

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, August 26, 2013

Members present

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

The meeting was held at Columbia State Bank in Newport. Marilyn Podesta brought some tasty Snickerdoodle cookies to share.

Gen Rosin, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was present. The agenda was reviewed and approved. Marilyn announced that member Carol Hall and her husband Bob will be moving back to California soon. Carol has been an active member and will be missed.

Minutes: Jack Kistler moved that the minutes of the July 8, 2013 board meeting be approved as submitted. Jane Sharp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Kistler, Treasurer, announced that our current balance on hand is \$4,928.80. State and national PMPs (Per Member Payments) have been made and our corporation fee has been paid. Membership dues should be paid by October 1st.

Jack distributed some sample forms, as follows:

- a – LWVLC Expense Voucher 2013-2014 – for use by any LWVLC member.
- b – LWVLC Education Fund Expense Voucher 2013-2014 – for use by any LWVLC member.
- c - Sample letter to send to those who make donations – for use by LWVLC treasurer.

Members made a few suggestions for small changes. Joan Haffner volunteered to add some additional wording to the sample letter. Her offer was gratefully accepted and appreciation was expressed to Jack for his work on these forms.

Jack also announced that Columbia Bank (formerly West Coast Bank) is changing its fee structure and there may be a monthly charge for our checking account. Any changes won't take place immediately, but we may want to move our funds if that does happen. Jack checked with Washington Federal and there would be no charge there. In the discussion that followed, it was agreed that the use of the meeting room is an advantage that we might not have elsewhere and that we should wait until we have further information before making a decision on this. In the meantime, Jack will check with other banks and credit unions in Newport to learn of their fee schedule for checking accounts and whether or not they have available meeting rooms.

Jack met with Jamie Auburn, former Treasurer, and they conducted an informal audit of our financial accounts. A letter confirming this financial review will be available to attach to next month's minutes.

Fund-Raising:

- 1 Annual Fruit Sale: Maxine Demory announced that she has been in contact with Louise Marquering of the Corvallis LWV about cooperating again on the fruit sale. Ruth Kistler

volunteered to check with Quail Valley to see what their prices are this year. We bought from them in 2011 and they delivered directly to Newport. Last year their prices were too high and we went back with Rio Queen. We have purchased grapefruit from Rio Queen for many years, picking up our fruit in Corvallis, and the grapefruit has always been of excellent quality. Last year they offered apples and oranges, as well, and some people were disappointed in those fruits. It was agreed that we need to make a decision before our October board meeting, so information will circulate by email for a decision.

This year all checks and orders will be sent to the treasurer. Jack passed out copies of the forms that will be used:

- a – Order form - to be used by LWV members.
- b – Form to document donations made in addition to, or in lieu of, fruit purchases – to be used by LWV members
- c – Letter to donors – to be used by LWV treasurer

He has also developed a spreadsheet to keep record of orders, payments and delivery plans. He noted that it will include the names of all customers.

- 2 Small Fund-Raiser: The Sandpiper Village Homeowners Association has requested assistance in counting ballots at their annual election, which will be on August 31st. They will pay us \$50 for 2 hours or less of time and we can take brochures and information about the LWV. It was agreed that Ruth Kistler, Gen Rosin and Joan Haffner will do this.

Future Programs:

- 1 Making the office of Lincoln County Commissioner non-partisan. In a recent News-Times article, Ruth Kistler was quoted as making a comment about this and the reporter mentioned that she was a member of the League of Women Voters. Ruth has composed a letter to the editor explaining that she was speaking as an individual, not on behalf of the League. She also explained that the League does not have a position on this issue and that the League only adopts a position after study and consensus. She also stated that the League never supports or opposes a candidate or party. Board members approved the letter, to be signed by Ruth as past president of LWVLC.

The question of making the office nonpartisan will be on the November ballot in Lincoln County. Ruth will present a program on this topic at our September general meeting, which will be at noon on Thursday, September 19, at the Newport Public Library. She will have background information, as well as pros and cons. At this meeting, we will decide if this program should be offered to other groups in the county, as a service to voters.

Ruth will prepare a newsletter that members will receive prior to the September meeting. Gen will include a President's column and other members were invited to submit materials for publication.

- 2 The Conversation Project. Ruth noted that the new topics for this project are now available on the Oregon Humanities website. It was agreed that several of them sounded of interest and that it would be good to sponsor one or more programs in cooperation with the Hatfield Marine Science Center, but no decisions were made.
- 3 State Representative David Gomberg. There was discussion as to whether we want to have Rep. Gomberg speak at a general meeting or at a public town hall forum, which we would sponsor. No decision was made

- 4 Project Homeless Connect. This public event will be held again this year on Friday, October 4, at the Nazarene Church in Newport. Jack Kistler moved that we have a table and register voters at this event again this year. Joan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gen will find out how we get our name on the list. In this discussion, it was noted that the Secretary of State's office has an informative poster on Voter's Rights. It was agreed that it would be good to have a copy of this to display at any public meetings that we sponsor, as well as any public event we are part of where we have a table available, especially where we are involved with attracting voter registration. Gen will try to get a copy of this poster the next time she is in Salem.
- 5 CoverOregon Health Insurance Exchange. Information about this program and/or other health care-related topics will be the topic for our October general meeting, unless there are some ballot measure issues that we want to cover instead. At this time we aren't sure what issues will be on the ballot, but Marilyn, who is voters' service chair, will let us know as soon as she gets this information.
- 6 LWVUS Agriculture Update. Ruth noted that we will need to schedule a general meeting to reach consensus on this study, but we haven't yet received the materials.
- 7 LWVOR fall meeting. Gen and Ruth reported that there will be two fall state meetings scheduled, one in Roseburg and one in Portland. The program will be a kickoff for the two new state studies, on Children at Risk and Higher Education. More information will be coming, but we hope several members will be able to attend. It was noted that the cities are about the same distance for us to travel, so we can choose which place we want to go.

Suggestions or reports from members:

- 1 Ruth reported that she has discussed with another non-profit group the possibility of purchasing a projector which would be jointly owned and possibly stored at the library. She said that a good-quality projector would cost about \$500 - \$700. We may want to pursue this at a later date.
- 2 Maxine said that she did press releases and some other publicity last year as part of her Secretary's duties, but she would be happy if someone else would like to take over the public relations job. With no volunteers, she will continue as her time allows. She will add the new public radio station, KYAQ, to the media list.
- 3 Jane suggested that at a future meeting we develop a plan for sharing the responsibility for providing snacks at our general meetings. Gen noted that she has volunteered to bring a healthy snack to the October general meeting. Jane said that she will bring coffee and tea supplies.

Next board meeting: Monday, October 7, at 1:30 pm at Columbia State Bank.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary