

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

BOARD Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2016, 5 PM
Home of Jacki Moriarty
167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Anne Needham (Vice President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyal Smalls (secretary - late arrival), Doug Thompson, Daisy Tyler, Jacki Moriarty, Cindy Bell, Margaret Sellers, Kristen Faughnen (member- materials management), Lee Ridgeway (member), and Tom Kadgen (member-Guardians of the Charter)

Absent: Jean McGarry, Irene McInnes, Esther Stickley

Early Departure: Daisy Tyler (is willing to help with Potluck, Timely Signs request letter, and other areas in which need help).

5:00 Call to Order

Next board meeting: June 9, 2016 at 4PM in the home of Jackie Moriarty

Guardians of the Charter – Tom Kadgen Report

“From what I've been told any charter change referendum would have to be submitted for approval to the full legislature by the end of July or early August. Complicating matters is that there will definitely be a referendum about moving Family Court from Kingston to The Town of Ulster (the county owned building adjacent to DSS) which would be far less costly than constructing a new one in Kingston. Not sure how any Charter change referendum would effect or be effected by the one for Family Court”. – Tom Kadgen (email)

“These are some of the pro Charter before and after topics that come to mind for letters to the Editor...

General Operations

Financial status: Bond rating, debt service, revenue vs spending trends, etc.

Capital projects

Highways, infrastructure, etc

Consolidation, contracting, and outsourcing of services

Comptroller

Personnel and benefits costs

Picking up local costs of Safety Net and Elections

Board of Health

Count Attorney's office

other county elected offices

More than one letter can be submitted on any subject, however, all letters are to be submitted to the Board for review and feedback. I'm sure that the Executive, Legislature leadership, and Comptroller will be glad to meet with any of us". – Tom Kadgen (email)

Treasurer's Report – Dorothy Winrow

June 16 - June 18 National Convention...There is \$500-\$1000 in the budget to support a member to go. Jolanda and Anne are no longer going. Members attending the convention, Soyal and Doug, shall send invoices to the treasurer before June 1.

Motion made for Doug Thompson and Soyal Smalls to be the LWVMHR delegates at the National Convention. Soyal is in charge of registration talk to Jacki. Soyal will research what the current issues are and bring them back to the board for deciding how the League is going to vote.

Fundraising- Jacki Moriarty

Dare, Doug, Dorothy, Cindy, Lee and Jacki will ask companies who have been advertising for us in the commentator if they will advertise for another year like Enzo's, Dominic's, Jansen Engineering, etc.

Anne and Daisy ask Timely Signs. Soyal or Kristen will find last year's merchant advertising request letter.

"Dining for a Cause" and 50/50 raffle at 99 Restaurant. Jacki will research this fundraising option.

Commentator – deadline July 8, 2016

***Sent the reports out by email and mail for those who do not attend the annual meeting. Cindy Bell and Lee Ridgeway will send reports by mail and stamps will be paid through budget.**

Submit events to Kristen Faughnan by May 23

Phone Bank Report – Jacki Moriarty

No report back from National about whether the phone calls have made a difference.

Annual Meeting– Lee Ridgeway (5/18) Update

- Last-minute assignments

- o Mark up of the proposed agenda...do we need a parliamentarian? Lee Cane has been in the past so the board requests that she will be the parliamentarian again at the annual meeting.
- o Dorothy will bring the treasurer's report as a separate handout and Report on the Budget Committee.
- o Talk about dues after the local program adoption.
- o Local Program Adoption: continuing studies
 - Materials Management (Kathy OConnor)
 - Guardians of the Ulster County Charter (Cindy Bell)
 - from the floor – Dutchess County Jail Study (Soyal Smalls)
- o Questions and discussion of reports on last year.

LWVNYS Budget Approval (6/24 – Direct Dare as our proxy)
 Board authorizes Doug to tell Dare to approve the LWVNYS Budget.

Legislative Visits

- Senator William Larkin (District 39)
 - Dare Thompson, ____
- Senator Sue Serino (District 41)
 - Jolanda Jansen, ____ Soyal Smalls
- Senator James Seward (District 51)
 - Dare Thompson?, Arlene Gould
- Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (District 101)
 - Dare Thompson, ____
- Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (District 103)
 - Cindy Bell, ____ Ethan Hunt
- Assemblyman Frank Skartados (District 104)
 - Dare Thompson, ____
- Assemblymember Didi Barrett (District 106)
 - Jolanda Jansen, ____ Soyal Smalls
- Senator Terrence Murphy (District 40)
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- Senator John Bonacic (District 42)
 - Soyal Smalls, ____
- Senator George Amedore (District 46)
 - Anne Needham, ____ Shirley Kobran
- Assemblymember Kieran Lalor (District 105)
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La Guelaguetza Festival – August 7, Poughkeepsie (Submit registration 5/13)

Representative to Attend League National Convention – Soyal Smalls

Publicity – Next two radio shows

May 16 – Margot Becker
June 20 – Jolanda Jansen

Facebook Page – Kristen Faughnan

There is a League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region web presence. There is a FB page and events.

Materials Management (MM) Committee is supporting the Styrofoam ban, and has created its own page. Does the board agree to link the League page with the Styrofoam ban fb page.

Motion from the Board to oppose the removal of the Styrofoam ban, and a letter will be written to the legislature about the League's current position.

The Board supports the MM activities in highlighting the law and preventing it from being rescinded.

Calendar

May 5/18 Annual Meeting
5/24 Book Discussion
5/22-5/25 Students Inside Albany

June 6/4 Trash Fest (Marbletown)
6/10 Naturalization Ceremony
6/16-6/18 National Convention, Washington, DC
6/24 LWVNY Council Meeting
6/28 Congressional Primaries

Adjourn by 7 PM

Minutes approved on June 25, 2016

Soyal Smalls

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Secretary

League of Women Voters Mid-Hudson Region