

LWV Klamath County Regular Board Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2020

Meeting started at 5:45 pm

In Attendance:

Board members: Emily Strauss, Leslie Lowe, Karen Kunz, Charlotte Opp, Ralph Opp

Members: Diane Eastman-Shockey, Sue Fortune, Nancy Sheehan, Valerie Lenardson

1. Call to Order. Welcome. Quorum count (Strauss)
 - a. *Quorum*
2. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2020 (Kunz)
 - a. *Changes*
 - i. *Lou is visiting*
 - ii. *The Opps are officers*
 - iii. *Parks Manager is John Bellon*
3. Treasurer's report- annual dues. Funds on hand. (Lowe)
 - a. *Treasurer's report previously distributed*
 - b. *Questions*
 - i. *Line 22: Money from cookbook sale. We have 20 books at the museum and Leslie has 3 books and some DVDs*
 - ii. *Emily: Total income is about \$1500 and total expenses is about \$2300. How do we deal with the shortfall? Leslie: Money earned last year will make up for it. At the end of our fiscal year in April of 2020 we had \$5000 in the bank.*
 - iii. *Line 8: That is the current checking account. We pay dues to the state and national. We don't find out what the dues will be until July but they based on the number of members in January. That's why we need to keep money in the bank to pay for the previous year's members. (~\$1200)*
4. 100th Anniversary committee - review of year's activities. One more event. (Shockey)
 - a. *Valerie and Leslie did a great job in their committees – Cookbook, Ross Ragland, and tree. Thanks to all the people who did so much to help. We were recognized by the city and county AND we made money!*

5. Request to pay for Zoom account; status of payments for website maintenance (Strauss)
 - a. *Zoom: We've been borrowing Zoom usage off of others. Since Zoom was on sale, Diane purchased a year's subscription for \$119. She will donate it. However, she would like to have \$10/month accrue throughout the year so we will be able to pay for next year if necessary. If we don't need to subscribe, then we'll have extra money. It was decided by all Board members to approve \$156 dollars for a possible Zoom subscription in 2021. It was suggested that we reimburse Diane – refused by Diane. The subscription was purchased Sept 10, 2020.*
 - b. *Website: Emily feels she shouldn't be paid as she is not doing enough. Leslie stated that Emily had earned it – at least this year. We are only paying \$60/month (except for July & August) where a professional would get \$60/hr. And we have the money. Diane suggested revisiting this when we don't have money. Then Emily can donate it back if she wants to. Members agreed.*
6. LWV OR Cybersecurity position statement consensus vote.
 - a. *Diane stated that she watched the LWV Portland video, "Privacy and Cybersecurity Today" on YouTube. It has been watched by over 200 people and about 100 leagues. There are holes in cybersecurity and a bunch of patchwork laws to deal with it. Licenses are long and there is a lot inside them that deals with privacy.*
 - b. *Those who filled out the worksheet need to send to Emily. She will collate and send to LWVOR. Due by November 13th.*
 - c. *Leslie wanted to discuss some parts of the worksheet. Part IV(a) – Require all businesses that process or control personal data to establish effective governance and accountability programs: Leslie – doesn't the Commerce Department already do this? Discussion about trust in businesses and the Consumer Protection Bureau. Leslie also felt that Part IV(b) – Require all businesses that process or control personal data to be responsible and accountable for any and all subsequent end uses of personal data, including transferred data – was not possible.*
7. VOTER SERVICES (Shockey/Strauss)
 - a. Apply for \$300 grant for upcoming advertising (cancel prior \$400 grant not used for Baldwin Hotel event). How to use funds.
 - i. *Leslie felt we should put posters out to remind people to register and vote. The Vote Forward project has researched how to get people to the polls. Print up cards and send to targeted voters. Use time and energy to get people to the polls*

- ii. *Emily reported that there is a movement like this by LWVUS. Oregon is a test case. It has been given \$25,000 to print postcards to disperse to Oregon leagues to see if it works. We are supposed to order today. Diane suggested putting in the Library, Senior Citizens, etc. Emily wanted to know how many to order. Leslie wanted to know if there was anything else provided. Diane said there was also a registered voter file.*
 - iii. *Emily called for a decision on:*
 - 1. *Whether we apply for the \$300 grant? It was agreed to do so*
 - 2. *Whether we want to get some postcards from LWVUS? If so how many?*
 - iv. *Valerie suggested that we go after the 17,000 non-affiliated voters in Klamath County. We could concentrate on particular areas of the county. Diane thought we should concentrate on ages. She has heard that young people are saying that no one is asking them to vote. Valerie thought we could also text people. October 13th is the registration deadline.*
 - v. *Leslie pointed out that there were only 8 people at the meeting. If the target was 5000 postcards – that was a LOT. Valerie mentioned we'd need to put a label and a stamp on them. Diane explained that she wasn't certain how many we would get.*
 - vi. *Discussion on whether Nancy's and Valerie's connection to the Democratic Party made them ineligible to help.*
 - vii. *Decision to ask for 1000 postcards. After looking at the dates for the Voter Pamphlet and end date for voting, it was decided that the postcards would need to be in the mail by October 10th. Leslie wanted to know how fast we could get them – unknown.*
 - viii. *Question on how many stamps to buy. 100 stamps = \$35. There was a suggestion to hand out though there was a worry about doing so during a pandemic. Decision: 800 postcards by mail (\$280 set aside for stamps) and hand out 200.*
 - ix. *Diane will call Monday and find out the number of postcards we can get. She will let Leslie know how many stamps are needed. Leslie wants to purchase 1000 stamps and 100 Avery labels. She received approval to do so.*
- b. LWV US Outreach Circle app. Committee to explore how to use locally
- i. *Not discussed. Next month*

- c. OR SoS ballot tracker link. Discuss how to use and promote
 - i. *Suggestion to put a sticker about this on the postcards*
 - ii. *Promotion about all we plan to do – how? Go on the radio? Leslie said that all the talk shows we used to go to are gone. She suggested going to the post office and buying (ordering?) 1000 postcard stamps if time is of the essence.*
- d. Vote411 website. Update on activities. (Diane)
 - i. *Local races in.*
- e. Local races- Mayor, city council. What actions to take. CD2 race. Coordinate with Deschutes LWV.
 - i. *Diane would still like to interview candidates. Locals would total 16. Asked if anyone would take on. Emily and Diane will do. Leslie said she has the letters and questions. Emily will contact Linthicum and Reschke as Diane thought they might not answer anything coming from her.*
- f. Voter forums, debates, etc. Alternatives.
 - i. *Diane talked about other leagues having troubles with putting on forums. Deschutes LWV is having a candidate forum on September 22, 2020 for the Congressional District #2 candidates. Emily explained that Congressional District 2 was an area that was covered by 5 LWV leagues. Whereas the Oregon district 56 area is only covered by LWV KC. The 5 leagues are pooling efforts.*
 - ii. *Discussion about Zoom forums. Diane shared that one league had people break into their forum and cause problems. Val explained that you need to have a waiting room. People have to RSVP. She also offered an alternative to a forum – could do an interview and put it on the web.*
 - iii. *Emily thought we should concentrate on local races. We have 3 candidates for Ward 1 and 16 candidates for local races. Valerie suggested doing the forum at OIT with masks and social distancing. Emily concerned about our limited people resources. Who's going to do it?*
 - iv. *Leslie stated that she has been doing candidates nights for a long time and we weren't getting much in the way of attendance or participation. The Voter's pamphlet goes out on October 14h. Leslie is out of town from October 10 – 19. Last April we spent \$600 to advertise. Did anyone see the PSAs? Not money well spent. No way to track.*

8. Other new business. (Strauss)

a. *None*

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 29, 2020 on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary