

LWV Mid-Hudson Region  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**April 3, 2012**

**Present:** Dare Thompson (President), Irene McInnis (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Lee Ridgway, Anne Needham, Margaret Sellers, Cindy Lanzetta, Shirley Kobran (non-board)

**Absent:** Betty Chin, Jim Mahoney, Cindy Bell, Esther Stickley

The board gathered at the County Legislature prior to the regular business meeting for the hearing on revisions to the Ulster County Charter.  
Call to order: 8:10

**Announcements**

Dare reminded the board to check the calendar for up-coming events and committee meetings. The Ulster BOCES tour has been re-scheduled for May 11. Contact Irene if you wish to attend.

Dare will probably attend the LWVUS convention in D.C. Contact Dare if you wish to join her.

To date, there have been three inquiries asking our league to moderate for school board candidates: Kingston, Onteora and Pawling. Dare and Jean reminded the board that it is important that the new moderating and sponsorship guidelines be consistently followed since this is now board policy.

**Information regarding the 2012 election dates as well as registration deadlines and absentee ballot deadlines can be found on our website.**

The minutes of the March board meeting were approved and are posted on our website. Irene volunteered to take minutes at the May board meeting since Jean will be away.

**The Commentator due date is April 28.** The following board members volunteered to submit write-ups on our events: Anne- March 28 movie, Dorothy- March 29 Waste Reduction, Cindy L.- April 12 Recycling. Cindy L. and Dare will also write up bios of some of the new members.

Congratulations to President Dare Thompson who has recently been appointed as chairperson of the LCD (Local Development Corporation) in Ulster County.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking/Savings	\$4,507.04
3 Month CD	\$16,430.22
Ed Fund	\$1,254.08
Total Assets	\$22,191.34

\$40.00 was realized from the 50/50 raffle on March 28.

### **Charter Revision**

Following the public comment hearing on the proposed Charter revisions, the board briefly discussed its impression on what was presented and what stand we may take as an organization. Dare suggested that a study committee be formed and that it make its recommendation by June. A meeting with Gerry Benjamin, chairperson of the original Charter Commission, was felt to be beneficial for greater insight.

### **Other on-going work**

Cindy L. referred the board to the Ulster and Dutchess County Solid Waste report in the April Commentator. The committee is going to return to meeting every second Tuesday of the month. **The next meeting on Solid Waste will be April 10 at 5:30 at the Gateway Diner in Highland to discuss further action to be taken.**

**The Shared Services Dutchess Committee will meet April 10** with County Executive Molinaro to learn of his ideas for shared services. (Committee should gather at 9:15 at Alex's Café, Main and Market Street, Poughkeepsie) For an update on the Shared Services Committee in Dutchess County, see Ellie Charwat's article in the April Commentator.

Margaret S., coordinator of Observer Corps, reported that observers have noticed better preparation, greater accountability as well as a push for using updated technology at Ulster legislative committee meetings. **The next Observer Corps meeting will be April 17 at 2pm. at Panera's on Ulster Ave.**

### **Resource Development**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4 at 2:30 at the home of Margaret Sellers.**

Jim McGarry will be asked for addresses of former members and donors for the Annual appeal to non-members. Membership renewals will be sent out on May 1 along with an appeal for a donation.

Plans for the Annual Meeting will be discussed and mostly finalized at the April 4 meeting.

Dorothy W. and Esther S. (Membership and Leadership Development) remain in contact with league coach, Maggie Moehringer, bouncing off ideas and strategies that work for our league and have worked for other leagues.

Anne N. has volunteered to write thank- you notes to new members who attend recent events.

### **Other Business**

Dare passed around a template from LWVUS of a Letter to the Editor on the league's position on reproductive rights. The board gave Dare their approval to send this letter to the local newspapers.

The due date for Legislative Lobbying is June 1. Volunteers are as follow:

Larkin- Dare and Lee R.

Cahill- Shirley K. and Lee R. (Jean M. as an alternate)

Skartados- Dare

Bonacic- TBA

Please let Dare know if you are able to attend the Skartados and/or Bonacic interviews.

Adjourned at 9:32.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McGarry