

## LWV Klamath County Annual Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2022

Meeting started at: 5:32 pm

In Attendance:

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

**Members:**

**Regrets:**

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

II. Approve minutes of March 17, 2022 Meeting

*Changes requested:*

*2F: 8 – 10 am setup*

*Event will be held in the parking lot*

*Next board meeting – Annual, April*

*A: Civil discourse. Leslie: Should be Southern Poverty.*

*Leslie moved to approve the minutes with the stated changes. Emily seconded*

III. Treasurer's Annual Meeting Report

*Emily asked if she was correct in seeing a shortage for next year. Leslie agreed there would be (is always) a shortage in our annual budget. Diane stated that our fundraiser should elevate our budget.*

*Website costs are: Domain 15.59. Hosting 47.40 per year*

IV. Proposed Annual Budget

*Diane stated that last year's proposed & actual budgets were within \$200. We did pretty good.*

*Emily moved to accept the proposed budget for next year. Charlotte seconded. Proposed budget passed.*

V. Board Member Election: Term 2022/2023

*Leslie moved that we accept the proposed slate of officers by acclamation. All agreed.*

President: Diane Eastman Shockey

Vice President: Emily Strauss

Treasurer: Leslie Lowe

Secretary: Karen Kunz

At Large Board Members:

Faith Leith

Charlotte Opp

Ralph Opp

## VI. BRIEF Overview of 2021/2022 LWVKC Accomplishments

- Consolidation Study Retirement
- Consensus Pesticide/Biocide Study
- Observer Corps

*Leslie mentioned that you can attend the City of Klamath Falls council meetings on YouTube. She wrote up a report which the Observer Corps committee read. Did anyone else?*

*Faith wondered if there was something on screen saying that Leslie was from LWVKC? Leslie replied that she couldn't be seen by the council -- broadcast only. She thought it an interesting experience. She will send her report to all members – that is, have Emily send it out with the newsletter. Diane felt we should have a section for the Observer Corps in every newsletter. She felt the report was very readable.*

*Leslie thought that the way the City Council conducted their meeting was good. She wants someone else to observe how the City Council conducts meetings. If that person also agrees, we should send a letter to the Council (and perhaps as a Letter to the Editor) saying they were good meetings. Maybe even adopt the process for LWVKC meetings.*

*Diane recommended that we watch the County Commissioners meeting. She was appalled about how they ran their meetings. Leslie stated that we were not getting reports from those observing.*

*[As an aside: Leslie mentioned that a number of years ago, we got a series of films to educate people on LWV issues. People would borrow them from Leslie. Interest in them has waned. Leslie checked with the Klamath County Library – they don't want most of them but will take those that look useful and make them available at the Library. These films will either go to the Library or go in the dump. This brought up the suggestion that we should be looking at the LWVKC historical documents stored in the KCL basement.]*

- County Official Zoom Interviews

*These will be going up on the LWVKC website in their own webpage. This webpage will also have links to the Congressional District 2 forum and interviews from the Deschutes LWV. Emily stated that she is "collecting from everywhere" that she can find.*

*Diane and Emily will write a letter to the editor of the Herald & News. They are trying to make headway in reaching people who don't read the Herald & News. Emily offered to do a 15 second ad for the radio stations.*

- Primary Election Commissioner Candidate Interviews
- Website Attractions and Outreach Circle Plans

*Diane & Emily attended one of the 1 hour demos of the Outreach Circle. They feel it will take some effort to implement. Maybe do so in the summer. It will take ongoing work – more than the website. Leslie asked what the benefit would be. Emily stated that the younger, more techy people will be the ones who would use it. Phone apps connect people via social media links and allows*

*the originator to broadcast various things. It is a more “natural” form of communication – a vehicle for the younger set. And it is free since it is being paid for by LWVUS. We need to work keeping in touch with LWVOR as we can’t do it alone.*

*Diane stated that she has been attending the monthly state meetings. LWV has been trying hard as we’ve been left in the dust in terms of connecting with younger people. Emily mentioned that this new outreach system has a steep learning curve and will be mostly on her.*

*Faith asked if we were going to go back to in-person meetings? Diane answered that we would have them in the future if we can. Faith suggested that the meetings should be hybrid.*

*Diane asked about outreach. There are over 10,000 people who did not vote in Klamath County. Can we take a number of those names and send out letters asking if they need help with their ballot? What can league do to answer your questions? The Oregon Voter Activation Network (VAN) will give us names. (This is a pilot program). We can use the 2020 election info from VAN.*

*Leslie asserted we should “[Vote forward](#)”. We should encourage writing letters to those who don’t vote. This can be a topic for our summer retreat. Diane replied: “What is going to be our method to encourage voters.” Leslie added, “to cast their votes”!*

**REMINDERS:**

Fundraiser June 11th Yard Sale Reminder

Summer ReTREAT Date Change

July 9th at 12:30 -- potluck

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 19, 2022**

*Diane suggested that this be a meeting to mark yard sale items. Faith recommended not pricing. We should emphasize that it’s for a charity. People will give more. Everyone agreed to do so. Faith added that we should say “whatever you feel is fair”. Diane not certain if we can do so – she will ask. Leslie wondered if we can do signage? Leslie also asked who was going to be there from 10 – 1. Will be Leslie, Emily, and Diane. The yard sale will be in the parking lot across from the Running Y Ranch Market. When you come to the 4-way stop, turn left onto Cooper’s Hawk Rd. Then turn right into the parking lot. Park your car above. Bring your own chair.*

*Diane suggests we don’t meet in May and work on fundraiser ideas in June. The May meeting will be social – after election decompression.*

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary