
LWV Polk County

Minutes of Monthly Board Meeting

Friday, August 27, 2021

Corrected

Attendees

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

Absent: Terry Lauretta

Notes

- Meeting called to order at 12:03pm with Sandy presiding.
 - Ivette reported quorum was present and established.
 - Minutes - Sandy moved, second by Andy, to approve minutes from July 16th, 2021, passed unanimously.
 - New Business - Setting priorities for LWVFL
 - According to Paula it was a bit confusing as to how priorities were set at the State level. Not sure if it came from State Committee or State Chair, the call was a bit of a mess
 - From a State Health Care stand point, there's been back and forth about putting Reproductive Rights and Justice as first priority as there are a number of members that are anti-abortion, they would prefer this to be last on the list of priorities.
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- We can comment to the State League and see if they accept it or not.
- We can also go to like-minded state leagues if not accepted by the State League.
- HealthCare Action Team, Paula :
 - Polk County has the only voter approved healthcare plan in the State. Hillsborough has another one, put in place by their county commission. The other counties have trouble providing healthcare to their residents.
 - Bring these two entities together, find out similarities and differences then invite other state leagues and their “healthcare VIPs” so they can see how Polk or Hillsborough does it. May need approval to invite the other state leagues.
 - Monitors for Moms - Palm Beach County has a program called Monitors for Moms. Committee is looking into doing this in Polk County. Create a proposal for fundraising for the monitors and bring it to the next Board meeting. If action is needed before the Board meeting, run it by the Executive Committee.
- Climate Action Committee, Charlene:
 - Two weeks ago, we took the notebook to the County Commission and there has been no response to it.
 - Copy will be needed - Andy can submit a cop to the Library.
 - In the last issue of the Florida Voter you saw the letter to Gov. DeSantis along with the new Resolution by the State re: Climate Change (it is the number two issue in the State League).
 - Our request to the Board is to issue a press release advising the community of the state Climate Resolution.
 - To publish on the Ledger would be a great idea.
 - Will get together with Sandy offline and figure it out.
 - We can post Committee reports on our member website and promote them on the Newsletter and get people to volunteer.
 - Maybe have a media list to distributie.
- Treasurer's Report, Terry/Emily:
 - Funds are stable.
 - July’s financials will be out with next month’s report.
 - Status of Inc. is still in the works.
 - Policy Review, received direction and will work on this mid September.
 - Edie Yates Henderson Tree Memorial, still receiving funds until the end of month, enough for two trees, possibly a third tree - hoping to plant them close to the anniversary of passing in November, City is on board with this.

- Trudy:
 - Closing the Gap is every week
 - There is training going on, redistricting is one
- Gun Safety Action Statewide Team, Sharon:
 - Report mentions of supporting someone for a position
 - This is straight from the State
 - Maybe bring this to Cecil
- DEI - Katy:
 - Dr. Ethylene Jones will not be available to speak on August 30th, will be replaced by Jonathan Hackley of LWV FL executive board
- Thanking Bobbie for keeping us informed on mask mandate at schools
 - A letter to editor out of Bobbie's statement can be sent
- Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ivette Herrera-Singh, Secretary