

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA

February 18, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance: Marian Breitbart, Mari Clark, Georgia Gates Derr, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Alice Fried, Dorothy Kerwin, Keasha Martindill, Anne McKereghan, Kate Quick, Anne Spanier, Gayle Thomas,

Board Members Absent: Juelle-Ann Boyer, Shubha Fanse, Ted Frey, Robby Kiley, Deborah Wright, Lisa Yap

Other Member(s) in Attendance: Karen Butter, Sally Faulhaber

Call to Order – Anne Spanier– 7:02 p.m.

Minutes: January minutes accepted with correction and filed for audit.

Treasurer's Report accepted and filed for audit

Committee Reports

Programs – Gayle Thomas reported on the following upcoming events/programs.

March 16 - Human trafficking w/AAUW at College of Alameda (CoA)

March 31- MYPO (see report below);

April 7- A Better Bart with Robert Raburn and Claudia Burgos from AC Transit, sponsored by Gail Payne City of Alameda; Alameda Free Library 7-9pm. Emphasis on how Alameda works with broader transportation plan.

April 15 – Youth Debate and Scholarship (see report below)

May 12 (to be confirmed) – Community Forum for Primary, pending ROV final report on candidates. Probable location, Mastik Senior Center

Action – Karen Butter reported Make it Fair will not be on the November ballot as the Governor is focusing on the renewal of Prop 30 to secure school funding. Karen and Kate Quick reviewed Library position with a recommendation to remove verbiage around state funding as process is no longer provided by the State and removing diverse groups listed in parens as it was limited. *A motion was made seconded and unanimously carried that LWVA approves revision to Library statement dated 1991 as presented (see attached)*

Budget Report – Anne Spanier reported on behalf of Ted Frey. The committee requested clarification on additional budget costs relates to Pros and Cons. Requesting additional volunteers for committee to promote a succession plan. Kate Quick advised a review of the National Convention costs as the event will be in Washington DC this year.

Communications Committee – Georgia Derr reported eblasts continue to be released on the 1st and 15th of the month, Voter on the 1st Current challenge is aligning website, a new website is forthcoming from the League which will be easier to administer. If this new release does not work efficiently, committee may request to move to our own site which will cost approx \$100 a year.

Committee also presented a Draft Event Publicity Planning Form for chairs to use when organizing events/forums. Designed to streamline and improve support to committees

It was then brought to the board's attention our logo had been used in advertising of an upcoming film event "It Happened Here" at the CoA honoring Sexual Assault Awareness Month. *A motion was made seconded and unanimously carried that LWVA approve use of our logo in association with a film event at the College of Alameda*

Membership – Ruth Dixon-Mueller reported membership is down as we still have 29 members who have not renewed from 2015. Of those they anticipate 20 of those will likely renew. Membership at this time is 109

Voter Service – Dorothy Kerwin reported she and Juelle Ann attended Berkley meeting and were able to provide information on our Student Voter Registration Committee.

Assistant ROV met with LWV chapters to share plans for election year including visibility of LWV in our communities. Collecting cell phone numbers to text reminders about voting was suggested. Karen Butler recommended checking with CoA to confirm we may collect cell phone numbers from students as it may have FIRPA implications. Twitter may be an alternative if it is not feasible to text.

Investigating setting up voter registration table on CoA campus on a regular basis, i.e. 1st Thursdays.

Board Organizational Matters

MYPO – Ruth Dixon-Mueller reported committee continues to meet regularly and the event is on target with ticket sales already coming in, officials responding, etc. Volunteer training is scheduled and final email blast of requested support will be sent 1 week prior to event.

Convention Registration and Delegates - Anne Spanier informed board we may have 3 voting members attend based on membership level on Jan 30. LWVA has submitted a request to set up a table providing information on our Debate program and Student Outreach. Diablo Valley has suggested possible group rates if flights are coordinated, Alice Fried will follow up.

Report on Consensus for MIP and Program Planning - Anne Spanier reported reports were submitted to National

Report from Nominating Committee – Ruth Dixon-Mueller reported the nominating committee has met and is on schedule to present a slate at the March board meeting. The officers have been, in need of Budget and Fundraising Chair

Youth Scholarship Program – Alice Fried reported the rollout will occur on March 17 at CoA in building F during our March board meeting. 2 coaches have been selected and the topics will be Resolve whether US should absolve the Electoral College and Resolved Photo ID Should not be required for Voting. Eight participants have enrolled and will earn 1 college credit for their participation on April 15.

Adopt-a-Poll – Alameda County Registrar of Voters is offering a fundraising program which will allow organizations to promote their organizations while earning up to \$1,000 for participation.

LWVBA - Sally Faulhaber attended the Bay Area League Day social equity/ social justice through transportation and housing including cost of commuting and reduction in revenues from the pump were discussed. Videos will be available and suggested we add links to our website.

February meeting covered Measure AAA parcel tax to fund tidal marsh restoration and flood protection projects in the SF Bay. This the first regional tax of it's kind. LWVBA voted to endorse the Measure without high priority as LWV was not consulted in development of the Measure and because the entities that will perform the projects are bring the Measure forward.

LWVBA also discussed the possible ABAG and MTC merger, Sally will provide further information in a piece for the Voter.

LWVBA has also requested local chapters forward

Legislative Interviews – Anne Spanier reported chapters will interview their local Assembly representative this year. Georgia Derr or Kate Quick will attend as LWVA participants in the process. Reports due Mar 28.

ACC– Alice Fried reported the Bay Area League convention is on May 7 at the College of San Mateo. Voters Edge training March 9th. Juelle Ann and possible Patty Young will attend on behalf of LWVA. Bay Area Program planning meeting is Feb 20 at the Oakland Marriot.

Ongoing Business

Book Group February 22 Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali – Anne Spanier

First Friday night Jeff Cambra new host. Next event March 4 at Cera Una Volta

New Business

Letter from Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft on Rent Issues in Alameda

LWVC announced its support of Prop 50, Constitutional Amendment for Suspension of Legislators.

Request to chairs to forward electronic copies to Secretary of any reports prepared for Board

Adjourn 8:50