

Board Meeting Minutes FINAL
Jan. 23, 2013—1:00pm, Daily Grind, back room

Attendees: Alice Schroeder, Deborah Olson, Paul Spencer, Susan Daniels, Shelley Jones, Diane Smerdon, Lucy Linden, June Crawford, Barbara Hammond, and Joan Folwell.

Details:

1. Board Meetings—Date: Wed. Feb. 27, Wed. March 20; Time: 1:00pm, Daily Grind
2. Next Voter deadline Jan 23.
Susan Reported that most reports are in except those from Paul.
Paul: Dec. Consensus Report article, History items help request
The subsequent voter deadline will be about March 25.
3. Chamber Lunches sign-up.: Feb. Lunch, Tues. Feb. 12---Deborah
4. Mail: Alice passed around a letter from the Palouse Discovery Science Center the Foley Institute Report.

Money

1. Treasurer's Report—Joan
The current end balance is \$9942.47 which includes the Education fund value of \$1739.47
The total expenditures since Nov. 29 were \$160.05 with credits of \$570.18
2. Finance Drive: Alice asked whether the board would approve a Finance Drive letter with a general salutation for everyone with a personal note below rather than having an individual personal salutation on each letter. This would simplify printing of the letters. This was approved by acclamation.

Alice also asked the board if we should give League members the option to donate to the league in the September letter rather than sending a separate request for donations to each member. The board decision was YES by acclamation.

Evening Meetings:

The board decided that alternating meetings Mon. and Tues. evenings was confusing. All evening meetings will go back to Monday evenings.

Mon. Feb. 4—7:00-9:00pm, Historic Preservation Public Panel with Planning Director Pete Dickinson and the Historic Preservation Committee.

Place: Hecht Room

Committee: Allison Munch Rotolo and Alex Hammond

Paul agreed to set up a projector to display a power point doc. for this meeting.

Alex has requested that there be written questions only-- to prevent speeches from the floor. Alice and Diane will serve as question sorters.

Mon. March 4—7:00-9:00 pm, Agricultural Policies Update—LWVUS.

Place: Hecht Room

Committee: Joan Folwell, Shelley Jones

Joan reported that the committee has met but that there are no details yet.

This concerns current technology issues, Ag. Financing, etc.

The US League board will develop study material and consensus questions and expect to be done by April 2014.

Joan expects to focus on GMO (genetically modified organisms) issues and labeling.

She went to a meeting with local farmers, and they were interested only in new herbicides and insecticides.

The board decided that the meeting should be held in Pullman rather than Colfax

Mon. April 1—7:00-9:00pm, Canada—US health care comparison CD and panel discussion.

Place: Hecht Room, (tentatively)

Committee: Lucy Linden, Diane Smerdon and Amy Cole

Lucy reported that the committee has not yet met. They will review the film soon.

Mon. May 13—6:00-9:00 Annual meeting—CAC director will be invited to give a short presentation.

Place: To be determined, Chairs: Alice Schroeder, Shelley Jones

Noon Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 12:10-1:00pm at the Congregational Church

Thurs. Feb. 21—Organizer, Deb Olson. Subject: To be determined by Deborah and Susan

Thurs. March 21—Moscow Poverty Study?? Organizer: Susan Daniels

Thurs. April 17— Single Stream Recycling, Organizer: Deb Olson

Deborah reported that Mr. Felsted is lined up

Thurs. May 16— ??

Further meetings?

The board decision was that the Noon meetings would NOT be held during the summer –June, July, and August.

Other Business:

Lucy reported that there will be a hearing for House bill 1085 (affordable health care) will be held on Friday Jan. 25.

Vote 411 volunteers Janet Kendall and ??

There is a need for two volunteers from each Local League to ask the questions for candidates running for local positions, and to get biographical information from them for the Vote 411 web pages.

The board decided that a request for volunteers should be made at the next meeting (February 4) and in the Voter.

LWVWA Renewable Energy Consensus document approval

The document was approved by acclamation.

Nominating Committee—June and Deborah

June reported that they have not started work, but will meet soon.

Alice suggested that we should have a finance chair person who would also superintend the budget process. The Board approved this by acclamation.

TRY—Lucy

Lucy reported that the document is at the printer's. She hopes to see to see a proof copy soon. Lucy needs two people to do proofreading. Paul and Barbara will help.

Program Planning approval:

LWVWA—Support concurrence with Bellingham Deep Water Port Position.

The board agreed by acclamation that we should instruct our delegates to support the Bellingham/Whatcom League position.

Local—positions.

Alice presented a document with positions and action for the 2013 Biennium that included the results of our local studies from previous decades. She explained that local positions must be based on previous local studies. There is more work

remaining to collect these studies so that we will have a unified document with the details of the studies rather than trying to develop positions from brief summaries of the studies. Susan volunteered to help with this effort. Shelley will work to incorporate Alice's background information about local studies and make footnotes referencing studies in Alice's document for future use in formulating our local League positions. The final position document will be published in the April VOTER newsletter.

City Council Goals—Shelley

Shelley presented a draft document using previous documents of LWV goals for Pullman. It included items such as requiring 2 road entrances for subdivisions, walking paths between cul-de-sacs etc. Alice will send these to the city council.

Support Sealing Juvenile Justice Records?—

LWVWA has written a letter of support

Would be part of action needed for Drug Courts.

Need a phone lobbyist for Laws closing juvenile records and requiring accurate reporting of court records. The state lobby committee will help the person get information. No board member felt able to do this.

We will include an item in the Voter asking for volunteers.

The Board agreed to have our Pullman League listed as a supporter.

Adult Day Care—

Alice explained that a representative wanted to come and ask for financial support. We do not solicit our members to donate to private organizations. The board agreed that it would be good to hear their needs, and that they could leave information sheets and donation forms so that individual League members could donate if they so desire. Since the Pullman Regional Hospital is supporting this project, our League could support the project by advocating at the hospital level or other requests for government funds.

Publicize the LWVWA Energy Study?

Paul will put a notice in the website with the WEB address from which to download the PDF file of the final Renewable Energy Study document. We could also try to publicize it through the Pullman Chamber of Commerce. Alice will request printed copies to give to the Chamber of Commerce, library and our legislators.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Spencer, Secretary