

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2018  
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:05 P.M., Presider Nancy DeTine convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Additional Agenda Item: Board member appointment to the Nominating Committee for the remainder of this board year

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks until 5:15 P.M., Nancy DeTine, Shirley Joy, Kathie Macaluso, Janet Massaro, Nora Mikes, Lori Robinson, Pat Wille, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla  
Excused: Pat Costanzo, Ann Converso, Sara Vernon and Margaret Brunson  
Guest: Grace Andriette, Interim Executive Director, Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.

Consent Agenda – N. DeTine

A. Board Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2017

B. Appointment of Pat Wille as LWVB/N Volunteer Coordinator for Naturalization Ceremonies and member of the board of directors.

Approve Lyle Toohey as a member of the Finance Committee to fill vacancies until the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Approve Mary (Mike) Egan as Volunteer Coordinator for requests for speakers from the League.

These appointments are for the remainder of this board year.

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

Guest Speaker from Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. – N. DeTine

N. DeTine introduced Grace Andriette who explained the background of Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., how they provide legal advocacy and services with “Equal Justice for All”, not only for those who have the financial resources to afford it. They also provide counseling with the Department of Social Services. Due to an administrative error, they suffered a \$4 million funding loss from the New York State Unified Court System. They have been stable over the years and are in the process of reorganizing to prevent this from happening again.

Motion by J. Massaro and seconded that LWVB/N will send a letter to WNY State legislators asking for restoration of funding for Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. Motion approved.

Charter School Update Approval – T. Parks

The 2017 Charter School Position Update had been sent to the board prior to the meeting. Motion by T. Parks and seconded to support updating the Charter School position to remove the following sentence: “In lieu of amendment of the Charter School Act to increase the total number of charters that could be granted, it supports retention of the

current total (100) with amendment of the Charter School Act so that a charter could be reissued if a charter school ceased to function for any reason.” Motion approved.

Q&A about Board Reports – N. DeTine

T. Parks corrected the total paid by attendees at the holiday party to \$999.00

BMHA – M.A. Turkla has been working on reconciling payment issues with BMHA.

To try to come to some resolution, she will ask to speak directly to someone in Accounts Payable.

Request for Purchase of an External Hard Drive – T. Parks and M.A. Turkla

After the office computer hard drive crash and recognizing the need for more back-up, Jonathan Slingerland who has done most of our computer work in the past several years, made some suggestions to provide maximum back-up protection. M.A. Turkla reviewed these ideas with the board.

Motion by L. Robinson and seconded that LWVBN purchase an external hard drive and move our email to G Suite with approximately \$500.00 for the purchase of the hard drive and installation by J. Slingerland and \$5.00/month for G Suite.

Motion approved.

Board member appointed to the Nominating Committee – T. Parks

Motion by Shirley Joy and seconded that T. Parks be appointed to the Nominating committee. Motion approved.

2018 Legislative Priorities for LWVNYS - M. Deutschman

Board members were able to access and review the *2017 Legislative Agenda, League of Women Voters of New York State* on the LWVBN website before the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding LWVBN recommended priorities.

Motion by M. Deutschman with no second needed.

LWVNYS legislative priorities recommendations:

1. All three sections of Election Law
2. Good government reform, specifically Campaign Finance and Ethics Reform
3. Healthcare: Single Payer

Motion approved.

Issues Committee – M. Deutschman

The venue for the Death with Dignity Forum on January 13 has changed to Creekside Banquet Facility, 2669 Union Road at William, Cheektowaga, NY 14227. After the panel discussion, League members will vote on concurrence with the LWVNYS position, for approval at the February board meeting. Consensus forms will be mailed to those who are unable to attend the meeting.

February 15 Program at Classics V, co-sponsored with AAUW – *Challenges Women Face When Running for Public Office*

Crystal Peoples-Stokes will be in Albany and unavailable to be on the panel. AAUW to determine who will take her place.

Treasurer's Report – L. Robinson

Ending balance as of September 30, 2017 (1st Qtr)	\$100,869.03
Total income 2nd Qtr	15,032.82
Total expenses 2nd Qtr	13,770.57
Net change in Equity	4,252.32
Total balance December 31, 2017 (2nd Qtr)	105,125.60
Quarterly Surplus/Deficit	1,262.25

L. Robinson reviewed the financial reports and the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was received for filing.

TRY Brochures – M.A. Turkla explained that she will need volunteers to help when it is time to collate the TRY brochures for distribution.

Membership Renewal – L. Robinson, J. Massaro and M.A. Turkla will meet regarding the ongoing investigation of the process for updating membership renewal.

Motion by L. Robinson and seconded to adjourn. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52P.M.

Next Board Meeting; Monday, February 12, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. N. DeTine will preside.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, Financial Reports, Summary of Issues Meeting, Summary of Local Government Meeting, Charter School Statement of Position as announced by The State Board, November 2006 and Proposal for Update of LWVNY Charter School, 2017 Charter Position Update