

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of the Board Meeting
March 4, 2014

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

Call to order: 7:25

Happy Birthday President Dare!

The next board meeting will be April 1, 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's.
The next meeting for Resource Development is March 6, 3:00 at Margaret Sellers'.
The Commentator deadline is March 21.
The Naturalization Ceremony is Friday, March 28, Ulster County Court House, 285 Wall St., Kingston.
The ceremony begins at noon but volunteers are asked to be there at 10:45 to hand out voter registration information. Contact Jean McGarry, 336-6622.
To date, we have had no response to our requests for a student to attend Students Inside Albany May 18-21.
The February 4 minutes of the board meeting were accepted and are posted.

Nominating Committee Update: 2014-2016

Co -presidents: Dare Thompson and Jolanda Jansen
Vice-President: Anne Needham (to complete Jolanda's Jansen's term)
Secretary: Irene McInnis
Director: Laura Petit
Nominating: Jean McGarry, Jim McGarry, Jacki Moriarty (note: This was finalized after the board meeting.)

Treasurer's Report	Checking/Savings	\$7884.97
	3 Month CD	\$16,500.92
	Ed Fund	\$438.23
	Total Assets	\$24,824.12

This is a good time to encourage lapsed members to pay their dues since the dues will not only count for the remainder of this fiscal year but will put one in good standing through May, 2015.

The Audit and Budget meeting has been rescheduled for March 11, 12:30 at Dorothy Winrow's. Those board members who have volunteered for this committee are: Dorothy, Esther, Margaret, Lee R. Jolanda, Anne

Connecting with Legislators

Dare reminded the board that we need to meet with everyone possible re the 2014 LWVNYS agenda items. It is suggested that we include the Saugerties league when meeting with Senator Tkaczyk.

Publicity/Visibility

Anne asked for suggestions for topics for our monthly guest appearance on the Gary Bischoff radio show (third Monday of every month at 8:30), on March 17. (Note: It was decided after the meeting that Jean McGarry and Irene McInnis will represent the league by speaking about the Naturalization Ceremony and our role in helping new citizens register to vote. Jean will also contact league member and Ulster County clerk, Nina Postupack who was instrumental in bringing back the Naturalization ceremony to Ulster County.)

Anne is making revisions to a LWVNYS campaign finance letter, making it more concise to appear in our local newspapers.

The board agreed to take an ad for \$30 in the Mid-Hudson Women's Chorus program booklet. Dorothy will follow up on this.

Programs and Events

Agricultural study committee plans:

March 13- hot topic discussion on GMO's, 5:00 at Enzo's, Boices Lane, Lake Katrine

March 25 or 27- speakers and forum, TBA

April 10- consensus, 7:00 TBA

The Turco and Work meeting re ballot access still needs to be re-scheduled.

The Spring Fling party in April or early May is still being finalized.

The Annual Meeting will be May 22, details TBA but the date is fixed.

Committee Reports

Membership- Chairperson Shirley Kobran held an organizational meeting on February 19 with committee members Kim McAvoy and Lee Ridgway. They have created a new application form and a temporary membership tri-fold. They are also exploring publications that would be suitable to hand out to prospective members. Dare will get multiple copies of free publications from LWVNYS (e.g. "Citizen Lobbyist" and "Welcome to the LWV").

(Note: Since the meeting, the Resource Development Committee decided to revise the old membership tri-fold without names that change (our board, Governor's name, etc.) and it will create a separate bookmark insert with the board members' contact information.)

Jim McGarry was recognized and thanked for providing updated membership lists.

Board members are asked to inventory their league stationery and bring it to Shirley at the next meeting.

It was suggested that we again participate in the Women's Health Fair in May. Shirley will look into this.

Materials (Solid Waste) Management- the committee continues to meet on a monthly basis at the Gateway Diner in Highland. (See Commentator for details.)

Voter Service- see Naturalization Ceremony announcement above.

Adjourned: 8:53

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry