

LWV Klamath County MEETING Minutes – March 19, 2020

Meeting started at 6:13 pm

In Attendance:

Board Members: Karen Kunz, Leslie Lowe, Emily Strauss,

Members: Diane Eastman-Shockey, Nancy Sheehan, Valerie Lenardson, Sandy Couch

Guest: Griffin Toffler

Missing: Courtney Neubauer, Sue Fortune

Minutes for February 20, 2020, approved with changes. Motion made by Leslie and seconded by Karen.

Changes: Add that Jodie Daniels resigned as a board member. Add that Courtney Neubauer is Board member. Support for 2020 census: Add that Emily is the committee head. Leslie, Charlotte & Ralph Opp, Diane, Julie Ryder, Kay Ratliff, and Karen are committee members. Candidates night: Add that the voters guides will be ordered by Leslie. LWVOR grand: Add that the \$400 grant is for the Ross Ragland and that the \$300 grant request will happen after the event. Annual meeting: Change from "usual dinner" to "a dinner will be held in preparation for the Baldwin. LWVOR People: send not sent. Health care: HJR 202.

Treasurer's Report: November 21, 2019 and January 22, 2020.

As of 3/19/2020, we have \$4947.50 in the account. Discussion on cost and income from the Ross Ragland event.

Committee Reports:

1. Media (Strauss)

Newsletter was sent 3/28/2020. It is essentially what is on the web. Anything new we want added to the newsletter needs to wait until there is enough to make a page.

2. 100th Anniversary next programs (Shockey)

i. Tree planting for Arbor Day (Lowe)

Cancelled. John Bellm did not want a crabapple tree. Getting a bench would cost about \$1200 and would only say LWV Klamath County. Diane suggested we keep exploring getting a tree and plaque elsewhere. Emily moved we drop the project entirely. No second. Griffin asked about having a plaque at the Ross Ragland – not possible. The park across the street from the Gaucho Collective was mentioned but it doesn't allow for memorials. After discussion it was decided to keep exploring. This event will not now happen on Arbor Day but maybe in August. As Diane stated, "commemoration is what we want".

ii. Cookbook sales and wrap-up (Lowe)

Cost and income on the treasurer's report. 20 books are at the Klamath County Museum. They will get \$5 from each sale. 3 books are at Rachel's Dance Studio and Leslies still has some.

iii. School packets distribution

The packet consisted of: 1 DVD of "Your Vote, Your Voice", 1 cookbook, and a collection of material for the teachers including questions to ask the class on the film "Suppressed: The Fight to Vote". The Klamath County Library will get a packet (paper documents need to be laminated). 2 extra packets are to go to LWVOR and LWVUS. Leslie asked for funds to copy the paper documents for the 22 packets. Passed. They will be ready to go on April 28th.

iv. Tea Party Tasting for the Baldwin event in August

Still on for April 18th unless there are unseen issues. Mac at the county library will lend 2 upright boards for a display of the costumed photos from the Ross Ragland event.

Note: Legal rights program in Spanish at the Law Library on May 21st from 6-7 pm.

3. Juvenile Justice Study Report (Lowe)

Question on what happened to the finished report. Emily and Leslie met with Becca Robbins and the acting Editor of the Herald & News. They had sent the report to them ahead of time. The Herald & News is interested in putting parts of the report in the newspaper. So, in answer – things are “in process”.

4. Harvard Curriculum Project update (Strauss)

Emily contacted the city school board as well as the county school board about the presentations. No response. She is thinking that this is a “dead duck”. There are only 5 people registered. Valerie stated that the teachers involved should be promoting this. Leslie felt the teacher should be inviting the students’ parents. Perhaps put an ad in the paper. Emily stated she sent the H&N a press release and received no response. Diane suggested giving it a month.

With the schools closing, it will be difficult to tell what the future of this project will be. If the event is cancelled, Emily stated that it would not be re-scheduled.

Old Business

1. LNG Pipeline Updates (Shockey)

Project was approved by FERC on 3/19/2020. Pembina still must get state approvals and certificates. Diane suspects they will wait for the new Federal water rules. She also stated that the price of gas from fracking is currently low and may be too low to make this project profitable.

2. 2020 Census volunteer work with library (Lowe/Strauss)

Cancelled.

3. Candidates Forum, April 14 (Lowe)

Cancelled. As an alternative, Leslie suggested sending a letter to the candidates offering to post a 3-minute video from them on the website. Questions could be sent to Emily. Val didn’t think people go to the website – wants streaming videos. Leslie pointed out that we would have 28 people – 14 from local races and 14 from the CD2 race. Val then suggested a podcast. Griffin suggested having 3-4 questions across the board for candidates instead of emails to Emily. Emily stated that we could have Comments on the website. Questions could be put there with a place for a response. Leslie wants posters to drive people to the website. She and Alan will create but need ideas on where to post. Diane recommended a commercial on TV.

Motion was made by Leslie to have a budget of \$600 for an online forum. Emily seconded. Diane offered to help with publicity. A committee was formed for this project consisting of: Leslie, Emily, Diane, and Val.

4. Annual Meeting, April 16. Call for board candidates. (Lowe, Shockey)

The Gaucho Collective is closed. Diane is not sure if the meeting will happen. Val suggested that we have a Zoom meeting. Give the Host control, have every one on Mute and have them raise their hand when they want to speak. Agenda will be: Minutes from the last Annual meeting, Treasury report for the year, Candidates. Current candidates are: Emily – President; Karen – Secretary; Leslie – Treasurer; Ralph Opp – At-large. Trying to get Charlotte Opp to be the other At-Large. No one for the V.P. slot.

5. (informational) LVW Oregon president invited to visit. No response to date. (Strauss)

New Business

1. Board vote on Consensus on Climate emergency (Lowe)

During the 2019 LWVOR Convention, the convention delegates voted to adopt a resolution that calls on local Leagues to advocate for, “consideration of ‘Climate Emergency Declarations’ for the state and all county and local municipalities”. Vote to say “Yes” to resolution.

2. Removal of Board members

Courtney Neubauer and Sue Fortune were removed from the Board due to non-attendance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 16, 2020 at 5:15 pm at Goucho

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Kunz, Secretary