**LWV Klamath County Annual MEETING Minutes - April 18, 2019** (with amendments)

Meeting started at 6:55 pm

Minutes for February 21, 2019 and March 21, 2019 approved (Nancy –motion, Diane – second)

Treasurer’s Annual and Projected Report accepted. Current check book balance $1593.31

Note: there are 20 members as of 4-17-2019 (Leslie miscounted and said 21 in March report)

In attendance: **Officers:**  Leslie Lowe (Pres/Treasurer), Karen Kunz (Vice Pres /Sec),

**Board Members:** Emily Strauss, Jody Daniels (via phone)

**Others:** Diane Eastman Shockey, Anita & John Ward, Sue Fortune, Valerie Lenardson, Julie Ryder,

**Guests:** Rick Bennett (LWVRV & State board member), Jennifer Little, Sherri Kies, Robin Pfeifer, Courtney Neubauer, Shaymaa Taha, Nancy Sheehan, Carol Westfall

 **Absent:** Linda Tittle

QUICK NOTES

A) **Access to Justice and Immigration concerns**: Completed attendance at Community Safety Mtg on April 3, 2019 – Notes soon available; report will be assembled over the summer by all who participated in each interview/meeting ; Notes from 3-13-19 meeting with Dan Golden, Juvenile Hall, sent to all on 4-13-19

B) **LWVUS Board voted to waive Student PMP at the national level through January 2021** – Can we

 take advantage of this? Leslie, Emily, and Diane; we will discuss **Voter Education Curriculum** ideas to see what we can do to make a difference in Klamath high schools after meeting with high school teachers; disc **Harvard Case Study Project** with Tony Swan at Klamath Union on 4-8-19 and he will send a teacher; Diane and Emily working on a county schools teacher and talking with principals about LWV Klamath coming to their classes; **Update on Henley High, etc.**

*Diane has put the information out to Mazama, Henley, and Lost River where there is some interest*

C) **National Popular Vote Project**: As of 4-9-19, **Oregon Senate voted 17-12 on SB 870 in favor** of giving our 7 electoral votes to the National Compact, making Oregon the 16th state to pass this once the House reaffirms its yes vote; currently there are 15 states with 189 electoral votes that have joined the Compact; 270 votes are needed; has now also passed in Colorado, New Mexico, and Delaware as of 3-28-19

 *Will now need to go through the Oregon House – but has been successful in passing this the past few years. [Rep. Reschke voted no as he felt it would not help Republicans*

D) **Juliana (Our Children’s Trust suit) v U.S was rescheduled to go to U.S. District Court in**

 **Eugene, OR, but now will go to 9th Circuit Court of appeals in Portland, OR on 6-4-19**: This climate change suit brought by young people has been in the works for almost 3 years. Both Obama and Trump regimes have tried to stop it. It is still a roller coaster ride.

*Note: the Oregon Senate passed SB 1008 – reforming the juvenile justice system. Senator Linthicum voted Yes. Thanks are to be sent to Linthicum from LWVKC. [Courtney Neubauer volunteered to chair the June 4thevent in Klamath Falls]*

E) Jordan Cove LNG Pipeline: show newspaper; LWV not included in story, but 4 of our members were there; next step coming in June with EIS report testimony; Shirley Weathers continues to be our lead on this issue

 *There will be a workshop on how to construct your response for the EIS testimony. Technical issues such as docket numbers, etc.*

F) Hard Rock Mining Consensus report sent to LWVOR 3-27-19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

 A) Media and Marketing Comm report: Emily

*The LWVKC home page is static. Do we want to work on getting it to constantly change? Consensus seemed to be to have it constantly changing.*

 B) LWVOR 100th birthday coming up March 2020 –Diane Comm chair: Update

 Diane’s projected expense for this activity $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; need to add to 2019-2020 budget

 *We will discuss the budget at the May meeting. Perhaps sell tickets to recoup costs?*

OLD BUSINESS

A) Call to Convention in Oregon is May 17 – 19 in Ashland, OR: Diane unable to go; Emily approved;

 1) pay her reg fees and meals, $150 – need vote;

 *Motion made by Valerie, seconded by Nancy. Motion approved*

 2) approve resolution on health care so Emily can vote for us at state convention on this issue for

 LWVOR to support expansion of Medicare to achieve universal coverage;

*Motion made to approve the resolution by Julie. Seconded by Nancy. Motion approved. Many people have signed individual support sheets.*

3) Julie Ryder wants to be our 2nd rep at Convention – vote her in

 *Motion made by Sue, seconded by Valerie. Motion passed. Julie will pay her own way.*

NEW BUSINESS

**SPEAKER: Carol Westfall, Mayor of Klamath Falls; “Female issues when serving as mayor in Klamath Falls, women in government”**

At end

A) Elect new Board and officers from floor nominations;

Pres\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; V.P. Karen Kunz ?\_*Motion by Nancy/ second by Diane – approved* Sec. Karen Kunz? *Motion made by Julie/ second by John - approved*; Treasurer Leslie Lowe ?\_*Motion made by Nancy/ second by John – approved;*

Board Members: \_*Jody Daniels (Karen/Nancy); Linda Tittle (provisional okay); Courtney Neubauer (Valerie/Nancy)- approved*

*Discussion on what to do about a President. One option suggested was to have each Board member lead a monthly meeting – and rotate this. Diane offered to create the May agenda. Presidential duties include meeting with people, emailing people – getting the word out, and agendas. Emily will take on the newsletter (getting the word out)*

B) Set new dues to manage 2019-2020 budget shortfall?

*Leslie proposed that we just do fund raising. We will talk at the May meeting on how.*

C) Disc and vote on our proposed study for 2019-2020, Who are the key people who should be on a Committee to Study Future Consolidation of City and UGB?

*Leslie will chair this. Proposed that we look at this – bring parties together. Create a group of movers and shakers.*

*Carol Westfall mentioned the need to present it in a way that shows a benefit. For example – the problem in the county with snow removal.*

*A motion was made by Emily to accept this as a study if Leslie chairs. Seconded by Karen. Passed.*

Other study ideas????

*In the future, perhaps a study of the effect of the white supremacy movement in Klamath Falls. Patriot & Hate groups. LWVKC had an example of this when confronting a man in front of the restaurant who had anti women’s right to vote signs.*

D) Other business?

*Need 4 more people on the 2020 census committee. Need at least one Spanish speaker.*

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

**May 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm at 409 Pine**

The meeting was adjourned at ~9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary

**SPEAKER: Carol Westfall, Mayor of Klamath Falls**

Why did you decide to run?

*Our business was running up against city procedures/policies. I got frustrated – so ran for mayor to make changes. And I have been making changes. I work with city and agency employees as well as volunteers in committees. I believe women promote diversity and push for inclusion. We need more women representatives in government. So think about running – government needs our perspectives. At the least, support female candidates.*

How has it been working in a male oriented place?

*You can’t control what others say and do – but you can control your response. I’m learning to play the game. I will suggest things and when I hear the same words coming out of a man, I’ll say “good idea”.*

Emily: How can the LWVKC serve at the local level? We have a good reputation.

Leslie: Did you know about LVW’s initiative in getting the County Commissioner positions to be non-partisan? We also worked on getting the transient room tax passed.

*We need essential airline services.*Leslie: Part of the problem is losing TSA. Carol: *We’re still working on it.*

Emily: How aware are city staff of LWVKC?

*You should visit the council.*

Rick Bennett: Do you have a lot of committees and boards?

*Yes. For example, there is an opening in Parks. We want someone interested in dog parks.*

Leslie: Send me an email if you need someone on a civic committee

*We have lots of good people from different areas*

Robyn: Other than yourself, what other women have a position of power in the city?

*Just me.*

Leslie: There is Kelly Minty Morris in the county

Rick: One the first things I did after joining the LWVRV is to become an observer. I went to city council meetings. Introduced myself – became known. Now I am on the budget committee

Sue: I became involved with the Snowflake committee. People from all over were working on it. It really pulled people together.

*We need to figure out ways to be more welcoming. We are between two highways.*

Julie: We could re-do the Burning Man reception

*Beautification. An East Main re-vamp. A yard day.*

*Create a better atmosphere. Signage. Fire hydrants. Beautify those “wells” of dirt that were created when trees were removed and put some tulips in them. Get high school kids to do the planting.*

John: I am stunned that the city never found a leverage point to use OIT. What say is the city working with President Nagy?

*We are working closely with OIT. We are working together on Catalyze Klamath – which is becoming a big thing. We are now looking at putting a roundabout on Dan O’Brian and Campus Drive. We need to do more.*

Robyn: OIT students can have trouble with transportation. There are a lot of Klamath Avenue upstairs apartments.

*We are working on getting connections. Also working on signage and a water tank with the OIT logo.*

Shaymaa: Could we expand retail up in the campus area?

Courtney: I live on Oregon Ave. It is difficult to cross Crater Lake Blvd. Also it needs flowers and trees to beautify the walk way.

*ODOT is responsible so we need to work on getting land.*

Emily: In Mills edition we need to work on the corner of East Main and S. 6th. Put in a little garden.

*That is part of our plan. We are looking for volunteers. We donated wreaths to stores but many were afraid to put them out fearing they would be stolen.*

Leslie: what did you have to overcome as a woman in a male dominated county?

*My first day, the secretary said, “I don’t like you”. You get a tough hide. Remember that you are there to help others. Don’t get emotional. I learned to “let words go through me”. I also learned that government is slow. But getting people to come to the table and discuss matters is rewarding. However, I am not running again.*

*We need women who know the law. Who are more aggressive and assertive. They will bring us further forward. Getting citizens involved is important.*

Courtney: I’m a Warming Center volunteer. Many people are being kicked out of the Gospel Mission (they have lots of barriers). I’m interested in other options for the unhoused. Would the city be willing to take that on?

*I’ve talked with the City Manager about offering public showers like Eugene. Maybe Klamath Works?*

Julie: the community gave the Gospel Mission money for a new building. Perhaps we should agitate for fewer barriers.

Leslie: Perhaps lease the facility of the old mission

*We are throwing money away instead of creating teachable moments. Why are people expecting more and not helping out? Poverty is not a place where people are stuck. You move through it. What we’re doing is not working. There is lots of work to do.*