

## League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 Board Meeting  
Home of Shirley Kobran

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Jolanda Jansen (Co-President), Anne Needham (Vice President) Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyol Smalls (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Margaret Sellers, Esther Stickley  
Absent: Cindy Lanzetta, Lee Ridgway

### 6:42 Call to Order

- Next board meeting date changed from January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Shirley's.
- Students inside Albany...LWV voted for 2 students and this was accepted. Names are needed by 3/1. Esther will contact Ethan Hunt. Dare will get in contact with Sakima Brown.

### Treasurer's Report (Winrow)

Dorothy discussed November and December reports.

The current balance in all accounts for December is \$24,066.81.

New Student Member – Send copy of membership letter to grandmother of student  
Send thank you note to donors

### Membership (Kobran)

Meeting was postponed and rescheduled for December 17, 2015

**Our Ballot Access consensus** – (Thompson) Vic Melville, Margaret Sellers, Nan Fogel, Esther Stickley, Jean McGarry, Emilie Hauser, Anne Needham, Dorothy Winrow, Dare Thompson and Doug Thompson present. Questions were unclear on the consensus reporting sheet. Approval needed before we send it to LWVNYS

Term Limits consensus meeting – Sun., Jan. 11, 2 pm, Charwat Rm, POK Library

### Committee Reports

- Materials Management (Lanzetta) – Nothing to report
- Shared Services (Thompson, Jansen) December 17, 2015 meeting scheduled. Discussion about why only members were from Dutchess County. Conclusion was that it would be better if there was a shared services committee to serve each county because the issues are specific for the county.
- Observer Corps (Sellers) – We're waiting for some indication of what is going on about the formation of the new solid waste committee..
- VOTER SERVICE - (Jansen, Thompson) Vote411: The League in Albany sent instructions on how to archive the years events which has been taken care of by Merrill Sunderland who works for Jolanda Jansen.
- Book Group – The Price of Inequality next book group meeting Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00am at Enzo's in Kingston bring a copy of a book you're suggesting The book group encourages people to bring up to TWO books that they think the group might enjoy reading. Ideally the books will relate in some way to League concerns and fiction is okay.

**Programs** – what should we do in 2015 that will advance our mission, attract attendees and media attention, and expand our relationships with other groups. Among possibilities mentioned were our crumbling infrastructure, education, and public transportation. Other options were:

- 1) a Students Inside Albany selection event? We're pretty sure that Kevin Cahill and Didi Barrett would help. Sakima Brown is a good contact person in the Poughkeepsie schools.
- 2) A February "program planning" meeting in preparation for state convention and our annual meeting. We tentatively set Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am for this.

Something about the wealth gap and/or climate change? (Jolanda suggested Emilie Hauser with the DEC who knows a lot about the latter.)

**Resource Development** – Sponsors - more \$100 sponsors needed! We currently have 4 sponsors and need six more. In hand: Jolanda, a florist that Esther got, Merrill Lynch, Don Badgley (long term health care insurance at Northwestern Mutual). Dare is pursuing Jean Semilof, and Glenn Sutherland's bank. Shirley is

pursuing Adams, Anne will ask Mac Fitness and Enzo's. Others are encouraged to think of other friends of the League to ask. Dare will send a revised copy of the way the page will look along with what information we need from those who say yes.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 01/08/2015



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Soyal Smalls, Secretary