

LWVBAE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 27, 2018 @7:00 PM

LWVBAE Office, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Suite F, Berkeley, CA

Board Present: Adena Ishii, Emily Beckhusen, Jinky Gardner, Christine Wenrich, Preston Jordan, Ken Bukowski.

Members Attending: Ruby MacDonald, Nancy Bickel.

Observers: Leah Edwards, LWVSF co-Presidents, Andrew Kitirattagarn, CFO Dang Foods

Call to Order: By Adena Ishii, President, at 7:07 PM.

Review of Group Agreements: LWVBAE President reviewed with a brief statement.

Approval of minutes from 1/27/2018 meeting: Preston moved to approve Minutes, seconded by Emily Beckhusen; approved.

Budget Report: Andrew Kitirattagarn introduced the budget and the items we must discuss.

Highlights: LWVBAE is looking into renewing a 10-year lease at 1195/mo with 3% increase each year. Emily will talk with the landlord's son about this matter.

Reincorporation is not complete. Set aside funds in the budget to hire a lawyer to complete this changeover.

Emily Beckhusen moves, Preston Jordan seconds; all approve.

To research and hire a lawyer to complete our 501c3 reorganization.

Total budget for '18-'19 is much the same as the usual amount of funds set yearly. Discussion is necessary for the membership spending. Included a promotional expenses line this year for swag. Nancy suggested having Berkeley-side ads "Vote with the League." in with the promotional line.

President's report:

•"March for Our Lives" takes place on March 24th in Washington, DC, and San Francisco.

Emily moved, Preston second; all agreed.

Preemptively to participate in the local March for our Lives if it occurs in the East Bay.

•Spring Annual Meeting - planned for Saturday, May 19th - looking into the Ed Roberts Center.

Timing - meeting first followed by lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00. Members will cook the food so that the price will be at \$15.

•ACC Rep Substitute - Ken Bukowski will sub for Adena.

Treasurer's report: Emily Beckhusen reported a calm month with dues still coming in through Pay Pal. Jill Martinucci donated \$10 in memory of Robert Hawley and \$100 in appreciation of Sherry Smith.

Secretary's report: Has a policing article to inform the community about the new regulations for police stops on the LWVBAE online site. Will add to eblast to try to recruit. Mentioned Mary as being interested, and hope to contact by phone soon.

Action Chair's report: Preston Jordan

- Prop 13 - Ruby MacDonald reporting. Getting many signatures for the measure about the commercial property tax in order to qualify it for the ballot. There is a webinar about how-to.
- Climate Change Team - Preston reported that the Energy Commission is promoting an ordinance to require solar panels on all new building construction. City of Albany is considering UTR.
- Election Method Study Update: In process, meeting tomorrow at office to work on it.

Voter Services Chair: Phyllis Gale absent; report by Preston Jordan

•Partner with LWVO and "Coalition for Police Accountability" for Assembly District 15 Candidate Forum. Want to have it in West Oakland on April 4th or 5th. Preston Jordan moved, Jinky Gardner seconded, all approved:

Move to cosponsor the candidate forum for Assembly District 15 and LWVO.

Membership Chair: Jinky Gardner continues to follow up with those who haven't sent in their membership. Planning a membership event in late March 24.

Government Accountability Chair: Ken Bukowski requests planning of a forum for Regional Measure 3. Looks like there should have been a general meeting on the topic so our panel with opposing viewpoints would get the information out. Ken believes that the leveraging of public money - financing by how use of land is affected in terms of property value and increased rents - is a better way to go. The forum would include their idea of adding paid traffic lanes on an expressway - hop on and pay, hop off for free.

Preston Jordan moves, Ken seconded; all approved

Our league will request in writing that the Bay Area League hold a forum on Regional Measure 3.

Communications and Nominating Committee Reports: Nancy Bickel's committee has met to gather nominations for Board Positions. Off board positions have been more successful. Members join the board, then fill the needs and issues that come up. Adena will help with recruitment at this time.

Adjournment: Call by Adena Ishii, President, at 9:00 pm, motion by Preston Jordan, seconded by Emily Beckhusen; all approve.

Submitted by Christine Wenrich, Secretary LWVBAE on 3/30/18