

LWVB/N 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday June 3, 2017  
Hyatt Place Restaurant  
5020 Main Street, Amherst, N.Y. 14226

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President Terri Parks convened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. with a quorum present.

OPENING REMARKS AND APPOINTMENTS: Co-President Parks welcomed everyone. She asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of special people who died this past year. Co-President Parks made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Pat Costanzo

Recorders: Nancy DeTine and Mary Herbst

Committee to Review the Minutes: Arlene Miles and Sue Stievater

Tellers, if needed: Mary Ann Turkla and Flora Summe

Co-President Parks announced the procedures and rules for the conduct of the meeting.

Co-President Parks commented that Annual Reports are in the Annual Report Booklet. She thanked everyone who submitted a report.

APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Laura McDade and seconded by Lee Tetkowski to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting that were reviewed by the committee to review and approved by the Board of Directors at the July 2016 meeting. Motion adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lori Robinson presented the treasurer's report. She cited a projected surplus of about \$1,600 (an update from the printed report, which projected a deficit). Co-President Parks accepted the report for filing and thanked Lori Robinson for her outstanding service as treasurer.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 BUDGET: Co-President Parks thanked the members of the Budget Committee. Chair Amy Witryol presented the proposed budget for 2017-2018. She noted: that there was no figure for BMHA because there is no current contract. \$4,290 (less any surplus) was withdrawn from our investment account. This is not a good practice, so the board will need to pursue new fundraising and grant writing initiatives. The budget sets a target for cash on hand.

Co-President Parks asked for discussion of the budget from the membership. Discussion proceeded without any proposed amendments. Motion made by Amy Witryol for adoption of the 2017-2018 budget; no second required. Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 LOCAL PROGRAM: Marian Deutschman presented the 2017-2018 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities as approved by the board following the recommendations of the Issues Committee. Co-President Parks called for discussion. There were no proposed amendments to the program from the membership. Motion made by Marian Deutschman for adoption of the 2017-2018 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities; no second required. Motion adopted. Co-President Parks thanked Marian Deutschman for presenting the program as chair of the Issues Committee,

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF LWVB/N: Co-President Parks introduced Shirley Joy, governance chair to present for adoption the proposed changes to the LWVB/N bylaws. Co-President Parks thanked the members of the bylaw revision committee. Shirley Joy asked for questions or discussion of each proposed bylaw change. There were no proposed amendments to any of the bylaw changes. Motion made by Shirley Joy to approve the full bylaw amendments as

presented; no second needed. Motion adopted.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS:** Co-President Parks thanked the members of the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee for their fine work. She requested that Lynne Vallone present the Nominating Committee report. The nominees for all offices were presented:

Nominees for officers for the board of directors for 2017-2019: President, open, 1st Vice President, open 2nd Vice President, Judy Clarke, and Secretary, Mary Herbst

Nominees for directors of the board for a two-year term from 2017-2019: Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Ann Converso, Nora Mikes, Shirley Joy and Janet Massaro.

Nominee for director of the board for a one-year term from 2017-2018: Sara Vernon

Nominees for Nominating Committee for a one-year term from 2017-2018: committee chair, Ramona Gallagher, and committee members, Janet Goodsell, Kathleen McCarthy and Lynne Vallone.

Co-President Parks asked for nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions. There were none so nominations were closed.

Co- President Parks asked for nominations from the floor for directors of the board. There were none so nominations were closed.

Co-President Parks requested nomination from the floor for the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee. There were none so nominations were closed.

As there were no nominations for the officers, board and Nominating Committee, Co-President Parks requested that the secretary cast a single ballot for the election of the slate as presented.

Co-President Parks congratulated the newly elected officers, board members and Nominating Committee members.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:**

All committee chairs should be advised that the purchase of support material is advised as there is adequate funding. (L. Mc Dade)

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** Co-President Parks invited Janet Goodsell to conduct the installation of officers and board members. Following the installation, Co-President Parks presented the officers and board members with a gift as a reminder that they accept the responsibility and will serve in joy and use it to publicly affirm their association with the League of Women Voters. She thanked them for being willing to serve.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:** Co-President Parks gave special thanks to retiring Voter Graphic Editor, Barb Jezioro, who has done a beautiful job for the past four years.

She thanked Sue Stievater, membership chair for the past two years. Sue welcomed 39 new members since February 2016.

Flora Summe is recognized for her exemplary volunteer service.

Judy Metzger was recognized and thanked for her invaluable contributions as a League Leader. Her dedication and passion for the League's mission is without equal. Lee Tetkowski presented Judy with a beautiful gift.

**LEADERSHIP TEAM:** The League will begin now and continue for the coming year to operate with a Leadership Team to carry out the duties normally expected of a president.

Marian Deutschman is the person to contact with general questions. She will respond to inquiries received in the office unless they relate to a specific program area. She will represent the League to the public, government officials, media and other League levels.

Nancy DeTine will handle all communications and public relations. She will proof and approve all communications from the League, including copy for the *Voter*. Terri Parks will be the *Voter* Editor.

Lori Robinson will convene the Executive Committee for any actions that need to be handled between board meetings.

Terri Parks will collate the monthly reports from board members and create the agenda for each board meeting. Board members will conduct the board meetings on a rotating basis. She will continue to supervise the office manager.

Janet Massaro will be the membership chair.

Save the Dates:

July 18, 2017 League's Annual Picnic Pot Luck at noon at the Chelsea Clubhouse at Canterbury Woods, Downing Lane (off Renaissance Drive), Williamsville. Bring a dish to pass.

September 27, 2017 The Buffalo Niagara Coalition for Open Government is hosting a program with Robert Freeman. LWVB/N is co-sponsoring.

November 9, 2017 Suffrage program with Dr. Shannon Risk at the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club, arranged by Terri Parks and co-sponsored by the Women's Bar Association of Erie County at the 20th Century Club.

Terri Parks passed the gavel to Lori Robinson who will preside at the July board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Attachment: Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2017: Lori Robinson

Ending balance as of April 30, 2017	\$ 98,443.24
Total income for May 2017	3,700.52
Total expenses for May 2017	2,062.40
Net Change in Equity	4,561.50
Total balance as of May 31, 2017	104,642.86
Monthly Surplus/ (Deficit)	1,638.12

LUNCHEON: A luncheon followed the business meeting.

FEATURED SPEAKER & SPECIAL AWARDS:

Featured speaker: Paul McQuillen, Upstate Coordinator of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence addressed pending legislation in three specific areas related to gun violence: domestic violence, child access to guns and federally mandated concealed carry.

The *Making Democracy Work Award* was presented to Roger Cook by Judy Metzger.

The *Joan K. Bozer Award* was presented to Kathleen McCarthy by Marian Deutschman.

The *LEE Award* was presented to Joanne Hameister by Lee Tetkowski and Lee Lambert.

Genavieve Koyn, Grand Island High School student, shared her participation and experiences in the Students Inside Albany program sponsored by the League of Women Voters New York State.

