

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HONOLULU
EDUCATION FUND

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Board of the League of Women Voters of Honolulu Education Fund was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2009, in the League office.

PRESENT: Jean Aoki, Arlene Ellis, Helen Griffin, and Robin Loomis.

NOT PRESENT: Suzanne Meisenzahl.

OLD BUSINESS

Pay Hawaii Pro-Democracy Initiative's Request for Reimbursement – Arlene Ellis wrote checks to Sen. Les Ihara and Heather Bolan who had requested reimbursement for expenses incurred previously and for which HPDI had funds being held in Ed Fund's account.

Donald & Astrid Monson Community Action Annual Award – The date for this year's event will be Friday, November 20, 2009, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Honolulu Elks Club with a reservation made by Suzanne Meisenzahl through her son Dan. November 20 was selected because State League's board meeting will take place that morning making it possible for off-island board members to attend in the evening. Helen Griffin offered a bed for any neighbor island Leaguer who wishes to stay over. The format will follow last year's event. Ed Fund will ask the Honolulu Board to take charge of it again, since Ed Fund only has five members, and any profit made will go to Honolulu League. Sue Miller compiled a loose-leaf folder with all of the planning details, guest list, and expenses incurred, and suggestions for future events. Claudia Shay, Jeanne Ohta, Donna Wong, Kat Brady, and the Rev. Bob Nakata were the persons nominated to receive this year's \$5,000 award. After discussion, the board unanimously selected Donna Wong, volunteer Executive Director for over 30 years of Hawaii's Thousand Friends. Her name will be forwarded to the Honolulu Board for its concurrence. The other nominees' names will be kept on file for the future as each of them has served the community tirelessly for years.

Voter Owned Hawaii request - Jean Aoki said that a pilot program for the public funding of the Hawaii County Council election in 2010 is still viable and the public will need to be educated on public funding. Kory Payne, Executive Director of the Hawaii Elections Project, is asking for an outright grant of up to \$5,000 to help fund an educational brochure to explain public funding of the 2010 County Council election on Hawaii Island that will be sent to every family with a registered voter. The estimated cost of this brochure is \$15,875 according to a bid from Cardinal Services. Payne can ask for more money once the effort has been shown that he can get other grants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Loomis, Secretary

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