

LWV Mid-Hudson Region  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**January 7, 2014**

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

Call to order: 7:26

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

**The Commentator deadline is January 24.**

**The next Resource Development meeting will be January 8, 2pm at Margaret Sellers'.**

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted and are posted.

Students Inside Albany is late this year, May 18 -21.

LWVNYS Advocacy (Lobby) Training Day is Monday, February 3 (changed from February 4) .  
Register on-line or call Dare if interested.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Checking/Savings	\$8872.02
	3 month CD	\$16,495.59
	Ed Fund	\$363.23
	Total Assets	\$25,730.84

There are 88 paid members (to be confirmed).

### **Connecting with Elected Officials**

Meetings still required: Bonacic, Larkin, Seward,Ball (Senate) and Lalor (Assembly)

It was suggested that members attend a Dutchess County Legislature meeting en masse.

### **Publicity/Visibility**

The Bischoff radio show will continue on air so the league will continue to be a guest every third Monday at 8:30am. The Ulster County Majority and Minority leaders will be asked to be guests with league members this month.

Soyal has volunteered to keep the on-line calendar updated. Jim McGarry will give her the information needed.

### **Programs and other Events**

January 14- The kick-off for the program on Agriculture, noon-2 at the Town of Esopus Library.

January 25- Meeting with Tom Turco and Vic Work, Ulster County Commissioners of Elections,  
**1:00pm- 2:30pm, Esopus Town Hall** to discuss ballot access issues.

April 27- Spring Fling, 2-4 at the home of Dare and Doug Thompson. Shirley volunteered to call members to ask them to attend and to bring an appetizer.

May 22 - Annual meeting luncheon at BOCES . Last year's meeting was well attended so we will again have the luncheon catered by the Main Street Bistro and will again plan for a speaker or hot topic for discussion.

Other (in the works)

Program on term limits, tentatively slated for February 15. Jolanda and Dare will work on this. Program on gerrymandering. More information is needed on the State position. Jean will look into this.

Program on food insecurity. A joint program of both Ulster and Dutchess Counties was recommended. This could possibly dovetail with the Agricultural Study. Mentioned as possible speakers were Seth McKee and Sue Grove. Dare, Margaret, Vic Melville and the Chases will meet January 14 to determine how to proceed.

### **Committee Reports**

Materials (Solid Waste)- next meeting is January 12, 5:30pm at the Gateway Diner. (See December/January Commentator for information on new committee focus.)

Rail Trail Study- According to Jolanda, a committee will not be formed until she is assured that opposing views are reasonable and rational.

Adjourned: 9:11

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McGarry