

Pickens County School Board Forum October 7, 2008

On October 7, our League sponsored a forum for Pickens County School Board candidates at the Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library in Easley. Bea Bailey told the audience about the League and then introduced Dianne Haselton, who moderated the forum. League members Paula Appling, Michelle Chin, Joni Grady, Bill Hare, Eleanor Hare, Mary Ann McKenzie, Frances Plotnik, and Aleta Robinson contributed to a successful evening.

The crowd exceeded the available seating and library personnel quickly found folding chairs to accommodate the audience. Stand-ins read statements supporting candidates Essie Clark and Alex Saitta. One candidate, Dan Trouten, withdrew from the race. The remaining School Board candidates, Randy Bowers, Selena Brinson, Dale Cantrell, and Judy Edwards, then answered questions collected from the audience. All the candidates stated that they intend to stay in communication and remain supportive of one another. The evening was extraordinary because of the good will of the candidates for one another and the agreeable discussions.

