

**Pullman League of Women Voters  
July Planning Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2015—10:00am to 1:00pm, Spencer/Daniels yard**

**Members Present:** Paul Spencer, chair. Deb Olson, Alice Schroeder, Susan Daniels, Anne Lewis, Karen Barron, Judy Stone, Karen Kiessling, Lucy Linden, Janet Kendall, Libbey Walker, Shelley Jones, Lenna Harding, Diane Smerdon, Ginger and Dean Glawe and guests Jo Motes and Marilyn Perkins (our MLD coach from Benton-Franklin, WA League.)

**Evening Meeting Planning:**

After a review of already committed meetings and considerable discussion led by Paul Spencer, the most important topics to be worked on in the remaining four meetings were determined to be: 1) School Update including meeting the new superintendent, update on construction and planning for more students--especially all day kindergarten, update on standardized test requirements. 2) Discussion and review of materials from LWVUS on the Constitutional Amendment and Money and Politics studies followed by a consensus meeting on these topics. 3) Port Commission update.

See Table for a list of the planned meetings, dates, topics and chairs.

**Possible League Action Goals**

The action goals presented by Paul were all considered important. These are:

- A. Rail right of way preservation and conversion to trails
- B. Voting rights -- letters to Congress members
- C. Palouse area water use and conservation
- D. Early learning and child care
- E. Money in politics
- F. Civics education

Most action will be in the form of letters by the board or invitations to speak at Brown Bag meetings followed by cooperation with other groups. Anne and Paul volunteered to write a letter to the High School offering to help with civics topics including possibilities to work with a senior project student as an intern. Members are encouraged to attend the annual Palouse water meeting held each fall.

**Brown Bag Lunchtime Meeting Topics:**

Deb Olson led a discussion of possible Brown Bag topics. Meetings will continue on third Thursdays at noon at the Community Congregational Church and are limited to one hour.

Numerous ideas were presented. Those with the most interest were:

1. Water Conservation and Uses—Karen Kiessling volunteered to help organize a meeting for Oct. 15.
2. Library activities and needs update—Suggested Speaker--Joanna Bailey director.
3. Changes in Juvenile records to allow sealing of records and its effect on Whitman County sentencing alternative programs.-Suggested speaker--district

Court Judge Robinson.

Other proposals were:

Hazardous Waste and Emergency planning changes.

Airport Update.

Historic Homes

Hospice

How to get more and better media reporting of League activities.

A visit from LWVWA president, Ann Murphy who is from Spokane.

**Other Business:**

Deb Olson requested help for the Colfax and Palouse Primary forums on July 22 and 23 and volunteers to march in the Lentil Parade on Aug. 22. At least 10 people will be needed for the parade. Janet will e-mail people requesting volunteer marchers for the parade.

Paul Spencer will arrange for a table at the Friday night Lentil Festival activities. He will request volunteers at a later date.

Anne Lewis brought up the need to partner with other entities such as the Library, PTA, schools and other WA Leagues. There was interest in working with the new Civics Education Program at the High School.

Anne proposed having a quarterly book club based on the "Common Book" proposed by the LWVUS. The current book is "The Secret History of Wonder Woman". Alice and Anne will work on coordinating this.

The meeting was adjourned about 12:15. A potluck salad lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Schroeder, secretary

### 2015-2016 LWV Pullman Calendar

Date	Program	Chair	Place
08/21/15	Table at the Lentil Festival	Paul Spencer	Downtown
Mon. Sept. 14	Welcome Back Potluck Business Mtg. and Short Program: Back to League, Back for League: The Observer corp, League successes and the Poverty Study	Janet Kendall & Anne Lewis	Home of Dean and Ginger Glawe, 540 SE Derby, 332- 2867; RSVP Paul Spencer, 332-6699 or paul- spencer@pullman.com
Thurs. Sept. 17	Brown Bag with County Commissioners	Deb Olson	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Mon. Sept. 22	National Voter Registration Day	Deb Olson	Neill Public Library and possibly the SUB
Mid October	Voters' Forums	Deb Olson	Whitman Co. Library Colfax; Pullman City Hall
Thurs. Oct. 15	Brown Bag on water use and conservation	Deb Olson	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Mon. Nov. 2	LWVUS Studies: Money in Politics & Constitutional Amendments	Paul Spencer	Umpqua Bank
Thurs. Nov. 19	Brown Bag on Neill Public Library	Deb Olson	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Mon. Dec. 7	The Port Commission	Diane Smerdon & Alice Schroeder	Umpqua Bank
Mon. Jan. 11	Consensus on LWVUS Studies.	Paul Spencer & Anne Lewis	Umpqua Bank
Thurs. Jan. 21	Brown Bag	Deb Olson	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Mon. Feb. 1	National Planning	TBA	Umpqua Bank
Thurs. Feb. 18	Brown Bag	Deb Olson	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Mon. March 7	Schools update	Anne Lewis & Shelley Jones	Umpqua Bank
Thurs. Mar. 17	Brown Bag	Deb Owens	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Mon. April 4	Final Report: Poverty Study	Mary Collins	Umpqua Bank
Thurs. April 21	Brown Bag	Deb Olson	
Mon. May 9	Annual Meeting and Observer Corps Reports	Paul Spencer & Anne Lewis	Private Home
Thurs. May 19	Brown Bag	Deb Olson	Congregational Church on Campus Ave.
Late April, May or June	Special Meeting to discuss Poverty Report Consensus Questions	Mary Collins	Umpqua Bank