

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of Annual Planning Board Meeting
July 18, 2012

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Irene McInnis (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Cindy Bell, Cindy Lanzetta, Lee Ridgway, Esther Stickley, Anne Needham, Laura Walls, Jolanda Jansen
Absent: Betty Chin, Jim Mahoney, Margaret Sellers

Call to order: 4:20

Dare asked for volunteers for Reality Checker (Lee R.), Volunteer Tracker (Irene M.), Leader Builder (Dorothy W.), Ally Builder (Jolanda J.)

The minutes of the June 5 Board meeting were accepted.

The Mission and Nonpartisan Policy were reviewed as well as board responsibilities and best practices.

The Commentator deadline is July 20.

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

The next Resource Development meeting is Thurs., August 9, 2 pm

The September meeting will be on Wed. – Sept. 5 – instead of Tues. Also at Shirley's.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$6687.12
3 Month CD	\$16,443.67
Ed Fund	\$781.83
Total Assets	\$23,912.62

Review of what we do

Voters Service goals:

- Distribute 5,000 voter guides
- Moderating- expand moderator, helper and timekeeper pool
- Utilize and advertise Vote411.org
- Expand candidate forum formats
- Sponsor a Charter Revision informational event -
(Legislature recommendations v. Commission recommendations)
- Promote National Voter Registration Day, 9/25

LVWNYS has strongly recommended that local leagues present a program in the fall on campaign finance but the board agreed an informational meeting on Charter Revision in Ulster County was of greater local importance. We may try to do campaign finance in late November or early December.

Goals of Studies:

Solid Waste

- Continue to educate public officials.
- How to proceed with the greatest transparency and how to encourage waste reduction when counties depend on tipping fees to pay for managing waste?

Shared Services

Ulster study is not moving forward at this time but has expended much effort on highways and local courts.

The Dutchess study group has been focusing on fire districts recently and will update and share all its findings.

Agriculture

We may participate in an LWVUS review of the League's 1988 agriculture position, which is now quite outdated. The work would be done in 2013.

Currently the State is sponsoring a Regional Sustainability Plan in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas. The state is divided in regions and each region is eligible to receive a \$600,000 grant to determine what is currently generating greenhouse gas in its region. The report is due December 25. The outcome will be project proposals. Cindy L. and Jolanda are involved in this effort and Jolanda will send the link to Jim to put in the Commentator.

Advocacy Goals: Protect the original intent and integrity of the Ulster County Charter
Continue to seek solutions for and support zero waste
Provide assistance and recommendations for a fair process of redistricting in Dutchess County.

Resource Development: Provide a clearer delineation of duties, goals and outcomes of this committee (membership, program, fundraising, PR) so efforts can be assessed.

In an effort to help the Nominating Committee recruit board members, Lee Ridgway volunteered to extract job descriptions of the various committees as described in the Annual Report. We will then all review and revise as needed.

Regarding board responsibilities and best practices, there was consensus that at future Annual Board Planning meetings there should be time set aside for reflection and assessment of the above goals.

Other Resource Development/MLD (Membership/Leadership Development) Goals:

Increase membership to *at least* 100

Increase volunteer pool – Tea and Trash event is a good vehicle as are one-day projects.

Raise *at least* \$1,000

Use technology better- Jolanda will recruit Candi Sterling, communications major at New Paltz and savvy at utilizing social media, to help with tech needs of Tea & Trash

Dare asked the board to review the program calendar so we can flesh it out further at the August board and Resource Development Committee meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry