

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

BOARD Meeting AGENDA
March 10, 2016, 4 PM
Home of Jacki Moriarty
167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443

Call to Order 4:15pm

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Anne Needham (Vice President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyol Smalls (Secretary), Jean McGarry (Voter Service), Jacki Moriarty, Margaret Sellers, Tom Kadgen (member), Cindy Bell, Doug Thompson, Esther Stickley, Kristen Faughnen (member), Lee Ridgeway, Irene McInnis, and Tara Fitzpatrick (New Member)

Absent: Daisy Tyler

Preliminary discussion about the Dutchess County Jail and Transition Center – keep members posted through email and commentator. Continue Conversation with Tom K.

Next board meeting: Thursday April 14, 2016 at 4PM in the home of Jackie Moriarty

Guardians of the Charter – Tom Kadgen

At the request of Ken Ronk, the Efficiency and Review Committee was created to review laws that have not been enforced or that are no longer needed. Presently the anti-Styrofoam law is being scrutinized. Will there be proposals that will attempt to compromise the charter? Laws and Rules met but did not have a quorum to conduct formal business. Mike Hein requested a meeting with league members and appreciated the league's role as watchdog of the charter.

Treasurer's Report – Dorothy Winrow

Request made for approval by the board to accept the proposed budget for publication in the Commentator.

Discussion of proposed budget.

Motion to publish the budget as is in the March commentator (Jean McGarry, Jolanda Jansen)

Letter from member given to President for future reading.

Overall Accounts Balance	March 1, 2016	\$20,385.89
Total Assets	March 1, 2016	\$20,370.89
Total Assets	March 1, 2015	\$23,927.19

Commentator – deadline March 25, 2016

Voter Services – Jean McGarry

Change in Moderator Guidelines

Motion made to add to the amendment...“The league retains the sole property rights for all recording of debates/forums. The recording and/or distribution of these events requires prior league consent.”

Motion passed.

The addition of this amendment will make us in total compliance with LWVNYS recommendations for moderating guidelines.

Presidential Primary – Jean McGarry – for April 19 Presidential Primary

We have received a contract from the LWVUS. They will be responsible for providing all calling lists. There will be no cost to our league. Training by LWVUS project specialist, Cynthia Sebian-Lander, will be on March 14, 1pm- 6pm at Jean McGarry's home. The LWV Saugerties, AAUW and some college students have been asked to help with this project.

March 14 Training (board approves paying for pizza during training).

Sign up...who's attending (Dare and Doug Thompson, Jacki Moriarty, Mark Moriarty, Soyal Smalls, Kristen Faughnen, Jean and Jim McGarry, and Anne Needham)

Congressional Primary – Jean McGarry – for June 28 Congressional Primary

The LWV Oneonta and the LWV Cooperstown contacted our league to ask if we would participate in a conference call on Wednesday March 16 at 8 pm to discuss the upcoming congressional debates in the 19th district. Five leagues operate in this sprawling district. Jean McGarry and Anne Needham agreed to participate in this call.

Program on New York State Constitutional Convention Referendum

At the LWVNY workshops on March 5th 2016, Jerry Benjamin presented a program on the timeline and pros and cons of having a Constitutional Convention. Jean McGarry asked him about the possibility of speaking to our league, along with Paul O'Neill who said he would speak on the historical significance of the Constitution in Kingston. Jerry agreed. The board agreed to host this program and possible dates will be explored.

Margaret Sellers presented a flyer for a program on the NYS Constitutional Convention on March 25, 2016 1:30pm – 4pm. Program...”why was the LWV against having a Constitutional Convention”? The process of selection of delegates was an issue for the LWV in the past.

Voter Registrations – March 8th and 15th, SUNY Ulster.

LWVNYS Voter Guides- We are only getting Part II

National Voter Registration Day is September 27 (we are registered).

Vote 411 Training – There will be a Vote411 training session at Jolanda's house at 4pm on March 23rd. Jacki Moriarty, Anne Needham, and Lee Ridgeway will attend.

Materials Management – Anne Needham/ Kristen Faughnen

The brochure is completed and copies were handed out. It was suggested that an electronic copy be made available on the LWVMHR website and/or Facebook page.

Ulster County Legislature Chairman Ken Ronk reports that he is being pressured to repeal the county's Styrofoam ban.

Dare is looking into the current status of the Paint Stewardship legislation that passed the Senate last year.

Trash Fest - Margot Becker reported to the Materials Management Committee that she received a small grant from Arts Mid-Hudson to create this event. (The LWV-MH was the sponsor for her application). It will take place in Marbletown during the month of June, and will include multiple events and artworks.

Publicity – Next two radio shows

March 21 – Sarah Womer

April 18 – Soyal & Kristen Discuss Phone Bank and Presidential Primary

Calendar

March – 3/10	4-6pm	Board Meeting
3/14	1-6pm	Phone Bank Pilot Training Jean McGarry's Home 180 S Road, Ruby – get directions from Jean (Google does not work)
3/15	1:45-3:15pm	Book Club Enzo's
3/23	4pm	Vote 411 Training – Jolanda Jansen's Home 72 Colburn Drive, Poughkeepsie
3/25	1:30-4pm	NY State Constitutional Convention and Discussion (Albany Law School)
April – 4/5	5:30 pm	Materials Management Committee Meeting – Tracy Bartels speaker on Styrofoam ban in Ulster County – Main Course, New Paltz
4/10	3 – 6 pm	Presidential Primary Phone Bank – home of Jean McGarry
4/13	5:30 – 8:30 p	Presidential Primary Phone Bank – TBA
4/14	4 pm	Board Meeting, home of Jacki Moriarty
4/17	3 – 6 pm	Presidential Primary Phone Bank - TBA
4/19	1:45-3:15pm	Book Club at Enzo's
4/19		Presidential Primary
4/20	6:30 pm	New York State Constitution at Deyo Hall (New Paltz)
May – 5/10	5:30 pm	Materials Management Committee Meeting, Main Course, New Paltz
5/12	4pm	Board Meeting, home of Jacki Moriarty
5/18	5:30 pm	Annual Meeting at Deyo Hall (New Paltz)
5/22-5/25		Students Inside Albany
June – 6/16-6/18		National Convention, Washington, DC
6/28		Congressional Primaries

Adjourn by 6:04 PM

Approved by the board on March 24, 2016

Soyal Smalls

Secretary

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