

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

BOARD Meeting
November 12, 2015, 4 PM
Home of Jacki Moriarty
167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443

Call to Order – Start time 4:20pm

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Anne Needham (Vice President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyal Smalls (Secretary), Cindy Bell, Jean McGarry, Irene McInnis, Jacki Moriarty, Doug Thompson, Daisy Tyler. Tom Kadgen (Guardians of the Charter Committee)

Absent: Margaret Sellers (excused), Esther Stickley (excused)

Next board meeting: December 10, 2015 at 4 PM in the home of Jackie Moriarty

Guardians of the Charter – Tom Kadgen Reported
Majority and Minority Leaders are to be determined

During the meeting “Guardians of the Charter” discussed some ideas. There is a desire to talk to the legislature, promoting the charter to the general public. May be able to approach this issue through letters to the editor.

Tom K. is interested in creating a mission statement to be approved by the board for the December 10th board meeting.

It was agreed that one of the main goals of the newly formed Charter Committee was to educate both the County Legislature and the public on the purpose, the process to create and the implementation of the charter.

Tom K. will ask Dr. Gerald Benjamin to write something (letter to the editor)

Jacki M. suggested that the league speak to each legislator individually.

Jacki M. suggested that we need to learn to listen so that we understand where individuals are coming from and how they view the issue.

Treasurer's Report –Dorothy Winrow Reported

9/01/15 to 9/30/2015

Starting Balance October 1, 2015

\$7,291.48

Ending Balance November 1, 2015

\$5,927.74

Overall Accounts Balance November 1, 2015

\$22,582.43

Total Assets November 1, 201

\$22,462.43

Bus Advertisement –biggest expense this year
KCR Donation

Commentator Deadline for December & January Issues – December 16, 2015

Raising the Age - Concurrence

Meeting November 21, 2015

- Anne N. is Moderating event
- Constant Contact and Facebook Announcement about event have been created.
- Print done by Anne N. (Freeman already announced it on Monday November 9, 2015)
- Irene M. and Anne N. will distribute posters/flyers
- Jacki M., Daisy T. and Irene M. will manage food.
- Two Confirmed Speakers:
 - *Cheryl DePaolo, Director of Ulster Prevention Council will present on Adolescent Brain Development and Willie Johnson, Senior Supervisor DSS Probation will present on Proposal to Raise the Age of Criminality in NYS.*
 - Other possible speakers:
 - *Odell Winfield, Founder and Chairperson of ENJAN (End Jim Crow Now) and*
 - *Jordan Scruggs, assistant pastor of St. James Church and Chairperson of Midtown Rising*
- Invite other Leagues... Jean M. and Cindy B. will call Saugerties League to see if they're interested.
- Irene M. and Doug T. are willing to put up posters (Ulster)

- Lee R. said she will do a script and send the calling list.

Vote 411 – Jolanda Jansen and Soyal Smalls Reported

Feedback received from board members. Advertisements (highest cost of spending this year) They were seen in Kingston. Responses from Candidates... Too many questions. Didn't understand the questions. Didn't receive the emails. Didn't know about Vote411.

League follow up... Try to understand what happened with Vote411 in Albany/National and then send a letter to Albany/National about the difficulty, embarrassment and the character damaging effects the Vote411 program had on the LWVMHR.

Moderating Political Debates – Jean McGarry Reported

Debates/Forum Experience... Jean McGarry has an article written for the December Commentator which is her reflection on the Ulster County Executive forum. Doug Thompson agreed to do a write up of the forum held in Monroe, Woodbury on October 27th, 2015.

For the moderating events which were recorded... where were they aired? Light House T.V. (Saugerties Public Access) was one place. Were there any other places which the events were aired? Discussion held which lead to suggestion to update moderating guidelines to address recorded or televised concerns.

Voter Service – Jean McGarry Reported

Voter Service Survey – asking Anne N. for publicity information. Jean M. has obtained information on the *Consensus on the Process of Amending the United States Constitution*. She will send out this information for those who wish to participate on the conference call Monday November 16, 2015 at 7pm

Date for **Ulster County Naturalization Ceremony** is **Friday December 4th, 2015**

Date for Naturalization Ceremony in Poughkeepsie?

Materials Management – Jolanda Jansen Reported

Chair, Kathy OConnor would like to attend an online course/conference for the morning forum on paint stewardship. The course cost is \$50.

A motion was made that LWVMHR pays for this course. (Jolanda J., Anne N.)

Passed unanimously

Grant from Arts Mid Hudson Dead Line for grant to support Trash Fest is November 17, 2015.

Request made by Margot R. Becker who is looking for a nonprofit partner.
Request made by Jolanda Jansen (who has another commitment) for Anne Needham and Dorothy Winrow to follow up on this project and to sign on behalf of the Mid-Hudson League.

Membership –Dorothy Winrow Reported

88 Total member, 6 honorary members, 47 individual, 16 household,

Publicity – **Next radio show November 16, 2015** 8:30 to 9 am

Topic will be “Raise the Age”

Soyal S. will be on the radio show and talk about the event as well as some focus points which came out of the proposed concurrence with LWV of Ohio’s Juvenile Justice Position.

Calendar

Nov. – 11/16 Conference Call on “The Consensus on the Process of Amending the United States Constitution”

11/17 Book Club Meeting

11/21 Information meeting on “Raising the Age for Criminal Responsibility”

Dec. – 12/3 League Day at the United Nations (Daisy Tyler, Soyal Smalls and Kristen will attend)

12/4 Ulster County Naturalization Ceremony

Approved by the Board of Directors on 11/18/2015

signature

Soyal Smalls, Secretary