

LWV Mid-Hudson Region

Minutes of the Board Meeting, April 2, 2013

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Irene McInnis (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Lee Ridgway, Cindy Lanzetta, Anne Needham, Jolanda Jansen, Shirley Kobran (non-board)

Absent: Betty Chin, Esther Stickley, Margaret Sellers

Call to order: 7:15

Lee Cane, chairperson of the Nominating Committee, reported the need for some corrections in the original slate presented to the board. Anne Needham's term should be listed as 2012- 2014 and two more directors are needed as per the by-laws. . An amended version will be sent to the members at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Dare and Anne will be the LWVMHR delegates attending the LWVNYS convention June I-2. Any member can attend as a non-delegate for all or part of the convention. Our league will cover the \$40 registration fee.

Congratulations to Dare who has been asked to serve on the State board. She and LWVNYS President Sally Robinson will represent LWVNYS at the LWVUS Council June 14-17 in Washington, DC.

Dare reported that the sale of Golden Hill is on the fast track and clearance from the Department of Health could come as early as April with the final sale concluded in July.

The minutes of the March 5 board meeting were previously accepted and have been posted on our website.

The Commentator deadline is April 26. New members' bios are needed as well as committee/event updates.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$7150.15
3 Month CD	\$16,470.76
Ed Fund	\$1,307.08
Total Assets	\$24,927.99

Dues letters will be sent mid-April.

Program (education and advocacy)

Between 25-30 members and non-members attended the March 23rd meeting with LWVNYS lobbyist Barbara Bartoletti. Two hours later, many members and non-members were still up for hearing more about "Albany World" and continued the conversation over lunch at the Eveready Diner. (See April Commentator.)

An Annual Meeting planning committee date will be set up at the Resource Development meeting on April 3. The board voted to ask for a suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost of the luncheon at Ulster BOCES in New Paltz. (Anne N., Cindy L.).

Dare will obtain bios of the Benjamins that will be included in the Annual Report. **All Annual reports need to be submitted to Lee R. by April 15.**

Solid Waste- See the updated report submitted by Cindy Lanzetta in the April Commentator. The Solid Waste Committee has yet to hear if their suggestions submitted to the Dutchess County Legislature have been incorporated since the vote is April 5.

The next committee meeting will be April 14 at 5:30 at the Gateway Diner in Highland. Jolanda has enlisted the Smart Growth Alliance to help promote the April 13th workshop on “Green” Spring Cleaning and De-cluttering. (See April Commentator for details.)

Shared Services (Dutchess County) – Jolanda recently joined this group and has offered her services to provide colored printouts as well as a power point presentation for public informational sessions. It was suggested that this presentation would make an interesting program for our proposed “living room conversations.”

Agriculture Study (LWVUS)- see minutes from March Commentator for timeline. Consensus is not needed until Spring 2014. Dare will present this at the Annual meeting.

Voter Service – Jean and Jim McGarry will receive training on Vote 411 at LWVNYS on April 10. For recent voter registration information, see the Naturalization article in the Commentator.

Resource Development

MLD (Membership/Leadership Development)- Dorothy will share and discuss handouts provided by LWVUS via our MLD coach to enhance membership. The fall Clearwater Fundraiser is still on the table. We are waiting to hear what our sail date will be. Anne continues to promote PR with the media through diligence and determination. She is making some progress communicating with local newspapers and will also try to make inroads with YNN.

Next board meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 7:15 at the home of Shirley Kobran.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry