

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

BOARD Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2016, 4:00 pm

Home of Jacki Moriarty
167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Anne Needham (Vice President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyal Smalls (Secretary), Jean McGarry (Voter Service), Cindy Bell, Irene McGinnis, Jacki Moriarty, Doug Thompson, and Judith Roessink (Jolanda's guest).

Absent: Kim McEvoy, Daisy Tyler, Margaret Sellers, Lee Ridgway

4:21 Call to Order

Review of Agenda – WHAT'S MISSING?

Jolanda has contributed \$100 toward Live Well Kingston to be advertised in the Next Commentator. Add a "Thank you" message.

Contact/Email from President to Cynthia Lawler about Phone Bank Result.

Next board meeting: September 8, 2016 at 4PM in the home of Jackie Moriarty

Guardians of the Charter – (Jean McGarry)

- Laws and Rules meeting Aug 8th, 2016 (Monday Night)
- There is nothing happening on the Guardian side as the legislature hasn't made any proposal to alter the Charter
- No talk about the Charter
- Dave Donaldson (City Legislature) had announced that the discussion on environmental issues was going overtime so the meeting on Campaign Finance was canceled.
- Campaign Finance, Incumbents was on the agenda. Does the League have a position? It should apply to all people running
- The legislation on campaign finance is strictly a local law for Ulster County office holders only and does not fall under the Charter

The biggest flaw is that while it curtails the incumbent from accepting contributions from lobbyists it doesn't do the same for the challenger

So the incumbent can't be bought but the challenger can

Changes in the By-Laws- (Jolanda Jansen)

Since the changes to the by-laws are ones that bring us in compliance with the ones held by the National League we do not have to vote on them locally, but we will share them with the members by publishing them in the commentator. Jean will look at co-president position.

Treasurer's Report – (Dorothy Winrow)

Starting Balance Aug 1, 2016	\$6304.00
Overall Accounts Balance	(\$23,135.76)
Elizabeth Askue Fellowship Fund	\$1025.00
Total Assets 2016	\$23, 135.76
Total Assets 2015	\$24,503.37

Membership:

New Member Sheba Abraham

Collected Dues in July and August.

Outstanding dues.

Send email/letter/call those who have chosen to not continue their membership and those with outstanding dues. Contact will be divided by board members.

Motion to pay for Ethan Hunt's membership through the Elizabeth Askeu Fund (Jolanda Jansen, Anne Needham)

Discussion

6 in Favor, 3 opposed, motion passed

Motion to pay for Merrill Sunderland's student membership through Elizabeth Askue Fund (Jolanda Jansen, Jacki Moriarty)

No Discussion

Motion Passed

Put Gloria Plasker memorial in the Commentator

Motion to make a \$50 contribution for Gloria Plasker to the charity of the Family choice (Jacki Moriarty, Jean McGarry)

Discussion

Motion passed

Commentator – deadline August 26, 2016

Submit events to Kristen Faughnan by August 23, 2016

Appoint two Board members to the nominating committee. Cindy Bell has agreed.

One more needed. Jacki Moriarty has been appointed by the Board.

Three members were elected at the May 18 Annual Meeting: Lee Cane, Kathy Germain, Christine Henning

How do we respond when Ulster County (or Dutchess County) asks for our opinion on a

Topic we have not studied? e.g. relocation of Family Court to DSS building. What is the cost of the relocation?

League cannot give a response about the issue without a study.

Cindy and Jacki mentioned presenting a concurrence in the Commentator if we had pros and cons of locating Family Court outside the city limits to the Business Resource Center.

Create a forum to educate the citizens about the relocation of the Court House.

Committee Report - Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center – (Soyal Smalls)

The DCJTC Committee will be hosting a round table discussion on August 13, 2016. Guests include Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Dale Borchert, Public Defender Tom Angell, President of the NAACP Northern Dutchess Chapter, Ernest and Kathy Henry of Dutchess ReEntry through the Osborne Association, and two police officers from Christchurch New Zealand.

Voter Services – Jean McGarry

Next all member meeting - Constitutional Convention - Barbara Bartoletti

Create Constitutional Convention Forums after elections in November. Multiple topics would be a good idea. Education. Delegate Selection. Environment.

Teachout/Fasso forums in progress

Voter Registration:

September 20, Voter Registration Training 6:30pm at Jean McGarry's House

September 26, Dutchess Community College 11am – 2pm
September 27, Marist, New Paltz, Ulster Community College 11am – 2pm

Doug mentioned an Event on Aug 25, about Eliminating Domestic Violence, the host invited the league to come set up a voter registration table.

Naturalization Ceremony is on September 23rd.
Chamber Breakfast September 29 Thursday. We need time keepers
(Jolanda/Soyal) 7am in the morning right off the Thruway in Kingston.

Legislative Visits - reports from visits completed.

Dare Thompson, Senator William Larkin (District 39, Senator James Seward)
(District 51), Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (District 101), Assemblyman Frank
Skartados (District 104)

Jolanda Jansen, Senator Sue Serino (District 41), Assembly member Kevin Cahill
(District 103), Assembly member Didi Barrett (District 106)

Summary of Trash Fest Report - brief update on materials management - written by
Margot Becker - presented by Jolanda

Publicity – Next two radio shows

August 15 – Anne Needham Book Club

September 19 – Jean McGarry and Jacki Moriarty Voter Education and
Registration

Distribution of Election books to Elementary School Libraries

Include on the inside book cover stamp “Donated by the League of Women Voters of the
Mid-Hudson Region” with contact information. League web page, address, number.

Cindy B. wants other League Members to distribute LWV mugs to guest speakers. Give a
mug to Radio Hosts.

Calendar

August 16, Book Club, Enzo's "SomeLuck" by Jane Smiley

September 8, Board meeting - Home of Jacki Moriarty

- 13, State and Local Primary Day
Materials Management, The Main Course, 5:30 pm
- 20, Voter Registration training at the home of Jean McGarry, 6:30pm
Book Club, Enzo's, "Tribe:On Homecoming and Belonging" by
Sebastian Junger
- 26, National Voter Registration Day at SUNY Dutchess
- 27, National Voter Registration Day at Marist, SUNY Ulster, and
SUNY New Paltz
- October 18, Congressional Debate in Cooperstown/Oneonta area
- November 8, National Election

Adjourn by 6 PM

Approved by the Board on August 23, 2016

Soyal Smalls

Soyal Smalls , Secretary

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