

# League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region

## Board Meeting

September 2, 2014

(Home of Shirley Kobran)

**Call to Order** – Start Time 7:15pm

**Present:** Jolanda Jansen, Shirley Kobran, Anne Needham, Margaret Sellers, Soyal Smalls, Esther Stickley, Dare Thompson, Dorothy Winrow

**Absent:** Lee Ridgway, Cindy Lanzetta

**Minutes...** Discussion of last month's minutes...you can approve minutes even if a board member is not present for the minutes. It is the responsibility of the Board Members to be aware of what happens during the meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Dorothy Winrow)

- Treasurer submitted a report for the month of August. It showed an overall balance of \$25, 573.52
- Show bills and income.
- 5 individual Membership dues came in.
- Askue fund has not changed since May (no \$ in or out of the fund).

### **MEMBERSHIP** (Shirley Kobran)

- Membership Committee...concern about the call list going out
  - Lee sent out an email and not sure if members are getting the email of call list.
  - Email was sent and some members received the email. Shirley prefers hard copy (in mail).
  - For the callers who are not present to say they can or cannot call, they will be contacted by present board members to confirm ability to make phone calls.
- Discussion of who is bringing various food items for the Salad Supper.
- Let the guests know that they are invited to bring food, but more importantly bring a friend. ☺
- Discussion of how to get more publicity for Salad Super in the paper.
  - Anne offered to call (?) Padilino and invite him to the Salad Supper.
  - Anne will try to get a slot on the radio for next week to promote the Salad Supper talk on education.

- Shirley found a “gift of membership” letter which could be used for new members, other league paraphernalia was brought out and discussed usefulness.
- Shirley requested to be given a list of the committees and who is the chair of the committees
- Gift of membership to Laura Petit for her community service? From the Askue fund? Would this membership be used? Discussion. Anne is willing to write a letter about gift of membership.

## 7:45 PROGRAMS

9/5: Naturalization ceremony

9/9: Membership Meeting/Fall Kick-Off – salad supper, Esopus Library, speaker Marian Bott, LWVNY specialist on financing elementary and secondary education REMINDER CALLS, salad supper details

9/10: meeting at Margaret Sellers at 2:00pm to get 2 state studies going (ballot access, term limits)

- Legal knowledge from Jolanda’s expertise requested on topic.
- Two more meetings about term limits.
- 4 or 5 meetings on ballot access.

9/19: Shared Services in Dutchess

- Questions were created to ask at the county level.
- Answers have come back from the RISK committee person in the mail

9/23: National Voter Registration Day

- Get in touch with Jean. Voter Registration happening at SUNY Ulster and Kingston Library
- Stop & Shop very receptive to receiving voter guides.

10/22: 7pm SUNY New Paltz (SUB)

- Gerald Benjamin and Dick Dadey (executive of Citizens Union) program on REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT on Nov ballot.
- Jolanda is going to make a “save the date” event.

11/13: UN Day November 13 Topic is on Water (decade of water)

- deadline for sign up is Oct 24, registration is online (LWVNY.org) – who’s going? Bus stops at New Paltz.

Term Limits and Ballot Access studies – need to be finished in January  
February: local and state “program planning” meeting?

Other topics:

- Book group on a LWV-related topic? (*Roberts Court* by M. Coyle?)
- Other new ideas? Address wage gap and climate change?

**8:30 Committee Reports were discussed during the 7:45 time for Programs**

Materials Management (Lanzetta) – nothing major to report

VOTER SERVICE - Jansen completed the Vote411 and reported on the race candidates

**8:50 Resource Development – next committee mtg date, sponsors  
2:30pm Wednesday Sept 3, 2014 @ Shirley Kobran's.**

**9:00 Publicity/Visibility - Discussion was held during the Salad Super talk.**

COMMENTATOR deadline September 26 – Jolanda and Soyal will be in contact with Jim McGarry

Facebook has been in use for publicizing LWV activities through the help of Cindy L. and Soyal S.

Anne N. has been publicizing through the radio station.

End time 9:15