

LWV POLK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5.27.22 via Zoom

Present: Emily Crane, Ashely Laurretta, Jessie Gomez, Eileen Swiler, Vicki Lowe, Andy Crossfield, Linda Donaldson, Paula Mimms, Jiwa Farrel.

We did not have quorum

TREASURER's REPORT = Terry Laurretta

\$36,672.29 in Checking

\$ in Savings

\$ 2500 in Ed. Fund

Executive Committee Report- Emily Crane

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Jiwa: What was the boards thoughts on VOTE 411 for this year's election? Who would step up to gather all information to be inputted into the VOTE411 platform and contact all local candidates? All were in agreement that no one present could take on the task and that the over all outcome of inputting information wouldn't out way the time / effort put into gathering all info for VOTE411. All decided not to pursue

Linda Donaldson: We have 120 active members as of day of board meeting. However, of that total 40 members have not renewed membership for 2022-2023. State LWV put forth a challenge to increase membership by 2% by end of year. So that means that we need an active renewed head count of 111 members for 2023. Several renewal notices have been sent out to membership as reminder. Also, special thanks to Jean Baker for helping Linda Donaldson write Thank You letters.

Voter Services: 1st event had to be postponed due to rain, but there is a long list of summer events that LWV voter registers will be present.

Those that are certified to assist in Voter Registration please check that you are current on testing. Every 2 years you must renew. If you are trying to renew please be aware that the LWV test site is under construction, call or email Blake Summerlin who is with LWV State.

Paula Mimms: gave overview of what the Health Care Committee has been up to which included making contact with minority liaison, Shantel Jones. Paula Mimms became member of task force under Shantel Jones. Their first meeting will be June 1st.

Blood Pressure Cuffs are the focus: Health Care Committee made contact with Polk County Health Department and they have agreed to hand out Blood Pressure Cuffs to expecting mothers who come in for first prenatal care visit. Health Care Committee is going to be purchasing cuffs using donation funds and applying for Simply Health Care Grant equaling \$10k. There are still some logistical obstacles to work out, but the general idea is to make this a sustainable effort for at least 3 years acquiring future funds through sponsorships.

Andy Crossfield – has volunteered to head the Gun Safety Committee.

Next board meeting is Friday, June 24th at 12pm via zoom. Zoom waiting room will be opened at 11:30am.

Combined LWV Polk Board Voter Services and Voter Outreach Report May 2022

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Voter Outreach 2022 Committee

Ann Weeks	Jerry Weeks	Karen Freedman	Stuart Swiler
Eileen Swiler	Larry Rankin	Jiwa Farrell	
Linda Donaldson, Chair	Katy Byrd		

Voter Services 2022 Committee

Larry Rankin	Meredith Kehler	Kristen Carlson	Sue Schultz
Vicki Roy	Linda Donaldson	Bobbie Harris	Robin Adams
Nancy M Simmons	Barbara Howlett	Julie Hart	Beatty Raymond
Ann Weeks	Jerry Weeks	Karen Freedman	Eileen Swiler
Barb Scarpa	Georgianna Pentinen	Jiwa Farrell	

Updated Notes from May 1, 2022 Voter Services meeting

DEI Theme along with Voter Registration – DEI to be blended into our Voter Registration tables. More event details covered further in the report.

Certification – Larry and Linda have been in touch with Blake Summerlin at LWVFL. Certification must be updated every two years. The certification test site is labeled as “Under Construction”. It can be accessed but special instructions are necessary. Linda can help anyone needing to renew their certification. Blake would like any new volunteers to contact him.

SB-90 - SB 90’s status was changing in April and May. What had previously affected VR most directly was the requirement to verbally caution registrants that Third Party Voter Registration Organizations (3PVROs) may not get voter registrations to the SOE within the 14-day deadline. This part of SB-90 was reversed by the Florida legislators in 2021.

Payment of Booth Fees – This year we are paying the requested booth fees for the events we have planned so far. DEI (Bobbie Harris and Katy Byrd) has used some budget money for the May 21st event, Ann Weeks has covered the Lakeland Juneteenth event and Nancy M Simmons paid for our space at the Winter Haven Juneteenth. Please thank all these dedicated LWV Polk members for their generosity.

Future Events

Community Unity Resource Fair and Walk-Run 2022

Saturday, May 21, 2022 – **POSTPONED due to rain – new date TBD**

Contact: Success Express Resource and Referral Inc. Save Our Children Campaign – Founded by the Paul A. Diggs Neighborhood Association

Vendor donation: \$25 paid by LWVPC’s DEI Committee

Walk or Run participant over 17 yrs. \$5

Set-up @ 9:30 Race at 10am, Event 10:00 -2:00pm

City of Winter Haven Juneteenth

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Lake Maude Recreation Park – **COMMITTEE MEMBERS! NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE!!!**

3:00 – 7:00 pm – **COMMITTEE MEMBERS! NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME!!!**

An outdoor event –

Application deadline: May 25th, 5 pm

Non-profit fee \$25

continued

Lakeland - Doris Bailey's Juneteenth Observance

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Coleman-Bush Building

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Red, White and Boom (TBA)

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Fundraiser for Voter Services. A fund-raising event was discussed. Many in the committee would rather just donate money and save the manpower. However, the idea of a late-in-the-day get together was popular and could be planned.

LWV Education Funds - Linda Donaldson needs to contact **Terry Lauretta** to inquire about using education fund money for these VR events. **Beatty Raymond** had a question about donating to LWV Polk education fund.

Ideas and leads for other events. Besides committing to the May 21st Walk-Run, Lakeland Juneteenth and Winter Haven Juneteenth, and RED, White, and Kaboom! we need other events to register voters. **Linda Donaldson** will reach out to **Mary Dwight** for help in finding neighborhood association events. **Sue Schultz** will watch out for the Back Pack for Kids Events to be held each August so we can participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Donaldson