

LWV Mid-Hudson Region  
**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**May 7, 2013**

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

Call to order: 7:20

It is with regret that the board has learned of the passing of longtime league member, Bill Kesselman.

The LWVNYS convention is June 1-2. We will donate Waterford glasses from the Tea and Trash event as an item for the auction.

Dare will investigate the possibility of holding a gathering at Jim and Jean McGarry's for Students Inside Albany attendees, past and present. Possible dates would be July 14/20/21. July 20 is the preferred date. Dare will talk with our student, Joe Pugliese, and the Saugerties league.

Senate and Assembly interviews should be completed by June 1. The Legislative packet and 2013 LWVNYS Lobby Report Form can be found on the State League site. The following have volunteered to conduct interviews: Tkaczyk (Jim and Jean McGarry), Cahill (A Needham and S. Kobran), Skartados, Larkin, (D. Thompson), Gipson, Barrett (Dutchess Shared Services Committee). More volunteers are needed to do Bonacic and possibly others. (We have 6 senators and 5 Assembly members but Senators Ball and Seward and Assembly members Lalor and Tenney don't cover much of the LWV-MHR area and are a lower priority.)

The board voted to pay a \$25 licensing fee to LWVNYS for Vote 411.

Dare inquired if members of the board had successes they wanted to report in an effort to raise board consciousness on what has been accomplished. Participating in Vote 411 training, submitting an application for partnering in Voter Registration Day on September 25, producing a slick flyer to advertise the annual meeting, hosting a successful "living room chat" on hunger and welcoming a new, active member on Resource Development were all touted.

The minutes of the April 2 board meeting were accepted via e-mail and have been posted.

**The annual board planning meeting will be June 25, 4pm-8pm at the home of Margaret Sellers. There will be no regularly scheduled board meetings in June and July.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

Checking/Savings	\$7220.60
3 Month CD	\$16,470.76
Ed Fund	\$284.48
Total Assets	\$23,978.55

It was suggested that we dedicate some of our funds to secure a top-notch speaker for one of our programs. Resource Development will explore this further.

## **Commentator**

The deadline is May 24<sup>th</sup>. New members' bios are needed for Calcavecchio, Corey, Nam, Sheffield and Stoller. We might post a "Help Wanted" section so that members can easily see where volunteers are needed. Members are encouraged to submit articles of league interest. Shirley Kobran has volunteered to make follow-up phone calls to the media and libraries to see if they would be willing to receive the Commentator on-line.

## **Program**

**The timetable for the annual meeting on Thursday, May 23 at the Ulster BOCES on Route 32 is as follows:**

**Buffet lunch 12 noon- 12:30, featured speakers 12:30- 1:30, business meeting 1:30 – 2:00**

Parliamentarians are Lee Cane or Renee Sachs. Lee Cane or Irene McInnis will present the nominating slate. Very short updates are to be given by McGarrys (Voter Service), Margaret Sellers (Observer Corps), Cindy Lanzetta, Ellie Charwat, Jolana Jansen (Shared Services and Solid Waste).

Possible studies: Margaret Sellers (Ulster and Dutchess Counties budgets), TBA (Financing of Public Education), Shirley Kobran (participation in LWVUS Agriculture Study)

Jim McGarry will make copies of the Commentator/website report since this was inadvertently omitted in the annual report.

Irene has been asked to check with the caterer that the menu includes gluten-free and vegan choices.

**Shout Out Pizza Party at the home of Dorothy Windrow's, 51 Norma Court on May 16, 5:30 pm-** board members will receive a phone list to encourage members to attend.

**Resource Development- next meeting, May 8, 11:00 at the home of Margaret Sellers.**

Adjourned: 9:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McGarry

