

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY
Board Meeting, August 25, 2014

Members present

Genevie Rosin

Ruth Kistler

Jack Kistler

Marilyn Podesta

Maxine Demory

The meeting was held at Columbia State Bank in Newport. Gen Rosin, President, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm and distributed the agenda. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Jack Kistler moved that the minutes of the July 7, 2014 board meeting be approved as submitted. Ruth Kistler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Kistler, Treasurer, reported that our checking account balance is \$5,767.40. He reported that our LLEF (Local League Education Fund) balance is \$1,547.17. He noted that there is also a balance of \$550 in our local League Education Fund which may be used for the 2014 election only. If we don't use it for this election, it will return to the state education fund. He also reminded members that we must have a documented paper trail to verify all Education Fund and non Education Fund expenditures.

Membership Chair report: Marilyn Podesta, Membership Chair, reported that she sent out 50 invitations to our fall meeting at the Pacific Maritime Museum in Newport at 11:30 am on Thursday, September 18. There will be a short tour of the museum, followed by refreshments and a short meeting to acquaint guests with our League and its programs. We will pay the \$5.00 admission fee to the museum for all new and returning members who have paid their dues by September 11, 2014. Marilyn asked that board members be there at 11 am that day to help with the setup.

Later in the year Marilyn has plans for some membership teas in local areas of the county, probably in Yachats and Lincoln City.

New Business:

Voters Service: Ruth Kistler, Voters Service Chair, noted that the General Election is November 4th and the ballots will be mailed about October 15. The following items were discussed:

LWVOR Voters Guides will not be ready until about September 24. It was agreed that we will want to order at least as many as we got in the last election. We will not plan to insert them in local newspapers, but will want to have an adequate number to place in libraries and other public places, as we have in the past. Ruth will communicate with board members by email to make a final decision on the number to order.

Mock Election: LWVOR is coordinating directly with local schools who want to participate in this program. Ruth will inquire as to whether any Lincoln County schools will be involved.

Candidates Forum: It was agreed that we would like to do a forum for at least the contested County Commissioner seat, which will be a run-off between Terry Thompson and Dick Anderson. There may not be any other contested positions of interest. Gen will check with the County Clerk's office and Ruth will gather other information and we will make a decision by email as to what candidates will be included in the forum and the date (which will be dependent upon the candidates' availability.)

Ballot Measure Forum: We will also plan to do a ballot measure forum, probably in early October. We will make plans for this by email, as well.

Other upcoming events:

Project Homeless Connect: Gen Rosin has arranged for us to have a table at this event as we have for a number of past years, providing information and an opportunity to register to vote.

“Scott Free” play: Our LWV will sponsor a performance of this play at Oregon Coast Community College in Newport at 2 pm on Saturday, October 18. An additional performance will be in Lincoln City, sponsored by the Lincoln City library, on Sunday, October 19. Ruth has made arrangements for the Newport production and will try to encourage joint publicity (coordination, rather than competition.)

LWVOR Fall Workshop – October 11 in Eugene – more information will be available later.

Fruit Fund Raiser: Jack Kistler, Chair for this project, will make contact with the LWV in Corvallis, regarding doing this jointly, as we have often done in the past. Maxine will provide the name of the contact person. Jack asked who should receive packets of information about the fundraiser and it was agreed that every member should receive one. Jack provided a list of members who sold fruit last year and a tentative time-line, as follows:

Sept. 18 General Meeting - Packets available

Oct. 1 – Mail packets not distributed earlier

Nov. 1 – Notice in local news media

Nov. 20 – General Meeting – final date to turn in orders to Jack.

Other Fund Raiser: Gen Rosin reminded the group that we have a small fundraiser planned for August 30. We will be counting ballots of the Sandpiper Village Homeowners Association. Ruth, Gen and Maxine will participate.

Other Business: Maxine Demory reported that the Oregon Humanities will be charging a \$50 fee for applications for the Conversations Project (with reduced rates if applying for more than one at a time and the possibility of waiving the fee if there is a financial hardship). The fee will be refunded if the Conversation does not take place. The pertinent dates are as follows:

Apply between Aug. 1 & Sept. 30, 2014 for programs to take place Nov. 1, 2014 to Feb. 28, 2015

Apply between Dec. 1, 2014 & Jan. 31, 2015 for programs to take place March 1 – June 30, 2015.

It was agreed that we will not apply for the first round of programs.

Ruth Kistler noted that the LWVOR is interested in conversations around the state on the funding of education in Oregon. She will keep us informed about this.

Upcoming Meetings:

Membership meeting - September 18, 11:30 am, Maritime Museum, Newport

Homeless Connect – October 3, Nazarene Church

Board meeting – October 6, 1:30 pm, Columbia State Bank, Newport

LWVOR Fall workshop – October 11, Eugene

“Scott Free” play – October 18, 2 pm, Oregon Coast Community College, Newport

Voters Service forums to be announced

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Demory, Secretary