

LWV Klamath County Regular Board Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2021

Meeting started at 5:44 pm

In Attendance:

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

Members:

I. Call to Order. Quorum count

a. *Quorum*

II. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2021

a. *Changes*

- i. Faith is a board member
 - ii. The \$240 paid to Emily was to catch up on payments for 2021
 - iii. CRT is not part of a school's curriculum. He- Glen would like it to become a dead issue. Feels that the League has a mission to correct misinformation
 - iv. At the end under Other: Health & Social justice. They sent a co-sponsorship.
- b. Leslie moved to approved as corrected. Charlotte seconded.

III. Treasurer's report

a. *Showing the correct number of members as of 9-16-21*

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Pesticides/Biocides Study Consensus

There are questions about this so Diane will call a special meeting next week to discuss whether to be a part of this. LWVOR says we only have until November 10 to send in our consensus. The meeting will be Monday afternoon at 4 pm on October 25.

B. Human Rights Special Interest Group (Emily)

Emily contacted them. The meeting will be on Human Rights Day (December 10). Emily couldn't find anything about this online. HRSIG has documents and presentations This would be a good way to say that we are doing something for Human Rights Day. Are we interested in doing something for Human Rights Day? No one showed any interest.

Diane suggested monitoring this and perhaps putting something in the Herald & News for Dec. 10th.

Leslie suggested that Emily could call the County Commissioners and the City Mayor and ask them if either are going to acknowledge this day. Diane agreed but thought that

LWVKC should do something if the governments aren't. We could ask the newspaper if they'll talk about it.

Emily felt we should put it on the County and City meetings and talk about it. Leslie felt we should give them a head's up if we do this.

C. LWVDavis Area Health Reform & Social Justice (Emily)

We did co-sponsor this. Their press release had hundreds of league groups. The meeting was 2 hours on Zoom. Emily only attended the first hour – did not feel the information was useful. But she did put all their information on the website.

D. Redistricting Update (Diane)

The Redistricting Commission adopted map A. The Republicans are suing as they don't like it.

Leslie responded that she didn't like how map A handled Klamath County. She noted that LWVOR is supporting People not Politicians and would like to find out more about it.

Diane stated that the People not Politicians group was "not flying" in Oregon. They are not getting enough interest as all compared to California.

Faith explained the California group wants to create voting districts using a computer in order to be fair. But even then, the results will still look like a "salamander". They are trying to keep neighborhoods together as much as possible and trying to get the same number of people per district.

Emily asked if we were supposed to be in league with the state LWV. How does redistricting relate to us as a local league? Faith explained that redistricting is about who gets to vote.

Discussion on what we should do. It is too late for the current redistricting plan which needs to be done by May. The Redistricting Commission drew up criteria for redistricting and that criteria are going through the courts. If the courts agree, then the plan with map A will be what is done.

E. Observer Corp, Goals of the LWVKC along with function of Website (Diane)

Diane checked out the Observer Corps information. She then checked our local commissions and found there were about 30. If we start an Observer Corps, should we have a committee to organize our actions?

Leslie: Thought based on our previous conversation that we were going to be very selective about this.

Diane: We need to figure out how to plan our Observer Corps and integrate it with our website

Emily: What would you want the website to do? Diane: Put in the notes from anyone who attends a meeting on our website.

Leslie: We wear LWC badges and don't say anything at the meeting. We don't need to create minutes of the meeting, but we do need to put down anything we feel is important to LWVKC. We have several options on how to use this information.

Diane: Which is why I wanted a subcommittee meeting

Emily asked if she felt the meeting was weird whether that would go on the web. Leslie replied that she would bring her report back to the Board and it would decide on what to put on the web. Diane mentioned that this is one way of defining what we do but that Rogue Valley is actually taking minutes.

The subcommittee will consist of Diane, Emily, and Leslie. Diane will try to recruit someone outside of the Board. Leslie will be Chair and will send out an email with meeting times.

https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/lwvef_observingyourgovernment.pdf

F. Civil discourse in county schools (Leslie)

During our discussion with Glen Szymoniak, Superintendent of the Klamath County School District, he mentioned that one problem was that there was no course on civil discourse and wanted to know if LWVKC would help with this. Leslie would like to set up a committee to look at what resources are available to help us with this. There was a question of whether we are now supposed to be teachers and Leslie replied that it would only be for 2 hours. Diane wondered if we could fit it in with all we're doing. Leslie suggested the perhaps we could contact some of the teachers from the Harvard Project. Decision to discuss this in January.

Faith wondered is we get involved with voting during the Spring? Leslie replied that when we previously explored this, we found out that the schools are doing a good job.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Project 411 Redesign and former Candidates Survey Input Request (Diane)

Diane asked if we want to contact former candidates and discuss any improvements to Vote411. After discussion, the consensus was No.

B. Harvard Study Project resurrection Request (Emily)

This project was abandoned due to COVID. We received an email asking about it and Emily replied that it was dead. There is an east coast Zoom meeting presentation about this and Emily will attend. Glen Szymoniak is also signed up to attend. It was suggested that he be contacted and see if Emily and him can watch together. Emily is willing to resurrect this Project from scratch if Glen Szymoniak gives his support. Next year or the year after, there should be a chance to go to Harvard.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Rural Organizing Project request (Diane)

Diane reported that the ROP asked to join. We can't allow that but could work as a coalition on issues.

Civilian Oversight of Law enforcement webinar: LWVUS asks us to share registration for interested League members, Oct 21, noon PACIFIC time. Interest in civilian oversight of law enforcement has grown significantly in the League and in our communities. This workshop

is especially for members who are new to this issue, to help you get started. All League members will benefit from hearing the latest research and what is happening in other Leagues, **with a special emphasis on Sheriffs.**

Emily listened in and it was not what thought it would be. It dealt with a government entity passing laws that would establish a formal oversight commission with legal powers of oversight – subpoena, investigate, etc.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 18, 2021 on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary