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LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 13, 2017 (*note new date!*) at Inland Point restaurant on Inland Point Drive in North Bend (across from Bay Eye Clinic.)

Our meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. and a no-host lunch will be served at 12 noon.

This is the opportunity for League members to vote on their new officers and directors and the annual budget.

LWVCC Team “Queen Bees” placed third in the Coos Bay Library’s Adult Spelling Bee on April 8. Jennifer Briggs, Melanie Bloom, and Linda Sweatt (*standing, from left*) spelled words your editor had never heard of! We are proud of our team.



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Iron Jawed Angels

The movie Iron Jawed Angels was shown at the Dolphin Playhouse on March 25 for League members and their friends/family. This 2004 film is a valuable reminder of what women went through to gain the right to vote.



Election Day: May 16, 2017

Ballots will be mailed beginning April 27, 2017

A Reminder about our April 29, 2017 – Meeting on Early Learning:

Barbara Bassett, Director of the South Coast Regional Early Learning Hub, and Nancy Lee Stewart, who serves on the LWVOR Education committee, will provide a summary of progress made in Coos, Curry & Coastal Douglas Counties towards Early Learning goals, provide information on which goals and outcomes are being tracked by the State, and will highlight some of the "Hot Topics" locally and statewide.

League members and the public are invited to the Early Learning meeting from 10:30 to 12:00 noon at Susan Anderson’s office, 3229 Broadway, units J & K, in the mall at the NE corner of Broadway and Newmark in North Bend.

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Officers and Directors Nominated for 2017-2019:

President: Sue Thornton (2017-19)
Treasurer: Alice Carlson (2017-19)
Director: Frances Smith (2017-19)
Director: Margie Marshall (2017-19)
Director: Carol Sanders (2017-19)

Officers and Directors Continuing through April 2018:

First VP: Carol Ventgen (2016-18)
Director: Judith VanDuzer Uno (2016-18)
Secretary: Susan Anderson (2016-2018)
Director: Melanie Bloom (2016-18)
Director: Suzanne Grami (2016-2018)

Off Board Chairs:

Nominating Committee

Chair for 2018: Barbara Metzger
Two Members to be elected for 2018: Open

PROGRAM FOR ACTION

LWVCC members will be voting on our Programs for Action at the May 13, 2017, Annual Meeting.

The LWVCC board recommends retaining all these current local positions and continuing our Study on Home Rule:

Health/Mental Health Services
Port of Coos Bay
County Comprehensive Planning
Juvenile Facilities
County Budget Process
County Library Services
Evaluating Public Administrators
Affordable Housing
Coos County Human Rights Commission
Water Quality (adopted 5/8/10)
Home Rule Governance (conducting a 2-yr study)

Find the full text of all the current Programs for Action in your copy of Everymember Handbook.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Open to men and women of voting age, it neither supports nor opposes political parties or candidates.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, MAY 13, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

- (1) Call to order
- (2) Appointment of Parliamentarian and Secretary
- (3) Introduction of current board and other members
- (4) Appointment of committee to review 2017 minutes; deliver to Board by June meeting
- (5) Determination of quorum (1/4 of membership = 8 members)
- (6) Report on approval of Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting (printed in this Voter)
- (7) President's Annual Report
- (8) Presentation and discussion of proposed Program for Action 2017-2018
- (9) Treasurer's Report
- (10) Presentation and discussion of proposed budget
- (11) Adoption of LWVCC Program for Action 2017-2018
- (12) Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget
- (13) Who's Who Report
- (14) Report of Committee Chairs including State Studies (Please bring oral and written reports)
- (15) Report of Nominating Committee and nominations from floor
- (16) Election of officers, directors, and next year's nominating committee
- (17) Direction to the Board from the membership
- (18) Other business and announcements
- (19) Adjournment of Annual Business Meeting

Rules for Annual Meeting

- (1) Admission: Any member in good standing (dues paid) and her/his guests.
- (2) Quorum: One-fourth of membership (8)
- (3) Debate:
 1. Only members of LWVCC have the privilege of the floor.
 2. When addressing the chair, a member should stand and state his/her name.
 3. Discussion shall be limited to two minutes per speaker.
 4. No member shall speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have had their turn.
 5. During debate, a speaker for the motion shall alternate with a speaker against the motion. If no one seeks to speak on the alternate side, the successive speakers on the same side may be heard.
- (4) Resolution: Only courtesy resolutions are in order.
- (5) Motions: All motions/resolutions must be in writing, signed and sent to the secretary.
- (6) Voting: A majority of members present shall be required for the adoption of any measure.
- (7) Smoking: There will be no smoking before, during, or after the meeting in the meeting room.

Your Rights as a Member

- (20) To demand orderly procedure.
- (21) To appeal the decision of the chair.
- (22) To be informed on the question of procedure.
- (23) To make, second, debate, or amend motions – if debatable or amendable.
- (24) To vote and to be assured of an accurate count.

LWVCC Draft 2017-2018 Budget - Worksheet - 2017 Original/PdJ/mm/X

Checking	Proposed 2017-2018		2016-2017 Actuals as of 4-5-17	2017-2018 Budget
		Bank Balance	2,389.03	3,035.91
Income				
Contributions				
Restricted	\$ -	Wine Walk - not expected for 2017	\$ 668.00	\$ -
Unrestricted	\$ -	Misc. Donations to LWVCC	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising				
Misc	\$ 500.00	Auction, vests, notecards	\$ 438.00	\$ 500.00
Who's Who Sponsors				\$ -
Membership Dues:	\$ 2,096.00	Dues current	\$ 1,910.00	\$ 2,096.00
		Individual @ \$62 28 State: \$30.50/ member		
		Family @ \$90 4 Nat'l: \$32.00 /member		
Reimbursed Expenses	\$ 750.00	Available as income by applying for Educational Fund reimbursements for national PMP and miscellaneous educational expenses.	\$ 250.00	\$ 750.00
Income - Total	\$ 3,346.00		\$ 3,266.00	\$ 3,346.00
Expenses				
LWV Dues & Support				
LWV OR PMP	\$ 915.00	LWVOR 28 members @ \$30.50 4 mbrs @ \$15.25 est.	\$ 808.25	\$ 915.00
LWV US PMP	\$ 960.00	LWVUS 28 @ \$32 & 4 @ \$16	\$ 848.00	\$ 960.00
LWV Dues & Support Total	\$ 1,875.00		\$ 1,656.25	\$ 1,875.00
Membership	\$ 50.00	Allowance for recruiting tools such as bookmarks.		\$ 50.00
Operating				
Fees	\$ 70.00	\$20 CT-12 and \$50 Corporate	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
Insurance	\$ 275.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 275.00
Postage & Delivery (PO Box \$75 and postage \$25)	\$ 100.00		\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
Printing & Reproduction	\$ 50.00	In general, members have absorbed these costs.	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Supplies	\$ 50.00	General meeting and mailing supplies.	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Website	\$ 200.00	Annual web hosting fee paid to League of Women Voters of California.	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Assessment	\$ 45.00	LWVOR Assessment	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
Operating - Total	\$ 790.00		\$ 625.00	\$ 790.00
Program				
Education	\$ 250.00	Misc. speaker expense and venue rentals	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Other program	\$ 100.00	Misc. expenses.	\$ 668.00	\$ 100.00
Program - Total	\$ 350.00		\$ 918.00	\$ 350.00
Travel & Registration	\$ 300.00	State Convention/Council	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Expenses - Total	\$ 3,365.00		\$ 3,199.25	\$ 3,365.00
Net Income or (Loss)	(19.00)		\$ 66.75	\$ (19.00)
		Ending Bank Balance	\$ 2,455.78	3,016.91
Education Fund				
5/1/2017	\$ 4,391.00	Balance as of 5-1-16	\$ 3,973.42	\$ 4,391.00
Income		Wine Walk income; assume further deductions for reimbursements for national PMP and miscellaneous reimbursable expenses.	\$ 668.00	
Expense	\$ (750.00)		\$ (250.00)	\$ (750.00)
4/30/2018	\$ 3,641.00			
		Balance 4-30-17	\$ 4,391.42	\$ 3,641.00

Changes in by-laws for Coos County League. At the 2016 LWVUS National Convention, delegates approved changes to the types of membership in the League. Voting membership in the League is now open to non-citizens and to individuals 16 years of age or older. All Leagues must conform to these changes which were approved at the National Convention. Our Coos County League's Board is following the amendment process in our own by-laws, and presenting this to the membership for the prerequisite approval at our annual meeting, May 13th. (Changes in language have been lined out, with new language presented in **bold** and underlined.)

League of Women Voters of Coos County -- By-Laws

Article III: Membership

Section 2. TYPES:

- A. Voting members. ~~Citizens~~ **Persons** at least ~~18~~ **16** years of age ~~residing within the United States, a territory, or an associated commonwealth,~~ who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS:
- (1) ~~individuals~~ **Those who live within an area of a local league may join that League or any other local League;**
 - (~~12~~) Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;
 - (~~23~~) ~~Those who make a lump-sum membership payment to the LWVUS shall be paid life members and~~ Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be ~~honorary~~ life members excused from the payment of dues.
 - (~~34~~) Student Membership—at least ~~18~~ **16** years and attending ½ time **may** pay ½ dues.
- B. Associates: All others who join the League shall be associate **members**. Those residing outside the United States shall be members of the LWVUS.

Minutes of LWVCC Annual Meeting May 14, 2016 at Ciccarelli's Restaurant

Present: Glenn & Jeri Thurkow, Sue Thornton, Melanie Bloom, Frances Smith, Kathy Metzger, Judith VanDuzer Uno, Carol Sanders, Norman Turrill, Margie Marshall

Co-president Frances Smith called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Introductions of guest, Norman Turrill, LWVOR President, and nine LWVCC members.

Guest speaker: Norman Turrill, State League president, joined LWV in the 1970s when men were invited to join. He was a volunteer with Common Cause in Washington State and discovered the League women knew a lot more about lobbying. He then moved to PA and joined LWV there. He has always been interested in non-partisan politics.

He stated League is very well respected in the State of Oregon. Legislators listen and almost never disagree with us publicly. Our past studies such as Redistricting are still being distributed and used. Our Voters' Guides are respected; the state voters' pamphlet is not respected. Norman was appointed to the campaign finance reform task force.

Mock elections are in progress in school in civics education classes. The League got grants and provided Voters' Guides for free. Leagues should order more and distribute more. The important thing is to become more visible.

Forums: we can also partner with other organizations on forums; Kiwanas Club is a good partner. New members: ask them to do a small job – but not president.

Observer corps: wear a League button and sit and observe at county commissioner meetings, etc. People often join LWV to do advocacy.

Parliamentarian: Sue Thornton appointed.

Secretary: Margie Marshall appointed.

Committee to review minutes: Judith VanDuzer Uno and Kathy Metzger.

Quorum: Established with nine LWVCC members present.

Report on Approval of Minutes from 2015 Annual Meeting.

President's Annual Report presented by Kathy Metzger:

“During the fall festival season, our League registers voters and promotes the organization. Members registered voters at the Southwest Oregon Central Labor

Council's Labor Day Picnic, the Coos Bay Blackberry Festival, and the Southwest Oregon Community College Orientation. Members marched in the Fun Festival parade, and handed out Think Before You Ink information.

"In November the general membership gathered and discussed the process to amend the Constitution.

"December was our annual Christmas party graciously hosted by Joe and Frances Smith. Good food, great people, and a successful auction made the event enjoyable for all.

"In January the membership discussed Money in Politics.

"February League members new and not so new learned about League history and policy as well as enjoyed local League history and pictures. Everyone in attendance learned new information about the League.

"April found our League participating in the third annual Spelling Bee with the team of Melanie Bloom, Mitzi Loftus and Linda Sweat as the Queen Bees.

"We noted the passing of members Roberta Day and Dolores Crombie earlier in the year.

"A group of community members joined a lively discussion of health care in March. Frances Smith led a thought-provoking discussion.

In May the League held a well-received Primary Election forum for candidates for County Treasurer and candidates for Circuit Court Judge. The candidates were well received by a standing room only crowd.

"Thanks to our Board and our members who contributed to the work of the League and our many accomplishments this past year."

Program For Action: The board recommended retaining all our positions. Frances read the Home Rule Governance study proposal. Kathy called for a motion to retain our current positions, Melanie so moved and Judith seconded. Motion passed.

Budget: Margie presented the proposed budget for 2016-2017 fiscal year to the membership. Norman pointed out that donations to state League are now tax deductible. Kathy made the motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Melanie. Motion carried.

Who's Who: Kathy noted that it is posted on our League's website. The goal is to have it updated by the end of the year. Please send your updates to Kathy. Frances commented that we need volunteers to help with this project. Norman noted the state League website has the same information posted which includes 7,100 Oregon officials.

Membership: Kathy read Susan Anderson's report: "Membership forms and membership overview have been presented at each public meeting and all community events in which the League has participated in this membership year. It has not been upfront or emphasized, however. Members continue to talk individually with folks they know. Membership has dropped. We have maintained 33-35 members for the past four years, but we are down to 29 this year."

Public Forums: Judith reported that our May 5 candidate forum drew 95 people to Coos Bay City Hall for a standing room only crowd. The committee will meet soon to decide which races to feature in the fall General Election forum(s).

Nominating Committee: Kathy presented the report on behalf of nominating committee chair, Barbara Metzger. Those up for election are: First Vice President, Carol Ventgen; Secretary, Susan Anderson, Directors Judith VanDuzer Uno, Melanie Bloom, Suzanne Grami. There is one direction position open. Melanie moved we approve the slate as presented, Carol Sanders seconded and motion carried.

Directions to the Board: Some members would like to have "Exercise Your Right to Vote" sweatshirts reordered. One member asked about changing the name of LWV to be gender neutral. The membership discussed non-partisanship and the issues that have come up with some community members not allowing us to post forum flyers, notices on reader boards, etc.

Announcements: Kathy announced our next board meeting will be a planning session at the Venture Inn on Monday, August 1, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. Frances stated we will then consider what hot topics we might want to educate the public about. Jeri Thurkow announced the Dolphin Playhouse "Reader's Theatre" running for three weekends beginning June 17. Kathy announced the Oregon Coast Music Festival July 21-30 with a preview July 16. Norman Turrill asked us what state LWV can do to support us?

Motion to adjourn annual meeting was made by Kathy and seconded by Carol S. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Marshall

Approved by review committee: Judith VanDuzer Uno and Kathy Metzger