

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of the MID-HUDSON REGION
BOARD Planning Meeting Minutes
Home of Margaret Sellers and Vic Melville
80 Ringtop Road
June 25, 2016

10:19 Call to Order

Present: Jolanda Jansen (President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Soyal Smalls (Secretary), Jean McGarry (Voter Service), Margaret Sellers, Daisy Tyler, Doug Thompson, Lee Ridgway, Cindy Bell, Kim McEvoy, Vic Melville (member), Sheba Abraham (Guest)

Absent: Anne Needham (Vice President, excused) Jacki Moriarty (excused)

Review of Agenda

August 11, 2016 at 4pm Board Meeting (second Thursday) home of Jacki Moriarty's (Teacher's Union Office in Stone Ridge 4305 US Highway 209, back up meeting place)

September 8th, 2016 4pm Board Meeting at the home of Jacki Moriarty

Review/Approval of May 18, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Correction to the minutes: remove "new board member" next to Lee Cane and insert "new board member" next to Lee Ridgway

Correction to the minutes: Change language to motion to "allow the Board to" approve the minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes. Add to the minutes that "The motion passed"

Motion to accept the minutes (Cindy Bell, Margaret Sellers)

Motion passed

Review/Approval of May 12, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Correction of Esther's name from "Stickely" to "Stickley" in the role call.

Strike "Increase in Assets" from Treasurer's Report.

Add to Treasurer's Report "discussion of ways to increase fundraising"

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes (Margaret Sellers, Cindy Bell)

Motion passed

Discussion regarding day of the week and time of day that works for the newly elected board.

Motion to amend section 2A of the League of Women Voters of Mid-Hudson Region bylaws to also reflect the bylaws of National League with age limit of voting members from 18 years to 16 years of age (Jolanda Jansen, Margaret Sellers) .

Discussion

All in Favor

Motion Passed

Motion for each board members to get a pin which is financed by the budget.

(Jolanda, Daisey)

All in favor

Motion Passed

Motion for the LWVMHR to order 40 “E is for Election” books for the Local elementary school libraries out of the LWVMHR budget and for the secretary to speak to author to get best price.

(Jolanda Jansen, Daisy Thompson)

All in Favor

Motion Passed

11:50am Snack/Drink Break

12:00 Noon Resume Meeting

Rondout Valley Federation of Teachers and School Related Profession will be ordering a copy of “E is for Election” for every elementary school classroom in the Rondout Valley district, with signature of donation from LWVMHR.

Presentation from the President a brief history of the suffragist movement and the founding of the League of Women Voters. Each Suffragist movement organization changed their name to League of Women Voters after each state gave women the right to vote.

Review of Nonpartisan Policy – Discussion on Questions Below

“The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. However, the LWVUS/EF Board values the many skills and types of experience that individual board members bring to the League, including those learned in public life through elective or appointive office. In fact, involvement in the public and political life of this country is something that the League of Women Voters recommends for all citizens and other members of the public.”

- The President (and co-President) shall not engage in any political activity.
- A Board member shall not hold any partisan elective office (but may hold a local non-partisan elective office).

? What is a non-partisan elective office?

2 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstention

Motion failed

Vote411: (Anne Needham, Lee Ridgeway, Jacki Moriarty)

Merrill will take over Kristen's role and will reach out to Lee, Anne, and Jacki for whatever assistance she needs moving forward.

Fundraising: (Moriarty)

Table discussion of Dinner Fundraising until Jacki is present at Board Meeting.

12:49pm Lunch Break

1:35pm Topics for Events Similar to NYS Constitutional Convention Event in September or October

Who to contact to have presentation at the Senate House?

Paul O'Neil and Barbara Bartoletti as speakers

- 1) Follow up on NYS Constitutional Convention (Pros and Cons)
 - a. Ethics Reform (Pros and Cons)
 - b. Delegate Selection Process
 - c. Pension
 - d. Lobbying rules
- 2) History of Government in Kingston
- 3) Environment

Jean will reach out to Bartiletti about availability if she would be willing to talk about Ethics Reform (Pros and Cons)

Discussion on advertising and topics

President hand out "Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2016" to be reviewed and discussed by the LWVMHR Board. Daisy Tyler, Tom Kadgen, Lee Ridgeway, and Cindy Bell are interested in being involved in being on a team to review this law and come up with a recommendation of response as the League. Cindy Bell will be the leader of this group.

1:20 Review what we do:

1. Voter Service – Jean McGarry

Daisy will look up local Spanish Language Churches

Oct. Voter Service work
Nov. 11/8 Election Day
Dec.
Jan.
Feb.
March
April Students Inside Albany
May Annual Meeting
June State Convention, Albany

Personal COMMITMENTS for 2016 –17

Watch 10 minute video from National Convention which Dare Thompson, State President, sent to Margaret Sellers. League Impact Data and Messaging, speaker Salida Lake.

Motion to Adjourn meeting (Jolanda Jansen, Soyul Smalls)

All in Favor

Adjourned at 2:38 pm

Minutes approved by the Board on Aug 5th, 2016



Soyul Smalls
Secretary, LWVHR