

LWV Mid-Hudson Region  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**November 7, 2012**

The meeting was held by teleconference due to inclement weather.

Participating: Dare Thompson (President), Irene McInnis (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Cindy Bell, Lee Ridgway, Anne Needham, Esther Stickley, Margaret Sellers.

Not available: Cindy Lanzetta, Betty Chin, Jim Mahoney, Jolanda Jansen

Call to order: 7:15

**Next board meeting: December 4, 2012 at 7:00 at Enzo's Restaurant, Boice's Lane, Lake Katrine**

The minutes for the October meeting were accepted.

**The Commentator deadline is November 30 and it will be distributed by the following Friday.**

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking/Savings	\$8939.67
3 Month CD	\$16,457.17
Ed Fund	\$557.08
Total Assets	\$25,953.92

Dorothy gave a membership update. There are 13 unpaid members who will be dropped by December 31 if still not paid.

The annual membership appeal will be held in February.

**LWVNYS**

There was a request from LWVNYS asking if our league would concur that NY should join other states that touch on the Great Lakes to advocate on behalf of that Ecosystem. Dare asked that board members read over the material that was e-mailed and she will follow up by polling the board or the entire membership.

Our recommendations for the LWVNYS advocacy agenda are: environmental safeguards and awareness, good government/campaign finance, mental health availability, and gender equality

**Program (education and advocacy)**

The Charter Revisions were passed on the November ballot. Thanks to league members Jim McGarry, Tom Kadgen, and Cynthia Lowe for serving on the Charter Revision Committee.

Observer Corps is in need of more volunteers to adequately cover all committees.

Cindy Bell reported that 5,000 voter guides were distributed.

There was a great push for voter registration this fall. See the November Commentator for details.

There was discussion whether the league should host something for newly elected officials. This was referred to Resource Development for further study.

Dare asked permission from the board to write a Letter to the Editor in the Poughkeepsie Journal commending them on their comprehensive coverage of the elections and informative interviews of the candidates. Permission granted.

Flow Control in Ulster County or Campaign Finance in New York State? A tentative date of November 28 was in the works to discuss campaign finance, joining with the Saugerties League and having LWVNYS Lobbyist Barbara Bartoletti as key speaker. The board thought that flow control might be a more pressing issue for area residents at this time and Campaign Finance should be held at a later date. Dare will contact Saugerties to see if they are interested in doing a joint program on flow control in November.

The post holiday party will be Saturday, January 5 at the Unitarian Church.

The calendar still needs to be finalized for the winter and spring months. Think mission, members, money, leaders, and visibility. Possible topics: education, energy, health care, hydrofracking, agriculture/ genetically modified food..

A student representative for Students Inside Albany needs to be selected by early February. Since all students thus far have been from Ulster County, Dutchess members are urged to submit candidates to Dare.

### **Resource Development**

Dare thanked all those who helped in making our Tea and Trash event so successful. It was great fun and we realized a profit of over \$3,000. See Prez Sez in the November Commentator for more details. Anne and Dare are going to work on marketing a set of donated crystal glasses for additional income.

Adjourned: 9:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McGarry