

Minutes
Annual Meeting
June 14, 2014

The meeting was held at Acacia Creek in Union City with Breakfast followed by our speaker Dr. James Morris, Superintendent, Fremont Unified School District , introduced by Lara Calvert-York. John Smith held a short live.

Carolyn Hedgecock called the meeting to order.

The parliamentarian was Alex Starr. Andrea Schacter and Marilyn Singer were appointed to the Minutes review committee. Twenty-six members were present which was more that the 17 members or 15% of the membership needed. Affirmed by Sets Amann.

Jean Holmes moved to adopt the rules of the day as published; there were no objections.

The Order of Business was accepted as printed.

Sam Neeman gave the President's report. Sam & Carolyn thanked the Board and Membership for their hard work and generosity over the past year. Extra recognition was given to Marilyn Singer and Peter Starr for service given. Sam noted that in addition to the President's report sent with the Call to Annual Meeting we had few "firsts" for our League we:

- collaborated with the Northern California Islamic Council and sponsored a Workshop Featuring Kim Klein discussing a fair and just tax policy,
- sponsored Primary Candidate Forums which for the first time were coordinated with 2 other Leagues; they were all well attended and videoed. There were over 630 hits on the YouTube videos of these forums extending their reach even further, and
- experimented with Friday Night Movies to add a social side to our League.

Kathy Bray informed us of the just concluded National Convention. She thanked the Board for the opportunity, and will write a report for all to see. She reported the National Convention delegates adopted a LWV US Board recommended program : a comprehensive three-part program combining study and review of key, specific structures of American democracy, consisting of:

- 1.) A study of the process of amending the U.S. Constitution, including constitutional conventions;
- 2.) A review and update of the League position on campaign finance in light of forty years of change since the Watergate reforms, in order to enhance member understanding of the new schemes and structures used to influence elections and erode protections against corruption in our political process, and to review possible responses to counter them in the current environment of rapid change; and

3.) A review of the redistricting process for the U.S. Congress, through the existing redistricting task force, for the purpose of developing action steps, She further reported there was a concurrence with several State Leagues position on Human Trafficking .

Peter Starr gave the treasurer's report and the proposed budget. The 2014-15 budget was unanimously adopted.

Jean Holmes moved that we adopt our local and regional positions as written in our Membership Handbook. The positions were adopted.

Gail Blalock, our Nominating Committee Chair, read the report of the nominating committee and encouraged people to nominate someone for the open positions. Ann Crosbie was nominated to the Director-Social Media position and Evelyn LaTorre was nominated to a Director at Large position for 2014-2015; Both accepted.

Advice to the Board :

1. sponsor a program on anti-bullying in the schools.
2. Friday night movies contain a political theme
3. collaborate with other organizations

After the meeting concluded Dr. Morris drew raffle tickets for a dozen gift bags donated by the Board and local businesses.

Gail Blalock won drawing for the free membership for 2015-16