

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

Board Meeting

(Home of Dorothy Winrow)

Aug 5th, 2014

Call to Order –Start time...7:30 (change in location late arrivals)

Present: Dare Thompson, Jolanda Jansen, Dorothy Winrow, Lee Ridgeway, Esther, Stickler, Anne Needham

Absent: Cindy Lanzetta, Margaret Sellers, and Shirley Kobran

Treasurer's Report:

Dorothy Winrow went over the treasurer's report including members who've not yet renewed

- Discussion about how to use the Elizabeth Askue Fellowship Fund
How to Make the Elizabeth Askue Fund work for the League?
- Discussion of how to recognize donors

Membership:

- New brochure available/also mugs
- The letters to potential, new, and other members have been revised.
- Dare passed around a print out on "5 Steps to Develop New Leaders in Your League". Training is really important

Program:

- Membership Meeting/Fall Kick-Off – Salad Supper at the Esopus Library with guest speaker Marian Bott (LWVNYS), specialist on financing elementary and secondary education.
 - Ann N. needs a release soon about Marian Bott (something concise which describes who she is).
 - Lee R. will create a script and a calling list to announce the Fall Kick off meeting
 - Jolanda wants to create a Constant Contact event based on Ann's press release.
- National Voter Registration Day is September 23rd.
 - Discussion of where to pass out voter guides
 - Ann needs \$20 check for Mid-Hudson Library System to distribute voter guides at Dutchess and Ulster County libraries.
 - Dare is delivering the voter guides to Mid-Hudson Library System, next to POK's Adriance Library
 - Dare wants to reach out to the NAACP in Beacon and possibly elsewhere
- October
 - Jean McGarry and Jackie Moriarty are creating a program on the redistricting amendment on the Nov ballot
 - We will probably moderate a Gibson/Eldridge debate

- UN Day is November 13, organized by LWVNYS and often drawing LWV members from contiguous states. We will check into transportation options. Water and Gender may be the topic
 - Dare is going to contact the state league about joining their bus or getting our own and to find out if it's a League only event.
 - Ann is asking Vivi of AAUW to see if they are interested in joining the bus.
 - Term Limits and Ballot Access studies are both state-wide
 - Ann suggest that a meeting on Ballot Access which is book centered would be a great way to start.
 - What is on the web site on these two studies? Lee will look up Ballot Access and Dare will look up Term limits and gather info in time for September 9th.
 - By Spring (March) the League needs to have a consensus meeting on Term Limits and Ballot Access and what is decided is then sent to LWVNYS

Connecting with legislators:

- again re 2014 agenda items and Vote411
 - Cahill, Larkin and Skartados
 - Dutchess team will probably do Barrett, Gipson - maybe Lalor (with new S.Dutchess members?)
 - Tkaczyk - with Saugerties LWV??
 - Ball, Bonacic, Seward and Tenney don't serve m/any LWV members but they're "ours"
 - Ann – contacted Schumer's office and was told that maybe a staff member could talk about Schumer's position on open primaries (federal or state?)

Committee Reports:

- Voter Service -Jolanda will get in touch with Jim McGarry and go over the steps do "Vote 411".
- Observer Corps – Margaret Absent (Vic wants to be more of an advocate, Vic decided to attend the materials management meeting, but issues may be too complicated to state a position at this time)
- Materials Management (Thompson for Lanzetta) Towns asked UCRRA to give them till late June to decide if they are sticking with UCRRA for solid waste disposal through transfer stations or finding other solutions (Tim Rose, Executive Director of UCRRA, will be on our radio slot in September.)
- The Shared Services Committee met with Jerry Benjamin of CRREO to talk about the fire districts. They previously met with the former supervisor of Wappinger who had a creative idea about ambulance services (services taken out of fire districts to be handled by the town and contracted). If volunteers become paid workers, taxes increase to pay the salaries for staff. Jerry

Benjamin sees Arlington Fire District as an example for what is to come for other fire districts who provide ambulance services.

- Resource Development: Can we find 10 people who can donate \$100 each ? Ask Jim if he's okay with publishing a list of sponsors, which is NOT the same as the old advertisers list.

Publicity/Visibility:

- COMMENTATOR deadline August 22
- Radio show – charter reform in August, Tim Rose of UCRRA in Sept.
- Other PR, including social media
 - Ann- We should publicize info about how our congressmen and senators vote- in the Daily Freeman and Poughkeepsie Journal.
 - Ann- set up a meeting with Soyal to create events page on Facebook

Adjourn 9:30