

Minutes of LWVMHR Board Meeting 6/5/12

The meeting was called to order at 7:20. Present were Cindy Bell, Jolanda Jansen, Irene McInnis, Anne Needham, Lee Ridgway, Margaret Sellers, Dare Thompson, Laura Walls, and Dorothy Winrow. Betty Chin, Cindy Lanzetta, Jim Mahoney, Jean McGarry, and Esther Stickley sent regrets.

Dare Thompson reported that she had interviewed Senator Larkin. Lee Ridgway and Cindy Bell volunteered to interview Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Dare to interview Assemblyman Skartados, and no one as yet is planning to interview Senator Bonacic.

The planning meeting for the board will be held from 4-8 on July 18th, at Jean McGarry's, in lieu of a July board meeting. The next board meeting will be held 8/7/12 at 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's.

Irene McInnis and Lee Ridgway were appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Some discussion of future topics resulted in the suggestion of Prisons. There was also the possibility of Bob Putnam to speak on "civil engagement" which Dare Thompson will explore. Laura Walls will look into Mohonk Consultations and whether we can work with them.

Minutes of the May board meeting were approved, Lee Ridgway so moving and Margaret Sellers seconding. Minutes of the annual meeting were approved, Cindy Bell moving, Anne Needham seconding. The Treasurer's report was received. We have total assets of \$22,640.07.

A question was raised as to shared services between Dutchess and Ulster Counties for waste management. (UCCRA sends its waste to central/western NY because the tipping fee is too high in Dutchess!) There seem to be many issues up in the air, and we need to bring them to public attention.

What should we be doing about charter revision proposals? Kevin Roberts' committee is looking at them and planning to make recommendations. It was noted that in most counties the County Attorney reports to the Legislature rather than the County Executive as in Ulster County. Is that a practice that should be changed?

There will be a debate between Julian Schreiber and Joel Tyner for the Democratic nomination for Congress on 6/18 at 1 PM at Woodland Pond. A 9 AM meeting at the Plaza Diner on 6/18 is set to give Laura Walls a chance to consult with Voter Service.

No news from the Observer Corps. Voter Service reported that we will not distribute Part I of Facts for Voters, but we will distribute 5000 copies of Part II.

8/19 at 6 pm Laura Walls will present a program on voting to the NAACP in Ellenville. It is noted we need maps of new voting districts.

9/29 Jodi McTeague will do a segment of her program on our "Tea and Trash" event at Wiltwyck on 10/14. Jim McGarry is suggested as a good speaker to appear on her show.

Adjourned 9:15.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Ridgway Sec'y pro tem.