

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

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

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

**Minutes:** February 16, 2017 minutes were accepted and filed for audit after corrections.

**Treasurer's Report** -Accepted and filed for audit.

**Committee Reports**

**Action** – Karen Butter submitted a written report. Committee will concentrate on “Make It Fair” Prop 13 reform and local campaign finance to track local campaign expenditures and contact City Clerk to improve database for 2018.

**Budget** - Adina Singer presented the FY 2017 Budget. (handout). Linda Asbury moved to accept, seconded by Doris Gee with noted corrections. MSP

**Communications** – The newly designed Website (Weebly platform) is up and running. Special thanks to Lisa Yap for managing the transition, with support from Communications team. The website has four basic “buckets” to hold updated League information.

1. **LWV of Alameda** - Calendar, 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.

PLEASE NOTE that Committee chairs and persons with special portfolios are responsible for providing content and updating the material in their bucket.

**Fundraising/MYPO**- Linda Asbury thanked the MYPO planning team for taking ownership of their tasks. Everything is on track for the event on Thursday March 30, 5:30-7:30 PM at Community Center of Harbor Bay Isle.

**Membership** – Doris Gee reported that the membership tea at Linda Garvin's on February 26 had 20 attendees. LWVA currently has 150 members. She continues to meet with new members.

**Program/Forums** – Patty Young reported that a fall program is being planned on immigration on September 27, 2017. On April 27, 2017 a forum will be held on the Popular Vote and the Electoral College. An Affordable Housing panel is scheduled for Wed. May 17, 1:30-3:30 at Independence Plaza, cosponsored with Alameda Home Team. In August a Healthcare Forum may be scheduled by Shubha Fanse's Health Care Committee.

**Youth Outreach** – Scholarship/Speech Contest to be held Sat. April 22 at the College of Alameda, Building F., chaired by Alice Fried. College and high school students are working together on the event.

**Board Nominations:** Dorie Guess Behrstock asked current office holders to review their job description on the website and send changes to her. Committee will present slate of nominations for 2-17-2018 at April board meeting.

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

**Board Organizational Matters. – Northern CA Debate for Chair of the CA Democratic Party:** The Alameda Democratic Club (CADC) has asked the LWVA to moderate the April 12 debate at the Elks Lodge. The event is the responsibility of the Alameda Democratic Club; LWVA will administer the debate component only. Kate Quick moved that LWVA accept their invitation according to the rules presented, seconded by Doris Gee. Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No. MSP

**Old Business:** Ruth Dixon-Mueller participated in the 45 minute interview with CA State Assemblyman Rob Bonta. **LWVC Convention June 2-4, 2017** Delegates are: Alice Fried, Kate Quick, Georgia Gates Derr, plus one other member.

**New Business, News, Announcements**

President Alice Fried to be honored at the Girls Inc., Luncheon

AAUW Book Event Cardinal Pt. 03/22/17, 7:00pm AAUW STEM Event at College of Alameda, 03/22/17, 3:30-6:00pm

Adjourned 8:55pm

Cynthia Silva, Secretary