**MINUTES**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of BERRIEN and CASS COUNTIES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Lakewood Estates Clubhouse**

**8000 Warren Woods Road, Three Oaks, Michigan**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Bickett, Clapper, Dutton, Ennis, Lackner, Klawiter, Pierman, Ripley, and Zilke

**MEMBERS ABSENT**: Lauth, Ristau

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Zilke called the meeting to order at 3:43 pm.

**AMENDMENT TO AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 15, 2015**

Clapper **moved** to amend the minutes of October 15 as distributed to show that Pierman was elected a director at that meeting, and to approve the minutes as so amended. Ennis seconded. Approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT FOR October, 2015**

Ripley presented the Treasurer’s report. Klawiter **moved** to accept the report as distributed. Pierman seconded. Approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**League US Studies**

Zilke reported that she will find out (a) whether LWVBCC’s response to the national organization’s study of campaign finance can be delayed until March, and (b) when the questions for that study will be ready. She will report back at the January meeting.

**November Luncheon**

Dutton reported that the speaker, a representative of the Area Agency on Aging, does not want to be videotaped but would like a podium. Dutton will find a crate to serve that purpose. Zilke will introduce the speaker.

**Possible Social Event**

Dutton suggested that LWVBCC schedule a social event at the Nido Bianco gallery in Three Oaks. Further discussion will be on the agenda for the January meeting. Before then, Dutton will obtain further information and investigate possible dates.

**Benton Harbor Mayoral Debate**

The appropriateness of having a local radio announcer serve as moderator was discussed. Lackner and others were commended for a job well done in organizing and implementing the forum.

**Holiday Event**

Pierman will look into possible entertainment.

Lackner will take care of food and supplies.

Ennis will take care of coffee.

Ripley will send out an email reminding members of the event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Open Board Position**

Bickett announced that he must resign from the Board because he is moving out of the area. His resignation was accepted with regret, and members expressed appreciation for valuable services Bickett rendered.

Board discussed inviting members to join the Board.

**Possible Event**

Board discussed possibility of organizing an event in connection with the showing of *Suffragists* at the Vickers Theatre in Three Oaks. No conclusion was reached.

**Planning.**

After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that because 2016 is an election year, the focus of LWVBCC for the year should be:

* Voter registration
* Voter education
* Participation in the electoral process as topic of the April open meeting.

**Scholarship**

Board discussed possibility of a scholarship for a high school student to attend a program related to LWV purposes. Ennis will seek more information and report back.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Klawiter for Patricia Lauth, Secretary