

LWV Klamath County Regular Board Meeting minutes - February 8, 2023

Meeting started at 4:03 pm

In Attendance:

Board members: Diane Shockey, Emily Strauss, Leslie Lowe, Karen Kunz, , Faith Leith

Members: Kim Dukes, Griffin Toffler

Not here: *Charlotte Opp, Ralph Opp*

I. Call to Order

A. *Quorum*

II. Approve minutes of September 15, October 20, November 21, 2022, January 19, 2023

A. *Accepted with changes.*

III. Treasurer's Report

LWVOR sent us a \$296 check for our Education Fund. The money was supposed to go to LWVUS for part of our PMP. Leslie is not certain how to fix. She will work with Kermit & Ruth on this. Emily has been paid for January & February. We have \$3495.12 in our checking account with an additional \$50 to be added. Once the Education fund problem is squared, we should have over \$1500 left in the Education fund.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Candidate Forum Taping Release LWVOR Update (Diane)

When Diane mentioned taping release forms at the online state meeting, she said there was a "flurry over it". LWVOR won't change theirs. They say that each league should write their own. Diane feels that we don't know enough of the legal reasons/concerns/problems to do so. So Diane has decided to skip this step (having candidates sign the LWVOR form) and only have them sign a release form acknowledging that the forum will be taped and put on the LWVKC website.

b. Observer Corps Reports Update (Leslie)

Diane, Emily, Karen, and Griffin met on Monday, February 6th. There Griffin mentioned some suggestions she had on how to have a better school board meeting. The group drafted a letter with suggestions about improving Klamath County School Board meeting (identifying speakers, etc.). The committee would like it sent to the Board and Superintendent. Leslie so moved and Emily seconded. The motion passed. It is to be sent to the Board/Superintendent on LWVKC stationary and email – signed by Diane. Leslie will send all Board members a LWVKC stationary template.

Leslie looked at the Salem League's Observer Corps form. All they have is the Name of the

organization, the date, the person observing and two points: Main points/issues discussed and Decisions made /actions taken. Leslie moved that we adopt this form. Faith seconded. Approved.

c. Website Update (Emily)

Emily reiterated that what we currently have is more than we need. In order to get our website out there, Emily will send snippets of information to Molly O'Brien, H&N journalist (mObrien@heraldandnews.com). She will try to be in frequent communication with her and hopes to create informative columns of some sort. For example, Civics 101 – what does nonpartisan mean. These columns will include the LWVKC website address. Emily believes that this is, currently, the only way to get “traction” for our website. These columns will probably be limited to 350 words. We will see if actually gets into paper. “One small step”

Leslie would like an Op-Ed on the Observer Corps Committee which would mention that it is open to the community to join. Perhaps talk about Griffin's recommendations to the School Board based on her observations. Kim wondered if KCC had political sci classes. Griffin will check. Kim suggests that we take about 5 minutes before classes begin to talk about LWVKC. Diane suggested high school mock elections. Emily felt that such a project would be major and require a curriculum needing a lot of time and people. Diane agreed that we could not do it now but perhaps in the future. Leslie asked us to clarify our plans – are we going to try to go to KCC/OIT political courses and visit and talk about LWV? Emily discovered that KCC has a course – Poly Sci 101, Intro to US government. Leslie cautioned that we need to find out about the instructors as well.

d. Voter Service Election 2023

1. Klamath County Election May 16, 2023 (Diane)

Diane proposes that since the Board isn't “hot” about forums, that we should do interviews with the candidates and put them up on the website. If a candidate has no opponent or refuses the interview, other leagues state on the website that they did not participate. LWVOR will give money to leagues to advertise. Diane asked for help from members. Leslie and Emily will help with interviews. Emily suggested limiting them to 15 min interviews as longer interviews create large files.

Leslie would like to see more Facebook activity. Kim was asked to take this on. Because we have two old accounts, we need to delete them and start anew. Kim will research on how to remove them. She will also ask a friend's teenagers about TikTok & Instagram.

2. Vote411 May 16 2023 Election Update from LWVOR (Diane)

Diane will gather the information to put into Vote411.

d. Border Relocation Study Board Information (Diane)

This Board has not met yet.

e. Painting Inscription Update (Leslie)

Leslie is waiting to for the text of the plaque inscription. Diane will send it to her next week. Leslie also wants to know what dimensions the plaque should be. Diane will take a photo of the painting and send it to Leslie along with the plaque dimensions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm

Next Meeting: March 2, 2023@ 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary