

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY  
General Meeting, January 31, 2013

Members present

Ruth Kistler  
Jack Kistler  
Frances Van Wert  
Jane Sharp  
Genevie Rosin  
Jean Cowan  
Suzanne Maxson  
Maxine Demory

The meeting was held at the Newport Public Library at noon on January 31, 2013

Ruth Kistler reported on the Legislative Process Day in Salem on January 17. There was a sold-out attendance, so Gen Rosin couldn't attend. Ruth's report is in the January *Wave Lengths* newsletter.

Ruth also reported that our consensus on the Coastal Study was submitted to the state. Now that all local League consensus forms have been submitted, the state committee, including Ruth, will meet to review the forms and write a position statement, which will then be presented for adoption by members at the state convention in May.

There was a brief discussion of a proposal by the County Commissioners that their positions be changed to non-partisan. A public hearing on this proposal has been scheduled and Ruth will plan to attend. Jean Cowan noted that we will want to learn if other changes will be included in the charter development.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to Program Planning. Ruth noted that in considering existing programs, we have the options to retain, drop, update or restudy them. The definitions for each option were included in the newsletter.

The following decisions were made:

**Lincoln County LWV Positions**

**Homeless Youth – Update**

The decision was that we need to update our knowledge of the problem and the resources available, but we still support this position.

**Child Health Position – Update**

There was agreement that we need an update on the resources available with new health programs at both the federal and state level. Gen volunteered to arrange a program on some aspect of this position this spring. We recognize that we will probably want to do a restudy of this at some future date, as programs change.

**Land Use and Natural Resources in Lincoln County - Retain**

There was agreement that we still have a strong interest in these issues.

**Alcohol and Substance Abuse Education and Services – Retain**

We still recognize the need for more services in this area and may want to consider an update in the future – or possibly a restudy. Ruth mentioned the possibility of adding gambling abuse.

**Lincoln County School District - Retain**

After discussion, there was consensus that we will retain this position, but delete the second sentence, which reads: *We recognize the need for an update of this position but do not have resources to do so at this time.*

**Post Secondary Education - Retain**

We support this position and agree that we may want to do an update in the future, with special emphasis on our local Oregon Coast Community College.

**Port District - Update**

In this discussion, there was some concern expressed about intergovernmental communication between port districts and other levels of government. Gen Rosin volunteered to gather some additional information about this. The consensus was that we want to retain this position, but need to do a rewrite of the language in the second sentence.

**Domestic Violence – Update**

The consensus was that we need to update our knowledge in this area, probably with a program sometime next year. There was also a suggestion that we change the language to include men, as well as women and children.

**Libraries - Retain**

There was agreement that we are supportive of our county library system.

Following this discussion, it was agreed that the review of state positions – the LWVOR Program Planning – will be held at the board meeting, which is open to all members, on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 1:30 pm at West Coast Bank. Jean Cowan suggested that we may want to flag Adult Corrections as an area needing an update or more study.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Maxine Demory, Secretary