

LWV Mid-Hudson Region
Minutes of Board Meeting
February 7, 2012

Present: Dare Thompson (President), Irene McInnis (Vice-President), Dorothy Winrow (Treasurer), Jean McGarry (Secretary), Lee Ridgway, Anne Needham, Cindy Bell, Margaret Sellers

Absent: Jim Mahoney, Betty Chin, Cindy Lanzetta, Esther Stickley

Call to order: 7:26

Announcements

The next **board meeting** will be Tuesday, **March 6** at Esther Stickley's.

Commentator due date: Friday, **February 24**. Reminder: With the exception of Observer Corps, all submissions should be sent to Dare and she will forward them to Jim McGarry.

Resource Development meeting: changed to Friday, February 10, 10:30 at Margaret Sellers' home.

Pattern for Progress, February 21, 7:45 am, Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, \$35 if you let them know you're a League member

Ulster Chamber of Commerce breakfast, **February 23, 7:30 am**, Holiday Inn

There was discussion on the benefits of LWVMHR becoming a member of the Chamber. Dare and Cindy will investigate the cost and benefits of joining the Dutchess and Ulster Chambers, respectively, and report back to the board.

Students Inside Albany: Our candidate is now not able to attend. The Saugerties League has two candidates and we will partner with them by sponsoring one of their students. It has been agreed that both students will speak about their experiences at our Annual Meeting in May.

The **minutes** for the January 3, 2012 board meeting were accepted.

As voted on at the last board meeting, beginning this month, the minutes will appear on our website. Minutes will be sent to board members for approval prior to the next scheduled meeting so they may be posted in a timely fashion. Board members should send any corrections to the minutes to Dare.

Treasurer's Report

Checking/Savings	\$4614.11
3 Month CD	\$16,419.01
Ed Fund	\$1047.83
Total Assets	\$22,080.95

Review of Holiday Party – The general consensus is that it was a wonderful success with good attendance, great food and good conversation. Thank you Margaret and Vic for hosting this event. Suggestion- should we have a similar social occasion in the summer or fall?

Program/Visibility

Dutchess Solid Waste Committee at Crafted Kup, Poughkeepsie, February 16, 7pm

Ulster County BOCES tour and breakfast, Friday, February 24, 8:45 am. Limit of 25. Call Irene McInnis to register, 845-336-0487

Solid Waste program, March 29, 6:30-9:00pm, SUNY New Paltz, Lecture Hall 100 (Date changed from March 6.) Dare explained that for the purpose of reducing solid waste, the EPA has identified one community in each of its 13 regions to serve as sample communities. Our region includes New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, and New Paltz will serve as the sample community. LWVMHR is partnering with CRREO at SUNY New Paltz, the town and village governments and the Chamber in New Paltz, Ulster County, NYPIRG and other organizations to support this effort. The March 29th event is intended to get New Paltz (and beyond) to ACT to reduce waste and to serve as an example to other communities.

The Saugerties League is interested in joining with LWVMHR to **meet with Ulster County legislators**. It is suggested that to begin the process, league members would first meet with legislative leaders in private to outline our agenda and then follow up with public meetings.

LWVUS privatization study: Given our local league's involvement in Golden Hill and solid waste management, we might want to participate in the consensus at our local level by the May 1st deadline. Dare will pass on information from the LWVUS website.

Dare reminded the board that we can participate in LWVUS and LWVNYS studies without a LWVMHR membership vote. But we shouldn't participate in consensus unless we feel a sufficient number of members have been adequately informed on the topic.

Shared Services

Under advisement "from Albany," one judge told an Ulster County Shared Services Study Committee member that the judges would be well advised to take a united stand rather than speak individually about judicial sharing of services. The committee will proceed with information that they have already obtained. Lee Cane is planning to ask for an extension of this study to permit time to study economic development.

(Note: The above is the most recent development in the Shared Services Study that deals with the municipal courts. However it should be noted that there have been justices who have been interviewed for the Shared Services Study already.)

Resource Development (membership, program, fundraising)

The membership count is up to 95 from 88 last year.

There will be a non-member fundraiser appeal. Please send Dare names and address of individuals who should be sent appeal letters.

Dorothy reported that our regional MLD (Membership Leadership Development) feels our league is on the right track.
There will be no April honoree luncheon this year.

Annual Meeting Preparation

Lee Cane and Lee Ridgway have reviewed the by -laws and Lee R. presented the recommended changes to the board. The revisions approved by the board will be posted on the website for member review.

The Nominating Committee has been meeting and Chairperson Lee Cane will present the slate to the board at the March meeting. Cindy Bell, Kathy Germain, Jean McGarry

The Budget Committee will meet Wednesday, February 29, early evening. .

Observer Corps

Chairperson Margaret Sellers reported that we need more observers. Lee R. volunteered to cover Public Works and Laws and Rules while Margaret and Vic Melville were away. The newly created LCD (Local Development Corporation) will need an observer.

Advocacy

Redistricting at the State level is a concern to all. Dare will write a letter to the editor citing Ulster County as an example of how redistricting should be accomplished.

Adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean McGarry