

League of Woman Voters of Buffalo/Niagara  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
May 11, 2020 - 4:00 pm conference call

**Present:** Nancy DeTine, Susan Dombrowski, Lori Robinson, Terri Parks, Liz Zausmer, Shirley Joy, Ramona Gallagher, Marian Deutschman  
Office Manager: Barbara Gunderson  
**Guests:** Mary Ann Turkla, Rebecca LaCivita. Alberta Roman

**Excused:** Nora Mikes

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present, President T. Parks called the meeting to order at 4:04PM. T Parks welcomed our incoming Board members and thanked R. Gallagher for her many years of service to the Board and her willingness to continue with committee work.

**Additions to the Agenda:** L. Zausmer made the Board aware of the availability of 2 National League \$500 grants for work in diversity and inclusion for which we would qualify. The grant needed to be submitted by midnight. L Zausmer, B. Gunderson, and T. Parks agreed to make the submission.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made by R. Gallagher and seconded to approve the consent agenda consisting of the April 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes (with 2 edits) and the appointment of Lori Robinson as delegate to the Virtual LWVUS Convention June 25-28, 2020. **Motion Adopted.**

**Board Reports:**

**Communications:** N. DeTine requested that the “Voter” article about the recent GOTV grant and committee work be strengthened which B. Gunderson agreed to do. T. Parks agreed to develop a piece about Lee Tetkowski, who is stepping down as Education Committee Co-Chair. The possibility of developing “Spotlight on New Members” for the Voter was suggested.

**State League Budget and Virtual State Council:** By consensus the Board approved recommending approval of the State League Budget, which remains largely the same as last year and with no increase in cost to local leagues. Attendees for the Virtual State Council June 11, 2020 will be R.

Gallagher, T. Parks and S. Joy. Proxies will be signed by L. Zausmer, M. Deutschman, and N. DeTine.

### **Time and Dates for the 2020- 2021 Board Meetings**

July 13, 2020	January 11, 2021
August 10, 2020	February 15, 2021
September 14, 2020	March 15, 2021
October 12, 2020	April 12, 2021
November 16, 2020	May 10, 2021

All Meeting to be at 4:00PM

### **Planning for 2020-2021 Board Year:**

The Board recognizes the challenge of staying connected with all our members. Updated directories and committee lists have been sent to all members by email. At the present time, the Voter is being sent only by email except to the members' addresses where the League has no email. Terri is printing and mailing the Voter to those addresses, currently 19.

To address our need to continue with social distancing for the indeterminate future, T. Park, will experiment with WebEx with Board volunteers using video and conference call applications. You may email T. Parks if you are available for these trials.

Committees are encouraged to consider scheduling meeting times (whether virtual or in person) to include all members' schedules and availability.

Ideas for reaching out to new members with the goal of making each feel *invited* are to be emailed to B. Gunderson including but not limited to developing an outreach outline for mentors, and ideas for virtual coffee chats.

Terri reported about the need for a chair for Finance and Investments Committee and a chair for Fund Development. R. LaCivita is willing to chair the Governance Committee. R. Gallagher volunteered to be Advocacy Chair for 2020-2021 either on or off board.

Terri will draft an article for the June Voter for Finance Committee Chair and Fund Development Chair. Terri will be talking to board members who have no specific responsibilities in the next month.

**Finance/ Investments Committee:** S. Joy presented her report to the Board. Motion made by S. Joy to sell Mid-Cap Value fund with proceeds to be distributed as follows: \$7,000 to checking account, \$7,000 to Green Bond Fund, and remaining balance to TIAA money market account. **Motion adopted.**

Motion made by R. Gallagher that the LWVB/N approve adding the League to list of signatories to letter to the Buffalo News from the Sierra Niagara Group. Motion seconded and adopted. T. Parks will contact the Sierra Club.

All required business having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 5:56PM.

The next Board meeting will be July 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by  
Susan Dombrowski  
Secretary