

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY
MEMBER MEETING
November 18, 2009
Vivante Club House
6pm to 7pm

Discussion Topics

1. Meet and Greet on 11/4 – what when right / wrong; future events; marketing
2. December Planning Meeting & Holiday Party
3. Budget
4. Non-partisan Policy
5. Amendment 4 – Local Land Use Survey
6. Overview of recent discussion with FL League Officers
7. 2010 Elections
8. Other topics of interest to members

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. In attendance: Teresa Jenkins, President; Bonnie Leroy, Voter Services Liaison; Steve Nelson, Treasurer; Avice Sunter; and Mary Ellen Taylor.

1. The group agreed that future Meet & Greet events should begin at 6 pm or later as a means of attracting more people. Teresa informed the group that the PG City Council did not “vote” to have the League host a Meet & Greet as they have too many similar events planned for 2010. We agreed that such events may be more effective immediately following an election. We will have a Meet & Greet with the School Board and the group agreed that March would be the best time. We will discuss a “theme” for their program which will be a part of the Dec planning meeting. We discussed holding the event at the new Crab House or the Event and Conference Center. When discussing this, Avice suggested and the group agreed that we should host an “Open House/Pep Rally/Meet Us & Join Us” event in January with a theme “Stop Complaining and Get Involved”. Its purpose will be to increase membership by informing citizens of the important work of the League. In turn, this may meet our previous objective of educating residents about the League.

2. The group agreed that the cost for the Holiday Party at the Isles Yacht Club is too expensive. Teresa will go back to them and either change the menu to a pasta/salad bar keeping the same date, i.e., Dec 17; or moving the event to Tuesday, Dec 15 so that our group can partake in the Tuesday pasta/salad bar that the IYC hosts every week. Another option is to look at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club if this does not work out.

3. Steve provided a handout on our current budget situation. Steve will let everyone know exactly how much we have in the Education Fund.
4. Teresa has revised the non-partisan policy based on new League guidance and will transmit it tomorrow to Board members for review & comment. We need 2 other things checked off our list to get out of the MAL status: a VP and a Membership Chair. Avice Sunter was asked to serve as Membership Chair and she has accepted! We will entitle the position "Membership Liaison" similar to that of our Voter Services position to demonstrate that she is not going it alone. We will search for volunteers to help both Avice and Bonnie with the important work they do.
5. Teresa provided an update on the OpEd she has written for the Sun newspaper on Local Land Use Amendment 4. We are awaiting our Web Administer to paste the url containing the 5 question survey created on Constant Contact onto our website so that residents can voice their opinion on this controversial topic. Info will be sent to the LWVFL to help inform their position.
6. Teresa and Bonnie briefed the group about our meeting with Peg McGarity and Chris Stratton. We will find out more information about the Dec 12 Meet & Greet in Naples and inquire as to any of our members that would like to attend. We briefly discussed "Adopt a Precinct" as part of our efforts in 2010.
7. Regarding 2010 Elections, Bonnie will set up a meeting with our Edison POC. We agreed to have lunch with Paul, our Supervisor of Elections following our meeting at Edison. We also need to sponsor some kind of "voting" event with Paul as part of GOTV.
8. Other: There will be no Member meeting in December. There will be a Board planning meeting that precedes the Holiday party to identify those areas we want to focus on in 2010. The meeting concluded at 7:10pm