

LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – February 18, 2021

Meeting started at 5:36

In Attendance:

Board members: Diane Eastman-Shockey, Emily Strauss, Leslie Lowe, Karen Kunz, Charlotte Opp, Ralph Opp

Members: Nancy Sheehan, Valerie Lenardson, Faith Leith

Minutes for January 21, 2021

Leslie made a motion to accept the minutes, Diane seconded it. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

As of January 31st, the bank account had \$4363.94 in it. All bills are paid. \$60 was given to Emily for her website work. The Membership in January was 24 paid members. (This number is used as a base for LWV & LWVOR payments)

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consolidation study**, Urban Growth Report, LWVKC Home Rule Study (Lowe)

Leslie stated that nothing has changed on the Consolidation study. Hoped things will start happening by the middle of next week. Diane mentioned that she had talked to others about being involved in this. There was lots of interest. Leslie agreed stating that when she was making presentations last year, a number of people were positive about doing this study. We have until May to include David Henslee before he retires. Leslie asked that all those coming to the first meeting in March to read what she already sent out. That way the committee will be ready to figure out who does what in March.

2. **Jordan Cove update** (Shockey)

Diane stated that the Jordan Cove meeting was cancelled due to weather. She also mentioned the update of FERC agreeing that the DEQ turning down the water permit was legal. All are waiting for Pembina's next move. Leslie felt that, given the new Biden admin, Pembina will have to wait 4 years before coming back. Diane agreed even though there was no way to verify this belief. Emily mentioned that she will continue to update this on our website. Diane mentioned that Shirley Weathers is delaying the group letter to the Governor, agencies, etc. thanking them for doing due diligence and saying No.

3. **LWVOR- interviewing new representatives** (Strauss)

Emily stated that she tried to contact our Oregon congressmen, Linthicum and Reschke. She received no response from one and the other told her he would send a position paper – which didn't have anything useful (about a "crater lake day"?). Emily wanted to know if we should try to contact county and city elected members. Leslie replied that we are encouraged to do so but we don't have to. It takes a lot of time so it is not useful unless we have a reason. Which we will with the Consolidation study. Diane felt we had done "our due diligence".

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Legislative Session**, Legislative visit (Shockey)

Emily heard that everything was cancelled due to the weather. Diane elaborated that included the

Legislative subcommittees, etc. LWVOR cancelled the Hall. It's up in air as to what is happening. Emily asked if she thought they would do this later. Diane didn't think so – since the state (and Capitol) is still under COVID restriction. LWVOR might do Performance sessions but we'll have to wait and see.

2. Changes in board membership, officers (Strauss)

Emily discussed stepping down. Didn't want the presidency but would be happy to stay on board and do certain issues. After discussion, it was decided that since Diane is a co-chair she will take on more of the organizational tasks (emails, meetings, etc.) until the end of Emily's term. Leslie mentioned that we need to set up the Annual meeting at our March meeting. Diane agreed since we need to give 30 days notice. Leslie stated that she would send out a proposed budget and the last Annual meeting and offered to help Emily and Diane with tasks.

3. Other

Diane brought up the idea of, in the future, asking the city police and sheriff departments if they have white supremacist in their forces – though she was not sure it is in the League's bailiwick. Faith felt we should wait to see what comes down from the Federal Government, then take that and ask those questions. She believes that guidelines are coming. Leslie offered another possible avenue we could take -- the Southern Poverty Law Center. She felt we could ask them what kind of white supremacist cells are in Klamath County. Diane volunteered to get a hold of them but wanted to know if she should do it as an LWV member or personally? Leslie felt she should talk to them as an LVW member. Leslie made a motion that "Diane contact the Southern Poverty Law Center to get information on various white supremacist groups in Klamath County". Diane seconded. Emily wanted to know what position paper we would base this on. Leslie felt that there were several. Diane believed that Public Safety is a good overview. Faith stated that she looked at the rules for County and City police on use of force. She was pleased to know there are guidelines. The Motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary