

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA**  
**February 16, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members attending:** Alice Fried, Georgia Gates Derr, Marian Breitbart, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Patricia Young, Cynthia Silva, Karen Butter, Lisa Yap, Keasha Martindill, Kate Quick, Doris Gee, Mari Clark, Linda Asbury **Absent:** Anne Spanier, Dorothy Kerwin, Felice Zensius, JuelleAnn Boyer. **Other members attending:** Sally Faulhaber

**Call to Order** – Ruth Dixon-Mueller– 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** January 19, minutes and January 26, Program Planning minutes accepted and filed for audit.

**Treasurer's Report** -Accepted and filed for audit. Send in your budget requests. A motion was made by Linda Asbury and seconded by Ruth Dixon-Mueller to fund the scholarship event with a \$900 budget (to augment \$700 holdover from last year) for this year only.

**Committee Reports**

**Action** – Karen reported that the committee is regrouping after the fall election. 6- 7 individuals to work on the committee. Will decide on an agenda for the year. Contact Karen if interested. Areas to concentrate on are "Make It Fair" Prop 13, local campaigns, finance reform, lobby, state and local issues.

**Communications Committee** – Provided a handout. **Website** – Lisa Yap has done an outstanding job creating the new LWVA website; receiving support from Katie Cameron, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Marian Breitbart, Keasha Martindill, and Patty Young. Content from the old website is still being transferred to the new website and the celebratory launch is scheduled for March 1. The website menu also includes: Join the League, Donate LWVA, About Us, Voter Newsletter, LWVA eblasts, and contact information. NOTE: Portfolio chairs are responsible for providing content and updating the material in their bucket. The new website has four basic "buckets" to hold League information.

1. **LWV of Alameda** - Calendar, LWVA Documents, Book Club, First Friday Social, Just for Fun, Photo Gallery, Facebook
2. **Voter Information** - Voter Toolbox (Voter's Edge, Easy Voter Guide, Register to Vote, and Elected Officials), Pros & Cons, and Candidate & Issue Forums
3. **Advocacy** - Positions & Actions, and Vote with the League/Recommendations
4. **Public Outreach** - Programs (includes community forums) and MYPO

**Fundraising/MYPO**- Linda Asbury reported that the tickets have been mailed. Linda complimented the group on how well the committee responded and took ownership of their tasks. The event is to be held March 30, 2017, 5:30-7:30.

**Membership** – Doris Gee reported we continue to attract new members. We currently have 120 members. The next meet up is February 26, 2017. She continues to have tea and coffee events to meet the new members.

**Program/Forums** – Review the calendar for upcoming events. Patti Young reported that 150+ attended the Islam 102 event at the library co-sponsored with AAUW and The Friends of The Library. It was a good event and many postings resulted about the event. A de-briefing is to be held. A fall program is being planned to focus on immigration. On April 27, 2017 a forum will be held to discuss the Electoral College. The third week in May is "Affordable Housing Week" to be proclaimed by the city council. A LWV representative is requested to accept the proclamation at the city council meeting. In June a Healthcare Forum is to be held, chaired by Shubha Fanse.

**Youth Outreach** – Scholarship/Speech Contest to be held 04/22/17 at the College of Alameda, Building F., chaired by Alice Fried. Students are to submit videos for competition. College and high school students are working together on the event. Girls Inc. and Boys & Girls Club sent information for participation.

**Bay Area League Interleague Committee** – Sally Faulhaber reported on the meeting. Marian Breitbart accepted a nomination to represent the League on the Measure RR oversight committee group for the BART Board. They meet two times a year.

**Voter Service** – No report. **Voter's Edge** – No report. **Voter Outreach** – No report.

**Board Organizational Matters.** –

Reviewed the LWVA priority recommendations to LWVC.

A motion was made by Kate Quick and seconded by Marian Breibart to select our area of emphasis to be Proposition 13 reform, Make it Fair Initiative and Health Care: Single Payer Health System of California.

League interviews with state representatives. Nancy Skinner, Rob Bonta and Barbara Lee still to be scheduled.

**New Business, News, Announcements**

County board and commission openings (Wilma Chan)

LWV Bay Area looking for At-large members.

Electoral College Forum: 04/27/17

Piedmont League is sponsoring a film series at the Parkway

State Convention, June 2-4, 2017

Adjourned 8:50pm

Cynthia Silva, Secretary