

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2017
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

At 4:12 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Shirley Joy, Kathie Macaluso, Nicole Matteson, Nora Mikes, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla

Excused: Pat Costanzo, Judith Clarke, Judy Metzger, Dorothy Tao, Sue Stievater, Lori Robinson and Margaret Brunson

Leave of Absence: Joan LoCurto

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

- A. Board meeting February, 2017
- B. Proposed Action with State Senators and Assembly Members by the Waterfront Committee
- C. Co-Sponsorship with the Buffalo Niagara Coalition for Open Government of the September 27 program featuring Robert Freeman

Motion made by Nicole Matteson and seconded to approve the items of the consent agenda.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – L. Robinson, Reviewed by T. Parks

Ending balance as of January 31, 2017	\$ 107,450.23
Total income for February, 2017	1,624.88
Total expenses for February, 2017	3,546.80
Net change in Equity	1,388.76
Total balance as of February 28, 2017	106,917.07
Monthly Surplus/Deficit	(1,921.92)

The treasurer's report was received for filing.

The annual appeal letter for donations to LWVBN and LWVBN through the LWVNYS-EF was sent in early March.

Board members are reminded that they are responsible to donate at least once a year to LWVBN or LWVNYS-EF.

Issues Committee Summary – M. Deutschman

The calendar of upcoming events was presented on The Summary of Issues Meeting - Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Speakers and venue for the May program will be announced after confirmation is received.

Programs for September and October are under consideration.

If anyone has suggestions for future speakers and venues or would like to join the Issues Committee, please call the League office.

There will be an article in the *Voter* to request ideas from the membership for speakers.

Making Democracy Work Awardee – T. Parks

The board discussed honoring an elected official who is still serving that included points such as:

Our need to not appear partisan

Consideration should be given on a case by case basis and might hinge on what an individual may have done in the community, in addition to those which are part of her/his job description.

Following the discussion, the board generally agreed there should not be a set policy about honoring elected officials with the award.

Motion by N. DeTine and seconded to give the 2017 Making Democracy Work Award to Roger Cook. Motion approved.

Setting Membership Goal for the 2017-2018 Budget

Motion by N. Mikes and seconded that we set the membership goal for the 2017-2018 budget at a 5% increase. Motion approved.

Progress Report from the “Happy Hour” Committee – N. Mikes

N. Mikes reported that the committee has researched Providence Social on Rhode Island Street in Buffalo.

A representative from Providence Social is putting together an offer for LWVBN for April 27 at 5:30 P.M.

Plans are to start setting up the Happy Hours for April, May and June on the fourth Thursday of each month

N. Mikes will send information for flyers about the Happy Hours to N. DeTine who will follow up with the designer.

Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) conference call - N. DeTine

Lisa Scott, the MLD coach from the NYS League, reported having heard that attendees of programs presented by other Leagues feel energized by what they hear, but are uncertain about actions they can take.

In the discussion that ensued, LWVBN members made these suggestions:

- Incorporate action items into the program wherever appropriate.
- Distribute a flyer that presents any relevant League position(s), encourages people to take such action as making calls or writing letters to the editor and elected officials, and provides contact information for elected officials and other influencers.
- Emphasize that attendees must call or write as individuals, not as representatives of the League.

Support for CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) Buffalo Motion by N. DeTine and seconded that LWVBN co-sponsor CEDAW. Motion approved.

Pricing for Annual Meeting Luncheon -T. Parks

Motion by S. Joy and seconded that the prices for the annual meeting luncheon will be \$25 for members and \$30 for guests.

Motion approved.

Outer Harbor and Green Code – N. Matteson

Update on the Outer Harbor – Lunch & Issues Program on March 23

Party for the Green Code! - March 23, 5:30-7:30 PM. at Rich Atrium – One of the key components of this meeting will be Sam Hoyt of Empire State Development honoring the Green Code.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Next board meeting is Monday, April 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

Filed with the minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, Summary of Issues Meeting, LWV Board request to become an official sponsor of CEDAW Buffalo and Executive Committee Approval for *Another Voice* Article that supports reform for the Federal Election Commission.