

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2017  
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:01 P.M., Presider, Lori Robinson convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

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

Excused: Pat Costanzo

Absent: Sara Vernon

Point of Information: K. Macaluso, events chair circulated the menu for the holiday party on December 2. The Events Committee will decide on the menu selections.

Consent Agenda – L. Robinson

A. Board Meeting August 14, 2017

B. Job Descriptions for Advocacy Chair and Board Member of the Issues Committee

C. Appointments: Ann Converso, Advocacy Chair and Nora Mikes, Board Member of Issues Committee

J. Massaro asked about earlier job descriptions for Advocacy Chair and Board member of the Issues Committee. T. Parks explained that the Advocacy Chair job description was revised to add an annual training session and the Board Member of the Issues Committee is a new job description.

Motion by N. DeTine and seconded to approve the items of the consent agenda

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

L. Robinson asked the board to consider moving \$1627 (67004 – member badges) from the 2017-2018 to the 2016-2017 budget.

Motion by J. Clarke and seconded that we move \$1627 (67004) to the 2016-2017 budget.

Motion approved.

Ending balance as of July 31, 2017	\$103,007.54
Total income for August 2017	495.00
Total expenses for August 2017	1,886.00
Net change in equity	(2,887.63)
Total balance as of August 2017	100,119.91
Monthly Surplus/Deficit	(1,391.00)

L. Robinson made the adjustment to this report per the board decision to move the cost of member badges \$1,627 to last fiscal year as that is when the expense actually occurred.

The treasurer's report was received for filing.

Issues/Action /Committee – M. Deutschman

The October 12 Program on health care will be held at the Harlem Community Center.

Debra Street, PhD, UB Professor and Sociology Chair and Kevin Ketchum of the Campaign For New York Health have agreed to be on the panel. M. Deutschman will contact Myron Glick, M.D. about being a panelist. The film *FIXIT* will be part of the program.

Suffrage Lunch Program - The 100 Year Anniversary Committee has one sponsor already. The committee is ready to contact women owned businesses regarding sponsorship. Other businesses are also welcome to be sponsors. A notice will be placed in the *Voter* to offer committee membership to other league members. The next committee meeting is October 6 at 3:30 at the History Museum. Please let T. Parks know if you plan to attend.

The Issues Committee recommends this program, celebrating 100 years of women having the right to vote in New York State, as the start of a three-year project. The themes for the first year will be legacy, building on that legacy in the second year and its meaning for the future in the third year. Plans are to integrate these themes into the programs each year.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Fairdale Banquet Center 672 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo 14225

Investment Policy Revisions – J. Clarke

J. Clarke reviewed the revisions to the Investment Policy. P. Costanzo will send out a draft policy before the October meeting with the changes included.

September 27 Program Information and Requests – T. Parks

The logistics for the program were discussed. T. Parks will welcome the audience and M. Deutschman will introduce the speaker. K. Macaluso and T. Parks will take care of refreshments.

Annual Review/Acceptance of Board Policies – T. Parks

Motion by J. Clarke and seconded that we approve the annual review/ acceptance of the following Board Policies:

Diversity, Whistleblower, Nonpartisan, Accepting Donations from Campaign Funds, Cell Phone and Video Taping of Candidate Debates or Forums.

Motion approved.

Policy for Honoraria – S. Joy

Motion by N. Mikes and seconded that we accept the Policy for Honoraria. Motion approved.

BMHA Non-Payment Issue – T. Parks

M. A. Turkla will send a past due notice by registered mail to BMHA. If this does not result in resolving the non-payment issue, T. Parks will write BMHA a letter dated September 30 stating that if we do not receive payment, we will no longer be able to provide services after October 31.

Request for Approval of the Letter to the Buffalo News Editorial Board – J. Massaro

Motion by T. Parks and seconded that we approve the Letter to the Buffalo News Editorial Board by Laura McDade. Motion approved.

Board Member to preside at the October Board Meeting – Lori Robinson  
Next board meeting: Monday, October 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, Summary of Issues Meeting, Financial Committee Report, Advocacy Chair Job Description, Issues and Action Committee Member from the board of directors Job Description, Diversity Policy, Whistleblower Policy, Nonpartisan Policy, Policy for Accepting Donations from Campaign Funds, Policy for Cell Phone and Video Taping of Candidate Debates or Forums Conducted by the League. Policy For Honoraria and the Letter to the Editorial Board of the Buffalo News by Laura McDade