

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ALAMEDA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2019
PASTA PELICAN RESTAURANT

Guest Speaker: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda

Call to Order: 12:50 pm LWVA president Georgia Gates Derr

Credentials Report: Doris Gee reported there were 38 eligible voting members present, meeting the quorum requirement of 21 voting members.

Parliamentarian: Sally Faulhaber was introduced as the Parliamentarian.

Adoption – Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting: A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the Order of Business and Rules of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2018 Annual Meeting. Kate Quick, Ken Werner and Dorothy Kerwin volunteered to review the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes.

Introduction of LWVA Presidents and Guests: Past Presidents Lena Tam, Karen Butter, Lynne Groh and Kate Quick introduced themselves. Georgia noted the recent passing of Joan Narahara.

Treasurer's Report: Adina Singer presented the report for the first nine months of 2019-2020 as contained in the Annual Meeting Kit. The balance sheet as of March 31, 2019 shows a general fund balance of \$30,817.14 (up \$2,965.12 from the same time last year) and a certificate of deposit of \$10,108.61. The report will be placed on file.

Presentation of 2018-2019 Budget Report: Adina Singer presented the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget, with minor changes as shown on the addendum distributed to attendees. She noted that the Operating Income/loss shown on the addendum should show a projected loss (not gain) of \$12,151. This is double the loss projected for the previous fiscal year (although there was, in fact, a gain).

Approval of Budget: Following the presentation and discussion of the recommended program for 2019-2020 (see below), a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the 2019-2020 Budget as presented. It will be placed on file.

President's Message: Georgia Gates Derr congratulated LWVA's talented volunteers for their teamwork and listed the many events and activities sponsored by LWVA over the past year. Noting that this meeting marks the end of her two-year term, Susan Hauser thanked Georgia for her good humor and her passionate commitment to the League and to Making Democracy Work. She will be missed.

Recommended Program: Action co-chairs Karen Butter and Felice Zensius directed members to the recommended program for 2019-2020 in the Annual Meeting kit. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the program as follows:

Local:

- Retain all existing Local positions
- No new study or update study for 2019-2020
- Adopt as Issues for Emphasis for 2019-2020:
 - Schools and Communities First
 - Campaign Finance Reporting
 - Civics Education and Voter Registration in High Schools

- Transparency and Good Government

State: Making Democracy Work in California, Environment/Natural Resources, Health Care, and Tax Reform

National: Campaign for Making Democracy Work with four priority areas: Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Redistricting

Nominating Committee: Anne McKereghan presented the slate of board members nominated for 2019-2020 as listed in the addendum to the Annual Meeting Kit. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to elect the slate as presented.

Officers elected at the Annual Meeting:

President	Susan Hauser
Administration VP	Anne McKereghan
Program VP	William (Bill) Smith
Membership VP	Doris Gee
Secretary	Ruth Dixon-Mueller
Treasurer	Adina Singer

Directors elected at the Annual Meeting:

Action chair	Karen Butter
Communications chair	Keasha Martindill
Fundraising chair	Paul Lindstrom
Voter Service co-chair	Ken Werner
Youth Outreach chair	Laura Kinley
Bay Area League Liaison	Sally Faulhaber
Bay Area League Liaison	Kate Quick
Member at large	Anna Crane

Nominating Committee for 2020 elected at the Annual Meeting (two board members to be appointed by the incoming Board of Directors) Dorie Guess Behrstock, Cynthia Silva. The third position remains open.

Directions to the Board:

Several members urged the Board to consider additional methods of raising money, including possible dues increases, grants, requests to individual members, and a fundraising workshop

Announcements:

- Susan Hauser reported on the State League Convention. Susan, Laura Kinley and Alice Fried attended as delegates. Our League won two of the ten presentation slots for local projects, for Allan Mann's work on campaign finance charts and Alice's work with the Youth Speech Contest.
- Ken Werner noted that we have new voter registration affidavits. He is seeking volunteers to distribute affidavits to Alameda locales and to be trained in the use of the new forms.
- Anne McKereghan announced that First Friday dinners in Sept., Oct. and Nov. will be at Spin Pizza.
- Laura Kinley reported that she is looking for funders, consultants and an advisory committee to work with her on the Civics Challenge quiz project with high school students planned for next year.
- Karen Butter reminded members of the City Charter review for community members on June 26th and 27th in which volunteers from the League will be facilitating discussions of the six topics.

Adjournment 2:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Recording Secretary