

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA
September 20, 2018 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Location: Alameda Hospital, 2070 Clinton, Conference Room C

Board Members attending: Presiding Officer Georgia Gates Derr, Karen Butter, Mari Clark, Michele Ellson, Sally Faulhaber, Doris Gee, Susan Hauser, Kate Quick, Adina Singer, Ken Werner. Ten of 14 Board Members; a quorum was present. **Others attending:** Marian Breitbart, Ruth Dixon-Mueller.

Call to Order: Georgia called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Minutes of the May 18, 2018 Board meeting were accepted and filed with changes. Minutes of the August 4, 2018 Retreat were accepted and filed with no changes.

Treasurer's Report was accepted. Adina Singer pointed out that the correct Per Member Payment (PMP) number is 90. The LWVUS and LWVC each had incorrect numbers, which have been corrected.

Committee Reports

Action Committee: Georgia noted that people are waiting expectantly for recommendations from LWVA on local measures. According to Management Training Advisor Lianne Campodonico, "No Position" means that the League has no Position on the issue so the Board cannot take a stand. "Neutral" means that the League has a Position, but there is no consensus among the Board. If the League has a Position and there is consensus, the Board can Oppose or Support a measure. The Board collectively read "How to Evaluate Ballot Propositions" on the LWVC Pros and Cons handout

Measure K: Co-Chair Karen Butter reported that the Committee recommended that the Board take No Position because LWVC has no position on rent control. Board members noted that Measure K is really about the alteration of the City Charter, which based on the principles of government should not include provisions which: 1) inhibit flexibility of governmental action to meet changing conditions, and 2) contain highly detailed provisions of administration and procedure. In addition, Measure K may conflict with the Repeal Costa Hawkins if Proposition 10 passes. Motion to Oppose Measure K was moved, seconded, and passed 8-1.

Measure F: The Action Committee was divided evenly between support and remaining neutral. On one side, the City clearly needs additional sources of revenue. On the other side, sales tax is regressive; there is no Sunset provision; and additional funding may not be needed if a statewide ballot measure, *School and Communities First* passes in 2020. Motion to remain Neutral on Measure F was moved, seconded, and passed 6-3.

Alameda Campaign Finance Review: Karen asked the Board for agreement to move forward on Allan Mann's graphics project. Motion to post currently available data (the July financials) on our website and on e-blasts and to post and publicize subsequent reports later was moved, seconded, and passed 8-1.

Measure FF: Georgia reported that the Bay Area League supports this motion and that we must comply.

Measures E and G: The Board will be asked to vote via email on these measures.

Communications Committee: Georgia reported on behalf of Keasha Martindill with a reminder that e-blasts are sent out on the first and the fifteenth of each month and that information is due at least five days in advance.

Membership Committee: Doris Gee reported that an informational open house for newcomers and prospects is scheduled for October 7. Membership literature will be available at all Election Forums. Candidates for local office have been invited to join the League.

Programs-Forums: Michele Ellson reported that the venues for the four fall Election Forums have been booked and paid for, volunteers recruited, and checklists reviewed.

Voter Service: Co-Chair Ken Werner has organized three voter registration setups on National Voter Registration Day (September 25): Farmers' Market, Alameda Point Collaborative, and Alameda Free Library.

Youth Outreach: Georgia read the report sent by Alice Fried. For the Spring 2019 Tournament two possible speech topics are under consideration: 1) “What would motivate young people to vote?” and 2) “How does a free press affect democracy?” The Board favored the first choice by 8 to 3. Currently the scholarship for the first place winner is \$1,000 and the second place winner is \$500. Kate Quick suggested that LWVA members could raise additional money by offering a matching contribution.

New Business:

The Board unanimously accepted the recommended revised LWVA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy, and LWVA Mission Statement. This brings the local League in closer alignment with LWVUS.

- **LWVA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy:** The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA), in both its values and practices, is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWVA on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military status, national origin or disability. The LWVA affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of the City of Alameda in its members, board, and programs. The LWVA recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization’s mission in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.
- **LWVA Mission Statement:** The League of Women Voters Alameda encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters works to register voters, provide voters with election information through voter guides as well as candidate forums and debates.

Announcements:

Susan Hauser reported that the League will co-sponsor a screening of the film “Dark Money” on February 13, 2019. The co-sponsors are AAUW and Friends of the Alameda Free Library.

The Alameda Hospital will not be able to accommodate our Board meetings; suggestions for alternate locations are requested.

Cordially submitted,
Mari Clark, Secretary