

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION

Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2016, 4:00 pm  
Home of Margaret Sellers  
80 Ringtop Rd. Kingston, NY 12401

4:00 Call to Order

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

Absent: Kim McEvoy (excused), Doug Thompson (excused), Jacki Moriarty (excused), and Lee Ridgway (excused).

**Next Board meeting: November 10, 2016 at 4PM in the home of Jacki Moriarty**

**Charter Referendum - Tom Kadgen**

“We made a difference”! Deadline for any referendum to the Ulster County Charter has passed. Tom will attend Laws & Rules next year to keep us up to date on any movement.

**Ulster County Family Court Controversy – Jean McGarry**

The wording of “the moving of the Family Court” on the ballot (it is worded with a bias in support of the move)

**Voter Guides – Jean McGarry**

Recent Communication regarding debates and information regarding voter guides (Distribution needed in Dutchess County)

**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, Constitutional Convention Referendum 2017 at Columbia Law School -Jolanda Jansen**

Discussion of carpooling since so many league members attended the last Constitutional Convention Referendum.

**Constitutional Convention (All member meeting) - Jean McGarry**

Marian Bott (Works with NYS) to discuss possibilities and pitfalls of education with the constitutional convention instead of Barbara Bartoletti. It was suggested to move the Constitutional Convention discussion with Barbara Bartoletti to next year.

Discussion of whether we can line up another speaker for November.

**Treasurer’s Report -Dorothy Winrow**

October report handed out and the corrected September report handed out.

Starting Balance on September 1, 2016 \$5,537.45

Starting Balance on October 1, 2016	\$5,847.67
Starting Balance Education Fund September 1, 2016	\$1,614.98
Starting Balance Education Fund October 1, 2016	\$1,614.98
Total Account Balance October 1, 2016	\$23,045.85
Total Assets October 1, 2016	\$23,045.84

Compose a letter for members who have not sent their membership renewal checks. In January members who have not sent in their checks will be taken off the membership list. Folks can rejoin.

### **Commentator – deadline October 28, 2016**

Submit events to Kristen Faughnan by October 28, 2016

### **Legislative Procedures Update (Fix Albany Now) October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Deising’s - Margaret Sellers**

Margaret needs 15 members of the LWVMH to attend the meeting. Discussion of calling the member list to invite folks to go to the event.

### **Visit UN November 17, meet at 7:00 am in New Paltz Park & Ride -Jolanda Jansen**

Publicity – Next two radio shows

October 17 – Promote the “Fix Albany Now” October 18<sup>th</sup> event

Voting Rights & Restrictive Voting Laws in NYS

November 21-

### **Distribution of Election books to Libraries**

### **Voter Services – Jean McGarry**

Dutchess, Marist, and Ulster Voter Registration Drive : Total Registered 97

### **Calendar**

- October 18, Tuesday, Membership Meeting at 10am location Deising’s in 111 North Front St., Kingston
- 20, Thursday, “Constitutional Convention Referendum 2017 and Home Rule within the Empire State” at 6:00 pm location: Jerome Greene Hall, First Floor, Columbia Law School, 435 W. 116<sup>th</sup> St., NYC Registration is required.

November 5, Materials Management will have a table at SSIP (Rhinebeck HS)  
8, National Election  
9<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> ?? Dates not firm (Constitutional Convention with Barbara Bartoletti)  
17, League Day at the UN. Topics will include sexual violence in conflict areas and anti-terrorism

Adjourn 5:45 pm

Approved by the Board on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*Soyal Smalls*

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