

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of the Board Meeting
February 4, 2013

Present: Dare Thompson (President) Jolanda Jansen (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Cindy Lanzetta, Irene McInnis, Anne Needham, Soyal Smalls
Absent: Lee Ridgway, Evelyn Ness, Margaret Sellers, Esther Stickley

Call to order: 7:24

The next board meeting will be March 4, 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's.

The next meeting of Resource Development will be February 6, 10:30 at Shirley Kobran's.

The Commentator deadline is February 21.

The minutes of the January 7 board meeting were accepted and are posted.

Students Inside Albany is May 18-21. Jean will try to get a student from the Kingston area; Dare will try to line up a student from the Poughkeepsie area.

Treasurer's Report	Checking/Savings	\$8987.73
	3 Month CD	\$16,498.39
	Ed Fund	\$438.23
	Total Assets	\$25,924.35

There are currently 55 single memberships, 16 household memberships and 3 honorary members for a total of 90 members.

There will be a membership education fund appeal.

Audit/Budget committee (Jolanda, Lee R., Margaret, Dare) will meet February 13, 2:30 at Dorothy Winrow's.

Connecting with Legislators

Dare and Anne visited the office of Senator Seward and met with his administrative assistant, Damon Jeffries. Specific focus of the conversation was the Women's Equality Act.

Anne and Dare participated in Advocacy (Lobby) Day in Albany on February 3. Highlights of the event will appear in the March Commentator.

Publicity/Visibility

New member bios are still needed for the Commentator. Jolanda and Ellie Charwat will submit an article for the March Commentator on the Gibson/Maloney Pattern for Progress breakfast. Letters to the editor promoting league positions and programs are encouraged. Jolanda recently had a letter published in the Poughkeepsie Journal praising the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management website.

Programs and Events

The next meeting of the Agricultural study committee will be February 11, 1:30 at Shirley Kobran's.

There will be two public agricultural meetings before consensus in mid-April. A possible hot topic for discussion is on GMO's.

Term Limits talk, Saturday, February 15, 10:30, Quaker Meeting House, 249 Hooker Ave. Guest speaker will be Richard Born of Vassar College.

The program on ballot access featuring Ulster County Commissioners Turco and Work will be rescheduled, possibly coinciding with the Annual meeting on May 22.

Dare and Irene will check on the Community Center in New Paltz to host the Annual meeting on May 22 since scheduling with BOCES is problematic this year. Things to consider before the next meeting in preparation for the Annual meeting: budget, Local Program, by-laws (any need for changes). The Nominating Committee will present its slate at the March meeting.

Committee Reports

Materials (Solid Waste) Management- See February Commentator for recent report. **Next meeting February 11, 5:30 at the Gateway Diner in Highland.**

Voter Service - See article in February Commentator, " Presidential Commission on Election Administration."

Rail Trail Study- Jolanda met with the new president of the Rail Trail. She offered to create a forum to present their position and asked permission from the board to proceed. Approved unanimously.

Dutchess Shared Services - Concerning the distribution of grant money to promote shared services, committee members feel there should be a follow-up to see how this is progressing. **The next meeting will be February 7, 10:00 at Ellie Charwat's.**

Membership- Thanks to Shirley Kobran who has agreed to chair this as a sub-committee of Resource Development. Serving with her on the committee are Lee Ridgway and Kim McAvoy. **The next meeting will be February 19, 4:00 at Shirley's .**

Adjourned: 9:10

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry