

LWV-MHR Board Meeting Minutes

Home of Margaret Sellers, 80 Ringtop Rd, Kingston

June 3, 2014

7:15 **Call to Order**

Present...Jolanda Jansen and Dare Thompson (co-presidents), Soyol Smalls (secretary), Dorothy Winrow (treasurer), Esther Stickley, Margaret Sellers, and Lee Ridgway

Absent...Cindy Lanzetta, Anne Needham, and Shirley Kobran

Minutes of May 6th board meeting were approved – Jolanda moved, Esther seconded.

Planning meeting:

Wed July 2nd (4pm – 8pm at Margaret's 80 Ringtop Road, Kingston 12401)

7:30 **Treasurer's Report**

Dorothy distributed copies of receipts & disbursements for the period of 05/01 thru 05/31 showing overall Accounts Balance on 05/31/2014 of \$24,638.75 and Total Assets on 05/01.14 of \$24,408.75. Of the total Asset amount, \$1,200.00 is held in the Elizabeth Askue Fellowship Fund.

This Fund can be used to subsidize new memberships

She also distributed a copy of the final figures for our last fiscal year (June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014) and pointed out that we had a modest surplus and our assets are almost exactly what they were at this time last year.

7:40 **Nominating Committee:**

Soyol and Cindy have been appointed to the nominating committee by the board.

7:45 **Vote on LWNYS budget**

Dare is giving the board members a week to look at the budget and inform her of any problems before sending it to NYS on June 11th, 2014.

7:55 **MEMBERSHIP**

Shirley is in charge of distributing LWV mugs. Dorothy distributed revised brochures. Mug will be offered to Maureen Hatch for revising the brochure. Lee will send Maureen a thank you note. Board expressed gratitude for Maureen's contributions.

8:00 **PROGRAM PLANNING:**

Women's Equality Day - August 26 (1920 date 19th amendment certified)

Constitution Day - September 17 (1787 date it was signed) maybe tie in voter registration

National Voter Registration Day – September 23

Bill of Rights Day - December 15 (B of R went into effect 12/15/1791)

Other topics: REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT on Nov ballot Jean McGarry asked to have a program, which we agreed we should do in late October.

Rail Trail- Jolanda is interested in presenting info to League members...maybe held at the Ashokan Center (mid-summer? Late afternoon?) Dare will talk with Chases about this. Jolanda will talk to the Ashokan Center.

Fracking LWVNYS hired a well-respected expert on oil and gas who studied NY and says it may not be economically viable. Dare will send out more information on this.

We will discuss above further at planning meeting on July 2 and will create an email for Jim McGarry to send out before he goes away July 11 – 25.

8:45 Connecting with legislators:

Jean M no longer trying to contact Cahill. (Since board meeting, Cahill HAS agreed to do this and she'll be going with Lee R and possibly Jacki Moriarty.

Dare will meet with Sen.Larkin (along with a Rockland Co. member if possible) and also with Skartados (along with a Dutchess member).

Dutchess members will probably do Barrett and Gipson.

Esther will organize a meeting with Sen.Tkaczyk and will include a Saugerties LWV member. Need someone to meet with Bonacic.

Dare will send a link to the Legislative Packet on the LWVNYS site for all those making visits.

8:50 Committee Reports

Dutchess Shared Services (Jansen, Smalls) Larger League has been asked to moderate a forum on the City of Poughkeepsie/Dutchess County bus merger.

Materials Mgmt- Jolanda reported that the Committee will visit recycling center in Beacon. LWV member Sarah Womer of Beacon will be the tour guide.

9:00 Publicity/Visibility

COMMENTATOR deadline July 25

Jim has been training Soyal to update the website calendar

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02pm