

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, August 20, 2012

Members present

Ruth Kistler
John (Jack) Kistler
Marilyn Podesta
Frances Van Wert
Genevie Rosin
Jane Sharp
Maxine Demory

Members absent

Janice Gerdemann
Suzanne Maxson

The meeting was held at Marilyn Podesta's home in Little Whale Cove. Following a potluck lunch, Ruth Kistler, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Minutes of the May 3, 2012 leadership meeting were approved as submitted by consensus.

Frances Van Wert moved that we remove Jamie Auburn as a signer on our checking account at West Coast Bank. Marilyn Podesta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Genevie Rosin moved that we confirm the signers for our checking account at West Coast Bank will be Ruth Kistler, John (Jack) Kistler, and Maxine Demory. Frances seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Treasurer's Report will be given at next month's meeting.

Meeting schedule:

After discussion, it was agreed that regular board meetings for this year will be at 1:30 pm on the first Monday of each month, beginning in October, unless canceled by general agreement. Ruth and Jack will check on the availability of the West Coast Bank conference room, where we have met previously.

It was also agreed that monthly membership meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. Ruth will check on the availability of the Newport Public Library meeting room.

Meetings scheduled for the next few months will be:

September 20 - we will invite our LWVOR liaison, Rose Lewis, to meet with us (Ruth will send her an email invitation) and discuss the year's activities

October 18 – Ballot Measure presentations and discussion

November 15 – Coastal Study presentation and consensus discussion

Maxine Demory distributed information from Quail Valley Farms and it was agreed that we will sell fruit as a fund-raiser again this year. She will have further information at our September general meeting.

Jack suggested that all our meetings be announced in local newspapers and online at news.lincolncounty.com. Maxine Demory, secretary, volunteered to take responsibility for this.

Voter Service Activities

Marilyn Podesta reported on our local LWV plans for Election 2012.

Voters' Guides: We will order LWV Voters' Guides from LWVOR. It was agreed to increase our order to 150 Spanish edition, 150 Large Print edition and 400 regular guides, for a total of 700.

The Voters' Guides will be delivered by UPS to Ruth & Jack Kistler's home between October 3 and 6. Marilyn will be out of town that week, but will be back on October 14 and will divide them up for delivery early the following week. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters around October 18.

Voter Forums and Ballot Measure Presentations:

October 16, 7-9 pm – Spouting Horn Restaurant (upstairs), Depoe Bay (Candidate Forum organized by the restaurant owners, with Roger Robertson as MC. We will have a table with LWV Voters' Guides and other information.

October 20, 1-4 pm – Visual Arts Center, Newport – Ballot Measure Presentations by our LWV members. General public invited.

October 21, 2-4:30 pm – Chinook Winds Casino (banquet room at the hotel), Lincoln City (Candidate Forum, again with Roger Robertson, MC). We will have a table with LWV Voters' Guides and other information.

There was a discussion of a possible forum in Yachats for State Representative District 9 candidates. Genevie offered to check into the list of candidates for that office. Possible dates were discussed, but no final decision was made. Someone will need to check into the availability of the Yachats Commons as a meeting location. Any further plans will be arranged by email and/or discussed at our September general meeting.

National Voter Registration Day is September 25. Maxine offered to write a letter to the editor for local news media regarding this date, including information about www.vote411.org. There was a discussion of also providing information to high schools and the community college, but no final decisions were made.

Project Homeless Connect will be in Newport, October 5, 9 am-3 pm, Church of the Nazarene – we will have a table with a computer to help people register to vote or check if they are registered.

Membership coordination

Frances Van Wert has been Membership Chair for a number of years and would like to have some help. Jack Kistler volunteered to take on the database compilation and reporting responsibilities. Membership dues will be mailed to: Lincoln County LWV, P.O. Box 1648, Newport.

Proposal for LWVLC scholarship - this item will be tabled for now, but we will plan to work on it after the first of the year.

“Children at Risk” state study – the LWVOR board has tabled this for now, but Genevie Rosin said she would be interested in helping with it when it is re-activated.

Coastal environmental activities – Janice Gerdemann has recommended that our LWV become active again in this area. It was agreed to table this discussion until Janice can be present at the meeting. She was unable to attend today's meeting because she was visiting relatives and friends in Illinois.

LWVOR Convention 2013 – Ruth noted that the state board has indicated an interest in coming to the coast. Board members were hesitant to consider hosting the convention here because of our small membership.

Newsletter - Ruth and Jack will continue to edit and publish the newsletter, but would appreciate articles and information from other board members. Genevie volunteered to write an article about forestry issues in Lincoln County.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.
Maxine Demory, Secretary