

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 14, 2017  
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:02 P.M., Presider, Lori Robinson convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Terri Parks, Marian Deutschman, Shirley Joy, Judith Clarke, Margaret Brunson, Nancy DeTine, Kathie Macaluso, Lori Robinson, Nora Mikes, Janet Massaro, Sara Vernon, Ann Converso, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla  
Excused: Pat Costanzo

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks

Terri noted that Nora Mikes has accepted Board member assigned to the Issues Committee as her board portfolio and Ann Converso has agreed to be Advocacy Chair. Job Descriptions for these positions will be submitted for board approval at the September board meeting.

Reminder – If you plan to come to the Board meeting or need to be excused, RSVP to Terri Parks when she sends out board meeting notices via email. Plans can then be made and the room can be set up accordingly.

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

Minutes of the Board Meeting, July 10, 2017

Motion by T. Parks and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

Ending balance as of June 30, 2017	\$103,643.71
Total income for July 2017	8,550.00
Total expenses for July 2017	2,846.00
Net change in equity	(636.17)
Total balance as of July 2017	103,007.54
Monthly Surplus/Deficit	5,704.00

The treasurer's report was received for filing.

Questions for Vote411 and the Voters Guide – T. Parks

The board discussed the suggested questions and approved the questions for Vote411 and prioritized questions so that #1 and #2 will be used for the printed Voters Guide. The final edits to the questions are being done by several board members, so they can go to Barb Jezioro and be sent to candidates. Terri thanked everyone for their contributions to this annual task.

Speakers' Honoraria – L. Robinson

Judy Clarke explained current practice and Janet Massaro explained the former policy for accepting donations from groups that request speakers from the League. Janet Massaro and Terri Parks will work with Shirley Joy to draft a written policy regarding speaker's honoraria to present for adoption at the September board meeting

Charge to the Nominating Committee:

The board discussed and with minor changes, concurred with the draft charge and appointed board members Shirley Joy, Judith Clarke and Nora Mikes to the Nominating Committee for 2017-2018. Terri Parks will forward the charge and appointed board members to Ramona Gallagher.

Discuss and Approve November 9 Sponsorship and Patron Costs - T. Parks

After much discussion, a motion was made by T. Parks and seconded to charge \$35.00 for individual luncheon patron reservations on November 9. Motion approved.

The committee will meet again on 8/31 at 5:30 P.M. at Panera Bread on Elmwood in the back room. Others are welcome to join.

Discussion of suggested rewording for the mission statement we publish in the Voter – T. Parks

Motion by T. Parks and seconded that we approve the mission statement we publish in each Voter as follows:

*The League of Women Voters is a good government organization that encourages informed and active participation in the political process, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League never supports political parties or candidates.*

Motion approved.

Membership Concern: How to assess membership dues – J. Massaro

Tabled until information is checked with other organizations about prorating membership dues.

Fourth Thursday Socials – N. Mikes

August - Social will be held on Thursday, August 24

September – Social will be held on Wednesday, September 27 after the program with Robert Freeman.

Kathie Macaluso found locations for the Holiday Party and Annual Meeting that needed firm approval prior to the board meeting. They approved holding the Holiday Party at Salvatores on Saturday, December 2, 2017. The Annual Meeting will be at the Fairdale Banquet Center on Saturday, June 9, 2018.

Board Member to preside at the September Board Meeting – Lori Robinson  
Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Motion by S. Joy and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Reports, Summary of Local Government Committee Meetings, Summary of Issues Meeting, Questions for VOTE411 and the Voters Guide (after editing)