

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of Board Meeting
December 4, 2012

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

Call to order: 7:20

Next board meeting: January 8, 7:15, TBA. Jean will not be available. Lee R. volunteered to take minutes at this meeting.

The Commentator deadline is January 25. The December newsletter will be a December/January issue.

Dare noted the recent passing of members Robert Opdahl and Catherine Chase and the passing this past summer of Joy Pappas. Tributes to each can be found in the December/January Commentator.

Golden Hill is sold. Thanks to Dare (chairperson) and the Golden Hill Local Development Corporation who so painstakingly interviewed prospective buyers. Dare believes the individuals selected will greatly benefit Golden Hill and the community.

Dare distributed Membership/Leadership Development handouts from LWVNYS. It appears our local league is not in sync with specific procedures in formulating program as defined by State. We will need to tweak this.

Great Lakes Ecosystem concurrence- (should NY adopt MI position)- The details of the proposal will be in the December Commentator. Members will be encouraged to send their comments to the board or attend the board meeting on January 8.

The minutes were previously accepted and have been posted.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$7,678.43
3 Month CD	\$16,459.87
Ed Fund	\$557.08
Total Assets	\$24,582.42

Renewals needed by December 31: Allison, Bondar, Claus, Collins, Little, McNamara, Moody, Petit, Reiter, Tsalis

Program

Observer Corps needs a volunteer to cover the Ulster County Ways and Means committee.

Irene McInnis and Jean and Jim McGarry represented the league at the Naturalization ceremony held at the Ulster County Courthouse on November 16. Nineteen individuals received voter registration information as we offered congratulations on becoming an American citizen.

Dare is still working on setting up the Campaign Finance Reform program (NYS), tentatively to be held in January.

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Committee will be December 11 at 5:30 at the Gateway Diner in Highland. Dare distributed a copy of a letter sent to Ulster County Legislators explaining the league's stance on flow control. See Cindy Lanzetta's committee report on solid waste in the December Commentator.

Resource Development

The next meeting will be January 16 at 2:00 at the home of Anne Needham.

Plans were finalized for the post- holiday reception regarding tablecloths, decorations and food/drinks. Plates and napkins need to be purchased. Irene and Lee R. will send out invitations the week of December 10.

Calendar

Dare reminded the board that we need to prepare for the state convention by offering our ideas for possible programs. The state has prepared a condensed summary of LWVNY's public policy positions. Added to our November list of possible programs (see November minutes), these issues were discussed: local budget issues and, climate change resilience rebuilding in flood prone areas.

Adjourned: 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry