

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

At 3:30 P.M., President, Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

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

Leave of Absence: Pat Costanzo

Guest: Kathleen McCarthy

Additions to the Agenda – T. Parks  
Parking stipends for Naturalization Ceremonies

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

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Motion by E. Zausmer and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

Nominating Committee Report - K. McCarthy

K. McCarthy, Nominating Committee Chairperson, distributed the 2019 Nominating Committee Report to the Board of Directors with the results of the Board Survey and the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. She presented the following slate of officers to be elected at the June 1, 2019 Annual Meeting for 2019-2021: President, Joan T. Parks; 1st Vice President, Ramona Gallagher; Secretary, Susan Dombrowski; Directors, Barbara Gunderson, Shirley Joy, Nora Mikes, Christine Prygon and Elisabeth Zausmer

Nominating Committee 2019-2020: Chair, Kathleen McCarthy; Members, Ann Converso, Mary Herbst and Janet Goodsell

Q & A about Board Reports: None

Q & A Issues/Program Committee Report – M. Deutschman

For programs and events, prepaid registrations have been working and RSVPs have been helpful. Equipment needs for programs must be solved by the person chairing the event ahead of time. We have two portable microphones, a 2017 HP laptop computer with DVD player, a 2017 Epson Projector, a 2019 Bose speaker that can be connected to the laptop for DVD presentations and a 2019 portable tabletop screen.

For the September Kickoff, Congressmen Higgins and Reed and Senator Schumer have been suggested as possible speakers. The focus of the Kickoff has not been decided yet. If you have any ideas, notify M. Deutschman.

Discussion about goals for Board Retreat – E. Zausmer

The goals for the Board Retreat had been sent by email prior to the Board meeting. E. Zausmer began a discussion about diversity and referred to the National League

Statement on Diversity. Goals of individual Board members as well as League goals were discussed. We discussed rewording Goal 5 to be more general to determine how we will proceed to start the conversation between the League and other organizations.

We were reminded to view the DEI Webinar before attending the retreat.

Printed Voters Guide in 2019 – T. Parks

N. DeTine raised the idea of considering a different format for the Voters Guide. She suggested that the board consider printing pamphlets with key election information and with directions to the electronic guide for further information. Discussion continued about the printed guides, the electronic guides, N. DeTine's idea and letting the information drive the format. Distribution, workload, difficulty in acquiring candidate's pertinent information (such as campaign emails for candidates), voters who do not use computers and working with community partners to collaborate on voter education were relevant points.

A. Converso offered to send campaign emails to those working on candidate's information.

Board Homework – For the April Board Meeting

How do we want to get our voting information out to the voters?

What about the 2019 Voters Guide – Printed, Electronic, N. DeTine's suggestion or other?

How do we determine the issues for discussion and questions for candidates? Our practice has been to have the Issues Committee and the program committees that are represented there suggest the questions and submit them for Board approval in July each year.

What about voters who do not use computers?

Do we need any distribution changes?

Parking stipends for volunteers at Naturalization Ceremonies – T. Parks

At present, the parking stipend for volunteers at Naturalization Ceremonies is \$5.00.

Parking rates have increased to \$20 for volunteers who are there for over 2 hours. Volunteers are now at the ceremonies for close to three hours.

Motion by N. Mikes and seconded that we raise the stipend for Naturalization Ceremony parking to up to \$20. Motion approved

Suggestions for State League Awards – T. Parks

T. Parks suggested LWVBN apply for LWVNYS 2019 Get Out the Vote Award because of our collaboration with the Western New York Women's Foundation, what we do at Naturalization Ceremonies and what we did with Voter Registrations. T. Parks will fill out the nomination form and send it to N. DeTine for review. Board members are encouraged to submit completed award nomination forms to T. Parks by April 1 if they have any further suggestions.

Adjournment: Motion by R. Gallagher and seconded that we adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

Next Board Meeting is Monday, April 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Summary of Issues Meeting,  
LWVBN 2019 Nominating Committee Report to the board of Directors,  
Summary if Local Government Meeting, Activities for Retreat and  
LWVNYS 2019 AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA