

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION
BOARD Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2017, 6:00 pm
Home of Jacki Moriarty (sp)
167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley, NY 12443

6:18pm Call to Order
Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Soyal Smalls (Secretary), Dorothy Winrow, Kathy Oconnor (sp), Jennifer Clark, Nora Scherer, Margaret Sellers, Jacki Moriarty

Absent: Doug Thompson (Treasurer), Cindy Bell (Vice President), Daisy Tyler, Jean McGarry

Motion was made (Jennifer, Kathy) to approve August 2017 minutes. The motion passed

Next Board meeting: October 24 at 6 PM in the home of Jacki Moriarty

Check in- recent voter registration
Marist – around 6 registered voters
SUNY Ulster – around 9 registered voters, 1 organ donor
SUNY Dutchess – 11 registered voters
Bard College – Election at Bard Club, Kathy passed on some voter registration material. She will also connect with the Women in Politics Club

Treasurer's Report – No report at this time

Constitutional Convention (ConCon) debate 9/10/17 – No report at this time

Program Committee Report – (Jacki, Jennifer, Nora)

November 18th, 10 am to 12 noon – 8 Political Parties

Discussion of different programs was held at their last committee meeting. Ideas for programs were State Studies, Death with Dignity, Charter Schools/Block Grants, and 8 political parties. The decision for the November 18th program was for 8 political parties
Connect with Candi Sterling to create a press release and put it on the league calendar

Submit events for online calendar to Kristen Faughnan by September 30, 2017

Action Committee Report – No report at this time

Natural Resources Advocates Report – (Kathy O.)

- Environmental Person from “Move Forward New York” and Ulster plan on attending the next meeting

- “Feed the Hungry” event on the Walkway over the Hudson
- Kathy wants to create a website lwnra.org (or the like) for this committee to have a concentrated place for information.

Vote 411 Report - (Jolanda)

Merrill has been setting up questions and tracking down Dutchess County Legislators, and Town Supervisors to respond to questions and complete their online Vote411 profiles.

There are a large number of women running for Ulster County Legislature. Depending on who wins, there could be a female majority in the legislature. The League should invite the women winners to an event to celebrate their victory.

Membership – people who join LWV online and pay less than MH dues. Chris Carson, (November 4th suffragette event in Albany), ask her about the National process of letting local leagues know a new member has joined so that we can properly follow up with these individuals. Jean McGarry

Community Action Festival – (Jennifer)

Record number of female candidates for Ulster County Legislature – discussion
 Many questions were asked what the League’s position on the Constitutional Convention. State is in Support of having a Constitutional Convention. Move Forward New York is against the ConCon, New York State United Teachers is against the ConCon.

Campaign Finance Reform – (Jennifer, Margaret)

Sub Committee of Laws and Rules will be meeting Karen Binder Library at 6:30pm
 October 5th 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY

Campaign Finance Reform Bill for the Ulster County Elections – Jennifer Clark, Margaret Sellers, Jacki and Jim Moriarty will continue following the actions of legislative and executive branches.

Calendar

September	26	Voter Registration Day SUNY Ulster, Dutchess Community College, Marist
	26	Monthly Board Meeting 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley, NY 12443
October	3	Book club meeting, 1:45 pm - 3:30 pm “Thank You for Being Late” Enzo's Ristorante & Pizza, 207 Boices Lane, Kingston
	3	Natural Resource Advocates Meeting, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Main Course Restaurant, New Paltz

- 5 Laws and Rules Committee Meeting, 6:30pm
Karen Binder Library, 6th Floor, Ulster County Office Building
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
- 24 Monthly Board Meeting 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley, NY 12443
- 26 Planning Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
167 Apple Hill Road, Hurley, NY 12443
- November 7 Natural Resource Advocates Meeting, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Main Course Restaurant, New Paltz
- 18 LWV Program, “8 Political Parties” representing their platforms
Deyo Hall, New Paltz
- December 3 2pm-4pm Holiday Party,
167 Apple Hill Rd, Hurley, NY 12443
Invite all the newly elected Ulster County Legislators

Adjourn by 7:30 pm

Board Approval of the minutes on October 30, 2017

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Secretary, LWVMHR