

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

Members present

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

The meeting was held at Columbia State Bank in Newport.

Gen Rosin, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Maxine noted that corrections had been made in the minutes of the August meeting and the revised copy was sent to all board members. Jack Kistler moved that the minutes of the August 26, 2013 board meeting be approved as corrected. Jane Sharp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Kistler, Treasurer, announced that our current balance on hand is \$5,256.40. Membership dues were due October 1st. We still have ten unpaid members.

Fruit Sale: Maxine reported that Jack prepared and mailed out packets to all LWVLC members with a letter of explanation, a poster, a Quail Valley flyer, an order form and a donation form. Board members agreed by email consensus to use Quail Valley Farms in Medford as our supplier. Orders will be due November 15, with some leeway for late orders. Delivery will be in early December. Quail Valley has asked that the delivery location be at an easily accessible spot, not a residence. Marilyn Podesta will check with the Elks Club in Newport to ask if we could use their parking lot as a delivery location. Maxine will do a press release about the fruit sale next week. Each member is asked to contact their own customers from previous years and take orders. Maxine will send Joan a copy of orders taken last year by Suzanne and Janice.

David Gomberg meeting: Marilyn has talked with State Representative David Gomberg about speaking to our group. After discussion, it was agreed that we will invite him and his wife to attend our December luncheon meeting, which will be held at the Sylvia Beach Hotel in Newport at 12 noon on Thursday, December 17.

Forum on Nonpartisan Election of County Commissioners: Ruth Kistler has made arrangements for a public forum on this issue, which will be on the November ballot in Lincoln County. The Forum will be held at the Newport Recreation Center at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 18. Speakers will be County Commissioner Bill Hall, David Allen, and Brenda Brown. It was agreed that we should have some light refreshments. Maxine Demory moved that we use money from our designated portion of LWVOREF (education funds) to pay for room rental and food, with use of sound equipment and kitchen included. Marilyn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ruth will make the arrangements and take care of publicity for this event. She has ordered additional copies of the LWV brochure to have on hand at the forum. Ruth has also prepared an article for the newspaper explaining nonpartisan elections and the pros and cons of this proposed change in the county election of commissioners. She asked board members to review it and make any suggestions.

October General Meeting: Gen Rosin has arranged for representatives from Cover Oregon, the new health insurance online marketplace, to speak at our October meeting, which will be on October 17 at noon at the Newport Public Library. The speakers will be Lauren Bailey, Certified Assister with Lincoln County Health and Human Services, and Aracella Guevara, who is with the Community Services Consortium. Maxine and Ruth will provide cookies and Jane will bring the coffee and tea supplies for the meeting. Maxine will do a press release.

Update on Conversations: Ruth submitted the application for an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project speaker on the subject of "Lessons from Lincoln", in cooperation with Maryann Bozza at Hatfield Marine Science Center. The speaker will be Dr. Richard W. Etulain and the date will be Thursday, November 21, at 5:30 pm. We will provide one night's lodging for Dr. Etulain at the Holiday Express in South Beach. We will not publicize this event until we receive confirmation from Oregon Humanities. This event will be in lieu of a General Meeting in November.

Ruth will also submit an application for a speaker on "My Land, Your Land" for a date in the second half of January. Members suggested either January 23 or 30. We will also have a general meeting in January.

State LWV Education meetings: Ruth will attend the October 12 meeting in Roseburg and Gen will attend the November 2 meeting in Clackamas. Any other members are welcome to carpool with either of them.

Announcements and reports: Jack reported that he had talked again to Julie at Columbia Bank and there will be a \$3.00 a month service charge for our bank account starting in January. She will let us know in early December if it would be possible to waive the fee. Members agreed that we should not make any changes in our bank account until we know more about this. It was agreed that the use of the bank meeting room is a valuable resource.

Ruth and Jack also announced that they have purchased a projector for use at our meetings. They bought this with their own funds, but we may want to consider buying it from them for League ownership. No decision was made at this time.

Maxine announced that a lecture on plastics pollution will be given on Friday, October 25. It will be given at 3 pm at Oregon Coast Community College and also at 7 pm at the Newport Performing Arts Center. This is part of a Williams Lecture series. The speaker will be Stiv Wilson, Communications Director for the 5 Gyres Institute. Mr. Wilson will deliver a 40 minute presentation on his experience sailing to four of the five subtropical oceanic gyres or "garbage patches" investigating plastic pollution in our oceans as well as his recent work in the Great Lakes. His presentation will also highlight the recent interest in tsunami debris, sharing photos and film of tsunami debris found on the 5 Gyres expedition to the Japan Tsunami Debris Field.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Next board meeting: Monday, November 4, at 1:30 pm at Columbia State Bank.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary