

League of Woman Voters of Buffalo/Niagara
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York
January 13, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

Present: Ramona Gallagher, Marian Deutschman, Nancy DeTine, Susan Dombrowski, Shirley Joy, Terri Parks, Lori Robinson, Liz Zausmer, Barbara Gunderson,

Guest: Lyle Toohey

Excused: Nora Mikes

Absent: Tina Prygon

A quorum present, President Terri Parks called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

As chair of the Centennial Celebration Committee, Lyle Toohey updated the board on the amazing progress and growth of the committees and subcommittees involved in preparation for the Celebration. Lyle is enthusiastic and optimistic about the responses she has received and the ownership outside groups have been demonstrating as this takes shape.

Terri informed the board that she sent the charge to the Bylaws Review Committee very late and requested that the committee report be delayed until the March Board meeting. The board concurred. As chair of the Bylaw Review Committee, Lyle Toohey noted that the report from the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee suggested that the board develop a plan for succession. Instead, the board charged the Bylaw Review Committee with that task. Lyle requested that board members take time to check online for possible ways to address succession and share them with the committee.

Motion made by Ramona Gallagher and seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the November 2019 Board Minutes, appointment of Shirley Joy to the Budget Committee, and approval of hotel expenses for Ron Deutsch for the January program. Motion adopted.

Quarterly Treasurer's Reports were presented by Lori Robinson. She noted that December was a very good month for our investments.

YTD Income:	\$32,751.86
YTD Expenses:	\$23,148.07
YTD Retained Earnings:	\$ 9,603.79

Locations for the Annual meeting were discussed and will be pursued by Ramona Gallagher in the next few weeks. She intends calling Ilio Di Paolos and The Fairdale.

Marian Deutschman of the Issues Committee led a discussion of the issues submitted by the State League with a request for local groups to prioritize them. The Board decided to submit to the State League the issues of:

- #1 Census and Redistricting
- #2 Voting Rights
- #3 Court Consolidations

Terri Parks will submit the Board's response by February 1, 2020 and also indicate that we believe three other issues are worthy of consideration and note them in the response.

Whether or not to join the first WORKTOWIN2020 event was discussed in detail. Barb Gunderson will work to find out more about the event such as its plans to involve the community, its advertising, table placement, etc. The board will make a decision whether to participate at the February 2020 meeting.

A letter to the DEC related to the wastes of West Valley was approved on December 19, 2019, by the Executive Committee.

On January 9, 2020. the Executive Committee approved the travel expenses of E.J. McMahon for the January 30, 2020 program in the amount of \$359.

An Ad hoc committee was formed to explore the exciting teacher workshop opportunity which was brought to the Board's attention by Lori Robinson. Ramona Gallagher, Lori Robinson, and Barbara Gunderson will invite teachers to apply and submit names and essays from the teachers they recommend for board action at the February board meeting.

The NY Constitutional Convention portion of the February 10, 2020 Board Meeting will be held at 5:45 to allow for greater member participation.

Terri Parks invited all Board members to send in assessments and comments to her about this meeting by email.

All required business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next board meeting is on February 10, 2020. at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski, secretary.