

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 14, 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. One additional item was added to the agenda:
LWVB/N Presentations to Girl Scouts

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Judith Clarke, Nancy De Tine, 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, Joan LoCurto, Pat Costanzo and Dorothy Tao

Consent Agenda

1. Board Meeting Minutes , October 17, 2016

There being no objections, the consent agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

Ending balance as of September 30, 2016	\$108,119.66
Total income for October, 2016	3,470.58
Total expenses for October, 2016	6,215.63
Net change in equity	100.67
Total balance as of October 31, 2016	105,475.28
Monthly Surplus/ (Deficits)	(2,745.05)

Action Item from the Issues Committee – M. Deutschman

Recommendation to submit these three LWVNYS 2017 legislative priorities to LWVNYS:

1. Campaign Finance,
2. Ethics
3. Renewable Energy Plans

The rationale for each priority was presented in the *Summary of Issues Meeting – November 1, 2016*. Motion from The Issues Committee with no second needed to submit these three LWVNYS legislative priorities to LWVNYS. Motion approved.

Legislative Update Consensus Report Approval – T. Parks

Motion by J. Clarke and seconded that we approve the Legislative Procedures Update Study Consensus Report. Motion approved.

MLD (Membership and Leadership Development) Issues – N. De Tine

N. De Tine has been conferring with our MLD coach, Lisa Scott who offered suggestions for LWVB/N to increase involvement and commitment from our members. Board members offered several ideas.

Ways to make new members more comfortable:

- Provide an orientation booklet.

- Reach out to new members by calling them before a League program and offering to meet them at the program.
 - It was mentioned that Judy Clarke and Judy Metzger routinely call new members.
- Identify new participants at a League event, so they can be welcomed.
- Place special stickers on name badges for new members since February 1, 2016, and a separate sticker for volunteers at the holiday party.
- Toasting new members and volunteers with a wine toast at the holiday party.
- Set up a social program on a regular basis (possibly monthly or quarterly) such as a luncheon or happy hour (Nora and a small committee are working on this).
- Read new members' names at board meetings, to see whether anyone knows them and could reach out to them.
- Send new members their LWV pin (Mary Ann).

Ways to get members more involved:

- Encourage them to join a committee.
- Invite them to a Lunch & Issues program.
- The roster and membership survey reports will be sent out to the board and committee chairs indicating members' interest areas so they can contact them (Mary Ann has done this).
- Place a notice in the newsletter asking for help with specific tasks.
 - Committee chairs will be asked to list the specific tasks they would like listed in this notice.
- When committee chairs determine a need, contact members and ask for help with one or two specific tasks.
- During announcements at League programs, mention specific committees, activities or tasks where help is needed.

LWVB/N Presentations to Girl Scouts – T. Parks

T. Parks presented to a troop of three Girl Scouts and two adults for their *Behind the Ballot* badge on behalf of the League. She suggested that we need an outline for speakers and specifically a packet for the Girl Scouts. T. Parks asked the Board to consider whether it would be better to request or negotiate a reduced fee for giving presentations to youth groups. The board disagreed. There was no specific action plan developed.

LWVB/N Funding Opportunities – N. Matteson

N. Matteson shared LWVB/N funding opportunities. She explained that it is easier to get outside funding resources for specifics such as the Voter's Guide, TRY or events than it is for administrative needs. Nicole requested the board make suggestions to her.

Website Issues – N. Mikes

There are two ways to sign up for LWVB/N's online discussion group, lwvbn-discuss: If you have a Google account, go to Google Groups (<http://groups.google.com/group/lwvbn-discuss>) and ask to join. You will receive an email invitation to which you must respond or you can send an email to Kris Allen, lwvbnweb@lwvbn.org, requesting to join. The problem with Paypal has been solved.

Next board meeting: Monday, January 9, 2016

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, Summary of Issues Meeting, Summary of Local Government Meeting, LWVNYS Legislative Procedures Update Study Consensus Questions Report and LWVB/N Funding Opportunities,