

LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – February 21, 2019

Meeting started at 6:55 pm

*Minutes for January 17, 2019, approved (Diane moved, Linda seconded)

*Treasurer's Report: \$1550.81 in check book, added \$10 from December party/gift exchange, and \$35 donation from Christina Pasillas and \$35 from Leslie (minus \$1.32 for PayPal from our new website) to help pay dues for Emily Strauss. *Received \$65 from Nancy Sheehan*

*In Attendance:

Officers: Leslie Lowe (Pres/Treasurer), Karen Kunz (Vice Pres /Sec),

Board Members: Linda Tuttle, Jody Daniels

Others: Sue Fortune, Diane Shockey

Guests: Aaron & Wendy Hartman, Emily Strauss, Nancy Sheehan, Ralph Opp

Missing: Julie Anne Stoner (Membership Chair), Christina Pasillas

GUEST SPEAKER: Aaron Hartman, Director Klamath County Corrections, who will be answering questions sent to him from our chapter on 1-29-29.

See separate notes for this discussion

* QUICK NOTES –

A) Jordan Cove LNG: Jan 29, 2019, Leslie signed on to Final Report to Department of State Lands: HUGE Thank You to Shirley Weathers, Jenny Carloni, Jackie Clary, and Susan Thornton for mountains of time to research and write an amazing report that is now on our new website.

B) Access to Justice: Completed interview with Klamath Falls Police Chief Henslee on 2-5-19: Notes sent out 2-10-19 to LWV Newsletter

C) Juvenile justice issues: Leslie responded to Barbara Ross request for letter to Dennis Linthicum for their meeting with him; got positive response from Linthicum, forwarded to all on 1-30-19

D) New LWVKLAMATH.ORG website is ready to celebrate!!!! SPECIAL THANKS TO EMILY

E) See Below: OLD NOTES C) Juliana (Our Children's Trust) v U.S: climate change law suit update

* COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Media and Marketing Committee report: Emily, now our webmaster!!! Thanks, Emily - Julie Anne, Julie, Dianne – go to lwvklamath.org to see the miracles that Emily has wrought with hours of work – Diane is working on Facebook entries; 2-10-19, Les/Emily article printed on p. 4 of Sunday Herald & News to promote website and 2-21-19 LWV mtg.

We need to get rid of the first Facebook page. Discussion on what to do with Facebook since Julie Anne Stoner is not coming to meetings. It was moved by Jody to have Julie removed as chair of Facebook and have Diane put in. Sue seconded. Motion was approved

* OLD BUSINESS

A) LWVUS Board voted to waive Student PMP at the national level through January 2021 – Can we take advantage of this? **Action:** Julie Anne will go to KU to see if interested in presentation from us, mock elections, student LWV chapter, etc; Emily/Julie report

No report.

B) Legislator Interview questions – Diane report

Diane reported sending the questions to Linthicum and Reschke. Linthicum did not answer and Reschke only pointed to the H&N article. Walden, Wyden, and Merkley are next.

C) LWVOR 100th birthday coming up March 2020 – How do we want to deal with this locally? Diane is Comm chair: - Maybe have our Annual Meeting in March 2020?

*** NEW BUSINESS**

A) Add Emily Strauss to our Board

Sue moved to do this. Jody seconded. Motion passed.

B) Leslie's Notes from ACLU webinar on 1-23-19 on what citizens can do to make a difference

Next meeting

C) Other business?

Hard Rock mining report. Leslie will send out Sunday

OLD NOTES TO KEEP TRACK OF:

A) National Popular Vote Project: Update: SB 680 (which was never voted upon)- As of 5-29-17, the Oregon House of Representatives passed the National Popular Vote HB3475 by a 43-23 vote. The bill now goes to the state Senate. What would it take to get Oregon on the National Popular vote list to eliminate use of electoral college?

Current Status: On June 21, 2017, the Senate Rules Committee held a hearing on the National Popular Vote bill that was passed by the Oregon House ([status of HB 2927](#)). See [statement favoring HB 2927](#) filed with the Rules Committee by National Popular Vote . The hearing also included discussion of an alternative bill ([status of SB 825](#)) calling for a referral of the legislation to a low-turnout primary election (May 2018). National Popular Vote opposes the alternative bill (SB 825). See [statement against SB 825](#) filed with the Rules Committee by National Popular Vote.

B) Advancing Health Care Comm – Julie, Leslie, Diane; 5-31-18, Rick Bennett says “LWVOR will draft a Memo of Understanding to be negotiated with HCAO defining rights and responsibilities; the goal is to work together to bring universal access to healthcare for all in Oregon in a careful and responsible manner”;

C) Juliana v U.S (Our Children's Trust suit) is RE-scheduled to go to U.S. District Court in Eugene, OR:

This climate change suit brought by young people has been in the works for almost 3 years. Both Obama and Trump regimes have tried to stop it. It is still a roller coaster ride.

******February 8, 2019: Youth Plaintiffs File Urgent Motion for an Injunction to Stop the U.S.**

Government From Causing Irreparable Climate Harm During Appeal Process: Youth plaintiffs in Juliana v. United States sought a court order preventing the federal government from issuing leases and mining permits for extracting coal on federal public lands, leases for offshore oil and gas exploration and extraction activities, and federal approvals for new fossil fuel infrastructure. To obtain the order, the youth plaintiffs filed a motion with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for a preliminary injunction while the government's early appeal of the youths' case is being heard. The constitutional climate lawsuit was brought by 21 young Americans against the United States government for knowingly causing climate change. In their urgent motion, the youth ask the court to issue the injunction before the March 20 lease sale for new oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. The Department of Interior seeks to sell approximately 78.5 million acres of offshore federal public lands for new fossil fuel development. The motion also points to 60 new oil and gas pipelines, 32 new liquefied natural gas and coal terminals, and one new deepwater port oil export facility awaiting federal approvals. The youth say those federal approvals would lock in even more CO2 pollution and more dangerous climate change.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 21, 2019 at 6:45 pm at 409 Pine

Discussion regarding:

- a) Hard Rock Mining Report and consensus questions**
- b) Voter Education Curriculum:** Emily ideas on what we can do to make a difference in Klamath

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary