

## LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – September 19, 2019

Meeting started about 7 pm

**Minutes** for May 16, 2019, approved (Leslie moved, Sue seconded)

**Treasurer's Report:** \$1501.31 in bank, all bills paid. Received \$105 donation from Christina Pasillas to help pay dues for Emily Strauss. Along with donations from Diane, Valerie, Catherine, Karen, Jay Weiss, Jody, and Michael & Margo McCullough, we now have Emily's payment for the year.

*Received \$65 from Faith Leith*

### **In Attendance:**

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

**Board Members:** Emily Strauss

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

**Missing:** Jody Daniels, Courtney Neubauber, ~~Christina Pasillas~~ (resigned)

### **Committee Reports:**

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

*Both Emily and Julie went. Julie took most of the notes and will hopefully report next month. The 2 subjects that interested Emily were:*

*a) Local leagues working together (as LWVKC has for Jordan Cove)*

*b) Census 2020*

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

*Recap: 5 civic teachers from this area went to Harvard to learn this method. There were 2 from Mazama, 1 from Lost River, 1 from Klamath Union, and 1 from Paisley – out of a total of 11 coming from Oregon. As part of the project, they have agreed to “teach at least 4 of the cases from Professor David Moss's book, Democracy: A Case Study, in their classrooms after the training and to help moderate community case discussions with the League.” (<http://lwvq.org/CivicsEducation.html>) Emily will be coordinating this with the teachers for a possible Spring community project/presentation.*

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

*Leslie reported that the committee has created a draft report which must be finalized and reviewed by the interviewees before it can be presented at a meeting.*

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

*Emily reports that she is adding to the website all the time. She creates webpages, posts, and newsletters using information from LWVKC, LWVOR, LWVUS, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary groups. Some members stated they were not getting the newsletter. It was suggested that they check their Junk folder. Emily will also check on her end. Leslie suggested that we send an individual email asking if the recipient wants to receive.*

**5. Status of Juliana suit (Lowe)**

*One of the original plaintiffs is now 23 years old. Yesterday he testified in The Netherlands. September 20, 2019 is the International Student Strike Day (Global Climate Strike). Leslie will be on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Main from 11 am to 3 pm in support along with Sustainable Klamath Communities (Dwight Long).*

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

*4 LWV leagues have provided written comments about the LNG pipeline to various agencies like FERC and the Oregon Land Board. Shirley Weathers stated that the DEQ acknowledged the LWV Leagues' efforts in providing detailed comments. Leslie stated that to have an impact those testifying must have specific details of events/facts that are based on the areas of concern of the agency*

### **Old Business**

**1. 100th Anniversary Planning (Shockey)**

*Diane stated that things were going “great”. Some examples of planned events are:*

*February 9<sup>th</sup>; Ross Ragland:*

2 movies

2-6 minute skits

3 speakers (Kelly Minty Morris; Carol Westfall; Heather Tramp)

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake

Arbor Day (April 24<sup>th</sup>):

*The Klamath Tree League will plant a tree for LWVKC (tentative). We will provide the funds for the tree and the plaque to go with it.*

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:

*We will be part of the parade riding on the Trolley in period dress. LWVKC will have a booth.*

August 16<sup>th</sup>:

*High Tea at the Baldwin (in period dress)*

Cookbook:

*Will have suffragette pictures with a history of the LWV. They will be sold by member – a script will be provided. The cookbook committee will meet September 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*LWVOR will host a luncheon on March 7th*

*The next meeting of the planning committee will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

## **New Business**

### **1. Change of time and venue of meetings (Shockey)**

*Due to concerns about travel during the winter, Diane asked if we could meet earlier in the evening. There was some concern about being able to use the 409 Pine conference room after Leslie retires but Catherine Greenspan who works in the building offered to host us.*

*After some discussion it was decided to meet at 409 Pine at 5:15 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. This change will be permanent – not just for the winter months. We will start after the change to Daylight Savings time in November. Our October meeting will still be at 6:45.*

### **2. Support for 2020 Census (Strauss)**

*Emily shared some LWV suggested ways to help:*

- *Advertise/promote (e.g. op ed or letter to the editor)*
- *Serve on a county committee for the census*
- *Host a census event*

*Other suggestions from members were to ask the County Clerk (Rochelle Long) if there is anything we can do to help and to reach out to the LatinX community on how to help*

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

*The committee has had two meetings. Brian Fitzgerald was at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.*

*Leslie gave a brief recap of this project: In the past the city has tried to expand the Klamath Falls border to match that of the Urban Growth Boundary. There has been resistance from both City and County residents. It is felt that eventually, this is going to happen and that LWVKC can help by providing information. Some of the reasons why this will happen in the future:*

- *Police protection disparity between the City and the County*
- *Water and Sewer costs for the County*
- *Taxes*
- *Voter representation (County residents have no voice on issues concerning them)*
- *School Districts*
- *Airport*
- *Roads and Parks upkeep*

*The committee will need to define the study to be able to focus on next steps*

### **4. Posting of non-LWV materials via website or newsletter (Shockey)**

*It was suggested that non-LWV materials not be sent to all the members but just be put on the website or newsletter. An example was given of a non-LWV email being forwarded to members that had a virus. If we want to send out such information, we should create a new email to send to only members and put the information on the newsletter for others. After some spirited discussion, it was decided to have the Webmaster decide how to disseminate the information.*

**5. from LWVOR- Fall workshop (Oct. 19, Eugene), local league presidents' calls**

*The question was asked if anyone is going to the LWVOR Fall workshop. No one said they were. Emily stated that she will participate in the Presidents' calls.*

**6. Agenda** (added at meeting)

*Who should we send the agenda and minutes to? Only LWVKC members or the email list with nonmembers who are shown interest in the past? Leslie moved to continue to send the agenda and minutes on using the mailing list – Sue seconded. After discussion, it was decided by those at the meeting to put a link to the agenda and minutes in the newsletter. Leslie retracted her motion.*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 17, 2019 at 6:45 pm at 409 Pine**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary