

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

At 4:13 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present. Two additional items were added to the agenda:
Report on MLD coaching call – Marian Deutschman and Lori Robinson
Regional Training Meeting on 4/9 – Voter Turnout Efforts Suggestions

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Judith Clarke, Dorothy Tao,
Nancy De Tine, Patricia Costanzo, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson,
Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla.
Excused: Judy Metzger, Sue Stievater and Theresa Pope
Absent: Wynnie Fisher

Approval of the Minutes – M. Herbst
Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded that we approve the March 7, 2016 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson	
Ending balance as of February 29, 2016	\$103,100.76
Total income for March, 2016	4,379.64
Total expenses for March, 2016	4,853.86
Total balance as of March 31, 2016	\$104,124.05

Reports from the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee – J. Clarke
The Nominating Committee of LWVB/N proposes the following list of Officers and Directors for 2016-2018:

3rd Vice President, Issues Chair Marian Deutschman
Treasurer Lori Robinson
Director Voter Service Margaret Brunson
Director Finance Chair Pat Costanzo
Director Nicole Matteson
Director Kathy Macaluso
Director (one year) Shirley Joy

The Nominating Committee of LWVB/N is proposing the following Nominating Committee Members for 2016-2017:

Chair Ramona Gallagher
Member Kathleen McCarthy
Member Janet Goodsell
Member Lynne Vallone

Q&A about Board Monthly Reports – T. Parks

Voter Services – M. Brunson explained how she sets up Voter Registration Events and sends the information to J. Clarke who arranges volunteers for the events. Please notify J. Clarke if you are interested in volunteering and by responding to her emails for specific events. The League will be working with UNYTS at some voter registration events again which M. Brunson will

coordinate with Jeremy Morlock of UNYTS. J. Clarke sent an article to the *Voter* with ideas for volunteers to increase voter registration responses at Naturalization Ceremonies. Membership Brochures should be made available at Voter Registration Events and other League events and programs.

Allied Organizations – M. A. Turkla has updated the Allied Organization list and sent it to board members and committee chairs. Please notify her if you are aware of any email changes for the organizations.

Presentation of the Proposed 2016-2017 LWVBN Budget, discussion and approval to recommend it to the membership for adoption at the Annual Meeting – L. Robinson
L. Robinson explained that the budget is based on understanding of the goals of the League and that over the last four years it has been literally the same.

T. Parks reminded the board that a financial template is needed for program planning.

J. Clarke, as Volunteer Coordinator, informed the board that there will a \$5.00 parking reimbursement for volunteers parking at Naturalization Ceremonies. For retroactive invoices (July 1 to May 2016) volunteers will not be required to show a receipt. After May, volunteers must use a receipt to put in a claim.

Motion made by M. Herbst that the LWVB/N Board approve recommending the Proposed 2016-2017 LWVB/N Budget to the membership for adoption at the Annual Meeting. Motion approved.

Discussion of Gladys Gifford's request – T. Parks

Gladys Gifford drafted a letter to Dinash Lal, Chief of Staff, Buffalo Common Council, to comment on the DGEIS sections for the Green Code which apply to the Outer Harbor. It notes that The City of Buffalo through this Green Code should preserve and protect the Outer Harbor for the enjoyment of all in Western New York. Motion made by N. De Tine and seconded that we approve the Outer Harbor Committee's letter regarding the Green Code to the Buffalo Common Council as written. Motion approved.

Approval of the appointment of Shirley Joy as a member of the Finance Committee through the end of the 2015-2016 board year – T. Parks

Motion made by P. Costanzo and seconded that Shirley Joy be approved as a member of the Finance Committee through the end of the 2015-2016 board year. Motion approved.

Discussion and approval to sponsor the showing of the film, "Catching the Sun" at Daemen College on April 29, 2016 by publicizing the event to our members and contributing to the cost of renting the film. – T. Parks

Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded that the LWVB/N support the local Sierra Club and Climate Justice Coalition with their showing of the film, "Catching the Sun" with a \$50.00 sponsorship and promotion to our members. Motion approved.

MLD (Membership and Leadership Development) Report – M. Deutschman and L. Robinson
The board should discuss the topics covered in MLD coaching sessions. Do we use our Allied Organizations enough? How do we get younger people involved? M. Deutschman informed the board about programs to get younger people involved in voting, elections and public service, such as Vote 18 and Running and Winning, a program from the LWV in the Hamptons to introduce students (teenage girls) to politics and public service as career choices. Another possibility would be to take the very successful lobbying workshop on the road and offer it to other organizations.

Hors d'oeuvres and Hot Topics – This could be a venue for discussing hot topics.

Students Inside Albany – In the North Country, schools select the best students to meet legislators as a way of getting them involved. The best of those students are selected for Students Inside Albany.

Voter Turnout Efforts from the Regional Training Meeting on April 9, 2016 – T. Parks
A Voter Turnout Efforts sheet with suggestions from the Regional Training Meeting was distributed. We need to consider which ones to pursue to effect a greater voter turnout in November, 2016. At the May board Meeting, we will be adopting our policies for candidate events for this year. There was no time to discuss the suggestions. The discussion will be continued at the May board meeting.

At the Regional Training Meeting, the Rochester LWV informed participants about their successful First Friday social meetings where league members get to know each other better. Discussion ensued about trying out a type of “meet and greet” with the LWVB/N as a pilot program and then possibly expanding it. L. Robinson offered to investigate Tappos as a possible venue. Date and time need to be decided as well as who to invite and delegation of responsibilities. Discussion to continue at the May board meeting.

April 27 League Lunch & Issues Program – panel discussion about the minimum wage with Fred Floss and Sam Magavern, 11:30 a.m. at Scotch ‘n Sirloin, \$20. Make reservations online at lwvbn.org or through the League office, 986-4898.

Next Board Meeting: May 9, 2016

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer’s Reports, LWVB/N Proposed 2015-2016 Budget, Summary of Local Government Meeting, Voter Turnout Efforts Suggestions from Regional Training Meeting on April 9, Draft Letter to Dinash Lal, Buffalo’s Proposed Unified Development Ordinance and The Outer Harbor proposed zoning changes. Also to be filed with the minutes: The Executive Committee unanimously approves submission of a letter to Buffalo Common Council President Darius Pridgen with a request to extend the comment period for the Green Code for at least four more months.

