

League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 Board Meeting
Home of Shirley Kobran

Call to Order

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Jolanda Jansen (Co-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyal Smalls (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Ann Needham, Lee Ridgway, Margaret Sellers, Esther Stickley.

Absent: Cindy Lanzetta

Review of Agenda – Next board meeting date December 4th at 6pm with pizza for dinner
3pm Resource Development Meeting (*board meeting has since moved to Dec. 16*)

Treasurer's Report (Winrow)

- Dorothy's computer was not working, she will print out a new copy of the Treasurer's Report, but she reported from her notes.
- \$ spent on voter guides. 1 membership *was supported by the Askue Fund*.

MEMBERSHIP (Kobran)

- New members: Karen Markisenis, Doreen Sangaline, Diana Zuckerman
- Newish members: Flora Jones, Ann Kanter, Kathleen Taylor, Daisy Tyler
- Orientation meeting/party for new members to be held in early 2015
- New member bios for Commentator to include these + Merr, Phillips, maybe R. Lois
- Calling list (Ridgway) discussion of who to call and who we should no longer reach out to.
- Who's eligible for Askue Fund help: 1) someone we really want (gift membership which needs board decision), 2) Student Inside Albany student, 3) person wants to join and indicates need.

Committee Reports

Materials Management (Lanzetta) – Sellers reported that County Legislature is planning to create Ulster County Solid Waste Management Improvement Committee. There will be a seat available for a member from the LWV on this committee. Dare asked for ideas for the radio show interview with UCRRA Executive Director, Tim Rose.

Shared Services (Thompson) – Nan *Fogel*, Suzie *Stoller* and Dare met this morning to discuss term limits. Afternoon Consensus meeting on January 11th in Dutchess County. January 25th is the alternate date.

LWVNYS Studies (Sellers) - Consensus meeting 6th of December, location TBD. Term Limits Study meeting Friday December 5th. Tuesday November 18th 3pm Ballot Access meeting at Margaret's.

Observer Corps (Sellers) – More committees need to be covered.

VOTER SERVICE - registration, Vote411, Voter Guides, moderating, poll reporting
Dare – yellow voting cards...how to let ppl know where to vote when they have moved.
Emily did pole reporting and earned money (thank her ☺),
Jolanda -Voter Guides in Dutchess still an issue (Nan is working on this), Vote411 half
the people who signed up voted (Merril set up Vote411) ?,

PROGRAMS – see separate calendar - how do we maximize these? Saturday Discussion on
Nov 15th Not happening. The two study groups on the 18th are happening. The discussion on the
book “Nickel and Dimed” on the 19th is happening.

Future programs?? Consensus meeting on Term Limits by late January, a *Student Inside
Albany selection event?*, another book (or follow-up Nickel And Dimed?), a Feb. “program
planning” in preparation for state convention and our annual meeting?, something about the
wealth gap and /or climate change?, membership party, annual mtg.

Resource Development – next committee mtg. Thurs, 2 pm, December 4, Shirley’s
Sponsors (we need total of \$1000 *total*. *We decided to keep things simple by asking for
\$100 from all – no higher levels*. Esther said *Petalos Floral Design* is a possible sponsor.
Jolanda asked if she could be a sponsor (we said yes!) Dare will *follow-up* about \$100 from
Merrill Lynch, Shirley will ask for \$100 from Adam’s, Ann will ask *Mac Fitness* for \$100.

Publicity/Visibility

COMMENTATOR deadline Mon., November 24? New member bios?

Radio show – this month Tim Rose

Other PR, including social media

Visible every month? *We got good coverage of the debate between Gerald Benjamin of
SUNY New Paltz’s CRREO and Dick Dadey of Citizens Union.*

Adjourn at 9:08