

LWV Klamath County regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2022

Meeting started at: 5:30 pm

In Attendance:

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

Members: Griffin Toffler

Regrets:

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

II. Approve minutes of February 22, 2022 Meeting

Changes requested:

Emily not at Board meeting

5D: 3rd paragraph. Ralph instead of George

6A: 2nd sent. Legislative not congressional. Hs 56, etc.

III. Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$3501.03, Corp fees paid (\$50). 15.59 for renewal of web domain – Leslie donated

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

Leslie called Jeff Bullock about this. He said that he had found a booklet with curriculum for this topic and would get back to her after spring break.

Diane asked if he seemed interested and Leslie didn't know as it was a short conversation.

Members are willing to assist in this. Emily mentioned that the Southern Poverty Law Center website has material about civil discourse. Diane thought an article on civil discourse on college campuses was really good. She will try to find it again and send to us. She wondered about maybe working with OIT on this.

[NOTE: Requested change to Southern Property – but that is incorrect]

Les: Tony Swan, the principal of KU is interested.

B. Observer Corps County School District update (Leslie)

Three observations have been completed. The group is still working on a report format and on scheduling the next observations. They will get together tomorrow to discuss.

C. Outreach Circle (Emily)

Emily is attending one of the webinars on this tomorrow (she missed last month). Diane will sign up for a future date – Apr. 12th. They will report afterwards.

D. Vote411 Update

Diane has entered all the Klamath and Lake County local races. LWVOR is putting in all the questions.

Diane ordered supplies and sent them to Leslie's address. She ordered 300 Voter Guides in English & 50 in Spanish. She ordered 100 business cards about Vote411 and 20 Vote411 buttons. The

English Voter Guides will be put In the County Clerk's office, the Klamath County Libraries, and the Post Office. The Spanish language Voter Guides will go to the store on E. Main and the main Library.

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

The Deschutes County LWV is in flux so they couldn't teach us about putting on a Zoom forum. Cliff Bentz & Congressional District 2 candidates will be in a shared forum with our name. Diane stated that if we can't get training for an online forum, she will cancel our April 12th plans. She proposes that, before May 17th, we interview candidates and put the interviews on the website.

Questions and Comments:

Leslie: We need someone to make list and decide who interviews whom

Emily: In-person, phone, or Zoom? Diane: Zoom. Emily: The recordings will be huge.

Leslie: This is a lot of work to put things on a site that doesn't get a lot of traffic. We should ask Herald & News what they are doing. If they aren't doing much -- offer to help. Emily will call the H&N and see if she can contact someone and ask what they are doing for candidate information. She may have to leave a message.

Leslie: Who is interested in getting Candidate Information?

Emily: This is to understand the candidates? What who, where they live, their qualifications, etc.

Leslie: With our in-person forums, the League asked our own questions. We should do that and publish the answers.

The Committee will consist of Emily, Leslie, and Diane. We will invite only the commissioners and any position with more than one person running. Because of the changes to House districts 28, 55, and 56, the Republicans might answer questions.

Diane: We will get our act together for the November election. Possibly in-person (if no variant).

F. Summer Fundraiser Yard Sale Reminder

Date: June 11th from 10am to 1 pm at the Running Y.. it will be held in the parking lot of the Running Y market. Bring Diane your stuff around June 1st

Leslie wanted to know how much space will we have? Diane replied that the cost is \$5 per table. She'll get 2 spots. She needs to find out how much stuff to expect. She plans to box up the remainders and give to charity afterwards. Set up will be from 8 - 10 am. Leslie will help.

G. 18-121 Interview (Mike McCarter)

This interview should also be included in the H&N project. But... should we put it on the website or are we just getting attention for McCarter? Faith felt that if this is a forum on the issue, that we need both pro & con. Without that, it is best to ignore as it is just publicity for them. Dian thought we could interview Klamath Council. Emily felt she could find records online instead of interviewing. Leslie stated that it should come out at same time as our Candidate's Night – mid-April. Emily promised to look to see what she could find. Diane wanted to ask the County Council why they are not answering her emails. She Will make an appointment. Emily stated that the Council doesn't want to publicly touch this topic. Leslie added that they can't do anything publicly until the measure is passed. Emily felt we could write them to bring up questions that need to be answered. Leslie posed this question – what are the consequences to Klamath County if the measure is passed? Something Emily needs to keep in mind while she is researching.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Meeting 2022

When should we have our annual meeting -- April or May? Discussion on who will be in town during April and May. Leslie suggested April 21st but Emily thought that wasn't a lot of time for a 1-month notice. Leslie replied that we only need the meeting notice of where it will take place and the budget. If we meet via Zoom, it's not much of a problem. Leslie asked if this was just a meeting for elections or if we were going to do something special. Diane replied that it was just an operational meeting. That we could have a summer treat meeting [re(treat)].

Slate of officers:

*President: Diane Eastman-Shockey
Vice president: Emily Strauss
Treasurer: Leslie Lowe
Secretary: Karen Kunz
At large: Faith Leith, Charlotte & Ralph Opp*

Leslie will send Emily the annual meeting budget & next year's proposed budget to be sent to the entire email list.

B. Review of website

Emily stated that Leslie and she reviewed the LWVKC website and made some changes. The past meeting minutes have been posted except for one month that is missing -- March 2021. Diane will review.

C. In person meetings

Emily wanted to know if we plan to continue on Zoom. Diane felt we should finish our year on Zoom and rethink at the summer retreat. It will be hard to find a place and may have to move the date. She felt that In-person meetings were better. Leslie stated that she preferred Zoom for our Board meetings as we are a small Board and Zoom allows us to see everyone.

Leslie asked when our "fun" day summer retreat would be. Diane replied that she'll see what happens with variant. A tentative date for Saturday, July16th was set with a 12:30 – 2:30 pm potluck at Diane's house.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: LWVKC Annual Meeting, April 21, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at: 6:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary