

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, April 1, 2013

Members present

Ruth Kistler
Jack Kistler
Frances Van Wert
Genevie Rosin
Jane Sharp
Marilyn Podesta
Maxine Demory

Members absent

Janice Gerdemann
Suzanne Maxson

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.

Jane Sharp moved that the minutes of the February 4 board meeting be approved as submitted. Frances Van Wert seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no board meeting in March. In lieu of that meeting a Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) training session was held on March 4, led by Mary Sinclair and Robin Wisdom from LWVOR.

Finances

Jack Kistler, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the checking account balance on February 4, 2013 was \$6,474.10. He paid our 3rd quarter LWVUS PMP (per member payment) of \$83.88 and Newport Library meeting room rent of \$15.00, leaving a current balance of \$6,375.22.

There was a discussion of paying expenses for the Day at the Legislature. It was agreed that members who attend could submit a request for reimbursement or they could turn in a note showing an in-kind donation of the amount they spent.

MLD and MLD Guidance discussion

Ruth noted that we need to have a file (probably on computer) of possible member contacts, with a checklist of actions with prospective members. She recommended that we always carry some LWV business cards and brochures to give to interested people.

Ruth volunteered to be Membership Chair next year. She and Jack will work on a format for keeping a record of prospective member contacts. Jack will do a prototype of a Lincoln County LWV business card and bring it to the next board meeting for review.

Ruth also suggested that we choose a theme for the year and plan our meetings around that theme. Jane commented that we need to think about ideas that will "grab" the community. Frances suggested that we present both sides of issues, although others suggested some caution in doing that.

It was agreed that we will schedule one or two meetings over the summer to discuss these ideas further.

April General Meeting

Genevie reported that she has arranged for Dr. Jerry Robbins to present a film showing a comparison between the Canadian and the U.S. medical systems. He will also speak on behalf of "Health Care for Oregon". Genevie has seen the film and said that she found it very interesting.

Jane will bring coffee supplies and Marilyn and Frances will bring cookies for this meeting. Maxine suggested that we do a sign-up sheet for next year so that the responsibility for bringing refreshments is scheduled in advance and shared by all.

Annual Meeting - May 30

Our Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 30. Marilyn Podesta contacted the Sylvia Beach Hotel and Panache restaurant in Newport for a luncheon venue. Panache is not available on that date. The Sylvia Beach would do a generous family-style luncheon for \$300. After discussion, it was agreed that we would like to go to the Sylvia Beach. We will hope to have 20 people in attendance at \$15.00 each. However, we will charge \$18.00 in order to include a gratuity. It was agreed that Jack will collect the payments and then write a LWV check for \$300 plus gratuity to the Sylvia Beach Hotel.

The meeting will include a celebration of our 50-year members, Mary Banvard and Sue Groshong, as well as Janice Gerdemann and Maxine Demory, who were honored last year. It was agreed that we will pay the lunch costs for the honorees.

The business of the meeting will include election of officers and board members for the 2013-14 fiscal year and adoption of a budget. Nominations will be finalized next month, but the tentative slate will be: President Genevie Rosin, Vice-President Jane Sharp, Secretary Maxine Demory, Treasurer Jack Kistler, Membership Chair Ruth Kistler, and Voters Service Chair Marilyn Podesta. Ruth and Jack will continue to do the newsletter. Maxine and Jack will do the grapefruit fundraiser. Ruth has talked to Suzanne Maxson and she has agreed to remain on the board as a member at large. Marilyn will call Joan Haffner and ask her if she would be willing to be a board member again.

Instead of having a speaker, it will be a social occasion. If they are willing, the 50-year members will be asked to tell some highlights of their years with the LWV.

May Election - May 21, 2013

Marilyn and Ruth noted that the registration deadline for voters is three weeks prior to the election date and the ballots will be mailed out in early May. There will be two ballot measures on this election - the county-wide Children's Trust Fund proposal and a Newport plastic bag ban.

The only elections will be for special districts, including the Port of Newport and the Devil's Lake Water Improvement District, among many other small districts.

Ruth reported that she had seen an excellent poster on Voter's Rights at the county health department. Ruth and Gen will try to get a copy of that poster.

After further discussion, Jane recommended that our only action relating to this election be a Letter to the Editor in support of the Children's Trust Fund. There was agreement with this, unless we are asked to serve as convener for a Candidate's Forum. In such a case, we will agree to

do so, following LWV rules for conducting such a meeting.

April newsletter

Ruth has several ideas for articles for the April newsletter. It will also include information about the April general meeting and the Day at the Legislature, which will be attended by Marilyn, Ruth and Gen. There will be a “save the date” announcement about the May luncheon and annual meeting. Anyone else who has information for the newsletter should have it to Ruth by April 11.

November ballot measure

One of the items on the November ballot will be a proposal to make the County Commissioner’s office non-partisan. Ruth is hoping to do a research paper on this subject, covering such subjects as “What is a non-partisan election? What democratic goals would this accomplish? What has been the experience of other counties?” She will work on this over the summer and prepare copies for other board members to review, with the hope that this may be something of benefit to our community and also to Leagues in other communities.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary