

**Board Meeting Minutes Final**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2013 -- 1:00pm, Daily Grind, back room**

Attendees: Shelley Jones, Karen Kiessling, Deb Olson, Paul Spencer, Anne Lewis, Lucy Linden, Janet Kendall, Susan Daniels, Liz Wilmerding, and June Crawford

1. The meeting was called to order by Karen.

It was moved, seconded and passed by acclamation to approve the minutes from the previous board meeting.

Next Board Meeting-- Wednesday October 23, 1-2:30 Daily Grind, Deb Olson.

Note: Paul and Susan will not be present for this meeting.

2. SEPTEMBER EVENTS

A. Brown Bag Meeting, Thursday Sept. 19 at the Congregational Church. 12:00 to 1:00. Meeting with County Commissioners Largent and Kinzer. The Daily News will have a notice of this meeting tomorrow, and Deb hopes that a reporter will come.

B. National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 24--Deb Olsen . Deb reported that we will have members at the library most of the day (Liz and Austin Wilmerding and Anne Lewis). Paul has volunteered to be at Rosauer's in Colfax 3-6 p.m. Karen and Deb will be at Dissmores from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be training for voter registration on Sept 23, and Deb will send an email to the volunteers about this.

C. Forum on the Open Meetings Act. Wednesday, September 25 6:30-8:30 Karen Kiessling. All LWV members are invited to come to the 5:15 p.m. pre-meeting talk by Alex McGregor.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul gave the report for Joan Folwell that our total assets are \$6875.32. This includes working assets of \$2363.10, \$3000 working reserve, and \$1512.22 in the LWVWA Ed Fund. The total income since April 25 has been \$500, and the total disbursement has been \$523.28.

The open meeting grant account disbursements have been \$410.60 of the total \$500 received for the grant.

Janet reported that about 20 members still have not paid their membership dues, and there was about \$70 in donations.

4. OCTOBER VOTER DEADLINE -- September 28, issue date Oct 1 or 2. Susan Daniels

Voter Article list:

Action workshop East Side

Mary Collins interview

October Forums -- Deborah

November Meeting -- Mary Collins

Reports about September meetings

Sept. 9 Back to League -- Lucy

Brown Bag meeting -- Deborah

Voter Registration -- Deborah

Open Meeting Forum -- Karen

Lentil Fest. Parade -- Deb

November Calendar

December Calendar

Article re: Dec Meeting -- June

Listing of Board Meeting Chairmen

Something from New Member Outreach -- Susan

A description of a League office of Secretary -- Paul

Note that LWVWA has moved -- Susan

Food Bank donation action for the league -- Liz

5. OCTOBER EVENTS

A. League Voter Forum Tuesday, October 15, 7-9 p.m. at the Whitman County Library in Colfax -- Ballot Issues debates. Deborah Olson  
There are 3 initiatives including 522 (genetically modified food labeling) and 5 advisory votes (not required by law). Pro and con speakers are needed. Please let Deb know if you have suggestions for speakers.

B. League Voter Forum Wednesday, October 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Pullman City Hall. Deborah Olson. Three council members positions are being elected.

C. Brown Bag Meeting, Thursday October 17 - Jeff Guyett from the CAC will discuss volunteer opportunities in the community.

D. East side Action Workshop, Saturday October 26 in Ellensburg. Additional information and online registration will be available on the

LWVWA website ([www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org)) around October 2.

E. Anne explained her ideas about having occasional LWV social events, inspired by the soup suppers she read about in the LWV newsletters from the 1960s and 70s. She feels the need for more communication and social interaction in addition to the very limited time available at most league meetings and thinks that social events might help in the recruitment of new members. She suggested possible days and times. The board encouraged her to pick an arbitrary time and schedule for trial social meetings.

F. Liz led a discussion of possibilities for the league helping the collection of items for the Community Action Center Food Bank of Pullman. She suggestion that we could help in two ways: league members could bring donations for collection at each of the league meetings and we could have a table at one of the grocery stores with a list of items needed, and a box at the exits for donated items. It would be necessary to choose the timing of the latter to avoid similar drives by WSU living groups.

Items currently needed are cereals, box dinners such as Macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, and tomato products as well as non-food items such as toilet paper, paper towels, dish and laundry soap, baby food, diapers etc.

The board decided to start action on these ideas. Liz will contribute a note for the October newsletter.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Note change in League meeting schedule: Mary's meeting (County Director of Public Health--Poverty) will be held in November, in place of Joan's (Agriculture) which will move to February.

B. Leadership Development --Shelley Jones

Shelley reported that there is a monthly conference call about leadership development with the coach. They discussed current and future Pullman league events, and how they can be used to help generate new league members. Deborah, June and Mary Collins are participating also.

C. Brown Bag meetings. For November three Moscow LWV members will come to discuss their poverty study. Deborah asked for help with contributions or ideas for meeting topics. Recent suggestions are Adult day care, and the Quad cities drug task force.

D. League action idea: Karen suggested that Time Warner is building a new building in the Pullman-Moscow corridor, and this may give us an

opportunity to ask that the Pullman City building permit process might help us pressure Time Warner to get the equipment so that locally produced videos could be transmitted to Time Warner Central for later broadcast on the public service channel. (This cannot be done now and this has been the situation for at least the last 15 months.) Paul agreed to ask Jerry Schutz of Time Warner about the current status, and to report the results to the board. Janet suggested that the Moscow League might also lobby about this also.

E. Washington State LWV publication "The State We're In". Karen reported that Glenn Johnson has been suggested for an "Example Mayor" for the new issue of this publication. The Board voted to support this suggestion and Shelley will respond to the editors of the new edition that the Pullman League supports this action.

F. September potluck meeting. A hearty thank you to Janet Kendall for hosting a successful meeting at her home.

#### 7. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Spencer, Secretary