

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 11, 2016
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

At 4:02 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Judith Clarke, Dorothy Tao, Patricia Costanzo, Margaret Brunson, Sue Stievater, Kathleen Macaluso, Shirley Joy, Nicole Matteson, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla.

Excused: Lori Robinson, and Nancy De Tine

Leave of absence: Joan LoCurto and Judy Metzger

Additional Kudos: L. Robinson, N. Matteson, P. Costanzo and N. De Tine as the ad hoc Happy Hour Committee.

Welcome: Shirley Joy, Kathleen Macaluso and Nicole Matteson were welcomed to the board.

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks

Two additional items were added to the agenda:

Legislative Procedures Update

State requests LWVB/N hold a public forum about the constitutional convention in January or February. Ask Peter Galie or Christopher Bopst to present.

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

Co-Presidents T. Parks and J. Metzger propose that the board use a consent agenda from this time forward. Board members concurred that use of a Consent Agenda will be good, but most members would like to keep the treasurer's report separate from the consent agenda, at least for now.

Motion made by P. Costanzo and seconded that the board approve the following items of the consent agenda as presented for the July 11, 2016 board meeting. Motion approved.

A. Board Assignments:

Marian Deutschman	3rd Vice President, Issues/Action Committee Chair
Judith Clarke	2nd Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator
Joan LoCurto	Legislative Advocacy Chair (currently on leave from the board)
Pat Costanzo	Finance Committee Chair
Shirley Joy	Governance Chair
Nicole Matteson	Development Chair
Dorothy Tao	Public Relations Chair
Nancy De Tine	Communications Chair
Kathleen Macaluso	Events Chair
Margaret Brunson	Voter Service Chair
Sue Stievater	Membership Chair

B. Nominating Committee Members appointed by and from the board:

Pat Costanzo, Nicole Matteson, Lori Robinson

C. Approval of a leave of absence for an indeterminate period of time for Judy Metzger

D. Minutes of the Board Meeting, May 9, 2016

E. Minutes from the Mini Board Meeting, June 4, 2016

F. Minutes from the Annual Meeting, June 4, 2016 that have been reviewed by J. Massaro and N. De Tine

Treasurer's Report – T. Parks for L. Robinson

T. Parks reviewed the Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2016 and the Profit/Loss Report.

Ending balance as of May 31, 2016	\$100,231.42
Total income for June, 2016	5,414.65
Total expenses for June, 2016	8,572.19
Total balance as of June 30, 2016	\$103,591.43

Q & A about Board Monthly Reports – T. Parks

There were no questions

Issues Committee Action Items – T. Parks and M. Deutschman

Approval for LWVB/N Questions for Vote411:

State Assembly Members and State Senators

1. Priorities: What would be your top three priorities?
2. Campaign Finance: What further changes, if any, to campaign finance regulation and enforcement in New York State do you propose? Please explain.
3. Election Reform: What election reforms would you support, such as: early voting; voting by mail; better ballot design and voter registration modernization?
4. Economy: What steps would you propose at the state level regarding income inequality?
5. What is the single most important legislation needed to address the problem of ethics in Albany and why is it the most important?

Erie County District Attorney

1. If elected, what would be your top three priorities?
2. What measures will you put in place to make the DA's office more open and transparent?
3. What are your criteria for investigating public wrongdoing?

United States House of Representatives

Required Questions that are already on Vote411:

1. Economy: What steps would you propose at the federal level to reduce income inequality, while still encouraging economic growth? (Maximum of 500 characters)
2. Energy Policy: What immediate steps would you propose to meet America's energy needs while reducing global warming? (Maximum of 500 characters)
3. Transportation: What steps would you propose to rebuild and maintain America's transportation infrastructure, including the US Highway Trust Fund and the Mass Transit Account? (Maximum 500 characters)

Additional Questions from LWVBN:

4. What measures will you support to address the ever-growing burden of student debt?

5. Should the US ratify the Paris climate change agreement to help reduce the production and consumption of fossil fuels? State your rationale for your answer.

Determine prices for the September, 2016 Luncheon at the 20th Century Club: Motion made by Dorothy Tao and seconded that the prices for the September luncheon be \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Motion approved.

October program: M. Deutschman, J. Metzger and T. Parks are working with the Women's Bar Association for an October program.

Decisions about Board Meetings and Times – T. Parks

The October 17 meeting will begin with a Consensus meeting for the state League update for Legislative Procedures for the board and the general membership at 3:30 p.m. The board meeting will follow.

Board meeting dates for 2016-2017 were reviewed and agreed upon by consensus. The board will meet on 8/8/16, 9/12/16, 10/17/16, 11/14/17, 1/9/17, 2/13/17, 3/13/17, 4/10/17 and 5/8/17.

Annual Meeting Wrap-Up – T. Parks

T. Parks distributed papers in order for board members to share their thoughts about this year's annual meeting. She requested that members put positives on the blue paper, minuses/negatives on the pink paper and interesting observations on the purple paper and bring them to the August board meeting.

Requests:

P. Costanzo asked the board to consider for the August board meeting:

Paying for food expenses for volunteers at BMHA mailings.

Compensation for office volunteer Flora Summe's transportation. T. Parks requested that Pat prepare motions for these two items and submit them for the Reports to the Board for August.

T. Parks requested that when she sends out reminders that reports are due or sends meeting materials, please reply so she knows that you have received them.

Next board meeting: August 8, 2016

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Reports, Summary of Issues Meetings, Summary of the Issues/Actions Committee Meeting, Summaries of Local Government Committee Meetings, State VOTE411 questions