

LWV Klamath County regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2022

Meeting started at: 5:42 pm

In Attendance:

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

Members:

Regrets: Emily Strauss

I. Call to Order (board quorum?) Yes.

II. Approve minutes of January 20, 2022 Meeting

Changes requested:

Leslie would like the Regrets to say, "at school board meeting as an observer". Under Old Business, it is civil not civic. Leslie met with Glen Szymoniak on 1-21-22.

Charlotte moved to accept the minutes with the state changes. Seconded by Ralph and passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

Since January LWVKC has added Griffin Toffler as a member which brings us to 21 members. \$3671.03 in operational funds as of this date. \$2180 in the Education fund account.

IV. New Member Griffin Toffler Introduction

Not able to be here tonight. Will be here next time.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Civil Discourse High School Class Opportunity Update (Leslie)

Leslie wrote to Glen Szymoniak and he said he had not heard from Jeff Bullock (Director of School Improvement and Secondary Programs). Glen will contact him as, "they have all the curriculum". This class may not happen until next fall

B. Observer Corps County School District Reports (Leslie, Diane/Griffin)

There were lots of items on the agenda. It was felt that there was a need to do more research before sending out the official Notes. Diane thought that there are a lot of things observers can note privately in minutes without putting them on web. We should make certain that the Notes are referenced.

Leslie felt there needed to be a meeting of the members of the Observer Corps to figure out a form to use. Leslie noted that she agreed with Griffin that many of the school board members needed to have read the documents before voting on them.

Diane feels we need a way to handle note taking and create a document that would give better consumption for us and for others.

Diane observed that there was lots of money available to the District but 2 projects for gymnasiums in Chiloquin & Bonanza weren't started due to COVID. The District is going to ask Congress for an extension. Delegates to extend for 2 years. In Oregon's legislative sessions, there is a lot of money going to schools. There is talk about creating a new school in Klamath County and making Brixner a K-6 school. Graduate rates are down. Benchmarks for learning are not good.

Leslie commented that, because of COVID, the District is suspending testing requirements for graduation for the next 2 years. Students just have to pass their classes to graduate.

C. Outreach Circle (Emily)

Diane reported that she is going to attend this Friday. She will report at the next meeting.

D. Vote411 Questions Candidates and Measure 18-121

Diane is working on this for Klamath and Lakeview Counties. LWVOR is doing all state positions

Diane stated that we need to come up with questions for the Commissioner candidates. LWVOR's requirements for questions are very narrow and very specific. She feels that we need to ask about dealing with the drought. Leslie & Ralph volunteered to help come up with questions. The questions they will be working on will be for both Commissioner and State Representative positions.

Leslie suggested scheduling a meeting on Thursday, March 3rd, 4pm via Zoom. Diane will send out Deschutes' & Rogue Valley's questions.

Someone will need to interview Mr. McCarter (President of Greater Idaho) for measure 18-121. Leslie stated that the purpose of questioning is to help voters understand where a candidate is coming from or what a measure is about.

E. Spring Fundraiser Yard Sale

This is now the Summer fundraiser. Diane will have it be part of the Running Y yard sale.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tentative Candidate Forum April 12, 2022 for May 17 Election

Diane & Emily did not attend the Friday meeting so we don't have info on how others put on Zoom Forums. Legislative House Districts 28, 55, 56 are shared by Deschutes and Rogue. The new US Congressional District does not include us. We are waiting to hear from the Deschutes & Rogue Valley leagues to determine who we will have at our forum. All 3 leagues will have a forum for shared candidates.

There was discussion on how successful a forum would be here. Diane feels we need to try and see what happens.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 17, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary