

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, May 6, 2013

Members present

Ruth Kistler
Jack Kistler
Genevie Rosin
Jane Sharp
Maxine Demory

Members absent

Janice Gerdemann
Suzanne Maxson
Marilyn Podesta
Frances Van Wert

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 and approved.

Jack Kistler moved that the minutes of the April 1, 2013 board meeting be approved as submitted. Gen Rosin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finances

Jack Kistler, Treasurer, will email the Treasurer's Report to board members. He reported that all is in order.

MLD and MLD Guidance discussion

Ruth noted again the need for a file of possible member contacts – she and Jack will work on a format for this. The group agreed that we need not only name and address, but notes about such things as information given, the meeting they attended or their particular area of interest.

Jack brought some sample copies of business cards, which he created on his computer, that all members could carry to give out to interested people. Several had scenic backgrounds and Jack asked members to send him copies of other pictures what might be used. Jane recommended that we also have a brochure with a space where interested people could provide their contact information, but that the business cards just have the LWV address and contact number. Maxine recommended that Jack go ahead and print a few that we can use on a trial basis. No final decisions were made – the discussion will continue at our next meeting.

LWVOR Convention – May 17-19, Coos Bay – Ruth and Gen will be our delegates. During local League sharing time, Ruth plans to talk about some of our long-time members and their achievements, including Jean Cowan, Janice Gerdemann and Maxine Demory. As next year's President, Gen will attend the Sunday morning President's Breakfast.

Ruth reminded the group that this was their last chance to buy LWVOR raffle tickets. She also noted that the deadline for ordering LWV fleece vests has been extended to May 13 – she and Gen can pick up the vests at Convention.

Officers and Board Members

In our role as Nominating Committee, the board approved the following Slate of Officers for fiscal year 2013-14:

President – Genevie Rosin
Vice President – Jane Sharp

Secretary – Maxine Demory
Treasurer – Jack Kistler
Voters Service chair – Marilyn Podesta
Membership chair – Ruth Kistler
Natural Resources chair – Janice Gerdemann
Member at large – Suzanne Maxson
Member at large – Joan Haffner

Budget

Jack presented a proposed budget for 2013-14. There was some discussion of reimbursement for member expenses. It was recommended that members either accept reimbursement or turn in a form for a donation-in-kind, so that we have documentation of expenses for LWV-sponsored events. Also, Marilyn Podesta and Frances Van Wert have been working on plans for an annual scholarship. Maxine moved that \$1,000.00 be added as a line item in the budget for a scholarship. Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jack will make this revision in the proposed budget and it will be presented to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting on May 30.

Annual Meeting – May 30

The Annual Meeting will be a luncheon at the Sylvia Beach Hotel in Newport. Reservations are due by May 15. The cost will be \$18.00 each to be paid in advance; checks should be made out to LWVLC and given to Jack Kistler, Treasurer. Ruth will send a reminder to all members.

Business of the meeting will be election of officers and board members and adoption of the budget. The program will include a celebration of our four 50-year members and each of them will be given an opportunity to speak briefly about why they joined the LWV and some highlights of their membership. Following that look at the past, there will be a speech by our new incoming President, Gen Rosin, for a look at the future.

May Election – May 21, 2013

An item of particular interest to the LWV is the proposed Children Trust Fund. We supported this in the fall based on identified LWV positions. That measure failed, so the committee revised it, reducing the amount requested, clarifying use and accountability, and is submitting it again. Jack Kistler moved that we support this ballot measure. Gen Rosin seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was agreed that we should send a letter to the editors of local news media showing our support. Maxine will draft a letter and send it to Ruth for corrections and editing.

No other election activities are planned.

Summer Planning Meetings

It was agreed that we probably need to have two summer meetings to plan for next year. Items for discussion will include:

- Scholarship fund
- How to keep track of in-kind donations
- Refreshment sign-up for meetings
- Calendar for the year

Gen will send out an email to help us choose the dates and locations for these meetings.

May Newsletter

Ruth will prepare a newsletter after the LWWOR convention. It will include information about the Day at the Legislature, an article on taking action in the name of the League, Marilyn's article on the annual meeting and Janice's change of address. Board members were asked to let Ruth know of any other items and articles that should be included.

November Ballot Measure

The November ballot in Lincoln County will include a proposal for changing County Commissioners to non-partisan positions. Ruth is working on a study of this issue. It will include background information, arguments for both sides and data from other counties which have made this change. Her goal is to have this written by the end of July, so that it can be read and reviewed by other League members. Then she will prepare a power-point presentation and try it out at our September meeting. Perhaps we will adopt a position and take consensus. If all goes well, she hopes to do other presentations in Lincoln City, Newport and Yachats in late September or early October.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary