

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Call to Order** – Alice Fried– 7:07 p.m.

**Minutes:** August minutes accepted and filed for audit.

**Treasurer’s Report** accepted and filed for audit.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications Committee** – Georgia Gates Derr reported that local & state pros and cons on ballot measures are being added to the website, along with League recommendations. E-Blast and Facebook are receiving good responses.

Patty Young conducted a workshop on Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Library for League members on Work in Process folder documents and the dropbox, with good turnout. Future workshops will be held for more training to help develop our organization.

Maria Dominguez has volunteered to take charge of our Twitter account, to coordinate with Patty.

**The Voter** will be published every two months rather than monthly, beginning Sep.-Oct. and Nov-Dec 2016.

**Membership** – Doris Gee holds coffee orientations for new members and encourages current members to attend. We have over 150 members. Please send potential names for membership to Doris. She is hosting a new member’s tea on September 29.

**Budget** – Researching the need for a PA system in the future. Possible expenditure.

**Voter Service** – Dorothy Kerwin reported that we will hold five forums this year on Sept. 19, 29, Oct. 5, 13 and 17. Dorothy is contacting the candidates for all open seats. She needs volunteers for the forums. 1800 Easy Voter Guides have been ordered for distribution to 40 sites after October 1. Volunteers needed to distribute Easy Voter Guides and registration affidavits (contract with ROV). Doris was asked to find volunteers for this task.

**National Voter Registration Day** - Maria Dominguez to chair event on Sept. 27 at the Library; needs volunteers for the day.

**Voter’s Edge** – JuelleAnn Boyer is managing the information on local candidates. New state/county/local posts added daily.

**Action** – Georgia Gates Derr reported for Karen Butter and Felice Zensius about the Pros/Cons status. 10 members met to prepare the reports, with lots of discussion. Supporting B1 and K1 report to be edited and added to the website. “Supporting statements” to be replaced with the “LWVA Recommends.” We are to emphasize the difference between voter education and advocacy; when speaking/presenting information to the public.

**Program VP** – Patty Young is considering topics and venues for the forums to begin Jan. 2017. The Veteran’s Building is one possibility; another the Yacht Club. Harbor Bay Community Center is booked for the five pre-election forums. Patty is seeking assistants, organizers, social media contacts, and “event elves.” LWVA will cohost a TV-watching event with the Friends of the Library on Inauguration Day in January.

**Board Organizational Matters.**

**LWVA Bylaws** have been revised as per instructions from National League to reduce membership age to 16 from 18 and remove the citizenship requirement. Board approval not needed. The new language will go onto the website. Changes: Article III Membership Sections 3. Local League Members are at least 16 years of age.

**New Committee Chairs:** Joel Saldinger – Budget Committee; Fundraising – Linda Asbury; Youth Outreach - Maria Dominguez.

**Youth Outreach:** Alice Fried noted that the committee is working on the debate event at the College of Alameda to be held in the spring. More schools are interested. Debate topics needed. Students will write a paper to decide eligibility for teams. This will create good communication between high schools and the COA; credit is given on both sides. LWVA membership is free to students.

**LWVA’s Executive Committee** consists of President(s) and VP of Administration, Programs, Membership, if/when needed.

**Committee Goals and Volunteer Requests** for 2016-2017: these one-page reports need to be created or updated; some have been received. Send to Doris and Ruth for preparation of packets for new newmembers. They will be posted on the website.

**Announcement:** Toastmasters meeting to be held at the hospital on Friday and 6:30pm. Mari Clark.

**New Business - None**

Adjourned 8:40pm

Cynthia Silva, Secretary