

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 14, 2018
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:00 P.M., Presider, Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

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

Excused: Kathie Macaluso and Pat Costanzo

Guest: Gladys Gifford

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks

- 1) J. Massaro - requests that LWVB/N delegates to the LWVUS Convention attend programs on money in politics, climate change, redistricting, election law and voter suppression.
- 2) T. Parks – There will be a webinar on June 7 at 12 noon at the State League Council meeting. Their primary business is to pass the budget. They hope to provide training during the webinar to gear up for the fall elections. M. Deutschman, N. DeTine, S. Joy and M. Brunson agreed to attend the webinar.

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

A. Board Meeting Minutes, April 2018

B. Appoint N. Mikes as webmaster

Motion by M. Deutschman and seconded that we approve the items of the consent agenda

Motion approved.

Issues Committee Action Request – M. Deutschman

M. Deutschman had sent the Summary of Issues Meeting with an Action Item for the Board prior to the Board meeting.

On behalf of the Waterfront Committee, G. Gifford requested a change to the wording in our waterfront position in our local program. The Issues Committee supported her recommendation. G. Gifford attended the Board meeting and explained that changing the wording to use “water-dependent” would follow the Buffalo Green Code 5.3.3 A2. Motion with no second needed that we change the wording in our waterfront position in our local program, Item 6.c to read: “Only such development that is water-dependent as defined by the Buffalo Green Code 5.3.3 A2.” Motion approved.

Discussion and Approval of Revised Procedures for Candidate Forums – M. Brunson

M.A. Turkla will send anything regarding candidate forums that is received in the League office to M. Brunson.

N. DeTine will proof the revised procedures.

Motion by N. Mikes and seconded that we approve the Revised Procedures for Candidate Forums as edited. Motion approved.

Introduction of possible addition of Live-Streaming on Facebook or YouTube for Candidate Forums – T. Parks

Discussion ensued regarding League responsibilities and possibilities, noting that live-streaming can be done with a smart phone. All candidates must agree to it, it must be shown in its entirety and be League authorized. It could also be used for League programs. S. Joy will work with N. De Tine and the Governance Committee to update the policy by the September board meeting to include live-streaming.

Discussion and recommendations about expanding League Sponsored Candidate Forums – T. Parks

Currently, there are two regularly League sponsored forums in Hamburg and East Aurora. The League works with the Amherst Senior Center on a morning forum. Judy Huber volunteered to coordinate an evening forum in the Council Chambers of the Amherst Town Hall. Other possible areas for League sponsored forums were considered including the City of Buffalo, Northtowns, Niagara County and the City of Niagara Falls.

S. Joy will contact Niagara Falls Mayor Dyster regarding a League sponsored forum there. It was agreed by consensus that we add a League Sponsored Candidate Forum in Buffalo. M. Brunson will coordinate it and L. Robinson will work with her. N. De Tine will advertise for more helpers on Facebook. Anyone interested can call the League office. An email will be sent to members who have expressed an interest.

Discussion about League Participation in Voter Registration “Coalitions” – T. Parks

T. Parks spoke with Sheri Scavone, Executive Director of WNY Women’s Foundation, about getting organizations in her database to work in coalition for registering as many women as possible to vote this year. The League’s key role would be to explain the process. It would be a way to extend our contacts and serve wider and underserved areas. T. Parks will continue to pursue this.

Discussion continued about handing out Voter Pledge Cards with Voter Registrations. Pledge Cards can be used for voters to give permission to be contacted and reminded to get out to vote at election time.

MLD (Membership and Leadership Development) Report and Discussion – L. Robinson

L. Robinson reported that several important ideas were discussed:

- 1) Proposed Voter Registration Swat Team
- 2) Transitioning between the outgoing and incoming Board:
 - Board orientation
 - Responsibilities of the Board
- 3) Mini training sessions to accompany programs

Follow up – When people sign in for League program events, please give the list to M.A. Turkla so she can add those who included their emails to the League email list.

Adjournment: Motion by L. Robinson and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

Next board meeting: Monday, July 9, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Summary of Local Government Meeting
Summary of Issues Meeting