

LWV Klamath County Regular Board Meeting minutes – March 2, 2023

Meeting started at 4:04 pm

In Attendance:

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

Members: Kim Dukes, Griffin Toffler

Guests: Ed Silling, Molly O'Brien

Absent: Charlotte Opp, Ralph Opp (resigned 3-2-23)

I. Call to Order

A. *Quorum*

B. Approve minutes of February 2, 2023

Leslie moved to approve and Emily seconded. Approved

II. Treasurer's Report

Finally got the Education Fund squared. We have \$1534 in our Education fund and \$3545.12 in the treasury. (#8) [Note: Half of the LWVUS PMP was paid by Education Fund]

III. OLD BUSINESS

a. Community Outreach LWVKC

1. Letter to the Editor (Emily)

Civics 101 letter – Good job (Les/Diane). Emily will try to continue when she has topics. Her goal is to let people know that league exists and what we're about. Wants to have our name appear in public now and then.

2. College Discussions Committee (Kim/Diane)

Kim looked at KCC civics classes that are being offered next term. KCC has a "free speech zone" (expressive contact zone. Put up a booth and talk to people. You need to reserve 3-30 days ahead of time. There are many classes that we could ask to speak to. Such as Intro to Business and Human Resources management. The Student government usually future minded people (Kim will get more information on this). Griffin found contacts for both KCC & OIT. Who would be the point person for this project? Our goal was to talk about Observer Corps.

Diane: Need to grow committee (currently Diane, Kim, Griffin, and Emily). Contact for OIT is Franny Howes. Emily: Let's meet via Zoom. Diane will come up with a date and send out invitations.

[Facebook update: Kim now the administrator of LWVKC Facebook (transferred from Julie Stoner). Klamath County League of Women Voters. Leslie: How will you use the page? Kim: Unknown. Having problems with

Facebook. Emily: Will put a Facebook link on our website and is happy to offer ideas on content, updates, etc.]

b. Observer Corps Reports Update (Leslie)

Griffin sent link to the October 2022 Klamath City council. Two acres that were leased by Wing Walkers to the City is where they want to put the “jet on a stick”.

[The 2 main issues with this project are: (#1) There is no equity committee and (#2) there is a lack of transparency on who is making the decisions.]

Molly: wants to do stories on these problems. One: on the F15 jet in the park and the legality of the area. Also (Two) the general lack of communication between the City government and the community. The Equity committee story would be number three. That resolution was passed well over a year ago and the City is ignoring it.

Faith: Unitarians, Quakers, & Tribes are very interested in this.

Leslie: Another problem is the appointment process.

Emily: the Observation Corps are showing these nontransparent actions. I feel we should expand our observations so we can bring recommendations to the LWVKC Board.

Leslie: Diane taking on finding out about the Klamath County strategic plan. Also, the chemicals used for star thistle control. Griffin attended the Commissioner/Tribes meeting and felt the Commissioners were not listening well. It was on Feb 21st. The Commissioners gave property to Walker Range. How can Comm give away w/o due process?

Diane: They did notify property owners that this was going to happen (long process). The man at the meeting wanted to buy the property and was not informed about the donation. When he stood up to talk, he was dismissed. The rationale was under auspices of county protection for fire fighting. Diane felt that the Commissioners feel that the Public is in the way and don't like interruptions. Perhaps due to the lack of public participation? Leslie: “Mother knows best”. If we have more observers, we can make more headway.

Ed: Since the Herald and News notice about the “Jet on a stick”, they have been paying attention. I emailed Kelly Minty. She says this goes back 5 years but Trish Seiler doesn't remember this when she was on the City Council. Kelly Minty's criteria was that it “supports the Base”. Ed was told that all projects are judged by same criteria but he doesn't see this. Feels there needs to be some kind of “hammer” they would respond to. He hopes that Molly's report might generate some response.

Diane: I agree that we need to shape our Observer Corp reports into actions.

Griffin: League needs to know and understand the procedures for public meetings.

Diane: All County and City rules flow from state.

Ed: They are in the Handbook of Municipal organizations from the League of Oregon Cities. Chapter 9 – Parameters of council meetings. Ed feels that the City Council doesn't follow these procedures.

Ed: We need to get things on an agenda to force a vote

How about a Community newspaper? How do we create one? Ed, Diane, and Molly will look into this

c. Website Update (Emily)

No update

d. Voter Service Election 2023

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

Closing for new applicants is Mar 16th? Diane will update Vote411. Emily and Diane will try to interview candidates and put these interviews on the LWVKC webpage and Facebook.

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

See above

e. Border Relocation Study Board Information (Diane)

First meeting for creating parameters for the Board will be on Monday @ the Election Board office.

f. Painting Inscription Update (Leslie)

Leslie: I have questions. How is it being attached? Screws, glues? Emily: Museums use screws. Diane does not want to use screws as it is a beautiful frame. She suggested we ask a professional? Leslie: What if we put eye hooks on the bottom of the frame and hook the inscription on it? The consensus is we do this. Leslie: On right, left, middle? Diane: Middle. Metal or plastic? Metal. Where will this hang? Diane: we will hang it during meetings, forums, events, etc.

Inscription

The League of Women Voter of Klamath County in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the United States League of Women Voters. (1920-2020)

Emily motioned to accept all the decisions made and Karen seconded Passed

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Klamath Falls City Council Appointment Process and Broader Discussion

Diane was offended by the City's appointment process. She felt it was a "job interview" instead of an election. She felt we should take action in the future. Perhaps a study group on processes in city government? Or an Observer Corp project?

b. Regional LWV Study Committee

A group of league members from southern Oregon, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, and Idaho is going to study the Greater Idaho movement and the menacing that has been happening. Kendall Sandler is organizing. There have been takeovers of county & city councils happening. Ann Goldner from LWV Deschutes is also concerned. Emily is willing to help. Leslie will do what she can.

[Kim will look for the Sierra Club "Sprog" booklet on campaign planning for students. [Sprog stands for Summer Program.]

c. Letter -- Rural Health.

Postponed to the next meeting.

Faith: "I want to research working with Representative Reschke about his rural health care bills."

Leslie suggested discussing via email. Diane will discuss further with Faith.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm

Next Meeting: April 6, 2023@ 4:00 pm

[Griffin will be gone for all of April]

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary