

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

At 4:01 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Shirley Joy, Elisabeth Zausmer, Lori Robinson, Ramona Gallagher, Joan Simmons, Nora Mikes, Janet Massaro, Janet Zehr, Mary Herbst and Office Manager - Mary Ann Turkla

Excused: Ann Converso and Margaret Brunson

Leave of Absence: Pat Costanzo

Veterans Day was November 11, 2018 – T. Parks remembered

Veterans with a quote from President John F. Kennedy:

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks

J. Simmons – Fundraiser for Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

A. Board Meeting Minutes: October 8, 2018

B. Approval of Janet Massaro as a member of the 2019 Nominating Committee

Motion made by R. Gallagher and seconded to approve the items of the consent agenda.

Motion approved.

Q & A about Board Reports – T. Parks

Membership – The Office Manager’s Monthly Report with membership information was distributed at the meeting. From now on, student membership information will be separated in this report.

Q & A about Issues/Action Committee Report – M. Deutschman

The Summary of the Issues Meeting was sent to the Board prior to the meeting. The Suffrage Celebration (One hundred years of The League of Woman Voters in New York State) will be held at the Garrett Club on May 4, 2019 at an afternoon reception. Entertainment for the event - Denise Reichard, a re-enactor will portray Eleanor Roosevelt.

Outreach for Civic Education and Engagement – E. Zausmer

E. Zausmer had sent an update of the Outreach for Civic Education and Engagement to the Board prior to the meeting. She asked the Board to respond to the issues

included in the update. She had attended a leadership webinar to address the goal of the outreach which is to increase the League's diversity. After a discussion, of how to proceed, what we can do locally and what our goals are, T. Parks offered to send the webinar link and the TED Talks to each Board member. Board members need to view the webinar and TED Talks before the retreat. Plans are to form a committee to work with E. Zausmer and come up with a game plan. Please notify her if you are interested in being on the committee. A Board retreat, possibly in January, would help clarify who we are, what we stand for and what our biases are as we work on cooperating with more diverse organizations and collaborating with those who have similar interests. Placing an article about the outreach in the *Voter* might be a way to get more members to be involved.

Board Assessment and Recommendations in comparing this year's Online Voters Guide with Vote411 – T. Parks

T. Parks asked each Board member to email her by November 19 regarding what they prefer or do not prefer about Vote 411 versus this year's Online Voters Guide.

Recommendations and approval to the Charge to the Nominating Committee – T. Parks

T. Parks will submit the appointment of M. Deutschman, J. Simmons and J. Massaro from the Board to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee. There were no changes suggested for the Charge to the Nominating Committee, so it will be sent to Kathleen McCarthy, chair.

Response and decision to suggestion of earlier start time for board meetings in winter – T. Parks

The January meeting was already scheduled to start at 3:30 in order to include the Instagram tutorial with Michelle Perkins. N. DeTine will check with Michelle Perkins to see what time she is available for the tutorial during the meeting. Board members are asked to bring computers to the meeting. It was decided to also begin the February meeting at 3:30 due to the earlier darkness.

Pat Wille's proposal for purchase of pens for Naturalization Ceremonies – T. Parks  
Motion by L. Robinson and seconded that the League purchase pens to give out at Naturalization Ceremonies, quantity and cost as we have been purchasing with donated funds. Motion approved.

Fundraiser for Tree of Life synagogue – J. Simmons

J. Simmons has been working with an administrator at Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo on a fundraiser for the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh where the recent shootings occurred. J. Simmons circulated a well-made, lovely pin that is being produced for sale as a charitable contribution for the Tree of Life synagogue.

It was decided to offer the pins at the holiday luncheon.

Adjournment: Motion by R. Gallagher and seconded to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Next board meeting is Monday, January 14, 2019 at 3:30 P.M.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Report, Summary of Issues Meeting,  
Outreach for Civic Education and Engagement, LWVBN Office Manager's Monthly Report  
and the 2018 Charge to the Nominating Committee (DRAFT).