

League of Women Voters of the Mid- Hudson Region

January 14, 2016 BOARD Meeting

Home of Jacki Moriarty

167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443

**2:08 Call to Order**

*Present:* Jolanda Jansen, Anne Needham, Dorothy Winrow, Soyal Smalls, Jean McGarry,  
Cindy Bell, Tom Kadgen (non-board member), Jacki Moriarty, Doug Thompson,  
Daisy Tyler

*Absent:* Margaret Sellers (sick), Esther Stickley (excused), Irene McInnis

**Next board meeting: February 11, 2016 at 4 PM at the home of Jacki Moriarty**

**Guardians of the Charter – Tom Kadgen**

Tom is going to contact Ken Ronk, the newly elected chairperson of the Ulster County Legislature, to meet with league members concerning the charter. (This was subsequently set up for February 3rd.) Tom K. Jean Mc., Jim Mc., Cindy B., Daisy Tyler and Jolanda J. will attend the meeting.

Vic and Margaret Sellers sent a copy of proposed resolutions from the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee. It was agreed that these resolutions did not relate to any charter revisions but were of public interest and should be monitored by the Observer Corps. Cindy Bell volunteered to look into Resolution No. 456 concerning the proposal of a local law regarding campaign finance reform in Ulster County. She will share her findings with the rest of the Board. The previous chairperson, John Parete said he had requested comments on the resolution by "good gov" groups and had received no replies. Jolanda as local President will share Cindy's findings with John Parete and advise him as to how to get our input in the future.

**Treasurer's Report – Dorothy Winrow**

Starting Balance 12/01/2015 = \$5,974.46

Overall Account Balance 01/01/2016 = \$22,677.74

Total Assets 01/01/2016 = \$22,662.74

Plan Audit review – Feb. 25 at 4pm at Dorothy's with Soyal Smalls, Daisy Tyler and Jacki Moriarty in attendance.

Budget Committee (time/date arranged by Dorothy by phone) with Jacki Moriarty, Daisy Tyler and Anne Needham in attendance.

– to be published in March Commentator

Anne Needham will craft Funds Appeal letter, and circulate to the Board. Once approved, stuffing envelopes could happen during a regular Board meeting. It needs to go out before dues letter.

#### Commentator – deadline January 22, 2016

Soyal Smalls and Kristen Faughnen will write up about Greenway Meeting at Taconic State Park Preservation Hall.

#### Meetings with elected officials – Sean Patrick Maloney, et. al.

Soyal Smalls will contact Dare Thompson to set up meeting with Sean Patrick Maloney.

#### *Voter Service*– Jean McGarry

Jean McGarry announced that Daisy Tyler will become the facilitator for the Ulster County Naturalization program.

#### *Materials Management*– meeting cancelled

#### *Membership*– Anne Needham

Anne Needham reported on behalf of Shirley Kobran. Shirley requests time to speak at our next general membership meeting.

There was a discussion on the need to have a general membership program since our bylaws state that there shall be at least four general meetings a year. One suggestion was a meeting concerning the NYS Constitution. This could be divided into two parts, one consisting of its history and the other part on the pros and cons of a statewide referendum to convene a state constitutional convention. The NYS Constitution mandates this every 20 years. Jean will make phone calls to see about possible presenters for this program.

Citizen Lobbyist will be ordered for membership

#### *Publicity* – Anne Needham

The January radio show will feature Kathy OConnor speaking about Materials Management. Slated for February is Jim McGarry and Cynthia Lowe speaking about the Ulster County Charter.

#### **Calendar**

Jan. – 1/12 Materials Management Committee Meeting – snowed out  
 1/14 Board Meeting  
 1/18 Radio Show – Kathy OConnor – 8:30 am  
 Feb. – 2/02 Book Club Meeting – The Alchemist – 1:45 pm  
 2/09 Materials Management Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm  
 2/11 Board Meeting – 4 pm  
 2/15 Radio Show – Guardians of the Charter – 8:30 am  
 2/25 Audit Review – 4 pm  
 March 3/1 Book Club Meeting – The Fifties by Halberstam – 1:45 pm  
 Student Registrations for Students Inside Albany Due (Irene McInnis’ Grandson, Jacki Moriarty’s Grandson) Cindy Bell put forward a candidate for Students Inside Albany and Jacki will double check to see if there is an open slot.  
 3/? General Meeting – New York State Constitution  
 3/18 Naturalization Ceremony – 10:30 am  
 April –  
 May – May Day Party  
 Annual Meeting  
 5/22 Students Inside Albany  
 5/25 Students Inside Albany  
 June – 6/16 National Convention, Washington, DC  
 6/18 National Convention, Washington, DC

Adjourn by 3:45 PM

Approved by the board on January 22, 2016

*Seyal Smalls*

Secretary

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