

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
November 17, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members attending: Marian Breitbart, Georgia Gates Derr, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Patricia Young, Cynthia Silva, Karen Butter, Keasha Martindill, Felice Zensius, Dorothy Kerwin, Kate Quick **Absent:** JuelleAnn Boyer, Lisa Yap, Alice Fried, Doris Gee, Mari Clark, Lisa Yap

Other members attending: Katie Cameron, Maria Dominguez, Kimberly Foster Rogers

Call to Order – Ruth Dixon-Mueller– 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: October minutes accepted and filed for audit.

Treasurer’s Report -Accepted and filed for audit. Motion approved: Marian to send \$250 to LWVC in response to request for support for June Convention.

Discussion of Election Results: Election outcome: Strong interest in addressing Electoral College as a California/national League priority; discussion of national League position (distributed the following day). Kate will talk to Chris Carson (national chair). Anne, Kate, Karen and Felice will collect info & organize forum for April 2017. Rachel Bernhard post-election talk November 19. Women’s March, Sat. Jan. 21, DC, also in Oakland, SF and San Jose. LWVA may participate as a group; Georgia willing to make contacts and coordinate.

Committee Reports

Communications - Keasha presented proposal for converting our Website platform to Weebly, more flexible and user-friendly. Lisa Yap with support of Georgia, Keasha, Patty. State League not forthcoming with LEW updates. Costs discussed. Motion approved; Lisa and team to convert by end of January.

Membership – We’re at 164 members; Doris and team will organize renewal kit and mail requests early December. We have a new membership brochure, redesigned by Doris’s daughter Denise.

Action - Karen, Felice and JuelleAnn may review money and politics in November Alameda election (candidates and measures) and evaluate the reporting.

Voter Service – Community response was great. Survey submitted on forum attendance.

Voter’s Edge – The site is continually being updated as information is received on the candidates and measures.

Youth Outreach – Maria working with committee on LWVA speech contest Sat. April 22 in collaboration with College of Alameda. Topic: Should the voting age be reduced to 16?

Programs - Patty reported Presidential Inauguration event Jan. 20th (LWVA co-sponsor with Friends of Library); American Muslims Dialogue Feb. 23 (co-sponsored with AAUW, Friends of Library); Affordable Housing Forum in May 17 (with Alameda Housing Authority, Alameda Home Team); Women’s Equality Day Aug. 26 (film “Equal means equal?”). Health care forum likely in June. LWVA general meeting Jan 26; MYPO March 30; Student speech contest April 22, Georgia to make sure website calendar is updated.

Board Organizational Matters. – Nominating committee to meet 11/21/16. Election to Board: By acclamation, Kate Quick and Anne Spanier (at large) and Linda Asbury, fundraising chair.

MYPO- Fundraising (Linda) will meet Dec. 12 on MYPO, Holiday party: Sunday Dec. 11th, 5 PM at Shubha’s. Health Care (Shubha) will meet in March to plan June program, Membership meeting Jan. 26: annual review of League positions (State in 2017). . Kiwanis chili cook-off Jan. 28: Gayle proposed that LWVA participate; motion for LWVA to put up \$50 entry fee passed with several dissenting.

New Business - None

Adjourned 9:15pm

Cynthia Silva, Secretary