

LWV Mid- Hudson Region

Minutes of Board Meeting, March 5, 2013

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

Absent: Betty Chin, Jolanda Jansen

The board accepts with regret Jim Mahoney's resignation from the board.

Call to order: 7:20

Dare encouraged board members to attend the LWNYS convention on June 1. She and Anne Needham are definitely going as delegates and we qualify for two more. We can also have an unlimited number of observers (\$40/day, without printed materials or meals). We agreed that the League should invest in delegates and observers so cost should not be a barrier to any current or future LWV leader attending.

Dorothy Winrow and Karen Miller volunteered to represent the league at the March 15 Naturalization Ceremony. Jean will be responsible for getting voter registration forms and membership forms.

LWVMHR will be sending KHS student, Joseph Pugliese, to Students Inside Albany.

Irene will meet with him to prepare him for the conference.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" for Catherine Chase on March 30, 2 pm, Shokan. Shirley and Dare intend to go – riders welcome. We need to RSVP.

The February board minutes were approved and have been posted.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$6,610.60
3 Month CD	\$16,467.97
Ed Fund	\$682.08
Total Assets	\$23,760.65

The proposed budget was presented, discussed and approved for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting. (Esther, Anne)

The board agreed to buy a \$30 ad to support the Hudson Valley Women's Chorus.

Welcome to new member Nina Postupack.

Annual Meeting – All annual reports must be sent to Lee Ridgway by April 15.

Lee will send to all board members a list of required information.

The local programs to be presented: LWVUS Agriculture position update*, Counties' Budgets and Educational Funding and Financing Method

Local programs to recommend continuance of studies: Solid Waste and Shared Services

Commentator deadline: March 22

Jean passed out a summary of the responses from the media and libraries concerning their willingness to receive the Commentator via e-mail. Given rising costs of sending hard

copies of the newsletter, Jim and Jean McGarry feel that those that did not respond should be dropped from the mailing lists because it is indicative that they don't read league communications. Some board members felt there should be a follow-up phone call before they are dropped. There were no volunteers to do this at this time.

Bios for the following members will be written for the Commentator: Nancy Beard and Ethel Little (Margaret S.), Nina Postupack and Adele Calcavecchio (Irene M.), Tim Lietzke and Herb Stoller (Dare).

Anne N. sent around a media list requesting additions and corrections. Jean gave her an updated Commentator media list.

Program (education and advocacy)

Dare encouraged board members to bring individuals to the March 23 event with Barbara Bartoletti.

Solid Waste Management- next meeting, March 12, 5:30, Gateway Diner. (See report in March Commentator.)

Expanding **Observer Corps** to cover Kingston Common Council meetings would be beneficial. Anne Needham may be willing to do this.

Governor Cuomo sent representatives to the area to explain his 2013 initiatives and how citizens can become involved. Margaret S. and Vic M. attended. For more information go to www.nygetinvolved.com/

Voter Service

Dare moderated the mayoral debate in Greenwood Lake in Orange County. Five people spoke afterward with her to express their desire to begin a local league chapter in their county.

Jean will ask Cindy Bell if she still wishes to coordinate requests for moderating. Kingston Schools has requested a moderator for school board candidates on May 14. It was suggested that a Saugerties league moderator be asked.

Resource Development – next meeting March 6, 3:00 at Margaret Sellers'

A possible April program would be having Amanda LaValle, coordinator of U.C. Department of Environment, as a guest speaker. The suggested topic would be energy efficiency at the county and town levels. Cindy Lanzetta will contact Ms. LaValle. .

Membership/Leadership Development suggests focusing on small, local events to build membership. (Anne proposed a league book club.)

The Clearwater fundraiser is being considered for a date during the last two weekends in September or the first two weeks in October.

The annual appeal letter was reviewed. After suggested revisions, Lee R and Dare will rework the letter.

Adjourned: 9:15

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry

**From the LWVUS website: The Agriculture Update will focus narrowly on: 1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and 2) current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process.*

TIMELINE:

Feb. - Aug. 2013	Study committee prepares or selects study materials, a Leader's Guide, etc. and posts on website. A study forum or discussion list is opened.
Feb. - April 1, 2013	State and local Leagues may form study committees, examine study materials, hold public meetings, etc.
Aug. 2013	Study committee proposes consensus questions to the Education Fund Committee, which may discuss them with the study committee, and then propose and adopt them by the Board.
Sept. 2013 - April 1, 2014	State and local Leagues hold consensus meetings.