

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 27, 2018 – 6:00pm

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

Present: Jennifer Clark, Doug Thompson, Nora Sherer, Jacki Moriarty, Kathy O'Connor, Cindy Bell, Dorothy Winrow, Daisy Tyler, Dare Thompson
Absent: Margaret Sellers, Merrill Sunderland, Jolanda Jansen

6:00 Called to order by VP Cindy Bell in Jolanda's absence

Much appreciation was directed at Nora, who brought snacks for this meeting.

Next Board meeting: March 20 at 6:00pm at Jacki's

Question was raised regarding LWV-MHR doing fundraising for Campaign Finance bill funding. Board unanimously opposed for a variety of reasons.

Fundraising letter signed by Board members for Jolanda, as she was not able to be present today. Letters are already dated and printed, so they should go out now. Letters were prepared and ready to mail in the next day or two. Discussion about the fact that LWV-NYS fundraising letter just came out and that is unfortunately bad timing. Dare reported that the LWV-NYS intends to send such letters more frequently in the future.

Check-In for Death with Dignity meeting: General feeling was that it was a good meeting, but several opinions that the 'con' side may have been better represented by meeting attendees.

Treasurer's Report: Doug stated that we're in good shape, with totals around \$19,200 in all accounts. Margaret and Jacki donated \$250 each toward the January meeting. Extra \$600 paid for extra SIA student. Looking forward to results of appeal letter.

Advertisements/PR: Black History Month Journal ad looked good. Pride/Gala ad will be \$75 for business card-sized ad. Okayed by Board even though it is too late for the Gala event but not for the Pride Journal.

Program Committee Report: Still working on speakers for April 14 Fake News meeting and may have to adjust the date to accommodate speakers. Dare mentioned Brooke Nam as a speaker at a Korea-themed meeting in the future. Cindy is working with Kathy to create an event in Saugerties to celebrate our affiliation and introduce activists in the area to our Natural Resources Advocates work. Earth Fair and Expo on 4/21 is fully staffed with NRA info and Voter Registration volunteers:

9:30- Noon Setup- Voter Registration- Daisy w/Kathy and the Energy Grid

Noon- 2:00 Voter Registration- Nora w/ Susan Holland Thrift Shop re-use champions

2:00-4:30 Cleanup- Voter Registration Jean & Jacki w/Jolanda and Organic Waste

The next event may be June 5 and will be on running for office- procedures, etc. (She Should Run?). Looking for ways to include members from southern Dutchess County.

WOW-Women of Woodstock-Cindy and Gai Galitzine spoke with group of 24 women who are interested in becoming more active in the political process and are looking for ways to go about it most effectively. There was dinner and a movie, then conversation. The movie was half of the documentary Not for Ourselves Alone, the story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony's path to universal suffrage. Cindy, Gai and Dare will be returning at next dinner armed with membership materials.

Action Committee Report: There is a lot of action happening with petition signing activities. UACT is doing a great job, working with the issues of guns and DACA with Congressman Faso. Member communications regarding events are appreciated. Jean thought we might sponsor a Congressional event in advance of the June primary.

Proposed Lincoln Park Grid Support Center: Meeting is on kingstoncitizens.org. Cindy attended informational meeting at the Town of Ulster Town Hall. It was well attended with concerned citizenry, mostly against the project (not necessary) and its location in a wetland near the HV Mall. Kathy continues to follow the process

Saugerties Chapter Merger discussion: Jean moved to have their dues valid until 2019, when they would join our schedule. Seconded by Nora and approved by everyone. There was talk of a welcoming event. Jolanda and Dare will meet with the Saugerties LWV leadership before the next board meeting.

Voter Registration: Daisy said we should do a voter registration push ahead of the June primary but there was concern about people not being able to switch parties for this year. Forms from LWV-NYS were mentioned, but there was not enough information about them to answer questions.

Cindy requested that our League be able to process donations and membership dues via bankcard and Jennifer said that we might have it on our website. Dare said the state has a process, but there is not a definitive answer for whether or not we can or should do that.

Kathy invited the Board to attend films being shown at Tivoli Public Library on Tuesday about the effect of climate change on the skiing industry.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Bell from notes by Jennifer Clark
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