

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

Board Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2017, 4:00 pm  
Home of Jacki Moriarty  
167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley, NY 12443

**Call to Order 4:00pm**

Present: Dare Thompson (NY State League President), Jolanda Jansen (Chapter President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jennifer Clark (Interim Secretary), Jean McGarry (Voter Services), Lee Cane (Nominating Committee Chair), Cindy Bell, Jacki Moriarty, Kathy OConnor (Chair Materials Management) and Doug Thompson.

Absent: Daisy Tyler, Nora Scherer, Soyal Smalls (Secretary)

Vote on approval of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes- Jolanda moved, Jacki seconded, passed unanimous.

**Next Board meeting: May 11 at 4PM in the home of Jacki Moriarty**

**Nominating Committee Report – Lee Cane**

Withdrawal – of the candidate for Treasurer

We may have a vacancy for the position of Treasurer after the Annual meeting.

The President , with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint a Treasurer.

Treasurer Options Discussion

We will ask for nominations from the floor for the Treasurer position.

Lee Cane agreed to be parliamentarian during the Annual Meeting.

Dorothy Winrow agreed to provide a list of her duties to be included in the packet at the Annual Meeting.

- We may:
1. Hire a book-keeper. (Jolanda knows a suitable candidate).
  2. Ask a bank to perform this services – pro bono. (Lee Cane will reach out to a bank).
  3. The new person will have to fill out check signing authority at the bank.

Treasurer Duties:

- a) Pick up mail.
- b) Keep track of membership
- c) What is listed in the by-laws.

New York State LWV is looking into piloting treasury duties with local leagues. I don't know how much they can handle. But it's something they are looking into since people don't want to do it and it needs to be done. Things get dropped so it makes sense for it to go up to the next level" - Dare.

## **Treasurer's Report – Dorothy Winrow**

April 2017 report handed out.

Starting Balance on March 1, 2017	\$4,855.10
Ending Balance on April 1, 2017	\$5583.28
Education Fund on April 1, 2017	\$892.98
Overall Accounts Balance April 1, 2017	\$22,074.97
Total Assets April 1, 2017	\$21,729.09

We didn't meet our goal for the fund. We usually get more in donations from the dues letter, but it doesn't look like we're going to recoup.

The fundraising at the movie cleared \$200 cash. We should do it again. Proposing budget of \$10,000, with moving \$1,000 from reserves to pay for the sound system. The proposed budget can go in the Commentator.

We need to send out the dues letters. Meeting at Dorothy Winrow's house on the same day as lobby day. (Also same day as book club) we can do it after that at 4:00.

Cindy will purchase microphone so we have it on time for the annual meeting. Her husband will set it up for us because he knows how. We need to determine where it will be kept. Jolanda will store at the office of Jansen Law, PLLC.

## **Voter Service – Jean McGarry**

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual mid-town make a difference day Saturday, June 17. Jean cannot be there. It's on Franklin Street in Kingston (Street Fair) Jackie will call to get more details. Kathy OConnor will assist with the event. Jean will help set up.

Walk across the Hudson. We were going to do registration, on April 29. Information has been sent by Jolanda to the person who will do voter registration.

Nora Scherer and Linda Still joined in September. In addition we've had 21 new members since the November meeting at Deising's and numerous emails from people asking about the League.

UACT in New Paltz, Citizen's Action, send information that Jean receives. She tries to facilitate participation and disseminate what they send her to the LWVMHR membership. For example she sent out an email asking people to call Faso. It is being read and some individuals have said that they have called. Phone calls are very important. We don't have a meeting with Faso yet, but we will keep trying. When we do get a meeting we will need to limit the number of people. Maybe one representative from each group, (environment, healthcare, education, etc.) can attend the meeting.

With regard to the NY health act, this has a good shot of getting through the NY Senate. The person whom we need to put pressure on for that is Amedore. He's in a swing district. The emails Jean sends out have the phone numbers. You can say you're from the league to give your message more clout, or you can say you are a constituent.

Jolanda complimented Jean on her emails and said they were very informative.

The group will be making LWV signs with an issue line that can be changed. We can join some of the local groups like Faso Fridays and Citizen Action and support them.

### **Commentator – Discussion about ending**

Some members indicated depending on the Commentator for being the one place to find all the relevant information.

Jean and Jim feel that they have been doing it a long time, that there are better ways of communicating that have come along, that it is harder to get the articles to fill out the newsletter, and that Jim has decided he is no longer able to do the newsletter.

Many people agree that by the time it comes out the information is stale. We are communicating faster now. Someone mentioned starting a blog. This would require a manager, and someone who knows what they are doing.

Jolanda offered to ask Candi Sterling, who has worked with us before, to give us an overview of what can be done. She will be asked to do that over the summer. Cindy Lanzetta and Kate Hymes have been very active on the LWVMHR facebook page. They will be asked to work with Candi and Jolanda. Jolanda has been trying to use the LWVMHR facebook page to "blog" during events. Will try again during the upcoming conference on "The History of Women in Politics."

Because of paid advertisements in the Commentator, Jolanda asked for the Commentator to continue until September 2017. Jim McGarry (by phone) agreed to continue doing the Commentator until September.

He will continue to post the minutes on the website, send out official notices and maintain the membership list. Kristen is doing the calendar. The website is designed to be reasonably friendly. Melissa and Jennifer Wagner of LWVNYS can be contacted for assistance. Saratoga LWV does a good job. We can look at what they are doing for ideas. They will be presenting at the convention on this.

Constant Contact is not a perfect vehicle and needs some help to make sure that people who opted out before they realized what it was are opted back in. Merrill Sunderland will be asked to work on that this summer. (How to re-subscribe a contact: go to contacts, search for the contact you want to add back on, click on their name, click re-subscribe,

select list you want to add the contact back to, check the box to confirm that the contact expects to hear from you, click send email).

**Commentator – deadline April 26, 2017 – request for information**

Ask Gai to write about the issue she is working on.  
Kathy OConnor will write about materials management.  
Daisy will write something up about naturalization.

Put in the Commentator those study groups that will continue into next year: Materials Management and Dutchess County Jail and Transition Center.

**May 7 deadlines for submitting materials to Lee Ridgway for the annual report.**

All Committees to write their annual reports. Jean will write up membership.

**Submit events for online calendar to Kristen Faughnan by April 26, 2017**

***Annual Meeting***

Lee Ridgway will prepare report.  
We will have purchased the microphone by then. First time using it.  
The SUNY New Paltz historian, Susan Lewis would make a great speaker for the annual meeting.  
She would be able to give us some history about the strategic decisions that were made to win the right to vote, and some of the legacy of that time period that has affected the woman's movement. Specifically the southern strategy designed to win over southern white male voters. We could also ask her to tell us about Frances Perkins, FDR's labor secretary and head of the industrial commission in New York State.

Also for report:  
Provide descriptions of two proposed Committees:  
Changing NYS Voting Laws Committee – Jackie Moriarty  
Educating Standing Committee – Jackie Moriarty  
Lobby Day, Albany, April 25 – Kathy OConnor going.

**New York State 57<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention** – June 9-11 (registration deadline May 18) – delay delegate decision until May 11 meeting. We are entitled to two voting representatives, Margaret will talk to Vic about going.

**Publicity – Next two radio shows, 8:30 am at 82 John Street, Kingston WGHQ 920 AM**

April 17 – Dare suggested Barbara (she would have to call in), Jackie will be in the studio  
May 15 –

## Materials Management Committee – Kathy Oconnor

- Attended organics summit in Troy with Jolanda.
- Jolanda created a facebook page with pictures of the vendors and speakers. 2017 Organic Summit is the facebook page. It is enriching.
- On April 21, one of our members is conducting a food waste audit at elementary school in New Paltz (Kimiko Link) – the NY State league has create a concept, “Be Earth Wise” –
- Use your money to actively select products that benefit the environment, it’s a good initiative.
- The SWMIC is allegedly going to give it report to the UCRRA on Wednesday so it will be reviewed before the meeting. The committee meeting starts at 5:00, on April 26.
- In terms of Paint Stewardship, not sure why it’s not happening.
- Looking at Kingston curbside pick up of organics.
- Went to Kingston citizens meeting, and getting the feeling that we need to look at climate and water issues, materials management might be too small a title to address the problem.
- Jolanda asked Kathy to describe a new committee that would replace materials management with something broader to propose for the annual meeting. Needs to be sent to Jean to be published in the Commentator and should go into the annual report as a proposed local program. (board votes in favor)

### Calendar

April	25	Lobby Day, Albany,
	25	Book Club meeting, 1:45 pm – 3:30 pm Enzo’s Ristorante & Pizza, 207 Boices Lane, Kingston
May	2	Materials Management Meeting, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Main Course Restaurant, New Paltz
	9	Moderate Kingston School District Debate
	10	Moderate Pawling School District Debate
	11	Moderate Saugerties School District Debate
	11	LWV-MHR Board meeting, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm 167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley
June	24	Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Deyo Hall, New Paltz
	9	Trip from Liverpool to Seneca Falls
	10-11	57 <sup>th</sup> State League Convention, Holiday Inn Express, Liverpool, NY

Adjourned by 5:50 pm

Approved by the Board on May 11, 2017

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Secretary, LWVMHR