

League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region

Annual Meeting

May 18, 2016 at Deyo Hall New Paltz, New York
6:30pm

Present: 1. Dare Thompson (New York State League President), 2. Jolanda Jansen (Mid-Hudson Region President), 3. Anne Needham (Vice President), 4. Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), 5. Soyal Smalls (secretary 2014-2016), 6. Lee Ridgeway (new Board Member), 7. Jacki Moriarty (Board Member), 8. Kristen Faughnen, Ariana Reinhertz (guest), 9. Tara Fitzpatrick, 10. Kathy OConnor, 11. Doreen Sangaline, 12. Renee Sachs, 13. Vivian Moscowitz, 14. Cindy Lanzetta, 15. Harriett Strauss, 16. Daisy Tyler (Board Member), 17. Vivi Hlavsa, 18. Doug Thompson (Board Member), 19. Lee Cane, 20. Emilie Hauser, 21. Kim McEvoy (new Board Member), 22. Cindy Bell (Board Member), 23. Vic Melville, 24. Margaret Sellers (Board Member), 25. Esther Stickley.

Call to Order 6:30pm

President, Jolanda Jansen

Announce secretary, Soyal Smalls

Announce parliamentarian, Lee Cane

According to the by-laws, Article VII, Section 3, fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum at all general, annual, and consensus-meetings of the LWVMHR. Twenty-five (25) members were present, therefore a quorum was achieved.

Review of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes – Approved by the Board of Directors in June 2015.

Motion to allow the board to approve the minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting (Jacki Moriarty, Cindy Bell)

Motion passed

Treasurer's Report – *Dorothy Winrow* (see separate handout)

Review of the Proposed Budget and discussion of new budget. Fundraising goals were established to increase funds, suggested activities were dinner, ads for commentator, etc.

Motion to accept 2015-2016 treasurer's report (Renee Sacks, Margaret Sellers)

Motion Passed

Motion to adopt budget as presented (Vivian Moscovitz, Kim McEvoy)

Motion Passed

Budget Committee Report – *Dorothy Winrow*

Consideration of Proposal to raise dues on June 1, 2017

\$60 individual, \$90 household, student cost stays the same.

Motion to approve the raising of dues on June 1, 2017 (Kim McEvoy, Anne Needham)

Motion Passed

Local Program Adoption

Materials Management Study – Kathy OConnor (keep it going!)

Guardians of the Ulster County Charter – Cindy Bell and Margaret Sellers (These meetings are making a difference!)

Motions from Floor for new Study – Soyal Smalls proposed to create a committee Dutchess County Jail and Transition Center Project. (Lee Ridgway, Anne Needham)

Motion to Continue the Materials Management Study (Dare Thompson, Esther Stickley)

Motion Passed

Motion to Continue Guardians of the Ulster County Charter (Cindy Bell, Margaret Sellers)

Motion Passed

Motion to vote on the proposed study of the Dutchess County Jail and Transition Center (Margaret Sellers, Emily Hauser)

Motion Passed

Nominating Committee Report and Election – *Jacki Moriarty*

President – Jolanda Jansen

No nominations from the floor, Vote taken all in favor, none opposed

Secretary – Soyal Smalls

No nominations from the floor, vote taken all in favor, none opposed

Officers – Kim McEvoy, Lee Ridgway, Margaret Sellers

No nominations from the floor, vote taken all in favor, none opposed

Nominating Committee – Lee Cane, Kathy Germain, Christine Henning

No nominations from the floor, vote taken all in favor, none opposed

Report on Last Year

Guardians of the Charter – *Cindy Bell*

Ulster County Charter protection. Letters to the editors are requested. Comptroller now exists who can audit.

Discussion

Materials Management – *Kathy OConnor*

Focus to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost. Paint Stewardship. Ban of Styrofoam in food service establishments (May 1st implementation for general food service establishments). A Facebook page has been created on the supporting the ban of Styrofoam in Ulster County.

Discussion

Membership – *Anne Needham*

Send out Welcome Letters, Distribution of LWVMHR brochures, encourage League Members to invite folks to League events.

Observer Corps – *Margaret Sellers*

Looking for more observers

Publicity – *Anne Needham*

Newspapers and other Print, bus advertisement, Radio, Social Network Media, and website

Voter Service – *Jacki Moriarty reporting for Jean McGarry*

Moderating, voter service is education, looking for moderators, naturalization ceremonies

State League Activities and Plans – *Dare Thompson*

“Get Out The Vote” campaign...How can League Members become more visible? “I VOTE. Do You?” and “Watch out, I’m a VOTER!” (buttons and stickers). Challenges of Being Non Partisan. Meet your district representatives. Constitutional Convention Delegates Selection. Legislative Procedures Study coming down from State.

Closing Remarks by the President

Thank you Jacki Moriarty for hosting the Board Meetings at your House

Motion to adjourn meeting (Renee Sacks, Kim McEvoy)

Adjourn 8:04pm

Minutes approved on June 25, 2016

Soyal Smalls

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Secretary

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