

# **WATCHDOG**

March 11, 2013

### Message From the President

### Terri McCulloch

As another year winds down, I look back and am excited about what we have done. The meetings we have had been very informative and interesting. What I have enjoyed the most is that the meetings have been very diverse in nature and covered topics that were relevant and often unexpected. Many thanks to Leah Murray, Sue Skordos, Pat Garner, Heather Hill, Carol McCormick, and Evelyn Bertilson who help plan these meetings and arrange speakers, as well as their normal duties. What an excellent job they do, and I am thankful to have them. Together we get things done.

The annual meeting will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at Hug Hes Café at 6:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to visit with other league members, while giving input about next year's program. Between now and then please think of some interesting topics you would like to suggest for meetings. Information about the meeting is in this issue – please read over it and bring it with you.

The Weber League continues to be a viable and active part of the community, and this happens because everyone is so willing to give of their time and expertise. This says a lot about the character our League portrays, and has made being the President an absolute honor. We continue to be small in number, but the community believes us when we speak. Thanks to all of you for being a part of that.

**ANNUAL MEETING** 

**DATE:** April 8, 2013

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

**PLACE: Hug Hes** 

(In the same strip mall as Wisebird Bookery and Javiers)

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

By Marcia Harris

First Vice President – Sue Skordos

Second Vice President – TBD

Secretary – Heather Hill

Nominating Committee: Marcia Harris

### STATE CONVENTION

The State Convention will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, in Moab. We would love to have numerous people attend. You do not have to be in a leadership position to represent the League at Convention. Some of the highlighted changes proposed to the bylaws include having co-officers elected in alternate years and doing away with the difference between Convention and Council. Other progam ideas for the State League will be discussed and voted on. I hope many of you can attend.

### PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

Please take a minute and think about topics that you feel would be of interest for next year's meetings. We use these lists in planning what we will do, so we encourage you to come to the annual meeting prepared!

### WEBER COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## April 1, 2012-March 31, 2013

	Budgeted	Expended	Proposed Budget
	2012-2013	4/1/11-2/20/13	2013-2014
I. EXPENDITURES			
<ul><li>A. OPERATING COSTS</li><li>1. General Supplies and Stamps</li></ul>	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00
2. Meeting Space Donation	25.00	25.00	25.00
	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
B. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES			
1. Board Expenses	\$ 50.00	<u>\$ 145.00</u>	\$ 50.00
	\$ 50.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 50.00
C. DELEGATES TRAVEL AND AFFILIATIONS			
1. State Convention and Travel	\$ 100.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 100.00
2. National Convention and Travel	00.00	00.00	00.00
3. Other Meetings/Organizations	00.00	00.00	00.00
	\$ 100.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 100.00
D. LEAGUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT  1. State Assessment(\$10/member)	\$ 250.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 230.00
2. National Assessment(\$31/mem)	<u>730.00</u>	744.00	713.00
	\$ 980.00	\$ 984.00	\$ 943.00
E. MEMBERSHIP			
1. Picnic	\$ 100.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 100.00
2. Annual Meeting	50.00	16.00	50.00
3. Other	00.00	00.00	00.00
	\$ 150.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 150.00

F. PUBLICATIONS				
1. Directory	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
2. Watchdog	00.00	00.00	00.00	
	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
G. EDUCATION AND VOTER SE				
1. Web Site	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	
2. Publications	100.00	00.00	<u>100.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	\$ 00.00	\$100.00	
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1430.00</u>	<u>\$1195.00</u>	<u>\$1393.00</u>	
II. INCOME				
A. DUES (\$45)	\$1035.00	\$ 945.00	<u>\$ 871.00</u>	
	\$1035.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 871.00	
B. SPECIAL EVENTS				
1. Annual Meeting	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	
	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 00.00	
C. UTAH EDUCATION FUND				
1. Received by Local League	\$ 100.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 100.00	
	\$ 100.00	\$ 00.00	\$ 100.00	
D. FUNDRAISERS				
1. Interest	2.50	2.06	2.50	
	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.06	\$ 2.50	
E. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 292.50	\$ 76.00	\$ 419.50	
	\$ 292.50	\$ 76.00	\$ 419.50	
GRAND TOTAL America First	\$ 1430.00	\$ 1 023.06	\$ 1393.00	
Savings	1/31/13	\$ 649.42		
Checking	1/31/13		\$4769.33	
Weber League Education Fund Balance 3/31/12		\$1551.93		

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WEBER COUNTY

ANNUAL MEETING April 9, 2012 – 7 pm Rooster's Restaurant

**Present:** Terri McCulloch, Susan Skordos, Marilyn O"Dell, Evelyn Bertilson, Carol McCormick, Heather Hill, Nicole Berthelemy, Jenica Jacobsen, Janet Shipton, Lynn Carroll, Beverly Dalley, Marilyn O'Dell, Susan Garner, and Patricia Garner

#### Minutes

There were no changes to the **minutes from last year's** annual meeting so it was moved by Lynn Carroll and seconded by Bev Dally to accept said minutes.

We received **financial statements** from Carol McCormick, which are attached.

#### **Budget**

We do not have the income source from voter registration any more.

The dues nationally are \$29.20, the state dues are \$10, the local receives \$5.80 from the \$45 annual dues. It was moved by Heather Hill and seconded by Susan Skordos to accept the budget.

The national level might raise the PMP, which will be decided at the national annual meeting this summer.

#### **Nominating Committee**

The changes are third vice president will be Leah Murray and nominating committee will stay with Marsha Harris.

The motion to accept these changes was given by Pat Garner and seconded by Marilyn O'Dell.

The treasurers will continue with Carol McCormick and Evelyn Bertilson.

#### Website

The website is up and running and looking good thanks to Jenica Jacobson. It is at: weberleague.org.

#### **State Convention**

The LWV State Convention will be held at the Ogden Valley Branch Library and Retreat Center on Saturday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m. We hope we get a good turn out since the convention is hosted by us. The cost is \$30.

#### **Suggestions for Programs for Next Year**

Marilynn O'Dell had many ideas for future studies.

EMINENT DOMAIN – Suggested by Grand County League because of approval of eminent domain for energy development access.

SELECTION OF POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES – Political party caucus (mass meetings) is still endorsed in our positions.

EDUCATION – We don't have positions on which to lobby. Marilyn Bown, member of the Legislative Action Group who follows Education, suggests we need more information on:

Education governance (School Board vs. governor vs. Legislature)

Online courses

**Charter School Developments** 

School Trust Lands International Baccalaureate and International Schools Per pupil spending Education funding through Utah Foundation

.....and how all the above effect education funding and improvement.

SEVERANCE TAX – Our rates of severance taxes are lower than other states. Also there is a debate about how much of this tax should be distributed.

ENERGY PROJECTS QUESTIONS – Ann O'Connell has suggested that we put together a list of questions that we could apply to all energy projects to help us make a rational decision.

HEALTH CARE AND SUPREME COURT RULING - Get speaker – health policy project might help.

OGDEN MAYORIAL YEAR UPDATE

**COMMUNITY AGENCIES** 

COUNTY STUDY – The league established a county study years ago. We should update study and view progress.

#### Past Year Wrap Up

Terri McCulloch read her wrap up of this past year for the Weber County League of Women Voters. We all agreed it has been a good year with many discussions and consensuses arrived. A copy is attached.

Terri McCulloch was lauded for her work as President and given potted herbs as a token of our appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

**Heather Hill** 

A note: It was mentioned that one woman could not make the meeting because the room at Rooster's was on the second floor with no access by elevator. Next year that should be a consideration in choosing a restaurant for the annual meeting.