

LVW Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of Board Meeting
August 7, 2012

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Irene McInnis (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Cindy Bell, Cindy Lanzetta, Lee Ridgway, Esther Stickley, Anne Needham, Laura Walls, Jolanda Jansen, Jim Mahoney

Absent: Betty Chin, Margaret Sellers

Call to order: 7:25

Next board meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 7:15 - location TBA

Commentator due date: August 24

Esther and Dorothy are not able to attend the MLD meeting in Syracuse August 18. Anne Needham may attend. Anyone else is welcome to drive up with Anne and Dare.

Dare reminded the board that while Observer Corps objectively reports the proceedings of public meetings, any member is free to submit to the Commentator his/her personal take after attending a meeting.

The minutes for the July board meeting were accepted (Lee R., Cindy B.)

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$7,162.51
3 Month CD	\$16,447.84
Ed Fund	\$841.83
Total Assets	\$24,452.18

Dorothy advised that it is time to consider raising our dues.

Charter Revisions, Resource Recovery, Golden Hill, other on-going work

Charter Revision- There seems to be a possibility of a compromise between the Legislature and the Charter Commission, especially concerning the drawing of district lines. Laura questioned whether the intent and integrity of the charter has been upheld as it relates to League principles. Especially disturbing to her is the diminished role of the comptroller.

Resource Recovery- Cindy L. explained the contentious issue of solid waste in the county. There is a bi-partisan proposal concerning flow control offered by Legislators Carl Belfiglio and Ken Wishnick. Both hope that flow control would keep the UCRRA running.

Golden Hill- Dare reported that there are six reputable buyers. All were impressed with the quality of the facility and staff and the attitude of the patients. It is hoped that a decision on new ownership will be made by Labor Day.

Solid Waste- next meeting, August 14, 5:30 at Gateway Diner, 9W, Highland Shared Services (Dutchess)- next meeting, August 28, 10:00 at Ellie Charwat's

Observer Corps- next meeting TBA

Member Don Bell has again been asked to serve on the Ulster County Periodic Compensation Review Committee.

Voter Service organizational meeting (Cindy B., Jean, Laura, Dare)- August 14, 3:00 at the Olympic Diner, Washington Ave, Kingston. Members needed.

Part 2 of the Voter Guides have been ordered.

Cindy B. reported that getting all-day election inspectors in Ulster County is not problematic. Cindy B. is working with the State League to get updated information for Vote 411.org. The committee will discuss educating the public on the new districts, scheduling Congressional and other debates in the fall as well as participating in National Voter Registration Day on September 25. Vivi Hlavsa will be contacted to help with this event. Jean reminded the board that listed under Voter Service in the Commentator is some valuable resources for finding out election information. Our league website also has useful links.

Resource Development- next meeting, August 9, 2:00 at Dorothy Winrow's

Anne will be writing up press releases regarding Voter Service.

Membership/Leadership Development statewide meetings: Farmingdale, August 11
Syracuse, August 18

The Tea and Trash event, October 14, will need donors, sponsors (\$500, \$200, \$50) and silent auction items. Dare will send out the updated information to board members. Lee R. compiled and distributed a list of job descriptions. These will aid in helping members decide where they can best volunteer in the league.

Calendar - needs to be fleshed out. Dare reminded the board to think about our mission, members, money, leaders and visibility as we plan for the upcoming year.

There was discussion about holding two general meetings in September featuring charter revision and solid waste. The solid waste program would also serve as the membership kick-off meeting. Dare will ask Gerry Benjamin to be present at the charter revision meeting. The Voter Service Committee will take the lead for programming in October.

Review of Commitments, 2012-2013

Irene- vice-president, Resource Development, special events/programs

Dorothy- treasurer, MLD liaison, Resource Development

Jean- secretary, Voter Service, Commentator, moderating, Naturalization contact

Lee R. - Resource Development, Voter Service, Nominating, special projects,

compiles/edits Annual Report, moderating

Cindy B. – Voter Service, moderating, special projects

Laura- Voter Service, moderating

Jolanda- Solid Waste, moderating, membership

Cindy L., Solid Waste, Voter service, moderating

Esther – Resource Development, MLD liaison, special projects

Anne – Resource Development, publicity, special events

Jim Mahoney- fundraising

Adjourned: 9:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean McGarry