

League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region

Board Meeting Agenda

October 8th, 2015

home of Jackie Moriarty from 4pm-6pm

Call to Order – Start Time 4:02pm

Present: Jolanda Jansen, Anne Needham , Dorothy Winrow, Soyal Smalls, Cindy Bell, Shirley Kobran, Tom Kadgen, Jean McGarry, Jackie Moriarty, Margaret Sellers, Dough Thompson, Daisy Tyler

Absent: Irene McInnis (excused), Esther Stickley (excused)

Review of Agenda. What is missing?

Margaret Sellers concern:

Observer Corps (Sellers) - Amending the Charter so that the Executives appointees to the revision commission has to be approved by the legislature.

M.S. Email: "To All: What shall we do about this? The bill should read that the all the legislative appointees are to be approved by the Legislature, not that all appointments are to be approved by the Legislature".

.... Led to inviting Tom Kadgen to discuss creating a "Guardians of the Charter" committee.

Tom Kadgen, member of the League of Women Voters, shared his concerns about the Ulster County Charter. Many League members worked on both the new charter and the first revision. The Charter increased the power of the executive to prevent the cost overruns that had occurred with the construction of the jail and other large capital projects.

The current legislature is proposing amendments to the Charter. Tom feels it is important to analyze whether these proposals weaken the Charter and move Ulster County back in the direction of the former chaos.

A committee will be formed to write a letter that will be presented to both the Republican Caucus and the Democratic Caucus, as well as mailed to each Legislator.

The following people volunteered to be in this committee: Tom Kadgen, Jean McGarry and Cindy Bell. Jean McGarry will call the first meeting.

The following people will be asked to participate: Jim McGarry, Dare Thompson, Renee Sachs and Gerry Benjamin.

The following people asked to be invited to the meetings discussing this topic: Daisy Tyler, Jacky Moriarty, Margaret Sellers and Anne Needham.

Next board meeting will be November 12, 2015 at home of Jackie Moriarty

Treasurer's Report (Winrow)

Added full Assets report over the past 6 years for October and total assets for the beginning of the fiscal year over the past 5 years.

September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015

overall accounts balance \$23,838.63

Total assets 2015 \$23,728.94

Commentator

The deadline is October 26 (Monday).

Next week Thursday October 15, 2015

2pm Resource Development Meeting home of Jackie Moriarty

3pm Call Center home of Jackie Moriarty

Moderating Events.

- October 22, Kingston mayoral forum, Temple Emanuel, 7pm moderated by Jean McGarry
- October 26, Ulster County Executive forum, George Washington School, 7:15pm, moderated by Jolanda Jansen
- October 27, Town of New Paltz supervisor, Woodland Pond, 7:30, moderated by Laural Walls
- October 27, Town of Marlborough, 7pm, Town of Marlborough Library, moderated by Jean McGarry
- October 27, Town of Woodbury, 7pm, moderated by Dare Thompson

Concurrence Meetings

Pre-concurrence Meeting on "Raising the Age" November 21, 9:45 am Kingston Library.

Concurrence Meeting December 1, 6:40 place to be determined. Jackie Moriarty, Anne Needham, Margaret Sellers, and Jean McGarry.

Raising the Age concurrence has to be done by January.

Reports:

Voter Services (Jean McGarry)

Monday October 19th. Publicize Salad Supper, Vote411.org, and Voter Registration. 8:30am on Kingston Community Radio Station. Request follow up assistance.

We Registered 107 students and 25 of them registered for organ donation. Lessons learned. Impact was more than the numbers of the people who registered. Many people asked questions and asked for literature.

Janell Stiglic (Orange County) interested in working with the LWV during the next voter registration drive when signing up organ donors.

SUNY New Paltz Dare sent a letter to a member of NYPIRG suggesting she contact the LWV to participate in a blood drive next year.

Membership (Needham/Ridgeway/Kobran)

Planning for our Salad Supper

October 20th at 6 pm at the Esopus Public Library.

Dare Thompson has gotten Brian Obach to speak on his book, "Organic Struggle".

He will be able to get to the library at 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Introduction of committee chairs and what the Committees are about.

Publicity

Radio Show (Anne Needham)

Next Radio show is Monday October 19th. Publicize Salad Supper, Vote411.org, Voter Registration. 8:30am.

\$100 donation approved by the LWV Mid-Hudson Region Board to give \$100 toward Fund Drive advertised by Radio show.

Anne is considering putting a news release announcing that the LWV is collecting information from candidates on Vote411.org and that Vote411.org will be advertised on the Dutchess and Ulster Bus System.

Shared Services (Jansen) – "Second Annual Shared Services Summit Held" LWV still have not been invited to this event.

Email from Suzi Stoler "I think it's time for a letter from Ellie or Jolanda to the editor asking why known experts such as the local LWV were excluded (since he was aware of and agreed to including the league this time. Only public awareness makes him move in a more inclusive direction". There was no discussion of this issue since it first has to be addressed by the Shared Services Study group.

6:00 Adjourn

Approved by the Board of Directors on 10/28/2015



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Soyal Smalls, Secretary