

LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – October 17, 2019

Meeting started at 6:45 pm

Minutes for September 19, 2019, approved with corrections (Leslie moved, Sue seconded)

Treasurer's Report: \$1813.81 in bank, all bills paid. 20 members as of September (*includes Faith & Jay Weiss*)

Nancy made a donation to the web maintenance. Christina Pasillas donated funds for purchase of insurance for 100th anniversary activities

In Attendance:

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

Board Members: Emily Strauss, Courtney Neubauer (on phone)

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

Missing: Jody Daniels

Guests: Janet Imaki, Catherine Dee

Committee Reports:

1. **Annual LWVOR convention**, May 17, 2019 (Strauss, Ryder)

Julie not here

2. **Media/Marketing** (Strauss)

Emily reports that she got some ideas for the website that she may play around with. She noted that she doesn't create content for the website – she only shares the information she finds. The newsletter is compiled from website posts. Emily pushes the newsletter to 150 people – there is no set schedule, she waits until there is enough information to send. Leslie asked why minutes aren't also being sent to the newsletter recipients. Item for discussion about this added to agenda.

3. **100th Anniversary Planning** (Shockey)

Leslie reports that they are waiting on a price for using the Ross Ragland. Recipes are needed for the cook book. They have 35 but need 75 to publish. All to send 5 more recipes. Meeting will be October 23rd at noon at Gauchos.

Old Business

1. **Status of LNG Pipeline project** (Shockey)

Shirley Weathers has sent out a notice that there is an opening for comments. Due October 22nd. It was requested that this be put in a LWVVC newsletter post. How can we let people know about these single Actions pieces (especially if we wait until there is enough info for the newsletter? Leslie would like to have a site for Action notices from LWVUS and LWVOR. Diane feels we should wait on this conversation until the discussion on minutes to the newsletter subscribers later on.

2. **Harvard Case Method Project update** (Strauss)

Overview by Emily. (<http://lwvg.org/CivicsEducation.html>). Oregon participated for the first time this year. Those teachers taking part are committed to provide a public program with their students – probably in the spring. LWVVC supports the logistics of the presentation(s) (venue, PR, printing, etc.) Emily will meet with the 5 participants from our area in early November. She anticipates finding out how they implemented the curriculum and any ideas of their presentation.

Question: Will the support require funds? Need to find out if funds provided or we are responsible for it.

3. **Report on Juvenile Justice and Immigration Study 2018-19** (Lowe)

The committee has created the finished report. After approval by Leslie, Emily, and Karen, it will go to the interviewees for their okay. After it is approved, it will go to the Herald & News, the library and other places?

4. **Study for 2019-2020 on Urban Boundaries** (Lowe)

The study is presently on hold. Have met with Brian Fitzgerald. Question will be: "At what point should the city of Klamath Falls have an urban boundary line?" Looking at possible code changes and the airport.

5. Our Children's Trust (Lowe)

September 20, 2019 Climate Strike. In Klamath Falls about 50 people had a "strike" by Klamath Union High School. As a result of this, Leslie was invited to speak at Eagle Ridge on climate change and Jordan Cove. There was a poll on who believed that the danger climate change was real. 12 of the 21 students said believed that climate change was happening. Of those that did not, 5 said there was no climate change danger, 4 were on the fence, and 1 abstained.

6. Question: Should we send the minutes to all who get the newsletter – or to only LWV members?

After some discussion, it was decided to put the minutes on the website. On another matter, there was a question about what to do if someone wants to put something non-LWV in our newsletter. Diane suggested that whoever wants to put something online, they would have to email the Board for a vote. It would need 4 of the 6 Board members to respond favorably to get in the newsletter. Emily will write up a policy for next month. Leslie felt that we shouldn't be offering actions that are not relevant to our studies/consensuses. We could use that as a reason for no.

New Business

1. informational only: The **Wednesday, December 4, 2019** Munk Debate will convene a debate that touches on everything from the 2020 U.S. election cycle to the environment to economic inequality: **The capitalist system is broken. It's time to try something different.** For full debate details, click [here](#). (Strauss)

This is a "real debate" according to Emily. It will happen at 4 pm PST.

2. **Candidates Night** (Lowe)

We've not done candidate's night in 2-3 years. Are we interested in hosting a Candidate's night next May and/or October? If there is interest, we should start planning next month. Emily will put in the agenda.

3. **ROP** (Neubauer)

On October 25th, Mark Brenner will host a workshop on budgeting. How to read a budget, advocate for budget items, etc. 6 – 7:30 in the community room at the Washington Federal Bank. For more information, email courtney@rop.org.

4. **Rochelle Long** (County Clerk)

Rochelle presented at the Klamath County Library on voter registration. Would we want to sponsor something like that? Registration is not all automatic. This could clarify who cannot vote. Diane suggests we think about doing this for the annual meeting in May (or April).

Leslie suggests inviting Catherine to our meetings and asking her to be on the Board as she will be opening the Pine Street room for us after Leslie retires.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 21, 2019 at 5:15 pm at 409 Pine

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary