
LWV Polk County

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting (**Corrected**)

Friday, May 21st, 2021

Attendees

Sandy Sheets, Vicki Lowe, Terry Laurette, Ivette Herrera-Singh, Andy Crossfield, Natalie Alexich, Larry Rankin, Linda Donaldson, Karen Freedman, Jiwa Farrell, Katy Pace Byrd, Eileen Swiler, Bobbie Harris, Jerry Weeks, Emily Crain

Absent: Charlene Bennett

Notes

- Meeting called to order at 12:04pm with Sandy presiding.
 - Ivette reported quorum was present and established.
 - Minutes - Katy moved, second by Natalie, to approve minutes from April 16th, 2021, passed unanimously.
 - Treasurer's Report - Terry Laurette
 - PO Box annual renewal went up by \$40 dollars, this was higher than what was budgeted for.
 - We are squeaking by with contributions and memberships dues
 - Memberships dues we have a ways to go, Linda is working on getting everyone to renew.
 - Any donations to be eligible for tax-deduction have to be made to the education fund.
 - Timeline for money in liabilities to be used for Edie Yates Memorial is by end of year 2021.
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- Nonprofit Status and Considerations - PWVPC is a legit organization with a tax ID that was set up by the League of Women Voters FL years ago. Because LWVPC accepts donations we also had to register with the Agriculture and Consumers, but here we are registered as League of Women Voters Polk County. In order to align everything it was recommended by the State of FLorida to register with the Division of Corporations. There is an initial filing fee of \$78.75 with a nonprofit annual report fee of \$61.25.
 - Andy motioned to spend the money to get incorporated, seconded by Vicki, no discussion, passed unanimously.
- Vice President's Report - Andy spoke about how popular the series Closing the Gap is and wanted to know how to make the link available and to whom.
 - If the board agrees to make it a hidden page and circulate this link to members who pay their dues.
 - Andy needs to give Jerry title, dates and link which would be put on this hidden page.
 - Space is running out on GoogleDrive and there is a monthly cost of a couple dollars to upgrade from 15GB to 100GB.
 - When all 15GB are used older videos can be deleted to make room for newer ones.
 - Since it is educational there is a possibility to apply to the education grant fund.
 - A proposal was agreed on (Andy, Terry and Jerry will work out the details).
- Ratification of President Appointed Directors: Emily Crain, Jiwa Farrell and Natalie Alexich. Motioned by Sandy, seconded by Terry, no discussion, passed unanimously.
- Nominating Committee - Jiwa was elected as third member of LWVPolk Nominating Committee, along with Linda Donaldson, Marcia Boyce, chaired by Marcia motioned by Sandy and second by Karen, no discussion, passed unanimously.
- Sponsorship of **Red, White and Kaboom** - this is done every year and LWVPC will attend on 3rd of July, 2021. No need for a vote.
- LWVF Convention and Delegates June 4th-5th, 2021
 - \$50 to attend virtual convention as a delegate.
 - Registration closed on May 31st.
 - Linda, Bobbie, Katy, and Emily are attending as delegates.
 - Vicki and Sandy will attend not as delegates leaving two more spots opened.
 - Motion to approve delegates by Sandy, seconded by Andy, passed unanimously.
- **New Business** - Larry's proposal: that the LWVPC form a committee or task team for public announcements and invite other non-partisan organizations with similar missions to participate in one voice. Larry spoke to Presidents Dr. Lindsey Grove of St. Pete and Bill Jonson affiliates N. Pinellas affiliates, both having active committees that issue public announcements on issues that

the LWV has already on record. This is to educate the public as alternatives to media and social media. Larry proposes that LWVPC form a committee for public announcements to address the issues relevant to our area. First, getting permission from LWVFL then requesting from LWV St. Pete and N. Pinellas To train LWVPC on how this committee should function. Larry and Linda will work in this.

- The Gun Safety Committee finally has a chairperson, Sharon Hendon.
 - Motion to vote on Program Chairs by Sandra, no discussion, passed unanimously (please see agenda for a list of chairpersons/names).
- Some changes to Program Chair:
 - The Libraries Chairperson is Lillian Blessing only.
 - Correct name of Women Reproductive Health to Reproductive Health and Justice.
 - Removal of ad hoc committee 19th Amendment.
- Linda - we will be attending Juneteenth, how to address the lawsuit?
 - We are to say nothing about it.
 - Direct to the state website to ask questions.
- Paula will be speaking about health care at the Lake Ashton Democratic Club.
 - Also making her a delegate, Vicki agrees.
- Discussion on new dates and times for meetings, Sandy will circulate dates, times and format.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:11pm.
- Next Meeting, TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivette Herrera-Singh, Secretary