

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY  
Annual Meeting , May 10, 2012

Members present:

Ruth Kistler  
Jack Kistler  
Sue Groshong  
Jane Sharp  
Suzanne Maxson  
Martha Holmberg

Marilyn Podesta  
Frances Van Wert  
Ruby Miller  
Genevie Rosin  
Joan Haffner  
Maxine Demory

Guests:

Mariel Trapani  
Carrie Ganschow

The meeting was held in the Pacific Room at the Adobe Resort in Yachats, thanks to arrangements made by Suzanne Maxson. Following lunch, the meeting was called to order by Ruth Kistler, member of the Leadership Team.

Election of officers

The first item of business was election of officers. The following slate of officers was presented by the Leadership Team:

President – Ruth Kistler  
Vice-President – Jane Sharp  
Secretary – Maxine Demory  
Treasurer – Jack Kistler

Ruth asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations.

Sue Groshong moved that this slate of officers be elected as presented. Marilyn Podesta seconded the motion. Motion approved by acclamation.

The following names were then presented for election as board members:

Marilyn Podesta, Voters Service  
Frances Van Wert, Membership  
Janice Gerdemann, Land Use  
Suzanne Maxson, at large

Joan Hoffman moved that these board members be elected. Ruby Miller seconded the motion.

Ruth then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Genevie Rosin said she would be willing to serve with a Social Services portfolio. Joan and Ruby agreed to amend the motion to include Genevie on the list.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

2012-2013 Budget

Jack Kistler, Treasurer, then presented the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. He noted that the fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. He explained various line items in the budget and after discussion, Frances Van Wert moved the the proposed budget be accepted. Genevie Rosin seconded the motion. The motion was passed by acclamation.

### Program for 2012-2013

Voters Service activities - Marilyn Podesta noted that, for the May Primary Election, we distributed 600 copies of the League Voters Guide to 17 venues in the county. We will probably do more for the General Election in November. She noted the following dates for Voters Service activities in October: October 16: Candidates Forum at the Spouting Horn Restaurant – sponsored by the restaurant, but we will participate; October 20: Ballot Measure presentation by our members at the Visual Arts Center in Newport; and October 21: Candidates Forum at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, we will participate. We may also do a Voters Service event in Yachats, perhaps the last Sunday in September. We will also have a table at the Homeless Connect event in Lincoln City on May 17 and the one in Newport in the fall. We will distribute information and register voters at those events.

### Fund-Raising

Maxine noted that we will do a fall Fruit Sale as a Fund-Raising event again this year. This has been a successful event for many years, thanks to the active participation of most League members. For many years we sold only grapefruit, but in 2011 we worked with Quail Valley Farms and sold other fruit as well. We will contract with Quail Valley Farms again this year.

### Coastal Studies

Ruth Kistler has been working with the LWVOR on a Coastal Study – with an emphasis on natural resources. This material will be ready in the fall and we will concentrate on it after the fall election.

### Other Issues

Ruth noted that the LWV has positions covering not just citizen participation and governance, but also the full spectrum of issues government deals with, including social policy, environmental protection, and international relations. She said that this can be both an advantage and disadvantage. We can't do it all, so members need to choose the issues they feel most strongly about, or issues they feel we can be most effective in addressing, and thus give direction to our local Leagues' activities. She asked those present to “tell us where your LWV passion lies, and what we should undertake in the coming year.”

Frances Van Wert said that education is one of her passions. She proposed that we designate some money to be used each year to present a scholarship to a High School student in Lincoln County with an interest in government and political science. Several other people expressed an interest in this idea.

Ruth noted that Janice Gerdemann was not able to be present because of Grand Jury duty, but her passion is Land Use.

There was no time for further discussion, but members will be encouraged to continue to give ideas to the board during the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm and those members who wished to do so went to the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve where Jerry and Kathleen Sand gave them a private tour of this 3.5 acre woodland garden.

Maxine Demory, Secretary