

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 8, 2019
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:00 P.M., President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson, Elisabeth Zausmer, Shirley Joy, Joan Simmons until 5:20 P.M., Janet Massaro, Janet Zehr, Nora Mikes, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla.

Excused: Ramona Gallagher and Ann Converso

Leave of Absence: Pat Costanzo

Guest: Susan Dombrowski

Consent Agenda Items – T. Parks

A. Board Meeting Minutes: March 11, 2019 with the names of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee on the slate to read Nominating Committee 2019-2020: Chair, Kathleen McCarthy; Members; Ann Converso, Mary Herbst and Janet Goodsell

B. Appoint Lyle Toohey, Lori Robinson and Barb Gunderson to be delegates to the LWVNYS Convention June 7-9, 2019

Motion by Janet Massaro and seconded to approve the items of the consent agenda

Motion approved.

Q & A and comments about Board Reports – T. Parks

J. Massaro questioned sending a donation request in May to our past and current members, if we don't receive sufficient donations to the League. T. Parks explained that this will be determined on whether we expect to meet our budget or not.

Q & A and comments about Issues Program Committee Report – M. Deutschman

Discussion ensued about where to place summaries after League programs.

The Board came to a consensus to place the program summaries on the website and in the *Voter* if space permits. The summaries will not be on Facebook.

Approval of 2019-2020 LWVBN Program Focus to submit to members – M. Deutschman

M. Deutschman explained that there had been no suggestions for changes.

Motion by Marian Deutschman and seconded for approval of LWVBN Local Program Focus with no changes from 2018-2019. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report for the Minutes – L. Robinson

	March 31, 2019
Previous Asset Balance 6/30/2018: \$100,087	113,585.71
Total Income:	46,351.12
Total Expenses	29,962.36
Net Change in Equity:	6,661.11
Total Assets:	106,924.60
YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)	16,388.76

The Treasurer's Report was received for filing.

Quarterly Financial Report – L. Robinson

L. Robinson sent the Quarterly Financials to the Board by email prior to the meeting. She reported that everything looks pretty good. The BMHA contract keeps us going. We have not had any unusual expenses. We hope for a successful event on May 4.

Printed Voters Guide in 2019 – T. Parks

The March 2019 Board meeting discussion of Printed, Electronic or other options for Voters Guides continued to the April Board meeting with added questions:

Should we include candidates for the City of Buffalo and the City of Niagara Falls?

Instead of asking specific questions of each candidate, should we ask them their three top priorities.?

Motion by N. DeTine and seconded that for 2019, LWVBN prints a Voters Guide to include county offices for Erie and Niagara plus city offices for Buffalo and Niagara Falls with basic information and top three priorities of each candidate. Motion approved.

The Voters Guide Steering Committee members from the board are Nancy DeTine, Joan Simmons, Nora Mikes, Mary Ann Turkla, Lori Robinson, Shirley Joy and Terri Parks.

Proposed 2019-2020 Budget – L. Robinson

L. Robinson sent The Proposed 2019-2020 Budget by email to the board prior to the meeting. She noted that from year to year, there is not a lot of change. The BMHA payments are up and down depending on the Commissioners elections and the number of Tenant Council elections each year. Money for marketing and advertising as well as money for program expenses and how that money can be used were also discussed.

Motion by Nora Mikes and seconded that we send the Proposed 2019-2020 Budget to the membership for adoption at the annual meeting. Motion approved.

Working with the LWVNYS on November 19 Celebration at the Buffalo History Museum – L. Robinson

L. Robinson had suggested to the LWVNYS board that the event be held in Buffalo. The Buffalo History Museum will have a Women's Suffrage Exhibit on display. The last panel of the exhibit features the League, especially LWVBN. The board agreed enthusiastically to support having the State League event in Buffalo. T. Parks will ask Joan Bozer to be on the committee. Janet Zehr and Lori Robinson will also be on the committee representing LWVBN.

Proposal for adding the Finance Committee to the Bylaws - J. Zehr and T. Parks

T. Parks sent the League of Women Voters Buffalo/Niagara (LWVBN) Investment Policy and Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara, Inc. by email to the Board prior to the meeting.

Motion by Janet Zehr and seconded that the board sends the following bylaw addition to the members for approval at the Annual Meeting: Article VI Committees, New Section 3.

(Renumber the items following it in Section VI.) The LWVBN Board of Directors has delegated supervisory authority of its financial affairs to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will consist of five league members and be chaired by a member of the board who is not the treasurer. The board president and board treasurer shall be members of the committee. The

committee members will serve for one year and be appointed by the board at its first meeting of each board year. Motion approved.

Approval for the charges for attendees to the Annual Meeting – L. Robinson and T. Parks
Motion by L. Robinson and seconded that the Annual Meeting luncheon charges are \$ 25.00 for League members and \$30.00 for guests. Motion approved. The League will pay the costs for coffee and pastries @ \$5 plus tax and service charge for the attendees at the business meeting in the morning.

Next board meeting: May 13, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Herbst
Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Summary of Issues Meeting, Summary of Local Government Meeting, Proposed 2019-2020 budget, Quarterly Financial Report, Treasurer's Report for the Minutes, League of Women Voters of Buffalo/ Niagara Local Program Focus 2018-2019 and the 2019 suggested bylaw addition.