

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, July 8, 2013

Members present

Marilyn Podesta
Genevie Rosin
Ruth Kistler
Jack Kistler
Joan Haffner
Jane Sharp
Maxine Demory

The meeting was held at Marilyn Podesta's home. Following a potluck salad luncheon, Gen Rosin, President, called the meeting to order about 1:00 pm. A quorum was present. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

Housekeeping details

It was agreed that our goals this year will be to find ways to reach out to the community and to recruit new members. In line with this, we may want to have meetings at other times and places. However, after discussion, it was agreed that we should also maintain a schedule of regular meetings. Gen will reserve the meeting room at the Newport Public Library for meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We will also plan to hold most board meeting at 1:30 pm on the first Monday of each month. Gen will reserve the room at the bank for our board meetings.

Finances

As President, Gen will be added as a signer on our checking account. Ruth Kistler reminded the board that we are required to have an annual review of our financial accounts. Gen volunteered to work with one other person as a review committee. Ruth will ask Jamie Auburn, past treasurer, if she would have time to do this. If she is not available, Ruth will ask Mary Banvard, who is also a former treasurer.

There was a discussion of motel and mileage expenses for attending state League convention. Jane Sharp noted that we have agreed to pay those expenses for our delegates and that board members should request reimbursement. She said it is more professional to regularly pay those costs. Some members agreed and others felt this should be optional. The final consensus was that we would use a form similar to the one used by the state League, in which each member submits an expense sheet with boxes to check as to whether reimbursement is requested or it is a donation. This information is kept confidential. Maxine reminded the group that donations are not tax-deductible unless they are for a League education fund. It was agreed that Jack Kistler, Treasurer, will develop a sample form for review by the board at our next meeting.

Jack presented the Treasurer's report, showing a balance the end of May of \$5,256.43. There was a discussion of how our money is used. In previous years, we spent a large part of our budget for inserting the LWVOR Voters Guide in the local newspaper. Joan Haffner felt this was a good use of our money and got the information to many people who would not otherwise see it. On the other hand, Ruth said that she felt it is just as effective, and much less costly, to put the Voters Guides in a variety of public places, so they are easily accessible for anyone who wants them. There was also a discussion of the need for more information about less-known positions, such as judges and port commissioners. Marilyn Podesta, Voters Service chair, will keep in touch with the county clerk about details of the September 17 and November 5

elections.

Ruth is continuing to work on an information paper about nonpartisan elections and plans to have that information available prior to the November election, at which time one of the issues will be a proposal to make the Lincoln County Commissioners non-partisan positions. She noted that one of the issues is that the filing deadline will be in March, but if there are 2 or fewer candidates filing for a position, or if a run-off election is needed, the final election will not be until November, leaving a long period of time when no other candidate can file for the position. She will be compiling others pros and cons about how non-partisan elections work and will have a final paper available for board review at our August board meeting.

Membership

Ruth Kistler, Membership chair, reported that she has talked with Maryann Bozza, Program Manager at Hatfield Marine Science Center, about "The Conversation Project". This project, offered by Oregon Humanities, provides facilitators for free public discussion meetings in the community. The sponsor must be a non-profit organization. Ruth and Maryann discussed having our League serve as the sponsor and the Marine Science Center would provide the facility and advertising for the event. There is a catalog of a wide range of topics, many of which are related to League areas of interest. The facilitators are college staff members with special training in leading a discussion. The cost to us would be to provide one night of commercial lodging for one speaker per event, if he or she travelled more than 50 miles. Board members agreed that meetings of this sort would be of interest to the community and would likely attract new members.

After discussion, Jane moved that we give approval for Ruth to follow up on this, with the intent that we would sponsor one or more events if it seems feasible. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ruth will contact the Lincoln City AAUW because she understands they have sponsored at least one conversation in this program. She will also contact the LWVOR office to be sure there are no problems with doing this and to learn if any other local Leagues have been sponsors. After making those contacts she will work further with Maryann with the hope of sponsoring 2 or 3 discussions.

Program topics for the year

Board members developed the following list of possible programs for general membership meetings for the 2013-14 calendar year (not necessarily in this order):

- 1 - Making the position of County Commissioner non-partisan - presentation to members and then to general public in October at several locations in the county.
- 2 - Ballot Measures for the November election
- 3 - LWVUS Agricultural consensus
- 4 - Cover Oregon - health insurance exchange
- 5 - Pilot program for college education - Educate now/pay later
- 6 - Representative David Gomberg
- 7 - Alan Searle - KYAQ - new radio station in the community

Newsletter

Ruth said she will do a newsletter sometime this summer. If anyone has information for it, let her know.

Next board meeting will be Monday, August 26, at 1:30 pm. Gen will contact the bank to reserve the room. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary