

Minutes of League of Women Voters of Woodland

Annual Meeting, June 5, 2019

The meeting was held at the Woodland Hotel, Main Street, Woodland. There were 23 members present as well as several visitors from Davis, who are in the process of re-forming their League chapter. A buffet dinner (catered by Cracchiolo's) was served beginning at 6:00 p.m. This was followed by the evening's speaker, Mayor Xochitl Rodriguez, who gave a brief personal history beginning at 6:45 p.m. In her talk, she included information about the upcoming housing project to be located at Beamer Street and Road 102, and for which the city has applied for a "No Place Like Home" grant, and which will use UC Davis students as interns to help with community outreach. Questions were posed by the attendees, including some on tiny houses and transportation concerns. The Mayor then presented a proclamation to the League in celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage.

The business meeting was gaveled to order by President Laura Caruso Kofoid. Her first order of business was to introduce Kathy Harryman, who presented the Grace Heffner award, including a mug and flowers, to Lucinda Talkington.

She then moved through the agenda items as follows. After a determination that a quorum was present, the agenda was amended to include a vote on acceptance of previous League positions (Eric Kofoid moved and Janet Ruggiero seconded), and the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting were approved after Janet moved and Carol Souza Cole seconded their acceptance. The discussion then moved to the budget, and Treasurer Judy Simas pointed out the profit made at our sole fundraising event, the State of the Community Luncheon (\$813.17), as well as the anticipated larger income from next year's event, which will be a catered dinner in celebration of the League's 100th anniversary. Audrey Doehne moved and Eric Kofoid seconded that the budget be adopted, and it was so passed.

Next on the agenda was the dues increase, of which all members had been apprised in the email sent on May 15, 2019. The annual dues will increase from \$55 to \$65 for individuals, and from \$75 to \$85 for families. Ed Doehne pointed out that this may be too high for some members, so it was suggested that the wording be changed to "recommended dues" to allow for adjustments if necessary. Eric moved and Maria Lago seconded and the dues increased was passed unanimously. This new fee will have an effective date of September 1, 2019.

The slate of officers for the 2019-2020 year was then presented:

Pat Butler, President

Karen Urbano, VP Membership

Laura Caruso Kofoid, VP Communications

Maria Lago, Secretary

Judy Simas and Evelia Genera, Co-Treasurers

Gil Walker, Voter Services (Candidate Forums) and Evelia Genera (High School Student Registration)

Janet Ruggiero and Elizabeth Kemper, Housing Study

Audrey Doehne, Nominations

Catherine Portman, YES Representative

Carol Souza Cole and Janet Ruggiero, Centennial Celebration

No additions or objections to the slate were presented, and Ed Doehne moved and Eric seconded that the slate be approved, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Ruggiero then gave a short report on the Housing Study that she and Elizabeth Kemper are chairing, and suggestions were given by the members as to the timing of meetings, funding, etc. Janet is hoping to have a speaker from SACOG present at the September membership mixer. She also brought up the fact that the membership must vote to affirm the positions that the League has taken in the past, and Gil Walker and Evelia Genera moved and seconded that the positions be re-adopted per the by-laws, and it passed unanimously.

The incoming President, Pat Butler, then was introduced to the membership and a few words of welcome were given, as well as a vase of flowers given to Laura Caruso Kofoid in thanks for her leadership during this past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Lago, Secretary

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