

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, May 20, 2020

Virtual Meeting Online via RingCentral

Board members present (logged on): Susan Hauser, presiding; Anne McKereghan, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, William Smith, Karen Butter, Anna Crane, Laura Kinley, Ken Werner, Doris Gee, Sheila Durkin, Sally Faulhaber, Kate Quick. **Not present:** Keasha Martindill. **Other members present:** Ashley Lorden, Cynthia Silva. **Visitors:** Lianne Campodonico, LWV coach.

Call to order: Susan Hauser called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Consent agenda: Motion was made, seconded, approved to accept the May 20 agenda and the minutes of the April 16 Board meeting.

President's report:

1. The LWV **Alameda County Council** (ACC) is investigating whether votes at virtual meetings need to be unanimous for motions to be approved, as is the case with votes by email.
2. Virtual **First Friday** social and practice session for how to negotiate RingCentral scheduled for Friday June 5 needs to be posted on the June 1 eBlast.
3. ACC is looking for a County coordinator for the **Voters Edge** website. Notify Susan if interested. This is in addition to a Voters Edge volunteer for LWVA to work with Ashley Lorden.
4. **LWVA fall election forums** with candidates and ballot measure pros and cons will be virtual. Susan will share guidelines with the Board on how to conduct these. The Oakland League's forum organizer will coordinate with Barbara Price on which candidates and issues each of us sponsors.
5. The **Alameda County Census** organizers need phone callers to contact people who have not sent in their forms; deadline has been extended. Contact <https://www.acgov.org/census2020/>
6. **LWV national convention** in June 25-27 will be virtual; Sheila and Anne are LWVA's delegates. Registration is \$50 for delegates. Motion was made, seconded, approved to reimburse members who wish to participate up to a total cost of \$1,500.00. Announcement to be placed in June 1st and 15th eBlast. Register at <https://www.lwv.org/2020convention>
7. Lianne Campodonico described the role of **LWV "coaches"** who work with local Leagues on organizational issues, training, League history and policies, etc. Anyone interested in coaching, please contact LianneCampodonico@gmail.com for more information.
8. The **Alameda Sun** needs subscriptions, ad revenue and donations to keep going as Alameda's only local newspaper. We depend on the Sun to publish our ads, letters and commentaries. We could urge members to subscribe and/or donate in our eBlasts.

The Board recommended (no vote taken) that LWVA take a monthly display ad for June through November to advertise our existence and our mission, projects, and events. Themes could include "We're still here: Join us!" (June, before Annual Meeting); July 4th (photo of our banner? Reminder of census?; Women's Equality Day Aug. 26; Sept. Register for a mailed ballot; Oct. forums, etc. Laura, Bill and Ruth volunteered to work with Keasha to design the ads.

Committee reports (brief notes, since written reports were not submitted due to slowdown)

Action: Councilmember John Knox White would like to set up monthly meetings with the League to exchange ideas about revisions in the City Charter. Contact Karen if you wish to participate.

Bay Area League: A slate of candidates for ten positions for the 2020-21 fiscal year will be presented next week.

Centennial: Sheila will ask the City to rehang our Centennial banners on Park and Webster Streets in August or September. The historic house tour in which we planned to participate will probably not take place.

Voter Service: Ken announced that National Voter Registration Day will be holding a Webinar on Navigating the New Urgency and Tactics Around Voter Registration, Fri. May 22, 11am-Noon.

Youth Outreach: Laura's team is working on the software for the online Civics Challenge quiz.

Virtual meeting adjourned 8:20 PM
Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Secretary