

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting Online via Zoom

Board members present: Anne McKereghan, presiding; Ashley Lorden, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Doris Gee, Jeff Cambra, Irene Dieter, Ken Werner, Susan Hauser, Linda Bytof, Carol Kasparek, Red Lustig. **Other members present:** Ruth Dixon-Mueller, William Smith, Dorothy Kerwin.

Call to order: Anne McKereghan called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Anna moved, Keasha seconded, and we approved to accept the consent agenda.

President's Report: Now that in-person events are starting to resume, let's strive to table at events and increase our visibility in Alameda. We can also try other innovative ways to promote our events, since our recent programs were lightly attended. Looking forward to our upcoming forums.

DEI Moment: We discussed resourcing and socioeconomic diversity at Alameda public and private schools. How to avoid labels of "good" and "bad" schools and support every student getting a high-quality education at institutions with family involvement and support?

Proposed Budget: We haven't heard any concerns about our proposed budget for the next FY. In developing it, we aimed to create a budget that allows room for committees to take actions to advance our mission – without having to ask the Board for permission if the plan changes somewhat throughout the year. We are still open to using the current FY surplus to support mission-aligned efforts outside of our jurisdiction, such as voter enfranchisement in Florida and other areas, but have not identified a definitive plan. Jeff moved and Linda seconded approving the budget as presented.

Nominating Committee Report: We have volunteers for all positions except for VP Admin. Anna moved and we approved to accept the slate as presented. We will continue to look for a member for the Administration role before the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting: Restaurants that we have used in the past have increased pricing significantly to host and cater our meeting in person. We have consensus that we'd like to meet in person but need to avoid an expensive fee for members wishing to attend. Jeff will reach out to the Al Fresco Dining Park on Webster Street for availability. We do not currently have a guest speaker; reach out to Anne if you have ideas. Keasha is putting together the packet and requests all reports by May 3.

Selection of Delegates: The National Convention will be held in person in Denver or online; Sheila and Anne are planning to attend and are seeking another volunteer. Additionally, the Bay Area Convention will be held online; Ashley, Anna, and Anne will represent us.

Action Committee Report: AUSD Measure B pros/cons and LWVA support drafts are proposed for our review. The Board requests more of our own analysis added in both documents, and that we make a direct effort to contact the measure's opponents to capture their views in the pros/cons. Karen will share final drafts of both documents for the Board's review soon. Ashley moved and we approved to support AUSD Measure B. We tabled for RCV at 2 events recently and received strong support from all those we talked to, and impatience to get RCV on the ballot! We made a presentation to the Kiwanis Club which also showed support. We have lined up two other presentations for other non-profit organizations.

VerifyIt Updates: We have a new teacher-centric version of VerifyIt to support classroom use. We've been asked to participate in Law Month activities in Alameda sponsored by the court, and have joined the Alameda Civics Learning Collaborative. The Defenders of Democracy Against Disorganization 501(c)4 organization may be a good partner to help us identify current news articles, but is a political group so we'd like to determine whether a partnership would be acceptable, and will discuss at our next meeting.

Alameda Fourth of July Parade: Susan has offered to register an entry for us and find a car to use. Irene is planning to bring an RCV banner.

Good of the Order: There's a possibility to host a program on how being a Sister City with other cities works. The Board agrees that we're interested in this subject.

Anne adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.