

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION
BOARD Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016, 4:00 pm
Home of Margaret Sellers
80 Ringtop Rd. Kingston, NY 12401

4:20pm Call to Order

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Anne Needham (Vice President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyol Smalls (Secretary), Jean McGarry (Voter Services), Cindy Bell, Margaret Sellers, Lee Ridgway, Daisy Tyler, Ajamu Ayinde (member)

Absent: Kim McEvoy (excused), Doug Thompson (excused)

Next Board Meeting Tentatively December 8, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the home of Jacki Moriarty, 167 Apple Hill Road.

League Check in: Tuesday Election Results.

What can we do moving forward?

Is the Electoral College outdated? Has the National League studied this?

Read Book written by Ralph Nadar

Create more visibility for the League. Women have not been energized.

Work on appointment of delegates chosen for congressional/assembly districts.

District Lines being drawn in 2020 need to be challenged since there has been gerrymandering of districts.

How did New York State voted county by county? Which counties support more of the League's position?

Hold Albany more accountable: Watch Dog Committee with someone who writes letters.

What sources from the Right Wing should we read? Balance information about current issues.

New York State has outrageous voting regulations. New York State election process needs to be revamped.

Ulster County Family Court – The Judge said the proposition of moving family court was ok to be put on the ballot. The proposition was biased.

Treasurer’s Report -Dorothy Winrow

October 1, 2016 to November 1, 2016

Starting Balance October 1, 2016	\$5,847.67
Available Balance November 1, 2016	\$4,704.49
1 Uncleared transaction in October:	\$375
Overall Accounts Balance November 1, 2016	\$22,145.30
Total Assets November 1, 2016	\$21,770.30

Commentator – deadline November 25, 2016

Revision of the By Laws has been put in the Commentator for members to review. At the general membership meeting members can vote on the approval of the revision of the By Laws.

Submit events to Kristen Faughnan by November 25, 2016

Legislative Procedures Report (Fix Albany Now) - Margaret Sellers

Motion to approve the report on the Legislative Procedures Update Study Consensus and that it be sent to Albany (Jolanda, Cindy)

Motion Passed.

November 19, Thanksgiving brunch (Jean McGarry)

Located at Deising’s

Discuss future programs

Members bring a friend or someone who hasn’t been to a meeting

Jolanda will work on sending out advertisement for November 19, 2106

Report on recent activities Materials Management Committee – Ajamu Ayinde

Kathy O'Conner has been active with the Paint Stewardship Committee and communicating with Legislator Englebright of Suffolk County.

Documentaries are helpful to educate folks. "Just Eat It" and "Reuse because you can't recycle the Planet"

UCSWMIC (Kathy B, Jolanda) improve solid waste disposal in Ulster County. The Report being created by this commission is in its final stages.

Stock Pile of glass and aluminum; Now being put into landfills because the cost of these products is decreasing. Talk about temporary storage for glass and aluminum to prevent from entering landfill.

Publicity – Next two radio shows, 8:30 am at 82 John Street, Kingston WGHQ 920 AM

November 21 – Anne Needham and Jean McGarry

December 19 -

Students inside Albany (Cindy Bell)

Looking for someone to take over and be in touch with Albany and connect with students. The representative is in charge of helping students with their paper work and making sure the paperwork gets to Albany in time. December 15th is the deadline for number of students and March 1st is the deadline for the paperwork.

DCJTC (Soyal Smalls)

Soyal reported on her trip to Albany to participate in the Jails Justice New York Conference initiated by the New York State Prisoner Justice Network. They shared information, networked, strategized, and pledged to continue and strengthen their individual, mutually supportive, and collaborative work, and to bring greater attention to jails injustice publicly and within the broader anti-mass incarceration movement.

The activists who gathered in Albany are fighting in their far-flung rural and urban areas to close, downsize, and reform their local jails. They represented about 17 upstate counties and New York City (whose five counties constitute a single citywide jail system). Albany,

Broome, Columbia, Cortland, Dutchess, Madison, Ulster, Onondaga, Orange, Schenectady, Tioga, Tompkins, Rensselaer, and New York City were present; Erie, Lewis, Nassau, Suffolk and others were not able to attend but are in communication with the Network.

Some of the issues discussed included fighting jail expansion, eliminating bail, addressing substance abuse and mental health issues through community based rather than criminal justice based resources, building public visibility and alliances, and improving the public defense system.

Calendar

- November 13, 2 pm, League History Gathering, Ellie Charwat, 7
Creek Bend
Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, 845-462-7061,
echarwat@yahoo.com
- 17, League Day at the UN. Topics will include sexual
violence in
conflict areas and anti-terrorism
- 19, Thanksgiving Brunch, 10 am – 12 noon
Deising's, Programs for 2016-2017
- 21, 8:30 am, Radio Show
- 24, Thanksgiving, may you all enjoy family and friends.
- December 8, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Monthly Board meeting
- 19, 8:30 am, Radio Show
- 25, Christmas
- 24 (evening) – Jan 1, Chanukah
- 26 – Jan 1, Kwanzaa
- 31, New Year's Eve

Adjourn by 6:12 pm

Approved by the Board on November 21, 2015

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