



Board Meeting Via Zoom

Friday, January 27th @ 12pm

MINUTES

In attendance: Jessie Gomez, Emily Crain, Linda Donaldson, Bobbie Harris, Vicki Lowe, Charlene Bennette, Sandy Sheets, Eileen Swiler, Karen Freeman, Marcia Boyce, Jo Shim

TREASURER REPORT: Main checking has **\$18,373.00** / Savings **\$250**, all bills are paid and presently Terry Lauretta is updating quick books; she also advised the board that she will be stepping down as treasurer when her term is up in April.

President Report: Emily Crain fore warned board that she will be having her baby in the next week or so. Jessie Gomez will be conducting February's board meeting.

New Business:

- A) **Appointment of third nominating committee representative:** Vicki Lowe and she will ask Ben Gaffam (a new member) to join the team so that he can be shown how it is done for future nominating.
- B) **A request to ad Sarah Fortney as Education Chair was issued;** it was stated that this week she plans to pay dues to become a member after which a motion was made to allow Sarah Fortney to be education chair; Motion passed
- C) **Swan Forum Invitation:** (Jo Shim) An invitation to be a supporter of a new group called Swan Forums Inc. was put forth by Jo Shim and Linda Donaldson. Swan Forums is a group led by A.J. Rodriguez, son to Ana Rivera. The organization's goal is to provide a platform for political forums and promote civil discussion and debate on controversial topics. They will have their first debate this February on women's reproductive rights and they would like us to have a table at their event. A discussion was had about the newness of the organization and how they would conduct themselves. Several members of the board asked two men would be debating the topic of abortion rights. Jo Shim will attend the event scheduled on February 27th to get a feel for how the group is and will report back to board.
- D) **Annual Meeting pamphlets:** A discussion was had about who will handle the pamphlets for this upcoming Annual Meeting, since Andy Crossfield has step away from all duties with the League. Jessie Gomez and Ashley Lauretta are going to work on this; along with ironing out who handles Mailchimp, who will be the webmaster; refurbishing LWV Polk webpage. Proposals for all of the above will be presented at next board meeting.
- E) **Updating of Action Team's positions:** each committee has to review their position statements/goals that we publish in the Annual Booklet that is handed out during our Annual Meeting; email will be sent out to all action team members to remind them; if there are questions about this refer to Nancy Simmons, Trudy Rankin, and /or Sandy Sheets
- F) **Membership:** (Linda Donaldson) Notice of renewal will be sent out shortly to all members; present membership count is 101; LWV FL will take over membership requests starting 2024 to allow for simpler method of membership count;
- G) **Board approval of Letter to Indie Atlantic Studios , LLC;** (Katy Byrd and Trudy Rankin) sample of letter of support for an article written in the LkldNow regarding Indie Atlantic Studio's company securing film production rights to Gilbert King's DEVIL IN THE GROVE and BENEATH A RUTHLESS SUN was reviewed; motion was made to approve the sending of the letter to Indie Atlantic Studios, LLC ; Motion passed.

- H) ***New Membership outreach:*** It was brought up by several members of the board about how to improve membership outreach and inclusivity; one suggestion was to have more new member meetings; to do more in person events; maybe during these in person events or email advise members where help /action is needed so that members have a better feel of purpose and guidance. Maybe even create a committee that works solely with new members and getting them involved.
- I) ***LOBBY DAYS :*** brief reminder that Lobby Day's is around the corner and signup on LWV state webpage is open for League members

NEXT BOARD MEETING: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24th 12pm via Zoom - Meeting adjourned