner –The Voter Service event on National Voter Registration Day was well supported by 20 volunteers. The three locations were the Main St. Ferry Terminal, Farmer’s Market and the library. The Alameda High School also had an event to register new voters.

Voter’s Edge – No report. **Voter Outreach** – No report.

New Business

LWVA Board Orientation & Leadership Workshop, October 7, 10-12 AM. All board members and committee chairs encouraged to attend.

LWVA Policy Reviews:

1) **Co-sponsorship policy:** tabled in absence of Patricia Young and sent to a sub-committee (Patty, Ruth) for review.

2) **Nonpartisan policy:** Keasha moved and Kate Quick seconded motion to accept the revised policy as presented. After discussion, Kate moved and Keasha seconded motion to insert the words, “by publicly announcing they are forming a committee” after “League Board members who are actively running”. Vote to accept revised Nonpartisan Policy as amended: 9 YES, 1 ABSTENTION.

3) **Diversity policy:** Karen moved and Kate seconded motion to accept the revised policy as presented. After discussion, Kate moved and Karen seconded motion to make the following changes: a) strike the words “affirms its commitment” and insert, “is committed;” b) strike the words “veteran’s status” and insert, “military status;” c) strike the sentence, “The LWVA subscribes to the belief that diversity and inclusion are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing condition needs” and insert the sentences, “The LWVA recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. This inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs;” d) relocate the sentence, “The LWVA affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of the City of Alameda in its members, board, and programs” from the end of the second paragraph to the beginning of the second. Vote to accept revised Diversity Policy as amended: UNANIMOUS

Election of Executive Board: Juelle-Ann Boyer was nominated by the president and Keasha Martindill and Doris Gee by board members to serve on the LWVA Executive Committee in addition to the President, VP Administration, Secretary and Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned 9:05pm,
Cynthia Silva, Secretary