

# **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RIVERSIDE**

Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting  
Saturday, May 20, 2017  
Romano's Restaurant  
3557 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

## **Introductions**

President Joan Donahue welcomed members and guests at 12:15 P.M. Twenty League members and three guests were in attendance. Ruth Wilson, 60-year League member was recognized.

## **Guest Speaker**

Due to scheduling difficulties, the speaker asked to go first. Jesse Melgar, Deputy Secretary of State Chief Communications Officer, was introduced by Joan Donahue. His topic was Citizen Access to Voting in California. He outlined several state initiatives to increase voter registration and turnout. They included

- Pre-registration at 16 years old
- Same day voter registration
- Apple I-phone application with links to County-administered elections
- Comprehensive mailing of mail-in ballots to all registered voters
- Voter information tool on Secretary of State's website
- Voter's Bill of Rights
- Video guide for newly naturalized citizens
- Outreach to veterans

He also identified current legislative priorities:

- 2018 Initiative to modernize voting systems in California
- Prime time primary SB 568
- Consolidation of state-wide elections with presidential elections

## **Luncheon was served**

## **Call to Order and Preliminary matters**

Joan Donahue appointed Chani Beeman as the Annual Meeting Parliamentarian

The Call to the 2016 Annual Meeting provided links to our website for members to review the Rules of the Annual Meeting, the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes, and LWVR current positions. The meeting agenda, 2017-18, Draft Budget, the Nominating Committees' 2017-18 slate and a list of 2016-2017 accomplishments were sent to members by e-mail and provided in hard copy for attendees.

Without objection, the Rules of the Annual meeting were accepted.

Without objection, the President appointed Judith Auth as Secretary for the Annual Meeting.

With no corrections, the Minutes of 2016 were accepted as presented.

### **Re-affirm Positions of LWV Riverside**

Joan Donahue called for consideration of the positions of our LWV Riverside. Sheila Kay Riley moved to adopt the LWV Riverside positions for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Joan Breeding Letbetter. A brief discussion ensued recommending that the local league undertake local studies as it had in the past. Motion passed.

### **President's Report**

We live in a time of unexpected change. To cope successfully, we need to change our attitudes. We need to become more energized and engaged. LWVUS will be monitoring and opposing efforts across the nation to suppress voter turnout. 2017 may be the biggest year for voter rights since the 1960s. Our task is to keep the voters informed about ways that voting in California is being made more accessible.

### **Budget Adoption**

Barbara Purvis presented a draft budget for 2017-18. Joan Breeding Letbetter moved to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Pat Reynolds. The motion carried.

### **Membership Report**

Barbara Purvis reported that we have our first non-profit organization member: Latino Network. Our total membership is 47: 30 individuals, 16 households and one corporate member. Barbara announced that due to the increased cost for per member payments to the State and National Leagues, we are considering an increase in the local dues for household members. This matter would be taken up in next year's Annual Meeting.

### **Nominations and Election of Officers, Directors and the Nominating Committee**

Joan Breeding Letbetter presented the Nominating Committee's report and recommended slate of Officers, Directors and nominating Committee members for the 2017-2018 league year.

#### **Officers:**

President	Joan Donahue
Vice President	Patricia Reynolds
Secretary	Judith Auth
Treasurer	Cheryl Holsey
Membership	Joan Breeding Letbetter

#### **Directors:**

Chani Beeman, Local Action  
Virginia Field, Environmental issues  
Selina Bremenstuhl  
Katie Greene  
Barbara Purvis  
Jennifer Vaughn- Blakely

**Nominating Committee:** Joan Breeding Letbetter, Chair, Virginia Field and Tom Donahue

There being no additional nominations, a motion was made by Theresa Hanley to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded Helen Norman. The motion carried and the nominees were duly elected.

**Adjournment**

Joan Donahue thanked the members for attending. She acknowledged Tom Donahue as the A.V. committee chair and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 P.M.

Judith Auth, 2017 Annual Meeting Secretary  
LWV Riverside