

League of Woman Voter of Buffalo/Niagara
Board Meeting Minutes
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209
February 10, 2020

Present: Ramona Gallagher, Marian Deutschman, Nancy DeTine, Susan Dombrowski, Shirley Joy, Terri Parks, Barbara Gunderson, Tina Prygon,

Excused: Lori Robinson, Liz Zausmer
Absent: Nora Mikes

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

Motion made by Ramona Gallagher and seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of approval of January 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes and the appointment of Deborah Shiffner as Volunteer Coordinator for Naturalization Ceremonies. Motion adopted.

President Terri Parks provided an opportunity for Board members who had questions about Board Reports.

3rd Vice President Marian Deutschman presented to the board our new Facilities for LWVBN Events Checklist for review. After discussion and additions to the checklist, R. Gallagher made the motion that the Board approve the newly revised Facilities Checklist as League policy. Motion seconded and adopted.

A motion was made by R. Gallagher and seconded, that the Board approve the cost of \$23 for the luncheon at the March 12, 2020 program at the Twentieth Century Club. 595 Delaware Ave in Buffalo. Motion adopted.

Consensus was reached for the May program subject to be about the threat to the Free Press, as well as there to be no summer picnic in 2020.

The need for a concurrence meeting in March on the issue of support for electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable, and enhance representation for all voters was discussed. In an effort to make the meeting accessible to the members most likely to attend, this portion of the March 9, 2020 Board Meeting is set at 3:30-4:15 pm. The Board Meeting will begin at 4:30.

There were six applicants for Students Inside Albany. An ad hoc committee consisting of Ramona Gallagher, Janet Goodsell, Barbara Gunderson, and Terri Parks, recommended Sierra Luke and Colin O'Neill to represent our League. Motion made by R. Gallagher and seconded that the Board approve Sierra Luke and Colin O'Neill to represent the LWVBN at the 2020 Students Inside Albany Conference. Motion adopted.

Consensus was reached for this year's Annual Meeting to take place on June 13, 2020, at Ilio DiPaolo's at 3785 South Park Avenue, Blasdell. In keeping with past practices, the price for the event will be \$25 for League members and students and \$30 for non-members.

A lively discussion ensued concerning the LWVBN's participation in the first Work To Win 2020 event at the Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 695 Elmwood Ave in Buffalo. Keeping in mind that this could offer the League a variety of opportunities to network with other groups and register voters, R. Gallagher made the motion that the LWVBN authorize the \$25 table fee to attend the March 21, 2020 event. Motion seconded and adopted with one abstention. Susan Dombrowski and B. Gunderson will man the table at this event. We will use signage to stress our commitment to non-partisanship.

Consensus was reached to offer a partial refund to members attending the March 14, 2020, training event in Rochester. T. Parks will confer with Lori Robinson to learn if our budget and cash flow will sustain this offer.

There was a long discussion about succession planning and the make-up of the board going forward. T. Parks will summarize the discussion and share it with board members for their input before forwarding it to Lyle Toohey, bylaw committee chair.

Concurrence Meeting: There were no additional attendees to meeting. Consensus was reached to recommend eliminating the first sentence that states that the League will take no position in favor of or opposed the holding of a constitutional convention in New York State from the LWVNYS position related to New York State Constitutional Conventions. Terri Parks will submit the form to the State League.

All required business having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The next Board Meeting is Monday, March 9, 2020 at 4:30pm at the League office, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY. Board members are expected to attend the Concurrence meeting that begins at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski
Secretary