

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of the Board Meeting
October 1, 2013

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Shirley Kobran, Irene McInnis, Anne Needham, Margaret Sellers, Soyal Smalls, Esther Stickley, Vic Melville (non-board)

Absent: Jolanda Jansen (Vice-President), Cindy Lanzetta, Evelyn Ness, Lee Ridgway

Call to order: 7:23

The next board meeting will be November 5 at 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's.

The December board meeting will be December 10.

The Commentator deadline is October 30.

The next Resource Development meeting will be October 3, 10:15- 12noon at the home of Anne Needham.

The minutes of the September board meeting have been accepted and are posted.

Treasurer's Report:	Checking/Savings	\$9190.29
	3 Month CD	\$16,487.28
	Ed Fund	\$159.48
	Total Assets	\$25,807.05

\$500 was used in the Ed. Fund to pay for the LWVNYS voter guides. There are two new members, Anita Morrison and Pat Pomeroy. Four member renewals are being sought.

Connecting with Legislators- Assemblyman Cahill is being rescheduled. Congressman Gibson is scheduled (see Commentator).

Publicity/Visibility

Anne will do a press release for the October 22 forum. Publicity for Vote 411 will be done prior to October 15. Publicity for the Salad Supper encouraged non-members to attend. Good work, Anne!

Program- October 22, 7pm, Ulster BOCES, Route 32, New Paltz - Confirmed that Jerry Benjamin will speak about the six state ballot issues. Other speakers, TBA.

Committee Reports

Voter Service- LWNNYS voter guides (5000), which cover the six state ballot issues continue to be distributed. They were especially well received during voter registration. Vote 411 has been very labor intensive. Responses from legislators are coming in slowly. There will be another Naturalization ceremony November 8. Volunteers are now going to be asked to meet at 10:45 to facilitate handing out voter registration information.

Materials (Solid Waste) Management- See Cindy Lanzetta's report in the October Commentator.

Observer Corps- Vic Melville and Margaret Sellers presented guidelines for Observer Corps from the LWVUS website (and written in 2011). At an Observer Corps committee meeting on September 25, a discussion was based on earlier guidelines, which are slightly different. It was felt that the updated responsibilities and procedures would create a more effective and worthwhile way of reporting. Anne made a motion to follow the guidelines and the board voted unanimously to accept them. The link for the updated guidelines can be found in the October Commentator.

Budget Study- Dare and Margaret met with J.J. Hansen, Ulster County budget director. The Ulster budget should be released on October 4. Margaret and Dare will meet with Diane Jablonski in Dutchess about that county's budget and ultimately see if there are any striking differences between the two counties' projected finances and if there are any areas that we should be addressing publicly.

Adjourned: 9:07

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry