

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
Of the League of Women Voters of Manatee County
April 22, 2023

Call to Order: Alice Newlon called the meeting to order at 11:00 am beginning her comments by thanking the Action Team and Committee Chairs and members for their work in 2023 and mentioning their many accomplishments. There were 70 participants, and the required quorum was established.

Adoption of the Agenda: After review of the agenda by the membership, no changes were proposed. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Lesley Jacobs and seconded by Sasha Taurke. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of the April 23, 2022 Annual Meeting: The minutes were reviewed by the membership and approved with no changes. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Collins and seconded by Helen Andersen. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, 2022-23: Mary Collins reviewed the financial report (pages 5,6) as published in the Annual Report. She mentioned the Income and Expenses of the LWVMC highlighting the increased Dues Income due to an 11% increase in membership. She also gave a detailed explanation of each Expense Category. There were no questions from the membership.

Consideration of the Proposed Budget 2023-24: The Proposed Budget for the year ending March 1, 2024 (page 7) was reviewed by Ruth Harenchar on behalf of the Finance Committee which was composed Ruth, Alice Newlon and Susan Brown. There were no questions from the membership. The vote to accept the proposed budget was unanimous.

Consideration of the Proposed Bylaws: Due to the absence of Dawn Hallsten, Bylaw Committee Chair, Alice explained the many steps taken to update the Bylaws and thanked the Bylaw Committee for their work. There were no questions from the membership. The vote to accept the proposed changes was unanimous.

Consideration of the Proposed Policies: There were no questions from the membership on the Proposed Policies. Alice called for a vote and they passed unanimously.

Approval of Continuing Local Program for 2023-24: Alice explained the existing Local Program had worked well and recommended it be continued. There were no questions from the membership. The vote to continue the Local Program was unanimous.

Presentation of Nominating Committee Report: Robyn Davis presented the slate of candidates for Officers. Board Members, and Nominating Committee members. There were no nominations from the floor. The candidates were elected with a unanimous vote.

Election Report:

Officers (Two Year Term)

1. Co-President – Alice Newlon
2. Co-President- Ruth Harenchar
3. Vice-President or Co-Vice-Presidents—Vacant
4. Secretary- Coleen Friedman

Board Members (Two Year Term)

1. Helen Andersen
2. Ginger McCallum
3. Merrie Lynn Parker

Nominating Committee (one Year Term)

Non-Board Members (Elected)

- Robyn Davis (Chair)
- Cathy Morgan
- Judy Wellman

Presentation of New Board: The newly elected Officers, Board Members and Nominating Committee members were recognized with a hearty round of applause.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Alice thanked outgoing Board members Maureen Dardinski (Secretary), Carolyn Sheets (Voting Services Action Team Chair) and Diana Shoemaker (Social Issues Action Team Chair) for their contributions.

Questions and Discussion: There were no additional questions or discussion from the members. Alice announced the LWVMC table held petitions for the Constitutional Amendment "Florida's Right to Clean Waters", Yard Signs in support of New College, and other information on voting and current issues. She mentioned the League would have a paid intern from New College to work on expanding the youth vote. The Chairs of the Government Action Team (Ginger McCallum) and Education Issues Action Team (Merrie Lynn Parker) and their Observer Corps were recognized and thanked for their work. Alice received a standing ovation for her outstanding work as LWVMC President.

Adjournment: There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Dardinski, Secretary