

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 1, 2012

Present: Dare Thompson, Irene McInnis, Dorothy Winrow, Cindy Bell, Cindy Lanzetta, Jim Mahoney, Lee Ridgway, Esther Stickley, Shirley Kobran (non Board)

Absent: Betty Chin, Anne Needham, Jean McGarry, Margaret Sellers

Call to Order: 7:29

Announcements

Resource Development Meeting Thursday, May 3, 10 a.m. at Dorothy's
BOCES Tour May 11-- Arrival time 8:45 a.m.

Annual Meeting May 24, 6 p.m. Port Ewen Library (come early)

Next Board meeting June 5, 7:00 p.m. at Shirley's

Dare will attend the National Convention & bring back "Impact on Issues" for review
Board's *Planning Meeting* possible dates: July 16, 18 or 19

August MLD training TBA

The Minutes of the April Board meeting were approved and posted on our website.

Cindy Bell gave a report on the "Little Blue Book" which is a reference for Nominating Committee duties. It was put together in order for the committee to use for past reference, as well as current nominations, and to consciously mold the future of the League considering the issues, processes, and leadership that are important to accomplish the League's mission. It uses recommendations put forth by the LWVNYS in the "Little Green Book" written by Marcia Merrins.

The book is organized in a way that anyone can understand and, more importantly, will remind the Nominating Committee of its importance in shaping the Board to honor its needs for today and tomorrow.

Plans for Annual Meeting

Brief Reports on committee activities will be prepared for the Annual Meeting Program as follows:

Programs (Irene), Solid Waste (Cindy L.), Voter Service (Cindy B.)

Shared Services & Observer Corps (Margaret), Commentator (Jim Mc)

Membership Leadership Development *MLD* (Esther & Dorothy) Budget (Margaret)

These reports should be e-mailed to Lee Ridgway a.s.a.p.

Nominations and Elections

Lee Cane (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) & Irene McInnis (Vice President) will handle the elections. Lee will explain the process and will read the positions of officers and directors nominated by the Nominating Committee. There will be elections for two officers (President and Secretary) and for seven directors.

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| <u>Treasurer's Report</u> | Checking/Savings | \$ 4,161.63 |
| | 3-Month CD | \$16,434.91 |
| | Ed Fund | \$ 891.83 |
| | Total Assets | \$ 21,488.37 |

The most recent Commentator due date was April 28. Since the McGarry's are away, there was no new report.

Charter Revisions The League needs to decide on what to support or oppose, and it was agreed that this can wait until after a public discussion in June . There appear to be few revisions that the LWV is likely to be strongly for or against. Dare Thompson, Renee Sachs, Tom Kadgen, Vic Melville and Margaret Sellers are already involved in the process, and they had a productive meeting at SUNY New Paltz with the Chair of the Commission that created the Charter, Gerald Benjamin.

Some questions we are likely to consider include: (1) Should a simple majority vote be satisfactory for the Legislature to confirm or reject Executive appointments? (2) How long should interim appointments last? (3) How long should an Acting County Executive be allowed to serve before an election is held? and (4) Should the Executive be permitted to introduce legislation directly?

Other On-Going Work

Cindy Lanzetta reported on the most recent contact with Solid Waste Management entities. It appears there are three options for Ulster County: (1) continue "as is" with taxpayers paying service fees, (2) dissolve their operations (which would be done totally per legislation), or (3) create a flow-control ordinance. There are pros & cons for each option. Cindy, Dare & Shirley met with Timothy Rose, the Executive Director at UCCRA, and he is in favor of the flow control option. Dare would like to see **shared services** on this between Ulster and Dutchess . UCCRA could then possibly use their existing building as a composting center. Dutchess Co. Exec Marc Molinaro has said that "shared services" isn't being welcomed in Dutchess. He, on the other hand, is in favor of a regional approach to solid waste management.

Observer Corps – nothing new to report

Voter Service – Cindy Bell said there was little to report other than the good news that the Primary process has been streamlined and the cost savings are great. Moderators should remember to emphasize that the LWV fee for moderating is \$75 which should be paid at the time of the event.

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The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 5, 7:15 p.m. at Shirley Kobran's