

## LWV POLK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

4.22.22 via Zoom

Emily Crane called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm; in attendance: Vicki Lowe, Jessie Gomez, Emily Crain, Mary Dwight, Bobbie Harris, Eileen Swiler, Terry Lauretta, Ashley Lauretta, Linda Donaldson

Passed Minutes were not available to review and was thus tabled until next board meeting

### **TREASURER'S REPORT = Terry Lauretta**

Nothing has changed since annual meeting report; Annual meeting head count came to 52 in attendance (43 members and 9 guests); discussed GRANTS and how we need to proceed; requesting that we have a point person to bring organization to how we are to utilize the money; until that is accomplished the board will refrain from hearing any Motions to allocate funds.

Motion to Approve Treasure's Report made by Vicki Lowe and seconded by Linda Donaldson

### **Executive Committee Report- Emily Crane**

Reviewed articles of incorporation, had brief discussion; discussed editing error on a couple of zip codes; next week revised Articles will be filed.

Motion to approve Edited Articles of Incorporation made by Terry Lauretta, Seconded by Linda Donaldson

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Linda Donaldson:** Funding request using Grant money made by Linda Donaldson: Motion made to receive funds for 4x6 hand cards to give out to public and to give to different collaborating organizations for hand out; will be in color, cards will be discussing Closed primaries and the importance of picking a party; "pick a team" summer primaries; back side will have info on NPA – Florida is a closed primary state. Requests for \$240 from Grant to be approved by board.

**"I LINDA move that the Polk LWV Board approve the expenditure of \$240 for 1000 from the restricting grant for 4x6 cards to be given out to the coalition group (10 per group) to give out to voters, or potential voters, explaining why not voting in a primary election means the voter have lost the chance to determine the candidates for the general election."**

**Emily Crane** requested that board TABLE MOTION- referencing the lack of organization on how to use Grant wisely, as referenced by Terry Lauretta during Treasure's report. All agreed to table Motion.

Upon tabling motion board discussed who would be the point person for Grant money; Jessie Gomez volunteered to be point person together with Bobbie Harris and Terry Lauretta. (They will be meeting next week April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at Black n Brew and will report back to board members, via email, on progress following their meeting)

**Mary Dwight** discussed having a separate meeting – with one LWV point person and Coalition; point persons for Coalition on NAACP side are – John Ruffin (last name possibly misspelled) and Doris Moore Bailey. If LWV is part of the Coalition we can have a more congealed force to approach issues at hand.

(WEDNESDAY's are Coalition conference calls; ask Mary Dwight about getting link to zoom for Wednesdays and Mailchimp the link to all LWV members so they are part of the conversation;

**Ashley Lauretta** : wants to create a gmail specifically for NEWSLETTER ; and create a google DOCS so that it's transferable and easily edited – all agreed that this was a great idea.

**Emily:** Emails from Coalition of 100 BLK Women, and Turn UP; have events in the next month – but we will table for now until we get a grasp on Grant;

Brief discussion on committee reports

Jessie Gomez, Terry Lauretta, and Emily Crane are signers for LWV Polk bank account; they need to go to bank together and sign new signature cards

**Vicki Lowe-** National Coalition of Black Women wants us to be at the Forum they are hosting; April 30<sup>th</sup> – Lori Edwards is the main speaker – to ask questions of Lori Edwards; they want us to share what we are doing to get out the vote; SB90 issues and the way the Judge wrote the decision highlighting the discrimination for the past 20 plus years; people of the black community lack trust in the election system due to systemic racism within the system.

Mary Dwight is chair of Political Action committee for the NAACP and a LWV member strongly suggested that we have a LWV representative be present and/or on the panel at the forum. Emily Crane agreed to be a panelist and stated that she would reach out to NAACP committee in charge of forum.

No further discussions

Motion to Adjourn board meeting made by Emily Crane and approved by all present board members. Meeting ended at 1:05pm.

**Next board meeting is Friday, MAY 27<sup>th</sup> at 12pm via zoom. Zoom waiting room will be opened at 11:30am.**