

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

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

Call to order: 7:15

The board, as well as the entire membership, mourns the loss of longtime member and friend, Elizabeth Askue.

The next board meeting will be October 1, 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's.

The Commentator deadline is September 27.

The next Resource Development meeting will be September 16, 2:30 at Margaret Sellers'.

Vic Melville requested input from the board on a date to plan an organizational meeting of the agricultural policy meeting.(TBA)

Wednesday, September 25, 4pm, U.C. Legislative Building- EET (Environmental, Energy and Technology) Committee will hold a hearing on water filtration in the Esopus Creek.

League Day at the United Nations, Tuesday, October 8. (See Commentator calendar)

Reminder by Margaret- Home owners must reapply to receive the Star exemption.

Dare reported that most feedback about the newly operated Golden Hill has been positive.

The minutes of the August 6, 2013 board meeting were accepted and have been posted.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$8479.47
3 Month CD	\$16,484.57
Ed. Fund	\$609.48
Total Assets	\$25,573.52

It was suggested that letters be re-sent to those who have still not renewed. Jim McGarry will be asked to generate the letters.

Connecting with Legislator's- Assemblyman Cahill and Congressman Gibson have been scheduled. (See Commentator for details) Others, to be scheduled.

Publicity/Visibility

Member bios are still needed for the Commentator: Calcavecchio (Irene), Hornbeck (Renee?), Sheffield (Dare)

Gary Bishoff has invited the league to be guests every third Monday at 8:30 on his WGHQ show. Cindy L. will check with Pat Pomeroy, of HV Regional Council and Sustainability Plan to go on the show with her on September 16.

Kingston Today- TV has also asked us to appear. Anne N. will pursue.

Soyal will update the League's profile on Facebook by highlighting events and posting our guidelines on moderating.

Program

Salad Supper, September 17, 6:00 Town of Esopus Library- Irene passed around the sign-up list for salad supper contributions. Lee R. distributed the phone call list for the event.

Committee Reports

Voter Service- Jean asked for volunteers for Voter Registration on September 24 (Irene, Esther, Lee, Anne at Hannaford). More volunteers are needed at Hannaford and at Walmart on 9/24 and 10/5. Soyal volunteered to help distribute voter registration info at the Naturalization ceremony on September 20.

Jim McGarry will be sending out after the primary approximately 100 letters to candidates in Ulster and Dutchess counties requesting their participation in Vote 411. LWVNYs voter guides will be organized for distribution at Shirley Kobran's at 3:30 on September 20.

Due to the importance and in some cases, controversial issues of the six ballot propositions, Cindy L. will contact Barnes and Noble at both Poughkeepsie and Kingston for a possible forum at their stores on October 29 or when available.

Recently there have been many moderating requests via e-mail. Cindy Bell is still the coordinator.

Rail Trail Study- Jolanda reported a poor response so this study will not take place.

Materials (Solid Waste) Management- Cindy L. reported that some committee members would meet jointly with the Hudson Valley Regional Council to tour the Taylor Recycling facility in Montgomery at 10:00 on September 11.

LWVUS Agricultural Study- Consensus questions provided by National are still forthcoming. In conjunction with this study, Cindy L. suggested that we invite Seth McKee from Scenic Hudson to attend.

Budget Study (Ulster and Dutchess counties)- Dare and Margaret will contact J.J. Hansen from the U.C Budget office and Laura Walls to start lining up participants in Ulster County. Dare will check with Diane Jablonski in Dutchess about her availability to work on that county's budget. Lee R will also serve on the study committee as her travels allow.

Observer Corps- Meeting on September 25 at Margaret Sellers' for all interested in becoming an observer for a public meeting. (See Commentator for details.)

Adjourned: 8:53

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry