

Board Meeting - League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region
September 5, 2012

Dare Thompson called the meeting to order at about 7:45 at Enzo's Restaurant (long story).

Present: Dare Thompson, Anne Needham, Lee Ridgway, Irene McInnis, Jim Mahoney, Jolanda Jansen, Dorothy Winrow, Cynthia Bell, Cynthia Lanzetta
Absent: Betty Chin, Jean McGarry, Margaret Sellers, Esther Stickley, Laura Walls

Anne agreed to take notes in Jean's absence.

Dare reported that the August 25 showing of **Iron-Jawed Angels** at the Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting House drew almost 50 viewers. Kudos to Anne for great PR. We got a half page article in the Ulster Publishing Almanac section and a very noticeable "brief" in the Poughkeepsie Journal. The Quakers were very impressed!

Jim moved to accept the **minutes** of the last meeting. Motion seconded and passed

Treasurer's report by Dorothy. There were no new members this month and the only expense was for the phone. The report was accepted for file

We discussed **fundraising**, possibly approaching Walmart, Sam's Club and Stewart's. It was decided that we would focus our fundraising right now on the **Tea and Trash** event. Lee will compose a letter that can be used.

There will be a **meeting on the revisions to the Ulster County Charter on 9/13** at the Esopus Town Hall in Port Ewen. Irene will put out signs and get the key before the meeting. There will be a voter service meeting prior to this meeting. National Voter Registration Day is 9/25. More volunteers are needed.

On **9/24 at 7 pm there will be Solid Waste Meeting** at the Esopus Public Library in Port Ewen. There will be a **salad supper** at 6 pm and the board circulated a signup sheet for contributions. Speakers will be Carl Belfiglio and Ken Wishnick of the Environmental, Energy and Technology (EET) Committee of the Ulster County Legislature talking about possible solutions to the **UC Resource Recovery Agency's** financial situation.

Cindy L reported that the Ways & Means Committee and the EET Committee of the Legislature, working as an ad hoc super committee, looked at options such as selling the assets of the UCRRA, solid waste taxing districts, and flow control. Cindy commented that Hugh Reynolds wrote that Mike Hein is planning to come up with his own plan and it will probably be flow control but this is not confirmed.

Our solid waste study committee is reconsidering the value of having a **landfill** in

our county. We recognize that having a local landfill would significantly reduce carbon emissions since trucks currently take our local waste to central and western NY. However, the siting process is slow and difficult. Jolanda said that there already is a report on file that identifies currently unused mining sites which already have permits as landfill possibilities.

Cindy B commented that Don Bell (her husband and an LWV member) is on the periodic compensation review board. . He has been made chairman.

VOTER SERVICE: The Board discussed whether or not there will be a debate between the congressional candidates. We are researching who else might do these since we have a busy October. Jean is organizing voter registration activities.

There will be a Resource Development Committee meeting at Lee's at 5:30 Thursday. The main topic is **Tea & Trash**.

Jolanda showed us beautifully done **invitations** and distributed several for friends and family. (Dare will mail them to LWV members without email.) Meanwhile Constant Contact invitations will be updated and Jolanda will supply us with more printed invitations. Jolanda and Dare will track registrations

Donations for the silent auction are badly needed. Jolanda presented what she bought to donate to the auction from a Poughkeepsie shop devoted to work by women in underdeveloped countries. Jolanda's items were beautiful handmade fair-traded items made from recycled materials (e.g. paper and soda/beer can tabs!) Check the www.teaandtrashparty.wordpress.com website to see pictures of them – along with other donations from other supporters.

The **next board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2** at Shirley Kobran's.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Needham