

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of the Board Meeting
April 1, 2014

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

Call to order: 7:27

The next board meeting will be May 6, 7:15 at Shirley Kobran's.
The next meeting for Resource Development will be April 2, 1:00 at Margaret Sellers'.
The Commentator deadline is April 22.

Lee Ridgway submitted her grandson, Ethan Hunt, a sophomore at KHS, as a candidate to attend Students Inside Albany, May 18-21. Dare and Doug Thompson will chaperone at this event. Our league has been registered to again participate in National Voter Registration Day on September 23.

Treasurer's Report/Membership	Checking/Savings	\$7881.21
	3 Month CD	\$16,503.72
	Ed Fund	\$438.23
	Total Assets	\$24,823.16

Of the Total Assets, \$1225.00 is held in the Elizabeth Askue Fellowship Fund which will be used to defer costs for membership or events for those in need. Resource Development will establish guidelines on eligibility and oversight.

It was suggested that the budget be tweaked to include more funding for National Convention. Both Dare and Anne are planning on attending the convention in Dallas this June. (Dare's expenses are being covered by LWVNYS.) Dare said that sending members to state and national conventions is a wonderful way to invest in our future. Shirley said she's attended two national conventions and they're very inspiring and energizing.

Included in the May membership renewal letter will be a separate appeal letter. Meanwhile members (and others) will be getting an invitation to the May Day party at the Kirkland Hotel on May 1. Anne will check with Copy Hut to find out the cost to revise our membership tri-fold which is now out-of-date.

Connecting with Legislators

With the state budget passed, it is time to connect with our state legislators to discuss the 2014 LWVNYS agenda items. The entire packet and questionnaire for the legislators can be found on the LWVNYS website. Those who volunteered to interview: Dare-Larkin, Skartados; Jean and Lee- Cahill; Esther and Margaret (inviting LWV Saugerties)- Tkaczyk. We still need people to interview Bonacic. Dutchess members will do Barrett and Gipson. The deadline for completion of the interviews is June 1.

Publicity/Visibility

Anne revised the LWVNYS letter regarding campaign finance reform and sent it to various local newspapers. The letter was published in the Pougkeepsie Journal.

An article in the April Commentator tells about the League's monthly guest appearance on Kingston Community Radio. (See Naturalization Ceremony.)

Those visiting legislators should submit reports to the Commentator for publication.

Programs and Events

The Consensus meeting on the Agriculture Update will be April 8, 6:30 PM at the Esopus Town Library.

Lee will send out the calling list and script to board members and other callers.

Plans for the May Day Party (formerly referred to as the Spring Fling Party) have been finalized and were published in the April Commentator.

Plans for the Annual meeting on May 22 are still being finalized but required information on the budget, nominating slate and studies was published in the April Commentator. The ballot access program with Election Board officials from both Ulster and Dutchess Counties will be featured at the Annual Meeting. (Turco and Work from Ulster and Caviglia from Dutchess have confirmed so far.)

Possible fall programs: zero waste in New Paltz (co-sponsor with CRREO; coordinated by Laura Petit), rail trail, and redistricting as it pertains to a state amendment on the ballot.

Committee Reports

Materials (Solid Waste) Management- An update on the committee's work appears in the April Commentator. The committee will not meet this month since the date conflicts with the Agriculture consensus meeting.

Voter Service- Dare will ask Jim McGarry to again head up Vote 411.

Voter registration forms and information were handed out to 53 new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony on March 28.

Dutchess County Shared Services- Jolanda was unable to attend the board meeting since she was presenting a slide show to the Dutchess County Town Supervisors and Mayors Assn. that highlighted what some Dutchess and Ulster County towns have been doing successfully concerning shared services.

Adjourned: 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry