

LWVB/N 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday June 9, 2018  
The Fairdale  
672 Wehrle Drive; Buffalo, NY 14225

Call to Order: Presider, Terri Parks convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. with a quorum present.

Opening remarks and appointments: Presider Parks welcomed everyone. She asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of special people who died this past year.

Presider Parks made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Pat Costanzo

Recorder: Mary Herbst

Committee to Review the Minutes: Laura McDade and Joan Simmons

Tellers, if needed: Mary Ann Turkla and Flora Summe

Presider Parks announced the procedures for the conduct of the meeting.

Presider Parks commented that Annual Reports are in the Annual Report Booklet. She thanked everyone who submitted a report. She encouraged active participation in at least one of the important efforts being pursued by League committees.

Approval of 2017 annual meeting minutes: Motion made by Kate Wagner and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting that were reviewed by the committee to review and approved by the Board of Directors at its July 2017 meeting. Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Robinson presented the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report as of June 8:2018: Lori Robinson

Previous Asset Balance	\$103,694.00 @ 6/30/17
Total Income	40,696.00 YTD 17-18
Total Expenses	40,046.00 YTD 17-18
Net Change in Equity	(3,748.00) YTD 17-18
Total Assets	\$100,596.00 @ 6/8/18
17-18 Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$650.00

Presider Parks accepted the Treasurer's Report for filing and thanked Lori Robinson for her outstanding service as treasurer.

Presentation and Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget: Presider Parks thanked the members of the Budget Committee, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson, Nora Mikes and Chair, Amy Witryol. Lori Robinson and Amy Witryol presented the proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Lynda Stephens proposed amending the budget by changing budgeted (individual) dues from \$12,155 to \$11,155 and adding \$1,000 to investment interests. Motion by Amy Witryol and seconded to amend the budget for 2018-2019 by changing the budgeted (individual) dues from \$12,155 to \$11,155 and adding \$1,000 to investment interests. Motion adopted. Motion by Amy Witryol and seconded to adopt the 2018-2019 budget as amended. Motion adopted.

Presentation and Adoption of 2018-2019 Local Program: Presider Parks introduced Marian Deutschman to present the 2018-2019 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities for adoption. Presider Parks announced that the board reviewed a request for a change in the Local Program from the Waterfront Committee at its May meeting and approved making that request to amend the Local Program. Item 6.c.

currently reads: "Only such commercial development as makes appropriate use of a waterfront location." The committee requests replacing the wording with: "Only such development that is water-dependent as defined by the Buffalo Green Code Section 5.3.3. A2." Motion by Marian Deutschman with no second needed to adopt the amended wording. Motion adopted.

Motion by Marian Deutschman and seconded to approve the 2018-2019 Local Program focus and Continuing Responsibilities as amended. Motion adopted. Presider Parks thanked Marian for presenting the program as chair of the Issues Committee.

Nominating Committee report and Election of board and Nominating Committee: Presider Parks thanked the members of the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee: Lynne Vallone, Kathleen McCarthy, Janet Goodsell, Lori Robinson, Shirley Joy, Terri Parks and chair, Ramona Gallagher. She asked Kathleen McCarthy to present the Nominating Committee report.

Nominees for officers and directors for the board of directors for 2018-2019: President, Terri Parks; 1st Vice President, Ramona Gallagher; 2nd Vice President, Nancy DeTine; Director, Janet Zehr; and Director, Elizabeth Zausmer

Nominees for officers and directors of the board for a two-year term from 2018-2020: 3rd Vice President, Marian Deutschman; Treasurer, Lori Robinson; Director, Pat Costanzo; Director, Margaret Brunson; and Director Joan Simmons

Nominees for Nominating Committee for a one-year term from 2018-2019: Committee Chair, Kathleen Mc Carthy, Janet Goodsell, Lyle Toohey and Lynne Vallone.

Presider Parks asked for nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions. There were none so nominations were closed.

Presider Parks asked for nominations from the floor for directors of the board. There were none so nominations were closed.

Presider Parks requested nomination from the floor for the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee. There were none so nominations were closed.

Motion by Laura McDade and seconded that the secretary cast one ballot for the uncontested officers, board of directors and Nominating Committee members. Motion adopted.

Newly elected President Terri Parks congratulated the newly elected officers, board members and Nominating Committee members. She thanked Kathleen McCarthy for the Nominating Committee Report.

Directions to the board from the membership: Kate Wagner asked the board to get our State Convention to Buffalo and also try for the National Convention.

Installation of Officers and board members: President Parks invited Lyle Toohey to conduct the Installation Ceremony for 2018. Following the installation, President Parks thanked Lyle Toohey and presented the officers and board members with a gift of chocolate as a reminder that they accept the responsibility and will serve in joy and consume it to affirm their association with the League of Women Voters.

Report from our Students Inside Albany: President Parks introduced Janet Goodsell, who read essays from our two Students Inside Albany this year who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting. They expressed gratitude for being able to participate in this experience that increased their awareness and interest in representative government. President Parks thanked Janet for her outstanding work to recruit fine students to represent our League. Members are invited to submit names and contact information of high school students who might be interested in attending the conference next spring to Janet.

Special Recognitions: President Parks asked Kathie Macaluso and Pat Wille, who have elected to leave the board, to join her at the podium. She thanked Kathie for her fine job in making arrangements for the Annual Meeting and the Holiday Party for the past two years and for being willing to continue her active League work. She thanked Pat for the fine job that she is doing to coordinate volunteers for naturalization ceremonies and will continue doing, but in an off-board capacity.

A donation to the education efforts of the League has been made in their honor through the Education Foundation.

Kristin Allen is recognized for her many years as our web master. A donation to the League is being made to honor her.

Nora Mikes will succeed her as web master after the BMHA resident commissioner's election. Special recognition is given to Nora for this effort.

Janet Massaro reported that the League added 26 members this year. Many have expressed an interest in being actively involved in working with the League in many available opportunities.

T. Parks mentioned several events planned for this summer and also invited League members to join the Committee to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of New York State in May 2019 and the 100th Anniversary of LWVUS on February 14, 2020 and the ratification of the nineteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution on August 26, 2020.

Members are invited to suggest a charitable organization to invite to our Holiday Party as we have in recent years.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Secretary

LUNCHEON: A luncheon followed the business meeting.

#### FEATURED SPEAKER & SPECIAL AWARDS:

Featured speaker: Rev. Kirk Laubenstein, Executive Director of the Coalition for Economic Justice spoke about the Poor People's Campaign, the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Coalition for Economic Justice and what makes democracy work.

The *Making Democracy Work Award* was presented to Rev. Kirk Laubenstein

The *Joan K. Bozer Award* was presented to The Team of Judith Clarke and Al Dozoretz

