

League of Women Voters
Fremont Newark Union City
Annual Meeting June 6, 2015
9am to 11am

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters, Fremont Newark Union City, took place on June 6, 2015 at the Acacia Creek Masonic Home, 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City Ca. A Call to Annual Meeting packet was mailed to the membership in accordance with the bylaws. It included budget and program details.

Congressman Mike Honda of the 17th California Congressional District was the keynote speaker. In an informal format, he responded to issues raised by the audience and touched on the League priorities which he had previously reviewed. Picking up on the League theme that Democracy is Not a Spectator sport, he called for more attention to conflict resolution and engaging new citizens unaccustomed to democracy in its participation.

The business meeting was called to order by co-president Carolyn Hedgecock, who asked members to use sign-up sheets at the tables to volunteer for a variety of activities taking place in 2015/16.

A quorum was declared - 38 of the 100 members were present. Minimum requirement for a quorum is 15% of current membership.

Rules of the Day were adopted.

Order of Business was adopted.

President's Report was given by co-president Sam Neeman who:

- recognized many members for their leadership in the various League activities;
- reported that the 501(c)3 non-profit status for LWVFNUC is in place, making dues and donations tax deductible;
- reviewed the meetings, voter service, social events, and studies;
- recognized the success of the VIB and HOA elections as major fundraisers; and
- reported on the LWVC Voter Service Award given by the State League at the Convention. LWVFNUC was honored for diversity in outreach to students and to ethnic communities, noting that 40% of our membership participated in one or more activities this past year.

California State Convention report was given by Alex Starr. Voting delegates to the convention were Alex, Sets Amann, and Evelyn La Torre. Peter Starr also attended as a non-voting delegate. The group took an arranged tour to Tijuana where they had lunch at the American consulate, and met with Border

Angels, a group that has a shelter for deported people. The convention itself had a number of speakers, including Secretary of State Alex Padilla. The delegates attended a variety of workshops. Highlights are:

- \$2.00 increase in State Per Member Payment (PMP)
- Adoption of a 2 year budget
- election of officers
- award to LWVFNUC for our voter service outreach.

The summer Voter will have an article written by Evelyn La Torre who was a first time participant.

Peter Starr gave both the Treasurer's Report and presented the 2015/16 proposed budget. He reviewed:

- the budget handout which shows assets and reserves, revenues and expenses for the current year in pie chart form;
- the proposed budget and expected revenue for 2015/16.

LWVFNUC has assets of \$39,909 in cash, CD and receivables. Peter reported that it is customary for Leagues to have two (2) years' budgets held in reserve.

The proposed 2015/16 budget of \$14,525 in revenues and expenditures was created by a committee of Miriam Keller, Peter Starr, and Doug Ford. The committee took into account the actual costs from the current year and expected changes in expenditures for the future year. The Board has a policy of not increasing PMP if our current dues are sufficient to make our required payment. Our current \$60 membership dues level does so, therefore the PMP increase by the state will not be passed on. However, if the US also increases dues, then future dues may need to be increased.

The 2015/16 budget was approved (m/s/c Peter Starr, Kathy Bray)

The Recommended Program was presented by co-president Sam Neeman.

- The program positions were reviewed by the membership at the December 2014 meeting and their re-adoption was presented as a recommendation from the Board. (m/s/c Board/Joanne Landers)
- Participation in 2 studies was approved (m/s/c Board/Alex Starr)
 - LWVC Higher Education study with Miriam Keller as leader
 - LWVUS Money in Politics study which needs a leader
- The Action Group Watch List, included in the Call to Annual Meeting, was referred to by Miriam Keller who reminded members to use it to communicate with (or join) the Action Committee.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Gail Blalock. An updated list of proposed candidates was handed out. There are 2 open positions: President and nominating committee member. The current committee is in discussion with potential candidates. The Board will need to appoint interested parties to these positions after this Annual Meeting. Candidates are:

Officers:

- Voter Service VP Sets Amann
- Secretary Mary Miller

Directors:

- Voter Editor Alex Starr
- Communications Sam Neeman
- Membership Evelyn La Torre
- At Large Kathy Bray
- At Large Sue Lemke
- At Large Carolyn Hedgecock
- At Large Anu Natarajan

Nominating Committee:

- Gail Blalock
- Andrea Schacter

Gail Blalock called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the nominations were closed. The motion to elect the nominees was passed. (m/s/c Gail Blalock/Kathy Bray)

Co-presidents Carolyn Hedgecock and Sam Neeman called for Advice to the Board. As a reminder, Miriam Keller noted that if a member had an issue of concern that was not on the Action List, then this is the appropriate forum for giving advice to the Board. A comment was made by John Smith that we need to improve marketing of the League in the Tri-City Area. We have had outstanding speakers for whom we should be able to draw bigger audiences.

The drawing for a free annual membership usually held at the annual meeting will be held at the Board Retreat and the winner announced in the Voter.

Meeting adjourned by Carolyn Hedgecock.