

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
March 15, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members attending: Marian Breitbart, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Cynthia Silva, Doris Gee, Keasha Martindill, Felice Zensius, Kate Quick, Georgia Gates Derr, Ken Werner, Sally Faulhaber, Michele Ellson **Absent:** Juelle-Ann Boyer, Doug Neu, Karen Butter, **Other members attending:** Mari Clark, Adina Singer, Ann Spanier.

Call to Order – By president Georgia Gates Derr– 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: February 15, 2018 Board Minutes accepted and filed with the following changes: Ken Werner and Georgia Gates Derr will attend the national convention; additional delegates encouraged. Youth Outreach: delete sentence on student credits.

Treasurer's Report -Accepted and filed for audit. (Handout)

Schools and Communities First - Georgia Gates Derr provided an update and training on the measure plus handouts and petitions for collecting signatures on the ballot measure.

Administrative Update/Calendar – Georgia Gates-Derr –LWVA Program Planning at Annual Meeting – member's recommendations are due April 23, 2018. National Convention, June 28-July 2018 in Chicago.

Action – Felice Zensius – reviewed status of Alameda Fire Chief hiring investigation and state ballot measures with LWVC positions for the June 5, 2018 ballot.

Budget - Adina Singer - presented the draft budget for 2018-2019. (Handout) Draft will be revised to reflect additional costs of election year forums. Budget to be approved at April Board meeting for forwarding to Annual Meeting in June.

Communications Committee – Keasha Martindill - A videographer is prepared to start filming our forums and events. Candidates and panelists will be asked to sign a form that no one has the right to the LWVA recordings. They cannot use the recordings for their private use and advertisement. New committee volunteers will assist with the website. Please continue to give the committee ideas.

National Convention – June 28-July 1, 2018 – Ken Werner, Keasha Martindill, Kate Quick and Georgia Gates Derr will be attending the convention. Others are encouraged to attend.

Fundraising (MYPO) – Date change to April 5, 2018 5:30-7:30pm at the Elk's Building. The ads are all out and event will be posted on Facebook. We have a full slate of 15 community leaders signed up to speed date. Georgia's letter will be published in The Sun. Raffle & auction items are being gathered. Event will be catered. Ticket sales \$1,500 so far, from 30 LWVA households & individuals.

Membership – Doris Gee - We currently have 146 members. A new membership packet has been developed to mail to all new members. Committee is working on retention and renewals. LWVUS announced a suspension of PMPs for student members until Jan. 31, 2021. There are 682 student members nationally, 1.4% of membership. Two coffees are scheduled in March at Peet's.

Nominations Committee – The Board nomination slate is full. One more member is needed for the 2018-19 nominating committee.

Program/Forums – Michele Ellson –is planning a Housing Forum for June with Janet Basta of Alameda Housing Authority. She would also like to organize a forum on Election Integrity for Fall 2018, depending on number and timing of our election forums.

Voter Service – Ken Werner and Juelle-Ann Boyer (report) – An inventory of outstanding affidavits was made. We need our own URL for the registered voter's credits. Juelle–Ann and Ken are meeting monthly. Election forum dates will be April 26, May 3, 10 and 17, 2018. Ken asked permission to purchase voting buttons; will check with the Oakland LWV for their button inventory. A motion was made to purchase an order of buttons up to \$125. (1st) Felice Zensius and (2nd) Doris Gee, MSP. Upcoming registration events: Earth Day on April 21 at Washington Park, and East Bay Gay Men's Chorus on April 15 at First Congregational Church.

Youth Outreach – Report from Alice Fried – Third annual Scholarship Speech Contest will be held on April 13, 2018, 5:00-6:30pm. The awards will be for \$1000 and \$500. **Ann Spanier** provided an update on the voter education of the students and the voter registration program in the schools.

Political and Proud - Georgia Gates Derr – LWVA participated in the event on February 21, 2018 at Encinal High School. The school provided 10 laptops for the students and other attendees to use for on line voter registration.

New Business, News, Announcements

Alameda County Council (ACC) update from Georgia; watch for Bay Area League recommendation on Regional Ballot Measure 3 (ABAG bridge tolls); LWVA to coordinate with LWVOakland on candidates' forums, especially Rob Bonta. LWVA will advertise but not co-sponsor the Making a Killing Film on April 4, 2018
LWVA Annual Meeting and luncheon Sat. June 23, 2018 at Otaz

Adjourned 9:05pm
Cynthia Silva, Secretary