

LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – November 21, 2019

Meeting started at 5:23 pm

In Attendance:

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

Board Members: Emily Strauss, Jody Daniels (on phone)

Others: Diane Eastman-Shockey, Valerie Lenardson, Faith Leith, Nancy Sheenan

Missing: Sue Fortune, Courtney Neubauer

Guests: Terra Russo, Catherine Dee, Catherine Greenspan

Minutes for October 17, 2019, approved with corrections

Treasurer's Report: \$3167.88 in bank. Expense of cookbook = \$1114.44. Cookbook sponsorship income = \$1080 (in bank) + \$425 (promised). [\$350 – Chamber of Commerce; \$100 – Mountain Valley Gardens; \$250 – KCC] Enough funds in account for both the cookbooks and the Ross Ragland. It is possible that we might get \$400 from the LWVOR. New members added: Catherine Dee and Barbara Turk. That brings it to 22!!!!

Committee Reports:

1. Media/Marketing (Strauss)

Emily reports that she is continuing to add & post information. Diane stated that the webpage for the Harvard Project is "really good" as is the redistricting information. She feels the website is "amazing".

2. 100th Anniversary Planning (Shockey)

Terra Russo who is the Director of Development & marketing at The Ross Ragland is now the project's publicity chair.

Valerie says the cookbook has 113 recipes. We can handle up to 150 recipes if we get more. Every category of food is covered. Recipes must be in by Monday, November 25th.

Leslie stated that the committee will be going to the area high schools and give 25 tickets/school to the Ross Ragland show. 250 buttons are being created to sell. 10 have already been sold. Terra suggested using less words for the buttons. Perhaps a logo – something easy to recognize. It will be discussed at the December 11th meeting.

3. Juvenile Justice Study Report (Lowe)

No report

4. Harvard Curriculum Project update (Strauss)

Emily reported that she has met with 4 of the 5 area teachers involved in the project. She will meet with them next at the end of January. It has been decided that the presentation (with homework) will happen on May 16th. The case study has been chosen and a timeline for invites, RSVPs, documents, etc. has been created. Let to do is:

- a) Find a venue – possibly KCC? And decide on time. 2 hours will be best. 2 – 4 pm?*
- b) Create invitations*
- c) Create publicity*
 - Press Release*
 - Posts on website*
 - Ads (in the H&N?)*

Old Business

1. Status of LNG Pipeline project (Shockey)

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is out. FERC has determined that all the paperwork is in order and has put them on their website. Shirley Weatherly and Diane are busy reading through them. Shirley Weathers (LWVRV) and Christine Moffitt (LWVCC) have written a letter to the Governor. It is understood that the Governor can't take a stand until all the evidence is in.

2. Support for 2020 census. Committee needed (Strauss)

This was discussed at the Oregon LWV call. The American Library Association has started a movement to for public libraries to help people fill out the census which will be primarily online this time. According to Emily the LWV Oregon is a an official partner with the Oregon Library Association in this effort.

Emily would like a committee. Leslie and Catherine Dee volunteered to join. We could do things like sitting in the county library to help. After the Census, our next step is redistricting.

3. Our Children's Trust (Lowe)

Seeing more and more children joining the lawsuits (nationwide). More in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. It is a growing movement.

4. Draft policy on sending communications from LWVKC (Strauss)

Review of policy. First communication strategy – no comments. Second communication priority – request to change “molding” political leaders to “teaching” political leaders. Third communication priority – lots of discussion.

Diane stated that only the President can speak for the League. At the very least if the information is not from LWVUS, LWVOR, or LWVKC, it needs Board approval. Leslie felt that if we need to email the Board, it may not happen as people don't watch emails. An opportunity to take action on something like climate change should be able to be sent out. Diane felt we should at least try. Emily feels we need to codify who determines what goes into communications. She stated that we do need to be careful.

5. Candidates Night (Lowe)

As the LWVKC has not done a Candidates Night for several years and the 2020 election is a very important one, Leslie proposes having one. Traditionally, it has been held on a Tuesday around the time the ballots are sent out. The format is: Invite all candidates that have opposition (non-opposed candidates are not on the panel though they can come and bring campaign material). The LWVKC comes up with a general question that we give to all candidates. They have 3 – 5 minutes to answer the question and tell something about themselves. Then we break and gather questions from the audience and anyone who calls in. These can be questions to one particular candidate. The candidate has 1 minute to answer the question then all of the opposition candidates are also offered 1 minute to answer. Timing is usually – 6:30 pm to set up. 7 – 8 pm for the general questions and responses. The break then continue until we end at 9:30 pm. Unanimous consent was given to spend \$250 on this. We will use the County Community Hearing room (though in the past not a lot of people attended or called in.) There are a lot of other candidate nights – though many are partisan. April 22nd was chosen for the event. Jody asked what races would be on the panel – we won't know the list until March 1st.

6. Future Meetings (Lowe)

Catherine is leaving Klamath Falls so we won't be able to use the 409 Pine St. meeting room. We need a new place beginning the February meeting. Gaucho Collective was mentioned. Diane is a member so we could use. It was decided that our meetings starting February will be there from 5:15 to 7:15 on the 3rd Thursday. The January meeting will be at 409 Pine St.

New Business

1. Voter Registration for 2020 (Shockey)

Diane suggested a table with a computer at the KC Library to check registrations and to register people for the census. Later we can find other spots as well. April 28th is the last day to register for the May election.

2. Legislative priorities survey (Shockey)

LWVUS asks each local & state league to provide input on legislative priorities. This year focuses on the Making Democracy Work campaign. Of the list provided our priorities were:

1. 2020 Census
2. Redistricting

There was some interest in Election administration reform & voter protection – but not as a priority. No interest in Money in politics or Constitutional convention. We had no other proposals for legislative priorities.

3. LWVOR Leaders' Call summary (Strauss)

A conference call involving 15 women. The main points Emily got from it were: 1) 75 % of the time was spent on redistricting. LWVOR is an official member of the coalition that are filing 3 proposed initiatives to create a nonpartisan citizens panel to handle redistricting for congressional and legislative seats; 2) talk about LWV's People Powered Fair Maps movement; 3) A statewide study on cybersecurity; 4) the 100th anniversary; 5) the Harvard Project; 6) possibly having a Google Group for LWV leaders.

4. Unitarian Church award to LWVKC December 15, 2019 (informational)

Spirit Award to LWVKC. Leslie will be there to receive it on December 15th at 10:30 am at the Unitarian church located upstairs in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 801 Jefferson St. The award is for LWVKC's longevity in the community)

NEXT BOARD MEETING: January 15, 2020 at 5:15 pm at 409 Pine

Discussion on the traditional December get together. Who is hosting? Diane will host at her home in Running Y. Saturday December 14th from 4 – 7 pm. Potluck.

Point of Interest: Healthcare for All Oregon (HCAO). Julie Ryder is our representative. The Rogue Valley chapter hosted Warren George on December 12, 2019. George commissioned a poll on Oregonian's thoughts on this. He will describe the poll and its results.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary