

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 2, 2012

Present: Dare Thompson, Irene McInnis, Dorothy Winrow, Jean McGarry, Anne Needham, Jim Mahoney, Jolanda Jansen, Margaret Sellers, Esther Stickley, Shirley Kobran (non-board)

Absent: Cindy Bell, Cindy Lanzetta, Betty Chin, Lee Ridgway

Call to order: 7:26

Laura Walls has informed Dare that she will no longer be able to serve on the board.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 7 at Shirley Kobran's.

The minutes from the August board meeting were accepted. (Irene, Esther)

Commentator deadline: Friday, October 19

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$6477.35
3 Month CD	\$16,454.39
Ed Fund	\$841.83
Total Assets	\$23,751.80

Program (education and advocacy)

Observer Corps – Margaret reported that Vic Melville would be unable to observe at this time due to illness. For the Ulster County Legislature, Vic covers meetings of EET (Environmental, Energy and Technology) and Economic Development and Tourism. If anyone is willing to assume these duties, please contact Dare or Margaret. We wish Vic a speedy recovery.

Voter Service

Cindy Bell asked if anyone traveling to Albany in the next few days would be able to pick up the Voter Guides at LWVNYS office. (Dare has since arranged for a Quaker coming from Albany to Poughkeepsie on Sat. to bring them down.) Esther offered her home as the distribution center for the guides.

With the exception of Dorothy, board members reported they are having difficulty accessing Voter 411.org.

Jean reported that National Voter Registration Day was quite successful (see article in October Commentator). Additional registration hours will be held at Walmart on October 5, 6 and 7. On-going registration at the Kingston Area Library will continue through October 12 and any member can stop in to volunteer. All materials are at the main library desk.

The Ulster County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Congressional debate with the two candidates for Congress in Ulster County. (See Commentator calendar for details) Ward Todd will moderate.

Charter Revision – Jean made a motion that the board accepts the revisions of the Charter. (Irene seconded, Jolanda abstained) Passed. Cynthia Lowe will help create a neutral fact sheet that will summarize the changes to inform the public. We'll also advocate for passage on November 6.

Solid Waste- The next meeting will be October 9 at 5:30 at the Gateway Diner in Highland. Jolanda reported that the committee has become an integral part of the discussion of the Ulster Co. Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) debate, not only serving as an informational non-partisan entity but by submitting questions that must be addressed in order to find a solution(s) for dealing with this very complicated issue.

A memo was received from U.C. Legislator Rich Gerentine that a special meeting would be held on October 10 at 5:30 at the County Office Building to discuss the future of the UCRRA.

Resource Development

Tea and Trash- Donations and attendees are still needed. NSWMA (National Solid Wastes Management Association, NY chapter) is a \$500 sponsor; Waste Management gave a \$440 gift certificate. Jolanda asked that all donated gifts be photographed with an accompanying description of the donation and this should be e-mailed to Dare or Jolanda.

Barbara Bartoletti, LWV lobbyist, will be attending and offered herself to be auctioned off at the Tea and Trash event. The highest bidder will get to shadow Barbara for a day as she makes her way around the halls of the State Legislature.

Resource Development will have a telephone conference call on Wednesday, October 3 at 9am to discuss Tea and Trash.

Calendar

After Election Day, there will be a forum on campaign finance in New York State. It is hoped that the Saugerties League will join us and that Barbara Bartoletti will attend.

Adjourned: 9:15

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry