

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, March 3, 2014

Members present

Genevie Rosin	Marilyn Podesta
Ruth Kistler	Maxine Demory
Jack Kistler	

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: Jack Kistler moved that the minutes of the February 3, 2014 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 \$6,442.54. The net profit from fall fruit sale was \$1,064.

Ruth Kistler reported that she contacted the Lane County and Corvallis LWV representatives as she had agreed to do. The Corvallis LWV used Rio Royal, the Rio Queen successor, and were generally pleased with the grapefruit quality, although they had quite a few complaints about the quality of the oranges. Lane County has used Quail Valley for all three years of their sale and are very satisfied. They received their fruit on December 10 this year and were pleased with the quality and low amount of spoilage. (Their spoilage was about the same as ours.)

With regard to purchase of fruit for donation, the Lane County LWV sends each buyer a letter stating the value, i.e. the cost to buyer minus the cost to the League. They offered to send us a copy of that letter if we were interested. However, the general consensus was that we would prefer not to do that, instead letting the buyers make their own decisions about donations without our involvement.

Voters Service:

Jack found a copy of the "Oregon Voter Bill of Rights" poster on the Secretary of State's website. He has copied it onto a flash drive. The consensus was that we should have one or more large posters made to display at Voters Service events. Jack was authorized to have this done.

Marilyn Podesta reported that she had made several contacts to determine if anyone else is planning a Candidates Forum prior to the Primary Election this spring. The Lincoln City manager didn't know anything about one in their area. Barbara Leff from Depoe Bay said that the owner of the Spouting Horn only does Candidates Forums for General Elections. Teresa Simmons is no longer with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, but no one seems to have made any plans for a Candidates Forum in that area. At our next board meeting we should have enough information to decide if we want to do a forum and, if so, when and where.

Ruth reported that she had no response from the state League on a request for instruction on getting our candidates into the online Voters Guide. She will continue to pursue this, but the likelihood of doing it for the May election is low, she said.

March General Meeting

Ruth will send out material on the national Agricultural Study – it will be about 4 pages long with a note of explanation and will be sent to all members. At the general meeting on March 20, Ruth, Gen and Marilyn

will present an overview as follows and the group will discuss the issues and complete the consensus form as much as possible.

Ruth: Overview of Farm Economics and Farm Subsidies

Gen: Regulations and Regulatory Agencies

Marilyn: Water issues.

Conversations Project

Ruth reported that our application has been approved for a program on “Your Land, My Land”, to be led by Veronica Dujon at 6 pm on March 28 and hosted by our League. The program will be in the Guin Library at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Information about this will be in the March newsletter. Ruth and Maryann Bozza will take care of publicity.

March Newsletter

Ruth was pleased to report that she had received a newsletter article from Janice Gerdemann about a recent meeting of the Oregon Lakes Association. This will be in the March newsletter, as well as information about our Agricultural study and upcoming meetings. She will also include an article about “Dark Money Controversy” and comments on IRS proposed regulations that govern political activities of 501(c)(4) organizations, such as the LWV.

Abigail Scott Duniway play – “Scott Free”

A meeting has been arranged with Barbara Callander for Thursday, March 13, at 11 am at OCCC (Oregon Coast Community College), about a group of organizations sponsoring this play in the fall. Participants will include Cindy Carlson of OCCC, Nancy Mead of Central Coast NOW, as well as our LWV and possibly other groups. Ruth will attend the meeting and Gen said that she would like to go, also. Marilyn Podesta made a motion stating that \$200 would be the top amount that we could commit to this project. Maxine Demory seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Further discussion

Ruth said that she hopes to write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper based on the information in the LWVOR “Think before You Ink” flyer. When she has a letter drafted, she will email it to the rest of the board for comments.

There was discussion of the April and May meetings, but no decisions were made. One possibility would be a speaker to give us an update on Oregon Coast Community College.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

General meeting: Thursday, March 20, 12:00 noon, Newport Public Library

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

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary