

LWV Mid-Hudson Region  
**Minutes of the Annual Planning Board Meeting**  
**June 25, 2013**

Present: Dare Thompson (President) Jolanda Jansen (Vide-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Cindy Lanzetta, Irene McInnis, Esther Stickley, Cindy Bell (non-board), Cynthia Lowe (non-board), Renée Sachs (non-board)  
Absent: Anne Needham, Evelyn Ness, Lee Ridgway, Margaret Sellers

Call to order: 4:15

**The next board meetings will be August 6 and September 10 at Shirley Kobran's.**  
**The next Resource Development meeting will be Monday, July 29, 10 am.**  
**The Commentator Deadline is July 19 (combined July/August issue).**

The minutes of the May 7 Board meeting and May 23 Annul meeting have been accepted and are posted.

The Mission and Nonpartisan Policy, as well as board responsibilities and best practices, were reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking/Savings	\$8001.47
3 Month CD	\$16,476.26
Ed Fund	\$309.48
Total Assets	\$24,453.97

Dorothy distributed a list of members who have not yet paid dues. Board members will make follow-up calls. "Golden" members Elizabeth Askue, Shirley Kobran, Gloria Plasker and Renée Sachs are exempt from paying dues in honor of their years of service to the league. To date, dues payments reflect one student membership, 40 individual members and 14 households.

**Review of what we do:** The board reviewed last year's goals to determine our strengths, our areas that need improvement and our course of action for the current year.

**Voter Service goals:** Expand the number of timekeepers and moderators.  
Improve 411.org and create and advertise a comprehensive electronic voter guide, which will serve both counties.  
Continue to involve Dutchess County more in all aspects of the league while encouraging more participation of all members.  
Be open to and experiment with different forum formats.  
Participate in National Voter Registration Day on September 24, partnering again with AAUW and LWV Saugerties.  
Follow up on high school registration events- is this occurring?  
Provide opportunities to educate and inform the public by sponsoring more "hot topic" events.

**Goals of Studies:**

**Solid Waste**

Focus on the separation of organics, composting, and bio fuels.

Critique the Ulster County plan.

Continue being involved in regional issues by attending meetings, monitoring the Hudson Valley Council and participating in the Regional Sustainability Plan.

#### **Shared Services**

Meet with town supervisors and other elected officials to participate in the securing of grants. Monitor those who do apply and encourage non-applicants to get involved. Get civic groups such as Kiwanis to promote this.

Review and critique the plans for the Dutchess County Jail.

#### **Catskill Rail Trail**

Conduct interviews of all stakeholders to clearly understand both positions with a goal of finding a common ground. Provide a list of questions to the Ulster County Legislature to ascertain its position and flexibility as well as providing a recommendation on how best to proceed to resolve this issue.

**Ulster and Dutchess Counties budgets** - meet with political officials to set goals.

#### **Agriculture-**

Will participate in an LWVUS review of the League's 1988 agricultural position.

#### **Resource Development (membership, program, fundraising, PR):**

The board discussed possible programs for the coming year that align with our mission statement. Dare will ask LWV Saugerties if they wish to co-sponsor an event for Woman's Equity Day on August 26. The September membership meeting will be a Salad Supper (date TBA). Cindy L. will contact Seth McKee, an advocate for Scenic Hudson as well as being involved in the Open Space Plan, as a speaker. Candidate forums will be in the works prior to Election Day (November 5). Another possible program is inviting elected state officials for a dialogue on campaign finance.

Jean advised the board that Jim McGarry asked that they start thinking about a possible successor for publisher of the Commentator and website. Jolanda suggested Candi Sterling who provided great technical assistance for the Tea and Trash event.

Adjourned: 8:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McGarry