

Board Meeting Minutes- Final
Wednesday, Oct 23, 2013- 1:00 p.m. Daily Grind, back room

Attendees:

Anne Lewis, Shelley Jones, Deb Olson, June Crawford, Janet Kendall, Libby Walker (potential new member), Karen Kiessling, Alice Schroeder

Introductions made.

Note: Janet out of town November 10 for winter so won't be at meetings. Will continue membership duties.

Routine Business:

- 1) Approved last month's minutes
- 2) Next Board Meeting: Wed, November 20 to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving. Sue Daniels chairs.
- 3) Susan Daniels, Deb Olson, and Marilyn Perkins for MLD call tentatively scheduled for Nov 12.
- 4) Chamber Lunch for November. Anyone want to take Shelley's place/go with Shelley? Libby will check her calendar. Deb & Karen for December when others are welcome (Holiday Chamber Meeting)
- 5) December Voter Deadline: November 18

Articles:

Report of Colfax and Pullman Forums- Karen-Colfax, Deb- Pullman
Report on October Brown Bag- Deb
Report on November 4 meeting- Mary Collins
Report on November Brown Bag- Deb
Report on Action Workshop- Karen
Report on first social event- Anne
Something from Joan Folwell about AG meeting (ie. link to study)

Announcement of upcoming meetings

December- Alice
January- Shelley

Details from discussion:

Eastside Action workshop. Get to know people, learn, wind farm tour, \$25 cost/lunch.
Meeting league lobbyists

NO LWV position on 522

Ag- background: At National Convention, decided there would be an agricultural policy. "Current" league position from 1980. New national study on farm issues. Process: Consensus questions to local league, then on to state, then on to national.

6) Treasurer's report

Joan absent. Positive balance. Outstanding bills should go to Joan.

7) Membership update- Janet

- Current League of Women Voters membership list, 2013-14. Overall decrease (medical, people who were gifted-ie. Sherman). Looking for active members.
- Donor List: All money stays local (v. actual membership where Pullman gets \$16). Decision made to send fundraising letter to people who were members and haven't renewed.
- Packet for new members prepared by Janet. Will add e-mail addresses to officers. Be sure price stickers on the Join Us! pamphlet. Question of whether the "business card" is worth it— Attendees voiced "no!"
- Members have copy of letter. Requested we review the materials and determine if changes should be made. Ie. "tweak" for prospective v. already signed up members. Janet modified two letters/packets for Anne to distribute.
- Interested in League Events sign up: List of 4 names including Libby Walker added to the notification list. Some from Brown Bag. One from Forum.

Reports on October events:

- 1) Colfax Forum- Turnout lower than expected. Ted Weatherly gracious to do "pro" side of Initiative 517, which he did not agree with but which we needed to have the debate. Passionate 522 speakers. Audience member suggested bios of speakers be available. Note: Difficult to find speakers. Great press coverage- radio, TV, newspaper
- 2) Pullman Forum- Coverage: Lewiston Tribune & Moscow Daily news. Al Sorenson friendly the next day to Deb ☺. Lots of questions for third speakers, some "similar" questions for all groups
- 3) Brown Bag- Jeff Guyett Oct 17. 6 people. Jeff provided spreadsheet re: things that need to be done re: food bank. Ie. Fresh produce rather than cans. Needs more storage (i.e. refrigeration) space. New location, expanding current, exploration stage.... Noted housing opportunities. Wants to partner on poverty study. Will show up at brown bag, possibly attend Nov 4 meeting.

Related: Is Liz interested? Food contributions at meetings.

Openings from January on

Upcoming Events

- 1) General Meeting- November 4 w/ Mary Collins at Hecht Room. She is bringing cookies and cider. Reminder: will include 6:30-7 social “half hour” and food bank donation opportunity.
- 2) Inaugural Social Event- November 6 ; 10-11:30 a.m. at Anne Lewis’ house. Send info to Barbara that we want in the e-mail before Nov 4 meeting. Chance to get together on looser basis
- 3) Next Brown bag November 21, 12-1. Moscow and poverty study. Karen suggests meeting be recorded. Paul Spencer? Helpful for design of our study—what went well, what help needed? Many interested in this topic, study—will have help but we need to organize. Moscow had immediate positive community results post study.

Notes: Janet will do web research for the poverty study.

Keep a list re: people who are interested and in what.

Hopefully Mary Collins will come to brown bag. Would be a good person to chair—understanding of rural Whitman County.

- 4) December 2- Holiday Cookie exchange and general meeting. June chairs. Planning on Hecht room- June will check. Social half hour prior to 7; bags will be available for people to take extra cookies home.

Topic: Minors in possession/Dennis Tracy, County Prosecutor, speaker.

Want to know: Why pre-diversion program fell apart. New Proposal: Before charged first time offenders complete requirements, then won’t be charged. Problem: Whitman Co. short \$\$\$ for 2014. Al Swannack and others feel it is a “revenue loser” v. saver. Ask Dennis how to reply to that argument.

Also, ask Dennis re: potential other speakers. Art Swannack mentioned. Initial member response of no ☺. Then ... if we have support re: cost savings, he’d be good to listen/respond. Someone from a WA locale where a similar program is in place? Janet could e-mail for data/figures (Dennis provide names, contacts). WSU faculty of staff? UI?

- 5) December Brown Bag- Brad Jaekel of WSU Organic Farm. Update on move, plans, insight on ag study (problem: not yet available to forward). If anyone has questions for Brad, let Deb know. Could advertise to members that the brown bag will be helpful re: ag study.

January- nothing yet

Other Business:

- 1) Webmaster report from Paul dated 10/18/2013. Brief summary: Internet search using terms “Pullman league of women voters” sometimes results in “Lighthouse.com” appearing as top

google listing. Same server as ours. Side effect: number of hits to our website increased 20 fold.

- 2) Status of public access channel- Summary by Karen (written handout and verbal). Forums haven't been broadcast for 2 years due to "give away" by Time Warner of machine to facilitate. Important for League to make a statement. New building in the corridor-- perhaps leverage by city councils?

Karen wants to work on it, but out of town soon and it is an immediate issue. Need committee/volunteers. Paul interested and getting some info from contact at Time Warner. Activities: phone calls, letters, interest. Janet suggested: Francy Bose, Austin Wilmerding. Shelley: Paul. Possible topic of Lena editorial?

Actions agreed upon:

- o Karen to send out statement in an e-mail to general members and see response
Karen to send "heads up" e-mail to Joan Klinger- Moscow LWV
- 3) MLD- Marilyn Perkins wants report on how league is functioning "by committee" v. President. Deb will write up summary to Marilyn, wants feedback. "Planting the seed" for us to think about. What went well? What was "dropped"? All agree it is too early to know yet, but we will all work on response to the question as the year comes to a close with new officers for annual meeting.
 - 4) Publicity: Deb brought up need for a policy re: publicity (i.e. newspaper clippings). Purpose: Archives.

Discussion: Janet- scan so electronic. Paul does/will/can? do the scanning. May also want to include on website (side issue). Alice has collected & organized albums re: minutes, agenda for the years she was president. Only need/want one copy so want task assigned.

Answer: We need a historian!

June: Need the leader before we thrash out the details. Tabled. Still...need a policy. Perhaps Alex Hammond?

- 5) Other Business

Libby- Palouse Land Trust. Spoke with Amy Trujillo. Party to celebrate success- Nov 6. PLT wants to be topic of brown bag. Karen stresses focus on information (v. fundraising).

MEETING ADJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION AT 2:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Anne Lewis, Back up Secretary