

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of the Board Meeting
December 10, 2013

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Jolanda Jansen (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Cindy Lanzetta, Anne Needham, Margaret Sellers, Soyal Smalls

Absent: Irene McInnis, Evelyn Ness, Lee Ridgway, Esther Stickley

Call to order: 7:25

The next board meeting will be January 7 at 7:15 At Shirley Kobran's.

The Commentator deadline is December 16.

The next Resource Development meeting will be Monday, December 16, 9:30am at the home of Margaret Sellers'.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted and are posted. (November meeting was canceled.)

Treasurer's Report November:	Checking/Savings	\$9476.19
	3 Month CD	\$16,490.08
	Ed Fund	\$88.23
	Total Assets	\$26,054.50

Treasurer's Report December:	Checking/Savings	\$8757.72
	3 Month CD	\$16,492.79
	Ed Fund	\$338.23
	Total Assets	\$25,555.48

There are currently 88 members. The Askue Fund is \$1,125. There was discussion on how this fund should be reflected in the budget and how this fund should be used. It was agreed that the Askue Fund should be delineated as sub-categories in both the General Fund and Education Fund. A motion was made to refer to this fund as the Elizabeth Askue Fellowship Fund since this money will be used to broaden our membership and participation by supplementation of dues and fees for special events. (Jolanda, Shirley) Motion passed. The board will oversee these funds.

Connecting with Legislators

Visits have been made to the following: State Senators Tenney, Tkaczyk, Gipson, and in State Assembly, Skartados, Cahill and Barrett. Still to be visited Senators Bonacic, Larkin, Seward, Ball and in Assembly, Lalor. See the November Commentator for details of the conversation with Congressman Chris Gibson.

Publicity/Visibility

The League continues to be a guest on Gary Bischoff's WGHQ radio show on the third Monday of each month at 8:30 am. Last month League member Jean McGarry appeared with Superintendent

Paul Padalino to discuss the KHS capital project. It was suggested that this month be a follow-up on Golden Hill since its privatization. Dare will attempt to set this up. A suggestion for the January radio program was interviewing the new Ulster County Legislature Majority and Minority leaders.

Events

The post holiday party was discussed and will not be held in early January as in the past. Other alternatives were suggested and this will be taken up at the next Resource Development committee meeting.

Committee Reports

Voter Service- The December/January Commentator will have a final report on voter registrations and participation on National Voter Registration Day. At the November 8 Naturalization Ceremony, voter registration forms and information were again distributed to new citizens.

Rail Trail Study- Jolanda reported that this study is still in the works as she receives numerous e-mails of constituents forwarded to her by Manna Jo Greene.

Materials (Solid Waste) Management- Cindy L. reported that with the Dutchess County solid waste plan approved by the DEC and the Ulster County solid waste plan awaiting approval from the DEC, the committee is now focusing on the Product Stewardship Law. Details concerning this law can be read in the December/January Commentator.

The league has been asked to participate in Family Court Monitoring for Fund for Modern Courts. A description of what court monitoring involves was distributed. This is still in the organizational stages and no action was taken.

Adjourned: 9:30

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry