

Board Meeting Minutes FINAL
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 -- 1:00pm, Daily Grind, back room

Attendees: Shelley Jones, Karen Kiessling, Deb Olson, Paul Spencer, Anne Lewis, Lucy Linden, Janet Kendall, Amanda Jeney and June Crawford

Details:

1. SIGN UP SHEETS

A. LEAGUE MEETINGS

September - potluck meeting - hostess: Janet Kendall, program: Lucy
public meeting Colfax: Karen

October - forums - Deb and June

November - Susan Daniels

December - June Crawford

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January - Shelley/ Anne

February - Joan

March - Paul

April - Barbara

May - Annual Meeting -

B. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH ATTENDANCE

August 13 -

September 10 - Karen

October 8 - Shelley and Anne

November 12 - Shelley

December party Karen, Deb and others ?

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January 14 - Lucy

February 11 - Deb

March 11 - Anne

April 8 - June

May 13 - Paul

June 10 - Janet Kendall

No July meeting

C. COMMITTEE FOR SEPTEMBER 'BACK TO LEAGUE' MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING.

Sign up to help plan what new and old members should know about the League. Janet will Host, and Lucy will co-ordinate the list of topics, such as "What is consensus?", League Voice, etc.

2. CALLING TREE

In the past we have had a calling tree. Karen suggested that setting one up might help get members to meetings. The board agreed and we decided to divide the membership into groups and assign each group to a board member. Shelley agreed to do this and Paul agreed to make a draft of a template list of topics or information which should or could be mentioned for the calls. (Location, Time, Date, offer of rides, etc.)

3. 4TH OF JULY PARADE AND LENTIL FESTIVAL UPDATE

Deborah reported that 8 people have signed up for the Johnson Parade. We will meet at the Professional Mall (on the West side of Bishop Boulevard between the Holiday Inn Express and the railroad tracks [it is nearer to the tracks] for a carpool). Time will be 9:00 to 9:15. Deborah will have water in the car and will bring the sashes and hats and the flags to be given out. We can carry a shopping bag for the flags.

For the Lentil Parade, Deborah will download the permit form from the website.

4. UPDATE ABOUT THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FORUM

Karen reported that it is scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on September 25, 2013 in the conference room of the McGregor Company, 401 Airport Road -- West of Colfax (just South of the County fairgrounds).

There will be a panel of presenters including the head of the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association, a member of the Kirkland City Council, A woman Attorney from Witherspoon Kelly of Spokane, and Anna King, an NPR correspondent. A question and answer session will follow.

Janet asked about getting help with publicity from the Foley Institute and the Political Science Department. Amanda suggested getting one of the KWSU student announcers to make an interview clip for broadcast on KWSU. Karen mentioned that the Whitman County Gazette will be a co-sponsor and will provide publicity in the Gazette.

Our league will need members there to help make the meeting go smoothly.

5. PRIMARY ELECTION FORUM UPDATE

Wednesday, July 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Deborah explained that this includes the Pullman City Tax issue. We need speaker(s) for the Con side. The invitations to the candidates were sent out last Monday and there have been no replies yet.

6. WEB HISTORY PROJECT

Paul said that there have been no recent meetings of this committee (June Crawford, Anne Lewis, Amanda Jeney and Paul Spencer). The committee has gone through most of the 3 file boxes marking the most interesting documents and is planning to digitize the most important ones to be able to include them in the history section of the League website as text files rather than images. (Text files use much less file storage space). Amanda will explain her part of this effort in item 8.

7. JULY PLANNING MEETING

Shelley presented the following preliminary calendar for planning our meeting for next year: Monday, July 8, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Ruth Brown's farm

ANNUAL PLANNING - 2013

CALENDAR:

September 9, 2013 – Welcome Back & Orientation for New & the Not so New Members

September 24, 2013 – National Voter Registration Day

September 25, 2013 – Open Meetings Act Forum at McGregor Headquarters (Colfax Airport Road)

October – Voter Forums

November 4, 2013

December 2, 2013 (Cookie Social?) – Ag Study Consensus Questions??

January 6 or 13, 2014

February 3, 2014 – National Planning??

March 3, 2014

April 7, 2014

May 5 or 12, 2014 – First Monday ~~AAUW~~ foreign friends Meeting?? – Annual Meeting

IDEAS:

Poverty Study

Ag Study Consensus Questions

Climate Change

School Construction Update (possibly a 20-30 min. update prior to National Planning)

Historic District

Healthcare

“Get out of Jail” Program

Citizens United/ Corporate Personhood/ \$\$ in Politics

OTHER IDEAS:

Soup Suppers

Coffee Talk

Legislative Lunch or Coffee with State Reps (Co-sponsor with Chamber of Commerce)

Additional possibilities mentioned by the board are:

Input from Moscow and Colfax hospitals about healthcare plans and results

Single stream recycling results

Legislative lunch or coffee with State Representatives (co-sponsor with the Chamber of Commerce??)

Shelley asked that the board members contribute more ideas.

8. LWV INTERN AMANDA JENEY REPORT

Amanda said that she has helped Karen with application for the broadcasting grant. She also has been working to summarize the key documents and will make scans of them. She has looked over a document from Shelley about Facebook planning and it looks very interesting.

**9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING, Monday, September 9 at Janet Kendall's house.
Board meeting Wednesday, August 28, 1:00 p.m. at the Daily Grind**

10. VOTER (note added) The next voter topics was not in the agenda. Susan will send out an email request for articles and include the deadline and issue dates

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

Comment from Janet: There have been no recent new members. She would like to remind everyone that if one is mentoring someone, it is necessary to make an effort to do this.

Anne suggested that at each meeting we should highlight the duties of one of the board positions so that everyone would learn about them. This might widen the participation. Shelley said that we might highlight the definition of some term such as "consensus". with the same aim. Anne thought that this is a good idea since many of her friends have little political experience or knowledge even though they are smart and well informed.

Amanda said that she had talked to her intern advisor at WSU and suggested that

the League might give a 1/2 hour talk early in a Women's Studies course similar to the orientation which we are planning for our September meeting. Karen mentioned that this would have to be relevant to citizenship rather than just a recruiting talk. Otherwise WSU would have to allow other organizations to recruit.

Karen asked the board to consider whether we should write a letter to Dennis Tracy giving support to his "get out of jail" program. This program is a pre-charging diversion of first time offenders with clean records to enter the program and after successful completion of it they would be free with no police record. The board was in favor of writing such a letter if it would help. Karen will ask Dennis if such support is desired, and if so, Karen will draft a letter.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Spencer, Secretary