

LWVBN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 13, 2017

1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

At 3:38 p.m., Judy Metzger, co-president, convened the regular monthly board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Dorothy Tao, Terri Parks, Judy Metzger, Judith Clarke, Sue Stievater, Marian Deutschman, Lori Robinson, Shirley Joy, Nora Mikes, Kathie Macaluso, Nancy DeTine

Guests: Ramona Gallagher, Mary O'Leary

Excused: Mary Herbst, Mary Ann Turkla, Pat Costanzo, Nicole Matteson, Margaret Brunson

On leave: Joan LoCurto

1. New York State constitutional convention. The group discussed whether the state League should support, oppose or remain neutral for the November 2017 ballot question: *Should New York State hold a state constitutional convention?* Judith Clarke moved that we oppose the convention; Terri Parks seconded; the motion was approved. LWVBN's position and rationale will be fine-tuned and forwarded to the state League.

2. No additions to the agenda

3. Consent agenda. Motion by Terri Parks, seconded by Judy Clarke, to approve the minutes of the January board meeting and co-sponsor the AAUW International Day Program of March 8, 2017. Approved.

4. Treasurer's report, Lori Robinson

Ending balance as of December 31, 2016: \$108,636.31

Total income for January 2017: \$1,824.03

Total expenses for January 2017: \$3,423.14

Net change in equity: \$413.03

Total balance as of January 31, 2017: \$107,450.23

Monthly surplus/deficit: (\$1,599.11)

5. Monthly board reports

Terri Parks reported that, with the receipt of a check, the BMHA account is up to date.

6. Issues & Action Committee

Action item: recommendations and approval for State League Program for 2017-2019. Motion to wordsmith and then approve was made by Marian Deutschman; seconded by Judy Clarke; approved.

Our recommendation reads: The LWVNYS board should work with the issues specialists to identify good government reforms that apply in each issues area, so that the state and local Leagues can integrate this emphasis with specific actions with New York State elected officials. The good government reforms are described under that heading in the LWVNYS 2017 Legislative Agenda. We recommend no new study, no deletions, no updates.

7. Selection of two representatives for Students Inside Albany

The board selected Genevieve Koyn from Grand Island High School and Madeline Gee from City Honors High School.

8. New member outreach and involvement

Most of the 26 members who joined LWVBN during the past year have been contacted and several are active in some way(s).

9. Happy Hour Committee report

Having lost our quorum, the board was unable to vote. However, it was agreed that the committee would approach Providence Social to negotiate provision of light snacks. Terri Parks stressed that LWVBN should incur no expense. The committee will select one of these two sites and try it for three months, aiming for a first happy hour in March. Terri Parks thanked Nora Mikes for her very thorough report.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Next board meeting is Monday, March 13, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Nancy DeTine

Submitted by Nancy DeTine