

LWV Mid-Hudson Region

**Minutes of Board Meeting, January 8, 2013**

Present: Jolanda Jansen, Cindy Lanzetta, Irene McInnis, Jim Mahoney, Anne Needham, Lee Ridgway, Margaret Sellers, Dare Thompson, Dorothy Winrow and Jolanda's daughter.

Absent: Cindy Bell, Betty Chin., Jean McGarry, Esther Stickley

Call to order: 7:20

- There were no corrections or objections to the December 2012 minutes, which were previously accepted and posted on the website..
- Dorothy Winrow handed out the Treasurer's report. As of January 1, 2013m our assets are \$24,428.05.
- The Great Lakes Ecosystem concurrence had general acceptance from members and we approved it..

**Program**

- Observer Corps: Lee Ridgway is replacing Vic Melville to cover the Environmental Energy and Technology Committee
- The Post-Holiday party was successful with over 40 people attending. Margaret Sellers pointed out the need for a "point person" to take on responsibility planning and organizing each future program.
- There are no candidates for Students Inside Albany, and Jim Mahoney and Irene McInnis are asked to look for one or more
- The tentative date for the Campaign Finance Reform General Meeting is 2/16. Dare is responsible for planning, and Barbara Bartoletti will be invited to come to the meeting..
- Topics are needed for future programs and local studies. Suggestions were for a meeting to discuss the state and national public policy stands, a revisiting of the court study we did and its effects, and a presentation by Mike Hein and Marcus Molinaro on how the counties operate differently and which is more effective in particular areas. Suggested areas for local program were agriculture and county budgeting.

**Resource Development**

The committee is scheduled to meet on January 16 at 2PM at Anne Needham's house to appoint Audit and Budget Committees, to work on the annual appeal letter, and to consider program further.

**The next Board meeting will be February 5 at 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's house.**

Adjourned: at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Ridgway