

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, September 12, 2016
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209 FIRST DRAFT

At 4:13 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present. One additional item was added to the agenda:
Plans for LWVB/N archives

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson, Sue Stievater, Shirley Joy, Nicole Matteson, Kathie Macaluso, Nora Mikes, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla.
Excused: Judy Metzger, Judith Clarke, Pat Costanzo and Dorothy Tao
Leave of absence: Joan LoCurto

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item – T. Parks
Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded to approve the August 8, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

Ending balance as of July 31, 2016	\$103,494.66
Total income for August, 2016	6,808.92
Total expenses for August, 2016	2,088.45
Total balance as of August 31, 2016	\$108,252.68

The Treasurer's Report was accepted for filing.

Q&A about Board Monthly Reports – T. Parks
No questions.

Issues/Action Committee – M. Deutschman
Recommendation to join the Our Outer Harbor Campaign Coalition
The rationale for joining the coalition was presented in the *Summary of Issues Meeting – September 6, 2016*. Motion from The Issues Committee with no second needed that LWVB/N board join the coalition of community groups for the Our Outer Harbor campaign. Motion approved.

The calendar of events for Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 was included in the *Summary of Issues Meeting*. Two programs needed board approval. Motion with no second needed that the LWVB/N board approve the programs recommended by Issues Committee for November 17, 2016 and January 13, 2017. Motion approved.

Voter copy is now due on Board meeting days at the end of the business day.

September 16 Program Reminders – M. Deutschman
Logistics discussed.

Annual Review/Acceptance of Board Policies – T. Parks

Motion made by N. DeTine and seconded that we approve the following board policies:

Diversity Policy

Investment Policy

Whistleblower Policy

Nonpartisan Policy

Policy for Accepting Donations from Campaign Fund

Motion accepted.

Credit Card- L. Robinson

Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded that the League maintain a credit card with Key Bank (formerly First Niagara) with a credit limit of \$5,000. The president and treasurer are signers on the account with one billing requested. Motion approved.

Request for an Ad in the Buffalo News for Candidate Forum – T. Parks

In response to a request by Laura McDade suggesting M. Brunson approach the board to place a paid ad in the Buffalo News to publicize a Hamburg Candidate's Night, alternative ways to publicize and promote a candidate forum were suggested. Included were social media, LWVBN Website and Facebook page, posting flyers in the community and free listings in the News and on the radio. Board members felt the cost of an ad in the News was prohibitive and not the best way to reach voters. N. DeTine will send the list of ideas to M. Brunson who will email them to L. McDade.

Continuing Discussion about Website Update – N. Mikes

N. Mikes explained that she plans to update the website with more photographs and link the website to Facebook. (We are already linked to Facebook.) Also included in website improvement efforts: Joining the League, donating, paying for membership, registering and paying for programs and League committee information. N. Mikes requests that attendees at League programs take photos and send them to her.

Social, Economic Justice Education Committee: The committee is presently not active. Ideas for restarting the committee included using The Voter, Facebook and the Website to generate interest in restarting the committee by listing previous significant accomplishments such as taking actions to boost the minimum wage.

Plans for LWVB/N Archives and Centennial Plans – T. Parks

T. Parks explained that the process of working on the League archives needs to begin. This presents an opportunity to showcase the League at the Centennials and exhibit at other venues such as public libraries and the History Museum. Judy Metzger is working with the Great Decisions Group, League Historian, Marie Hanrahan, Ramona Gallagher, Shonnie Finnegan and others in this combined effort.

Next board meeting: Monday, October 17, 2016 at 3:30 p.m. It will begin with the consensus meeting for Legislative Procedures.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Herbst
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, Summary of Issues Meeting, League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara Calendar 2016-2017 and League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara Diversity Policy, Investment Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Nonpartisan Policy and Policy for Accepting Donations from Campaign Funds.