

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, January 7, 2013

Members present

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

Members absent

Janice Gerdemann
Suzanne Maxson

The meeting was held in the conference room at West Coast Bank in Newport. Ruth Kistler, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was present. The agenda was reviewed. Genevie Rosin moved that the agenda be approved. Frances Van Wert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ruth Kistler noted a typo in the December board meeting minutes. In the 4th paragraph, the name should be Ana Marie Smith. Jane Sharp moved that the minutes of the December 2012 board meeting be approved with this correction. Jack Kistler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finances

Jack Kistler, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report.

- a. Last year's members who have not yet paid dues are Joanne Anselone, Millie Ehrman, Ana Marie Smith and Martha Holmberg. If a member can't be reached or no longer wishes to be a member, the name will be removed from the 1/31 state and national rosters. Jack will send an updated member roster to all board members, but it will not be posted on our website for privacy reasons.
- b. The checking account balance at the beginning of December was \$7,736.34. The balance at the end of December was \$6,452.76. The major cost during December was payment of \$2,656.50 for our fruit delivery. Fruit sales income totaled \$4,096.00, with \$68.00 still owed. Our net profit to date is \$1,439.50. All boxes of fruit were sold, with Carol Hall buying the extra boxes remaining after all deliveries were made.

Newsletter and Website

Ruth reported that she didn't get a newsletter out during the last week of December as planned, but will be producing a January newsletter. Jack updated our website in December. The website shows the correct date for the January membership meeting, and notes that it will be the 5th Thursday instead of the usual 3rd Thursday. Members agreed that it would be good to telephone those members who don't normally access email or the web. Marilyn will call Mary Banvard, Ruby Miller and Gay Hagen to let them know that the meeting will be on January 31 instead of January 17.

President's Information

- a. MLD (Membership Leadership Development) – Ruth has not heard from Robin Wisdom and Mary Sinclair about the date for this meeting. She will contact them and notify Jane, Gen and Frances when she has the information.

- b. Ex-felon disenfranchisement in Oregon. Gen volunteered to contact Lincoln County Parole and Probation and Oregon State Corrections personnel to begin gathering information about this possible problem.
- c. Ruth reported at the last meeting that she had talked to David Allen and received approval from LWVOR for him to post the LWV Coastal Study on the Oregonocean.info website. To date, it has not appeared on the website.
- d. Ruth has reserved and paid for the Newport Library meeting room for membership meetings on January 31, February 21, March 21 and April 18. She has also reserved the West Coast Bank board room for board meetings from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on January 7, February 4, March 4 and April 1.

Legislative Process Day, Salem, January 17

Ruth and Gen will attend this event. Ruth volunteered to provide transportation in her new economical Prius V. Maxine moved that our League pay the registration fees for the workshop. Frances seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Consensus discussion on Coastal Study

Gen provided a draft copy of the results of our discussions at the membership meeting and the December board meeting. Board members are asked to email any comments regarding this to Gen by Friday, January 11, so she can turn a final copy in to the state office by the January 15 deadline.

January 31 membership meeting

Program Planning will be the topic for this meeting. Ruth will lead a discussion of any studies we would like to recommend to the state LWV and also our priorities for action and member and community education. We will consider not only what we're interested in, but what would attract members and interest our community.

Programs for the remainder of the year

Ruth noted three possible program ideas:

- a. Women's History Month in March, with possible coordination with local chapters of NOW, AAUW and Community College
- b. Health Care in Lincoln County
- c. Community Forests

Gen brought information about the organization "Health Care for All Oregon" and a rally they have planned for February 4 in Salem. There was discussion of having a representative from that group speak at one of our meetings – or having a representative speak about what's currently happening in Oregon and Lincoln County under the Affordable Care Act and the governor's health plan. It was agreed that it would be good to know what is going on right now and that this would be a good topic for the February meeting. Gen volunteered to make some state contacts and to try to find a speaker for the February meeting.

Ruth volunteered to pursue the possibility of a meeting and/or a special event recognizing Women's History Month for our March meeting.

Legislator Interviews

The LWVOR Action Team has provided questions for legislative interviews to be conducted this month. Ruth has contacted adjoining Leagues to determine if we should interview Arnie Roblan, who is now our state senator, or if another LWV is planning to do this. We will take responsibility for interviewing David Gomberg, our new state representative. Marilyn Podesta volunteered to make an appointment for an interview with David Gomberg. Jane Sharp also volunteered to participate and take notes.

Ruth will follow up regarding a possible interview with Arnie Roblan.

Voter Service Feedback Survey

Marilyn will check out this survey and determine if it's something we should do. Ruth will pass on the information about NSLVE (National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement) to the appropriate person at Oregon Coast Community College.

Letter from Frances Van Wert (copy enclosed with minutes)

Frances submitted her resignation from the Board of the LWV of Lincoln County, effective the end of May. She will remain as a member and offered to work with Marilyn on a procedure for offering an annual scholarship to a local area high school student. She will also continue to do her part in helping with the annual fruit fundraising.

The final item on the agenda – Ideas to increase membership – will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary