**LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – February 20, 2020**

Meeting started at 5:28 pm

**In Attendance:**

**Board Members:** Karen Kunz, Leslie Lowe, Emily Strauss, Sue Fortune [on phone]

**Members:** Diane Eastman-Shockey, Nancy Sheehan, Catherine Dee, Ralph & Charlotte Opp, Julie Ryder

**Missing:** Courtney Neubauer

**Minutes** for November 21, 2019 and January 22, 2020, approved. Motion made by Leslie and seconded by Sue.

**Treasurer’s Report**: November 21, 2019 and January 22, 2020.

*Leslie reported that as of today, we had $4311.00 in the account. She presented 2 documents – a year-to-date account and an account for January and February. We did well at the Ross Ragland and with the cookbook. We had $2770 in ads and sales and $836 in expenses. $1600 is still to come ($900 from Pacific Power and $700 from LWVOR). Thanks to Nancy Sheehan for donating her expenses (about $50). Diane moved that we approve the report. It was seconded by Karen. The measure passed.*

**Committee Reports:**

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

*Emily reports that she is updating constantly. Question: Should we distribute our newsletter to all the LWV groups in Oregon? This was suggested at the LWV state leader meeting. Consensus: No.*

1. **100th Anniversary wrap-up February 9; future events** (Shockey)

*Diane said we had “some bumps – but we got through it.” The event at the Ross Ragland was taped by Jack Knoller and put on DVD. If you want one it will cost $10.*

1. Tea party tasting, April 18. 4- 6 PM

*At Diane’s house. We will be sampling possible food for the High Tea. The “meal” will cost $25 to attend.*

1. Tree planting for Arbor Day (Leslie)

*Mountain Valley Gardens are supplying a mature tree for about $300. It is a crabapple tree (good for birds) and will be planted in Veteran’s park. A granite plaque would cost more than $265. Discussion on whether to have a plaque. Catherine said that the Soroptimist’s plaque was stolen and it wasn’t worth it. After more discussion, Karen moved that we spend no more than $800 for the purchase and installation in Veteran’s Park of the tree and the plaque. Sue seconded.*

1. Further cookbook distribution

*20 cookbooks are to go to the Museum; 5 to Klamath Sustainability; and 3 to Rachel’s School of Dance. Leslie moved to spent about $326 to give all the High Schools in Klamath county plus the Klamath County Library a DVD and a cookbook. Sue seconded.*

1. **Juvenile Justice Study Report** (Lowe)

*Leslie says she needs someone to take a look at before she is willing to share it with the community. Emily volunteered – Leslie will send her an electronic copy. Emily and Leslie plan to sit down with Becca Robbins from the Herald & News in April in order to put something in the paper.*

1. **Harvard Curriculum Project update** (Strauss)

*Emily met with the teachers in January. Invitations with a 14-page document will be sent out for the “class” that will be put on. It will require a commitment from those accepting the invitation. Do we want to sponsor this again for next year? Emily will not be doing it again. If someone would like to take this on, let the Board know. This next year, airfare will not be covered. Teachers can invite themselves.*

**Old Business**

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

*The project has been postponed due to a decision by FERC to deny a necessary permit. This is not a denial of the project but only wanting more time to decide. 3 permits were withdrawn.*

1. **Support for 2020 census. Committee needed** (Strauss)

*Libraries will receive training. LWV is an official partner. We will volunteer to help. Leslie will talk to the Library Director about their plans.*

*After the census, redistricting will be next. There is a proposal on the ballot for a citizen redistricting commission.*

1. **Candidates Night forum + vote 411** (Lowe, Kunz)

*The date we chose for the forum will not work as it is the same date as an event in Pendleton where the Congressional District 2 candidates have agreed to show. April 14th is a clear date. It will be held at the Klamath County Library. The change was approved. So far we have 5 Democratic and 8 Republican candidates for the CD2 position. 5 County Commissioner candidates and 2 Sheriff candidates. Leslie outlined the timeline for the forum – starting at 6:30 pm with a general question for the candidates, a 15 minute break, and audience questions starting at 8 pm. Ending at 9 pm.*

* 1. **LWVOR grant funds collection** (Shockey)

*Diane sent in a $400 grant request which we received. It was used for the February Ross Ragland event. She will send in a $300 gran request for August.*

* 1. **LWVOR People not Politicians initiative [including local endorsement needed]** (Shockey, Strauss)

*LWVOR is part of a coalition partnership with other groups (e.g. Common Cause, Independent Party, Progressive Party, etc.) that seeks to create a nonpartisan citizens panel to handle redistricting. Oregon local leagues are being asked to endorse this partnership. Leslie moved to endorse. Julie seconded. Motion passed. Emily will sent our endorsement to LWVOR.*

**New Business**

* + 1. **Recommended Concurrence from LWVUS Board for 2020-22 Program Planning** (Lowe)

*This is about the Direct Vote (NPV). Need support at every level. It was agreed that we had already endorsed the NPV and a citizen redistricting commission. Leslie will let Barb Klein on the National Committee know of our endorsement.*

* + 1. **Potential visit from LVWOR president** (Strauss)

*Discussion on inviting Becky Gladstone to visit. Leslie will host a dinner. Emily will email.*

* + 1. **LWVOR 100th luncheon** (Strauss)

*50/table or $40/person. On March 7th. Governor Roberts will be the moderator. You need to register by February 27th.*

* + 1. **Annual meeting, election of officers 2020-2021, April 16**

*This will be a business meeting only and held at Gaucho. The usual dinner will be on April 18th.*

* + 1. **Health care**

*1) On Monday (February 17th), the state legislature proposed a constitutional amendment (HJR 201) to give Oregonians the right to affordable healthcare. It passed the House 36 to 21 along party lines. Need to contact Linthicum to push for Senate approval.*

*2) HB 4029 passed last Friday (February 14th). It prevents nonprofit hospitals from requiring individuals to apply for Medicaid (public charge) before being eligible for help. The federal government’s “public charge” rule prevents those immigrants that apply for non-emergency public charge the right to apply for citizenship.*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 19, 2020 at 5:15 pm at Goucho Collective**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary