

LWVFNUC Annual Meeting Minutes- June 10, 2017

The meeting was convened at 9 AM by co-president Pauline Weaver, and we were then welcomed to the Dominican Convent facilities by Sister Rosemarie Hennessey who pointed out the Alzheimer Daycare Facility and the School of Music.

Anu Natarajan then introduced speaker CA Senator Bob Wieckowski and members Sue Lemke and Pauline Weaver who posed questions to him. Some points of his presentation:

- “To live is to struggle”, and he is doing that.
- He has developed an evolving “tool kit” of areas of expertise that he uses
- Cap and Trade (SB 775) now provides 18% of our greenhouse gas reductions and will increasingly raise the price on polluters
- Our Paris climate change stance is “embarrassing”, but CA is going to work hard to be a global role model
- Education emphasis should be on Prop 13 and split roll changes
- Focus on Income equality with an emphasis on raising the minimum wage, tax credits, legal aid and garnisheeing wages.
- Cities need to get creative about “granny units”.
- Roads and transportation needs are three times more expensive than the money allocated.
- Free speech in HoA’s is a civic right.

The meeting conducted by co-president Syeda Imandar followed at 10:30- 11:30:

1. Call to Order, introduction of Parliamentarian, and Minute Approval Committee (Kathy Bray, Carolyn Hedgecock and Kathy Steel-Sabo) were completed.
2. Evelyn La Torre reported that we have 116 members and a quorum of 36 members were in attendance,
3. We adopted the Rules of the Day and the Order of Business.
4. Pauline Weaver gave the Presidents’ Report:
The Board Retreat was held and plans for the year were formulated; the election activities included 8 forums (300 attendees), 1 regional event and 8 pro/con presentation, 258 Voter affidavits passed out at BART, a joint meeting at the AC Library on Fair Political Practices, 53,000 households received VIB books, YouTube videos of election events reached many and 25% of our membership helped with election events.
Programs were varied: Green Belt Alliance, Federal Election Information, Fremont District Elections, Larry Gersten, Moderator Training and an Immigration Event.
5. Bylaws changes from National were passed that will increase civic engagement by allowing 16 year old and non-citizen members. Scholarships are available for student members.
6. The Treasurer’s Report (Peter Starr) and the 2017-2018 budget were passed. The new budget uses figures from increasing the dues to \$70 member/\$100 per household. Student dues will remain \$30.
7. Adoption of Programs:
We re-adopted local and regional programs and LWVUS emphasis on Campaign Finance Reform and Gun Violence Prevention; LWVC emphasis issues are Health Care (Single

Payer and Mental Health); Electoral College; Housing including transportation and Prop 13; Vote by Mail; and Civic Literacy.

8. Andrea Schacter, chair of the Nominating Committee introduced the slate of new Board Members: Syeda Inamdar, Sets Amann, Mary Miller, Evelyn LaTorre, Alex Starr, Kathy Bray, Sam Neeman, Shirley Gilbert, Judy Chong, Andrea Schacter and Jo Szeto. Andrea Schacter, Kathy Steel-Sabo and Evelyn La Torre will serve on the Nominating Committee.
9. Advice to the Board was to pursue the subject of “Granny Units” with our three cities.
10. The winner of the gift membership was long-time member, Joanne Landers. Congratulations!
11. Adjournment was at 11:30

Minute taker, Marilyn Singer