

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of the Board Meeting
August 6, 2013

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Irene McInnis, Anne Needham, Lee Ridgway, Margaret Sellers

Absent: Jolanda Jansen (Vice-President), Cindy Lanzetta, Evelyn Ness, Soyal Smalls, Esther Stickley

Call to order: 7:25

The next board meeting will be 9/10, 7:15, at Shirley Kobran's.

The next Resource Development meeting will be 8/19, 1:30 at Margaret Sellers'.

The Commentator deadline is 8/ 23.

The minutes of the June planning meeting have been accepted and are posted.

Congratulations to President Dare Thompson on being asked to serve on the CRREO advisory board.

Treasurer's Report July	Checking/Savings	\$8915.17
	3 Month CD	\$16,478.97
	Ed Fund	\$309.48
	Total Assets	\$25,703.62

Treasurer's Report August	Checking/Savings	\$8789.48
	3 Month CD	\$16,481.77
	Ed Fund	\$334.48
	Total Assets	\$25,605.73

There are currently 76 paid members. Board members will continue to follow up with reminders for those members still not paid. It was agreed to continue with a 3-month CD account.

“ASK successes + What might you ASK of the rest of us?”

Dare polled the board to recognize accomplishments this past month. These are reflected in the various reports below. Both Dare and Jean asked the board to be more vigilant in responding to e-mails.

Connecting with Legislatures

Tkaczyk and Gipson (Senate), Skartados, Barrett, Cahill have been visited. Bonacic, Larkin, Seward, Ball (Senate), Lalor, Tenny still need to be interviewed.

Volunteers: Bonacic and Larkin (Dare), Seward (T. Kadgen)

Rep.Gibson will be revisited, at his request. Anne N. addressed some concerns on his environmental voting record.

Publicity/Visibility

New member bios are needed for the Commentator and more reports are needed from committee meetings. Shirley K. contacted most libraries and media that are still receiving the Commentator via snail mail. Some agreed to change to e-mail. A “ Help Wanted”

section will be added. Many volunteers are needed with upcoming Voter Service events: Vote 411, voter registration, and Naturalization ceremonies.

Jim McGarry and Dare will be guests on WGHQ on August 12 at 7:35 to talk about Vote 411 and other league topics of interest.

Program

Salad Supper, September 17, 6pm at The Town of Esopus Library. Board members signed up to bring food. A phone list will be distributed to call members. The speaker will be Pat Pomeroy of the HV Regional Council on the Sustainability Plan. Irene will ask Joe Pugliese of SIA if he would like to attend and speak. Anne is publicizing the event as she works to expand her contacts in the various media outlets.

Other future events in the works: National Voter Registration Day (9/24), Casino forum (10/1), Clearwater Sail (10/12), candidate and issues forum (TBA)

Committee Reports

LWVUS Agriculture Study- consensus questions are due in early fall. Dare will ask Josh Simons of CRREO to attend this meeting.

Voter Service- We will order 5,000 Voter Guides, Part 2 from LWVNY since there are six propositions on the ballot this fall. Jean will call the Saugerties league to ask if they want us to order guides for their league. An organizational meeting for distribution of the voter guides will take place on 9/20 at 2:00 at Shirley Kobran's. Jim McGarry reported that he is making progress setting up Vote 411. Jean reported that she has reserved Walmart for September 24 (NVR day) and October 5 for voter registration. We will again participate in the Naturalization ceremony in September (TBA).

Nominating- Lee Cane held a transitional meeting for the new nominating committee. Cindy Bell was elected the new chairperson.

Budget Study- Margaret Sellers, Dare Thompson, Lee Ridgway and Diane Jablowski have expressed interest in better understanding the budget process in both Ulster and Dutchess counties. First meeting, TBA.

Clearwater Fundraiser, Saturday, October 12, 3-6. An ad hoc committee to plan a pre-sail event is needed. Sarah Womer and Soyal have volunteered to help. It was agreed that this will be only a social event and there will be no speaker. Dare is getting additional information about Long Dock and the Sloop Club.

Finance- An appeal letter will be mailed in September. Names and addresses are needed.
Adjourned: 9:23

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry