

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 12, 2018
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:00 P.M., Presider Nancy De Tine convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda Items – N. DeTine
Board Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2018

Appointments to the Budget Committee:

Chair: Amy Witryol

Member representing Program Committees: Nora Mikes

Member representing Fund Development and the Leadership Team: Terri Parks

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

Motion approved.

Additions to the Agenda – N. DeTine

PMP for Students

West Valley Demonstration Project

WNY Environmental Alliance

Q&A about Board Monthly Reports – T. Park

Question about pricing for the Annual Meeting deferred until placement later in the agenda.

Discussion and Selection of Making Democracy Work Honoree – T. Parks

Prior to the meeting, the board had received Making Democracy Work Award Applications for four nominees. After a discussion of the nominees' community contributions, leadership and impact, L. Robinson made a motion nominating Rev. Kirk Laubenstein as the 2018 Making Democracy Work Honoree. Motion seconded and approved.

N. DeTine offered to revise the Making Democracy Work Award Application for next year.

Treasurer Items – L. Robinson

L. Robinson circulated a letter from our accountant, J.J. Gutt and Associates, Inc. who audited our fiscal year ending in June 2017 and found our financial statements were in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices.

The LWVB/N 2017-2018 Budget was sent to the Board before the meeting to see if they would have any suggestions for the 2018-2019 budget.

1) M.A. Turkla will check on the number of membership brochures left and costs.

2) Adding a line to the next budget for marketing and advertising was suggested.

N. DeTine will ask S. Vernon about the cost of a Facebook ad for events and programs.

3) Membership Badges – Add a line to the membership form to ask new members if they request a LWVB/N membership badge.

4) Budget for Annual Meeting – The Board set the prices for the Annual Meeting at Fairdale Banquet Center.

Motion by L. Robinson and seconded that we have dessert at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on June 9, 2018. The cost should be \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Motion approved.

Student PMP/Students Inside Albany Awardees Membership - J. Massaro
LWVUS has discontinued its practice of assessing student members PMP. There is no PMP assessment at the state level, so Leagues maintain 100% of the dues they charge student members.

Motion by J. Massaro and seconded that we present the two Students Inside Albany Awardees with a one-year complimentary student membership to LWVB/N.

Motion approved.

Pens for Naturalization Ceremonies – P. Wille

P. Wille received 300 pens with the League logo on them, 200 from a donation and 100 from the National Pen Company to be given to new citizens when they complete the Voter Registration Form at Naturalization Ceremonies. They will be available in batches of 10 to be picked up when Voter Registration Forms are picked up.

LWVUS Convention – N. DeTine

LWVB/N is entitled to four delegates to attend the national convention in Chicago from June 28 – July 1. Ramona Gallagher has already expressed an interest. Lori Robinson is also interested in being a delegate. The \$2000 budgeted for the convention will be equally divided among the attendees.

West Valley Demonstration Project – T. Parks

Joanne Hameister, a League member is involved with the West Valley Demonstration Project. The Department of Energy and NYSEERDA have begun the process for the final decision about the clean-up efforts and are asking for input during this process.

Joanne offered to make a presentation to the Board and present her power point program to the League. It was decided to refer her program offer to the Issues Committee and decline her presentation to the board. At present, LWVB/N does not have an Environmental Committee.

WNY Environmental Alliance – T. Parks

Should the League continue to be a member of this Alliance?

T. Parks will send the information to the appropriate people and put an article in *The Voter* to see if anyone is willing to be the primary and secondary contacts for the League Decision tabled until the May Board meeting.

The LWVBN Voter Service Report, March 2018 was circulated.

Next board meeting: Monday, April 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Shirley Joy will preside.

Adjournment: Motion by Pat Wille and seconded to adjourn the Board meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Summary of Issues Meeting, League of Women Voters of Buffalo/ Niagara 2017-2018 Budget and LWVBN Voter Service Report March 2018.