

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:00 P.M., First Vice President, Ramona Gallagher convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Ramona Gallagher, Marian Deutschman, Joan Simmons, Shirley Joy, Ann Converso, Janet Massaro, Elisabeth Zausmer, Janet Zehr, Nora Mikes, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla.

Excused: Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Margaret Brunson and Lori Robinson

Leave of Absence: Pat Costanzo

Consent Agenda Item – R. Gallagher

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Motion made by N. Mikes and seconded to approve the item of the consent agenda.

Motion approved.

Reports of Officers:

Archiving LWVBN Records – R. Gallagher

R. Gallagher will need a committee to help with archiving. Notify her if you are interested. She will also put a notice in *The Voter*.

Communications – R. Gallagher for N. DeTine

N. DeTine asked the Board for a decision about setting up an Instagram account for LWVBN. The Board came to a consensus to set up Instagram and asked that the user name and password be left with M.A. Turkla in the office. It was also suggested that the user names and passwords for other League accounts be left with M.A. Turkla as well of a list of who to contact for specific League business. If sending anything out to the membership, send the information to N. DeTine, not to M.A. Turkla

Issues/Program/Local Government – M. Deutschman

The Issues Summary was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. If anyone has comments or suggestions regarding the issues, please inform the Issues Committee.

All are welcome to attend the Issues Meetings.

The speaker for the February 15 program, Eva Doyle has a \$75 fee.

Motion by M. Deutschman with no second needed that we pay Eva Doyle a \$75 fee.

Motion approved.

Report of Board and/or Standing Committees:

Membership Committee – J. Massaro

The usual procedures with letters and phone calls have been followed for membership renewals and dues payments. As of September 11, we have 174 members.

Outreach for Civic Education/Engagement – E. Zausmer

E. Zausmer had sent A Summary of Outreach Efforts to the Board by email prior to the meeting. She reported further updates at the meeting.

Betty Jean Grant would like to partner with the League for an informational program regarding issues, the importance of voting, Voter Registration, ballots and how to navigate them, polling places and other voting matters. Volunteers are needed to help with this program.

R. Gallagher will be the Outreach for Civic Education/Engagement contact person for E. Zausmer between 9/13 and 10/6.

Legislative Advocacy – A. Converso

A. Converso had sent an email asking if anyone would be interested in seeing legislators. Afterwards, they were expected to get back to her with information about the visits.

Lobbying Training – A. Converso is planning a lobbying training program on February 9 from 10:00 AM. – 12:00 Noon at The Amherst Community Center.

J. Massaro reminded the board that the State League tells us what we advocate for and that we report back to them with what our legislators voiced.

J. Massaro, R. Gallagher and A. Converso plan to meet to discuss advocacy and the lobbying training program.

BMHA is up to date on payments as of September 11.

Office Manager, M.A. Turkla's office hours:

Tuesday 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Wednesday 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Friday 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Please stay in these parameters.

She will be out of the office on Tuesday, September 25, but will respond on Wednesday and Friday that week.

New Business – R. Gallagher

Vote Smart Event Co-sponsoring with Daemen College

Motion by E. Zausmer and seconded that LWVBN be a co-sponsor of the Vote Smart event at Daemen College on 10/21/18. Motion approved.

Comments on the electronic voters guide (<https://lwwny.civicengine.com>)

R. Gallagher asked Board members to try this site and email feedback to her.

Ideas/suggestions for holiday event venue, date and charity so far:

Venue – Rizotto Restaurant

Date – December 1

Charities – GoBike, First Responders (Police and Firefighters) and Cornerstone Manor.

The speaker at the holiday event represents the selected charity.

Please bring any other suggestions to the October Board meeting.

Voter Guide – LWVBN will not publish a *Voter Guide* this year. The usual recipients will be notified as much as possible. They can be referred to other sources.

ALL IN Community Civic Engagement Effort (CCEE) provides information about voting. They have a presence on Facebook.

WNY Women's Foundation – Their website is wnywfdn@wnywfdn.org The League has been working with them on getting out the vote.

Celebration of 100 Years of Women's Suffrage in New York State – The New York State League is asking for information from local leagues about something significant that they have accomplished.

Next board meeting: Monday, October 8, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

Adjournment: Motion by Shirley Joy and seconded to adjourn the Board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Herbst
Secretary

Mary Herbst

Filed with the Minutes: Summary of Issues Meeting, LWVBN Community Outreach/Diversity Efforts and LWVBN Office Manager's Monthly Report