

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, January 6, 2014

Members present

Genevie Rosin	Marilyn Podesta
Ruth Kistler	Jane Sharp
Jack Kistler	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: Jane Sharp noted two errors in the December minutes. In the second paragraph, it should state that Jack Kistler moved and Jane Sharp seconded the motion. In the 7th paragraph, Kistler's name was misspelled. The secretary made the needed corrections. Jack Kistler moved that the minutes of the December 2, 2013 board meeting be approved as corrected. Ruth Kistler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Kistler, Treasurer, announced that our current balance on hand is \$6,398.41. Regarding the fruit sale, he reported that there are still 5 unpaid orders. Maxine Demory has sent a bill to Jerry Gibson, who was on her list. Ruth has three on her list and she will contact them. There remains one on Joan Haffner's list. Jack will have a report next month on our net proceeds from the sale.

Fruit Sale: There were a number of problems this year with the sale. Maxine misunderstood one name when she took a phone order, resulting in a duplicate order. She recommended that someone else take phone orders next year. The fruit arrived later than expected, causing problems in delivery. Customers had been told the fruit would arrive in early December and we didn't receive it until December 17. There was some damaged fruit, perhaps caused by an unexpected cold spell. Ruth and Jack opened and examined all of the boxes and removed the damaged fruit, replacing it with fruit from extra boxes we had ordered. Ruth said that she would like to contact the Eugene and Corvallis LWVs to determine if they also had troubles. We will need to discuss this further and decide whether to contract with Quail Valley again next year or to make other plans. Despite all the difficulties we ended up with some extra fruit which Ruth delivered to the Toledo and Waldport food pantries. Ruth hopes to follow up on the idea of giving a tax-deduction receipt to people who purchase the fruit and donate it to charitable organizations

December Luncheon: The December luncheon at the Sylvia Beach Hotel with State Representative David Gomberg as guest speaker was very successful. There were 30 people in attendance (17 members, 11 guests and the two special guests, David Gomberg and his aide, Kyle). Representative Gomberg was an informative and entertaining speaker. There were many favorable comments about the food, the location and the program. Marilyn Podesta recommended that we make this an annual event.

Day at the Legislature: Gen announced that the annual LWV Day at the Legislature will be on Monday February 10. She plans to attend and recommended that anyone else who wants to go get their reservations in early. Ruth said she also plans to attend.

National program planning: Gen shared information she had received regarding a proposal for a new national LWV study on "Alternatives to Partisan Primaries". She feels this proposal has considerable merit and asked that members review it to consider if we want to add our voice of support and assistance in encouraging this study.

Programs: Gen reported that she was not able to secure a speaker on Early Childhood Development, as she had hoped, but there is a video which was made at the state LWV meeting she attended in early November. It was agreed that we will show this video at our general meeting on January 16.

Ruth reported that the Agriculture Study information is now on the national LWV website and the consensus is due in April. No decision was made as to our participation in this study

Gen suggested another possible program topic. Tom Swinford, who is a high school track coach and the organizer and chair of the Newport Marathon, has offered to speak to the group about the sport of running and about the community involvement and value of the Marathon. Members expressed an interest in hearing Tom's presentation.

Another pending program is the Conversations project. Ruth will continue to work on featuring the "My Land, Your Land" topic as a possible March event. She will need to contact the professor and find an agreeable date, and then submit an application to Oregon Humanities. It was recommended that we discuss this further at our January general meeting.

Finally, the possibility of sponsoring the Abigail Scott Duniway play was discussed. The consensus was that we would be interested in helping support this production, but that the actors need to take the lead in making the plans. When we have more information about the timing, the venue and the cost to us, we will make a final decision.

Newsletter: Ruth plans to produce a newsletter this week. Topics will include a report on the December luncheon, announcement of the January meeting, Day at the Legislature, information about new members, and condolences on recent deaths of members and spouses. Any other information for the newsletter should be sent to Ruth as soon as possible.

Membership: Ruth reported that we have one new member, Maryann Bozza, who is Program Manager at Hatfield Marine Science Center. She said that Gertrude Schramm also plans to join. However, Suzanne Maxson has dropped her membership. Two other potential members were mentioned. Ruth will contact Ellen Bristow and Gen will contact Diane Eckstein.

Voters Service:

Ruth recommended that we try again to get all local candidates in our area to participate in Vote 411. She also hopes to involve some college students to help with this project. We will also plan to do one or more candidate's forums. Marilyn raised the possibility of trading LWV jobs with Ruth. Marilyn would be willing to be Membership chair and Ruth could take on the Voters Service responsibility. No final decision was made on this.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

General meeting: Thursday, January 16, 1:30 pm at Newport Public Library

Next board meeting: Monday, February 3, at 1:30 pm at Columbia State Bank.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary