

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RIVERTOWNS
MINUTES OF 15 September 2018
Harmon Community Center, Hastings

Attending: Lynn Levine, President, Adelaide DiGiorgi, Ruth Kotecha, Karen Schatzel, Michele Noe, Susan Schwarz, Bria Judkins

Lynn called the meeting to order. There wasn't a quorum so the minutes of the August 14 retreat will be put on the October agenda.

Lynn gave the treasurer's report for Susan Maggiotto. We have a total balance of \$8,083.90, thanks especially to generous donations of over \$2,000 in memory of our beloved Jean Howell. Our PMPs and other expenses have been paid so we are in good shape.

Ruth reported that 14 members had not renewed as yet but we do have 94 up to date members. She is moving the database from Access to Excel and she will keep it up to date on Dropbox where everyone can access it and make changes when necessary. She is working on developing a new member packet and welcome letter and is working with Adelaide on bringing in and developing new members. We need to follow up with members who have indicated an interest in working on certain projects. At the October meeting we will discuss what kinds of distribution lists we need and what needs to be brought up to date.

Bria will talk with Steve Meyers and Susan M. about setting up Paypal for membership dues. The website looks terrific. By-Laws and the Nonpartisan Policy are included and photos and the calendar are up to date. She will add more volunteer opportunities.

Michele will follow up with suggestions for a holiday party at a bar on December 6th and with Lynn will be at the League table following the showing of "Time for Ilhan" at the Jacob Burns Theater on September 27. We can take our membership brochures to the Jane Peck Gallery before the 7 pm showing. LWVW will have 3 League tables at the reception following the show and Talk Back.

The Nonpartisan Policy was read and two suggestions were made, one a typo in the third line of the third paragraph, making "member" plural. Under item K: the words "unless ratified by the Board" were added. The whole items will read, "Only League-sponsored petitions should be circulated at any League of Women Voters meeting unless ratified by the Board."

Follow-up to Char's excellent Hot Topics Breakfast of September 13 at the Jazz Forum with Riverkeeper's Jennifer Benson on the Army Corps of Engineer's proposals to protect New York City from major storm damage will include a letter from Lynn to the Corp and a letter to the editor of the local press. In addition to

League members and the public, in active attendance were the County Executive George Latimer, NYS Senator Shelley Mayer, NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis, County Legislator Catherine Parker, staff from the offices of MaryJane Shimsky and Tom Abinanti and Chris Crane from the BOL. Representatives from Scenic Hudson, Bike Tarrytown, Citizens for Voting Integrity and numerous village environmental committee members. The Board of Legislators has invited Riverkeeper to present these issues to the BOL at 1 pm on Tuesday, September 18th with an eye to action by the Board. Mayors and Boards of Trustees will be encouraged to voice their opinion of the plan which could cause extreme harm to the Hudson River and its tributaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Schwarz
For Char Weigel