

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

At 4:05 P.M., Presider Terri Parks convened the regular monthly board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Shirley Joy, Kathie Macaluso, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson until 5:30 P.M., Janet Massaro, Ann Converso, Nora Mikes, Sara Vernon, Mary Herbst and Office Manager - Mary Ann Turkla

Excused: Pat Costanzo and Judith Clarke

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks

Suggestions for Suffrage Celebrations to come

LWVB/N name badges for distribution

LWVB/N name badges for next year

Point of Information: K. Macaluso will send an email to M.A. Turkla with the wish list from the Massachusetts Avenue Project, our giving opportunity for the December 2 holiday party.

Consent Agenda – L. Robinson

Board meeting minutes, October 2017

Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded to approve the item of the consent agenda.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – L. Robinson

L. Robinson reviewed the treasurer's report.

Ending balance as of September 30, 2017	\$ 100,869.03
Total income for October 2017	2,610.00
Total expenses for October 2017	5,345.00
Net change in Equity	4.25
Total balance as of October 31, 2017	100,873.28
Monthly Surplus/Deficit	(2,735.00)

The treasurer's report was received for filing.

Q&A about Board Reports – T. Parks

N. DeTine requests that anyone who has suitable pictures from the Suffrage program, please send them to her. She is planning to send an email to members and to put a notice in the *Voter* to inform members that if anyone has objections to having their picture on Facebook, please notify LWVB/N.

Grants - Who can do grant requests for LWVB/N? Grant requests need to have

board approval before being sent.

Voter Service – Candidate Forums

If a candidate shows up for a forum and there is no opposing candidate, they can meet with voters who attend the forum after the forum has concluded. We have not held candidates accountable if they do not respond to Vote411 or forums. Anyone who would like to discuss candidate forum procedures and updating the materials, please notify T. Parks or M. Brunson.

Issues Committee Summary – M. Deutschman

A. Converso and R. Gallagher are working on the Death with Dignity program for January. They are planning a panel discussion with pro and con viewpoints. Venues are being considered. It will most likely be on a Saturday. Concurrence is needed in January for board approval at the February meeting. There will be an article on Death with Dignity in the December *Voter*.

MLD (Membership and Leadership Development) – J. Massaro

In early October, a conference call was held with Lisa Scott, our MLD coach from the NYS League. This was followed up with a meeting in later October to discuss members engaging in League programs and visibility. Timing of the treasurer's report was also discussed. Motion by J. Massaro and seconded that the treasurer's report be updated quarterly instead of monthly. The treasurer will inform the board of any significant change in a given month. Motion approved.

Since Happy Hour attendance is down, it was discussed whether to continue them. No decision made at present.

Priorities to present the League to the public:

- Update website

- Improve Facebook Page

- Improve member survey

Any ideas for changes in the member survey, notify J. Massaro.

Committee chairs are to see member survey results.

BMHA – T. Parks

Al Dozoretz's response about what he thinks the LWVB/N should do about the situation at BMHA was emailed to the Board for consideration before the meeting.

At present, it was decided that since BMHA is behind in payments and LWVB/N has incurred expenses for mailings, M.A. Turkla will send invoices by certified mail for the outstanding months of May and September. N. Mikes and T. Parks will work with Al Dozoretz on a letter

to be sent to the BMHA Board of Commissioners and Dawn Sanders-Garrett, Executive director of BMHA if we do not have a new contract or do not receive payment.

LWVB/N Member Badges – T. Parks

Several name badges have not been picked up yet. It was decided to email the membership and place a notice in the *Voter* to ask members to pick up their name badges at the office. They need to call the office first so someone will be available. New members will be asked if they would like a League name badge and what name they want on it.

Request from Neighborhood Legal Services – N. DeTine

A request from Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. with an explanation of the services they provide was emailed to the Board before the meeting. N. DeTine offered to bring more information to the next Board meeting. Tabled until the January Board meeting.

League files to be archived – T. Parks

Since many boxes of the League files need to be archived and the duplicates removed, K. Macaluso, N. Mikes, J. Massaro, S. Joy and M. Herbst offered to begin working on the files in January.

November 9 Suffrage Event – T. Parks

In general, responses were extremely positive.

Suffrage Committee – T. Parks

Anyone who wants to join the Suffrage Committee will be welcomed.

Motion by S. Joy and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

Next board meeting is Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

N. DeTine to preside.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

Filed with the minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, Summary of Issues Meeting, Summary of Local Government Meeting, Al Dozoretz's response about BMHA, Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. request and Suggestions for Locals to Encourage Action