

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

Board Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Home of Jackie Moriarty

167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley, NY 12443

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Cindy Bell (Vice President), Jacki Moriarty, Dorothy Winrow, Kathy O'Connor, Margaret Sellers, Nora Sherer, Jennifer Clark, Merrill Sunderland (Secretary)

Absent: Doug Thompson (Treasurer), Jean McGarry, Daisy Tyler

Call to order: 6:00pm

Next Board meeting: February 27th at 6 PM in the home of Jacki Moriarty

6:05-6:30 Campaign Finance Check-in, "Pros and Cons": Jolanda felt that the meeting was very informative and that she learned a lot; however, she noticed that while she was standing at the podium, she was leaning her weight forward on the podium too much. In the future she will pay closer attention to her posture. There was a woman there named Gloria who was taking photos, who calls herself the "Parrots for Peace" lady. Jolanda would like to follow up in case we need a photographer at future events.

Dorothy says she found the speakers riveting and engaging, she also enjoyed the high-quality photos.

Kathy says she learned a lot, and that she was very proud of Jennifer. But she didn't know who the photographer was, and felt too awkward to ask whether the photographer was a member of the League or representing local Media.

Margaret felt that the Campaign Finance meeting was excellent, great for the democratic process, she loved the color scheme. She does feel concerned about whether the costs are prohibitive to holding events more often.

Jacki was pleased with the publicity around the event, and felt that Jennifer did a great job on closing argument.

Cindy was proud to be part of the event, she learned a lot of new information. She felt that next time, we should get even more press coverage leading up to the event.

Nora felt that the program was well put together, and the information that she learned actually swayed her opinion. She feels that next time we have an event around finance that we could invite union representatives.

6:35 Treasurer's Report: Margaret will follow up with Doug regarding checks and paying the bill. She will also ask Doug if he has followed up with Albany. Do we need to do more fundraising? What is our cash flow like? A proposed budget will be made ready ahead of meeting in March or April. Margaret has suggested having an "audit party" to make the process faster and more fun.

6:45 Program Committee Report: February 3rd is the “Death With Dignity” meeting, there will be a debriefing during the next board meeting. Kathy, Cindy, and Jolanda discussed who makes posts to the Facebook page and how those posts are made.

7:00 Action Committee Report: Jean McGarry is absent, will be back by next Board meeting

7:05 Natural Resource Advocates Report: We’re all still getting used to the new name! Kathy, Cindy, and Jolanda will meet on Jan 24 at Panera’s for a strategy meeting. Kathy reviewed the State legislative agenda and printed out the paragraphs on Energy for League members to review. At a meeting in the Town of Ulster, Kathy recorded what was discussed and lifted excerpts.

7:15 Requests for Opinion for the LWVNYS Concurrence on Death with Dignity Jennifer will print the forms from the website and send them to Albany

7:20 Board Motion to Appoint a New Secretary: Unanimous vote to appoint Merrill Sunderland to the Board as Secretary

Additional: Cindy reports that the Saugerties League is dissolving, and that some members may choose to join the Mid-Hudson Region chapter. Jolanda has brought handouts printed from the LWVNYS site regarding the Legislative Agenda ahead of next meeting. Kathy O’Connor will post to the Facebook Page regarding upcoming trials of Albany politicians accused of Corruption.

Merrill reported on her experience of participating in the Women’s March representing the League of Women Voters. She brought fliers but only handed out a handful, next time she will make sure to have a larger sign.

7:30 Adjourn

February	3	Death with Dignity, Concurrence Meeting, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Everett Hodge Community Center, 15 Franklin Street, Kingston
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