

League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region  
Board Minutes, April 14, 2016  
Home of Jacki Moriarty  
167 Apple Hill Rd., Hurley, NY

Call to order: 4:05

Present: Anne Needham ( Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Cindy Bell, Jean McGarry, Jacki Moriarty, Margaret Sellers, Esther Stickley, Doug Thompson, Daisy Tyler  
Absent: Jolanda Jansen (President), Irene McInnis, Soyol Smalls (Secretary)

Next board meeting: May 12, 4pm, home of Jacki Moriarty

***Guardians of the Charter***- no action at this time.

***Treasurer's Report***- Dorothy Winrow

Starting balance 3/01/16 is \$3720.92.

Total assets 4/01/16 is \$21,291.09.

The dues letter will be sent out on April 22. Included in this letter will be the budget report and the nominating slate which will need to be approved at the Annual Meeting on May 18. A resolution was passed to raise the dues beginning the 2017 fiscal year to \$60 for an individual membership and to \$90 for a family membership. (Jean, Anne) Passed unanimously. This resolution will be included in the mailing and voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.

Anne, Dorothy, Jacki and Daisy met on April 9th to discuss fundraising. At this time the focus will be on soliciting more sponsors for the Commentator. It is felt that the best way of promoting this effort is to distribute the Commentator to prospective sponsors. The Commentator speaks for itself. Next meeting TBA.

***Annual Meeting May 18 at Deyo Hall, 6 Broadhead St. New Paltz***

Lee Ridgway will prepare the Annual Report. **All reports must be submitted to Lee by May 8th.** The following reports must be submitted:

President's report- Jolanda Jansen  
Voter Service- Jean McGarry  
Vote 411- Kristen Faughnan  
Observer Corps- Margaret Sellers  
Materials Management- Kathy OConnor  
Shared Services- Ellie Charwat  
Book Club- Anne Needham  
State Level Studies- Dare Thompson  
Resource Development

Membership- Anne Needham  
Finance- Dorothy Winrow  
Visibility and Public Relations- Anne Needham

There will be no main speaker but the different committees will be asked to present. Since Jean will not be able to attend, Jacki will present the Nominating slate (approved unanimously by the board 4/14) and discuss Voter Service. Dorothy will present the budget (approved by the board 3/10/16.) Lee Ridgway will provide a call list and script for the board to remind members to attend and to contribute to the pot luck supper.

***Voter Service*** - Jean McGarry

**Constitutional Convention Forum**, April 20, 6:30 pm - 9pm at Deyo Hall, 6 Broadhead St. New Paltz

Jean sent out to the board an e-mail on April 10 outlining the program for April 20. Of still concern is that the State League has not yet issued a Certificate of Insurance. Jean will check up on this again. Since there is no mic at Deyo Hall, Jim McGarry and Dare Thompson are checking up on this and Dare is also trying to secure a projector. (Since the lack of mics is a frequent problem for our league, the board agreed unanimously for Jim McGarry and John Moriarty to investigate audio systems and costs for the board.)

Set up will be at 6pm. A social period will be at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00. Paul O'Neill will start the program with an introduction to the Constitutional origins and significance in our area, Jerry Benjamin will speak about the Road to the Constitutional Convention and Dare Thompson will discuss the past position of the LWVNYS . A Q and A moderated by Jean McGarry will wrap up the last half hour. Lee Ridgway will distribute call lists to board members to remind members of the event.

### **Pilot Program for the Presidential Primary, April 19**

Two phone banks have taken place on April 10 and April 13. A final phone bank will take place on April 17. A robo call taped by Mark Moriarty was well received. While final results of the success of this project are not in, Cynthia Sebian-Lander, LWVUS project specialist, has given us high grades on the number of calls we have made.

### **Other voter service business:**

Jean participated in a conference call with 4 other leagues in the 19th Congressional District on March 16. The Leagues of Oneonta and Cooperstown were especially concerned about coordinating debates in this huge district. A summary of this hour-long conversation was sent to the board on March 17. To date, there has been no follow-up conversation.

**Moderating requests:** Bard College inquired about a Congressional debate. The Moderating Guidelines were sent. Saugerties and Greenville School Districts have requested moderating for their school board candidates. Cindy Bell has agreed to moderate both these events.

**Voter Registration:** Cindy Bell will be partnering with the ARC organizations of Ulster and Dutchess to provide voter education and voter registration. TBA  
Daisy Tyler will contact area churches to set up voter registration drives.

**Hot Line for Legal Assistance on Primary Day:** LWVNYS announced a coordination with the Lawyer's Committee who will offer a hotline on election day for people having questions or issues at the polling places. Jean will distribute the memo with the phone numbers and other important information.

**Lobbying Day:** Doug reminded the board that with the NYS budget passed, the traditional lobbying of our elected officials begins. Jean will e-mail the lobbying packet to the board members and any other member who is interested in meeting with elected officials. Assignments will be made at the next board meeting.

**First Vote:** Doug has ordered 500 more First Vote pamphlets to be distributed with voter registrations at the Naturalization Ceremonies in Dutchess County.

### ***Communications***

#### **Commentator deadline- April 27**

Kingston Community Radio - April 18- Soyal and Kristen (Presidential primary and Constitutional Convention)  
May 16- Morgot Becker, Trash Fest

Please submit all calendar updates to Kristen Faughnan at [kf78@cornell.edu](mailto:kf78@cornell.edu)

Adjourned: 5:35

Respectfully submitted,

Jean McGarry (for Soyal Smalls)