

Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark, and Union City  
Casa Robles Restaurant, Fremont  
June 16, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 1:59 PM by Miriam Keller.

A motion to adopt the rule of the day was passed. (Jane Mueller/SyedaYunus)

Vivian Robinson was appointed as Parleментарian. Carolyn Hedgecock and Susan Gearhart were appointed to review the minutes.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** there are 130 members. A quorum was present at the annual meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Pam Garcia resigned as Treasurer at the end of March. Peter Starr is currently serving as Treasurer. A report of revenue and expenses for 11 months ended May 31, 2007 was reviewed. Most revenues are from donations and fundraisers. E-Scrip usage has decreased this year-- Judy Keller will follow up by putting Guidelines for e-scrip signup in the Voter. Revenues from special projects are not necessarily reoccurring (e.g. Special Project revenues from this fiscal year are primarily from the Sikh Elections and from the Candidate Information Booklet.) We are currently running a deficit. We have placed \$20,000 in a CD at 5% interest.

The budget for 2007-2008 was reviewed. In the coming year \$6400 will b needed to balance the budget-- fundraising will be crucial to meet this goal.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Convention Report:**

MK attended the HOA Workshop that preceded the convention. She will share the HOA materials with the HOA committee.

Smart Voter Sign-ups: 25 California counties, several Ohio Counties, and New York State have signed on to Smart Voter. Pennsylvania is about to sign. (Government agencies pay a fee to Smart Voter when they sign up). Other states are interested but have not signed up because the fee or the need for volunteers is prohibitive.

Smart Voter sent a thank you note to acknowledge our donation of \$400.

Fifty-three out of seventy-one leagues attended the convention. About one hundred and eighty delegates were present. All present LWVC positions were maintained. The following changes were proposed and adopted:

In the Energy position Energy 2a was changed to "reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and 2f was added- protection of public health and safety.

No new studies or updates were presented.

Three top-weighted issues for advocacy and education were recommended by the State Board and approved by the Convention as priorities for the coming year: healthcare, education, and redistricting (a change was made to the position in brief to recommend an independent commission, not a bi-partisan commission chosen by the Legislature.)

State Board proposed new rules for proposing and implementing new studies-- Studies will take place over three years instead of two years. Due to opposition from the Convention delegates it was decided to leave the timeline flexible, to be chosen specifically for each new study.

State Board Reports (purple copy) are available from Miriam.

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The following awards were given:

LWV Humboldt County: Best President's message (their co-presidents wrote in dialog).  
LWVFNUC: Best overall Voter and Honorable Mention for AB537 lobbying for safe schools.

LWVOakland: Best Program Action (proposed and passed proportional voting measure in Oakland.)

LWVSonoma: most innovative and up to date website.

LWV South San Mateo/Palo Alto: Connect with the community

LWV South Santa Clara Valley: Kids tours

LWV SW Riverside: Best Voter Services (small league)

LWV Sonoma, North Orange County: Best Voter Services (medium league)

LWV Ventura County: Best Voter Services (large league)

Five Leagues met "Meet the Challenge". Many met their membership goals by establishing "Lunch with the League" programs.

Forty-five leagues are using League Easy Web, nine are using original formats.

Barbara Waldenberg was recognized for her outstanding work on Smart Voter.

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Other Developments from the Convention

- One league tried to get an update on Election System Position: proportional representation. Was voted down.
- No debate on the budget.

- No PWP raise.

Bylaws amendments were proposed and adopted

- Take "of citizens" out of mission statement (to conform with National League)
- The "associate member" category was deleted.
- The "Executive Vice President" position has been renamed to "Vice President" to reflect that LWVC now has a paid director. The duties of the VP were also changed.
- An Audit Committee has been added to the organization. The President cannot be an ex officio member of the Audit Committee.
- The rules regarding the number of members from each delegation to the convention have been streamlined.
- LWVC will use the LWVUS membership count as of the January 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Resolutions passed

- Kudos and thanks to John Mott-Smith from the Secretary of States office
- DC Voting Rights
- Reduce impact of global warming
- No nuclear licenses until the Commission finishes its study
- Ask the Governor and State Legislature to look at tax expenditures in order to balance the budget
- Council 2008 will be May 17 & 18 in Sacramento. Convention 2009 will be in Long Beach. Janis Hirohama was elected State President. Linda Craig will be Legislation Chair with the new name Advocacy.

MK attended two "Follow the money" workshops. The first was about - "Next 10" and bonds and budget. Information was given to do Speaker's bureau speeches between elections on bonds and on the budget. The second workshop was players and bills for balancing the budget.

MK attended the following caucuses: Public Education Reform, the New Study Processes (Two Steps Forward or One Giant Step Back), and the California Penal System.

MK has agreed to review the convention minutes.

#### **LWVFNUC ADOPTION OF LOCAL POSITIONS AND BYLAWS:**

- A motion was passed to readopt the local positions. (Alex Starr/Ken Ballard)
- A motion was passed to readopt the Alameda County Council Position (Alameda County Board of Education, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Alameda County Office of Education Position). (Alex Starr/Ken Ballard).

A study commissioned by Contra Costa County determined that no obvious benefit would be obtained from changing to an appointed County Superintendent.

- A motion was passed to adopt the proposed budget for 2007/2008. (Syeda Yunus/Ken Ballard).
- A motion was passed to readopt the local position, Washington Hospital Governance, as put forth in the Annual Call to Meeting. (Alex Starr/Vesta)

Update on Washington Hospital governance position- The Washington Hospital Board has been very cooperative in the past six months and we will continue to work with them. Kay Emmanuel and Miriam Keller have discussed several issues with the board and will follow up to inform them of our new Position.

- A motion was passed to adopt our Revised Bylaws as presented in the Annual Call to Meeting. (John ?/Kay Emmanuel).

The new bylaws were created using a template provided by Jackie Jackenberger, LWVC president. The new format is much easier to understand.

#### **LWVFNUC PROPOSED PROGRAM AND ACTION 2007-2008:**

The proposed Program and Action for 2007-2008 was discussed. Two items were added: under LWVC???? "Conduct Immigration Study." Under Local Land Use add Monitor A's move to Fremont.

Judy Zlatnick volunteered her services to the Action Committee. She is on the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Fremont Rail.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The nominating committee report was submitted as presented in the Call to Annual Meeting with the following changes: The Membership Chair Position is now open. The Meeter/Greeter will be Joanne Landers. The Vice President of Administrative Fundraising will be Kay Emmanuel. Helen Boyer is unable to be co-Program Vice President. The Vice President of Voter Services, Candidate Forums is still open. The Vice President of Communications position will be an off-board position. ***Action:** Kay Emmanuel will indicate which of the Nominating Committee members will serve as chairperson.*

A motion to approve the Nominating Committee report as submitted with the changes detailed above was passed (Alex Starr/Vesta).

It was agreed that it will be a priority to work on getting an alternative venue for candidate forums (e.g. Council Chambers), investigate streaming video formats for

candidate forums, to expand Smart Voter, and to investigate co-sponsoring candidate forums.

Miriam Keller will serve as Executive Assistant-- if any board members need help during the year please notify her.

## CALENDAR

Date	Meeting	Time/Location
June 5, 2007	HOA Meeting	9:30 AM @Jean Holmes'
June 6, 2007	General Plan Forum	6:00 PM @ Centerville Community Center
June 6, 2007	Washington Overpass Construction	6:00 PM @ Fremont Teen Center
June 8, 2007	Ed Committee	9:30 PM
June 9, 2007	Alameda County Council Meeting	
June 14, 2007	Immigration Study Committee Meeting	7:00 PM @ Miriam Keller's
June 27, 2007	Voting Matters Taping	2:00 PM @ COMCAST
June 28, 2007	Action Committee Meeting	12:30 PM @Marilyn Singer's
June 28, 2007	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee Meeting	7:00 PM @ Miriam Keller's
June 30, 2007	Retreat	Alex Starr's
July 18, 2007	Healthcare Day in Fremont	

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Submitted by Judy Keller