

**LWVB/N BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2019  
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209  
MINUTES**

President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting at 3:32 PM with a quorum present.

Present: Ramona Gallagher, Nancy DeTine, Janet Massaro, Terri Parks, Lori Robinson, Joan Simmons, Janet Zehr, Shirley Joy, Nora Mikes, Marian Deutschman, and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla  
Excused: Mary Herbst, Liz Zausmer, Ann Converso  
Leave of Absence: Pat Costanzo  
Absent: Margaret Brunson

Kudos to Mary Ann Turkla, Nora Mikes and Nancy DeTine for updating TRY publication; Ann Converso for planning and conducting the Citizens' Lobbying Workshop and Nora Mikes for assisting; and Janet Goodsell for obtaining two candidates for Students in Albany (SIA).

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks: Mary Ann Turkla and ordering palm cards re voting tips. Motion made by J. Massaro and seconded to approve printing 2500 Voter cards in the amount \$115. Motion adopted.

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

- A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2019
  - B. Approval of S. Joy as member of Budget Committee
  - C. Approval of Deborah Schiffner to Finance Committee
- Motion made by S. Joy and seconded to approve consent agenda items.  
Motion adopted.

Q & A re MONTHLY REPORTS – T. Parks - None

ISSUES/ACTION COMMITTEE- M. Deutschman reported that the Issues/Action Committee recommends no changes be made on the State League 2019-2020 Program for 2019-2020 at the state League convention in June 2019. Motion by J. Massaro and seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Issues and Action Committee on the proposed program for LWVNYS. Motion adopted.

Discussion and approval of students for Students Inside Albany – T. Parks Janet Goodsell sent information previously regarding students selected to participate. Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded to approve sending Thomas Griffin and Gabrielle Gelinas to the SIA 2019. Motion adopted.

#### Discussion and Decision about Board Retreat- T. Parks

L. Zausmer received a proposal from Lesley Diaz to facilitate a Board Retreat for a fee of \$500 which was sent to Board members to review. Discussion ensued about including prospective officers, Board members and program committee chairs and Board reached consensus that we include them. J. Simmons suggested North Park Library as a possible location. Motion made by R. Gallagher and seconded that the Board accept and approve the proposal by Lesley Diaz for the Board Retreat in March/April 2019. Motion adopted.

#### An Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt – T. Parks

Lyle Toohey, Chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee, sent a report to the Board re the event scheduled May 4, 2019, 4-6 PM, at the Garrett Club and requested the Board approve charging \$50 per person for the event. After discussion, Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded that the Board approve charging \$45 per person as the cost for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the League of Women Voters of New York State to be held on May 4, 2019. Motion adopted.

#### Making Democracy Work Awardee Selection – T. Parks

Two nominees were suggested previously for this Award: Betty Jean Grant and Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold. Discussion ensued. Motion made by N. DeTine and seconded that Dr. Nevergold be selected as this year's awardee. Motion adopted unanimously.

#### Volunteers will meet with Legislators during their February break or in early March-T. Parks for Ann Converso

It is essential to lobby legislators to add a budget item to fund the implementation of the Early Voting bill. The State League projects a cost of \$9 million dollars needed to implement this program. Board members will also meet with representatives of the Erie and Niagara Boards of Elections to discuss their concerns – date to be determined.

#### Reports and Discussion from MLD Conference Calls – N. DeTine and M. Deutschman

A prime issue is to drum up participation in committees. One suggestion is for members to invite other members to a specific meeting with time and agenda. N. DeTine volunteered to work on this with Committee Chairs. Another idea is to have "Community Conversations" as a public service and invite the public in to discuss/collaborate on specific issues; e.g., new voting reforms.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM. Next Board meeting: Monday, March 11, 2019, 3:30 PM, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY.

*Ramona L. Gallagher*

Submitted by Ramona L. Gallagher  
Acting Recording Secretary

**\*\*Filed with the Minutes–Monthly Board Reports; Membership Committee Report, Centennial Celebration Committee Report; Summary of Issues Committee Meeting; LWVB/N Highlights from Our History; Summary of Public Policy Positions, LWVNY 2017-2018; MLD Call minutes; Students Inside Albany Nomination Forms; LWVB/N “Making Democracy Work Award Applications”**