

League of Woman Voters of Buffalo/Niagara
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Terri Parks, Susan Dombrowski, Nora Mikes, Shirley Joy, Marian Deutschman, MaryAnn Turkla, Rebecca LaCivita, Lori Robinson, Liz Zausmer, Nancy DeTine

Guest: Barbara Gunderson, Office Manager

Absent: Alberta Roman

Call to Order: A quorum being present, President Terri Parks called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. T Parks thanked everyone for making the effort to attend this Zoom meeting.

Motion made by Nancy DeTine and seconded by Liz Zausmer to accept the Consent Agenda consisting of

A: Approval of July 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

B: Appointment of Janet Zehr to the Finance Committee

C: Approval of League Treasure, Shirley Joy as signatory on Bank/credit accounts to replace former treasurer, Lorraine (Lori) Robinson as required by our bylaws.

Joan T. Parks, President will continue to be a signatory as stipulated by the bylaws.

Motion unanimously approved

Motion made by Lori Robinson that the Board accept the Non-Partisan Policy and The Policy for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as written. Seconded by Shirley Joy and unanimously approved.

T. Parks reminded all members of the Board to complete their Conflict of Interest forms and submit them to Barbara Gunderson.

We discussed whether to stay at 1272 Delaware Avenue or consider finding new offices at a comparable cost. Our monthly expenses for rent, storage, phone, and internet connection costs total \$320. We agreed that we need meeting space in addition to an office and ample parking. The location needs to be handicap accessible and well serviced by public transportation. We also need access to a copy machine and fax.

The board agreed that we need a physical presence at this time. For the cost, location, parking space and meeting space the Delaware location has met our needs. There are a number of concerns about the building as a whole.

Rebecca LaCivita will chair the committee to explore the possibility of a new office space. Marian Deutschman, Lori Robinson, Barbara Gunderson, Liz Zausmer and Terri Parks will be on the committee which will report back to the board each month with their progress. N. DeTine will post our needs in the *Voter* and send a mass e-mailing to our membership inviting suggestions and ideas for possible locations. A definite date for a decision was not set, but six months was discussed.

M. Turkla and B. Gunderson took up the Delaware Office reopening issue. They recommended that we limit our efforts to:

- A. “Junk” removal by 1-800-GOT-JUNK?
- B. B. Gunderson will try to donate any usable items such as the Apple lap top computer.
- C. Barbara will arrange to hire her grandson to take the boxes of archive materials to the attic for storage.
- D. She will contract with Clean Rite Cleaning, Inc. for a deep cleaning of the office with an eye to possibly contracting with them for cleaning every other month.

M. Deutschman of the Programs Issues and Events Committee apprised the Board of the latest on upcoming events and solicited opinions on the idea of developing a book club. The result was that first “book” will be an article, “Back to the Jungle”, tentatively scheduled for 4 pm on August 31 via Zoom.

L. Zausmer will receive 50 lawn signs from the State League and those who wish to use any need to contact her. We expect to distribute most of them in the Lovejoy District.

Lastly L. Robinson reported that the second grant submitted to the Sate League has been approved for \$1500 for the bus tail project. The GOTV committee continues forward with our bus signs initiative, with the NAACP and PUSH Buffalo signing on with a total contribution of \$1350. To date that means that we have donations or pledges that total \$3500 for the bus tails.

All business having been concluded the, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020 at 4 pm by Zoom.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski
Secretary

