

League of Woman Voters Buffalo/Niagara
Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020- 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Terri Parks, Susan Dombrowski Nora Mikes Shirley Joy, Marian Deutschman, Mary Ann Turkla, Rebecca LaCivita, Lori Robinson Liz Zausmer, Nancy DeTine
Guest: Office Manager Barbara Gunderson
Excused: Alberta Roman

Call to Order: A quorum being present, president Terri Parks called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. T. Parks thanked everyone for making the effort to attend this meeting; especially Liz Zausmer who attended from her vehicle.

A motion made by Lori Robinson that the consent agenda consisting of the adoption of the September 2020 Board Meeting Minutes be approved and that Board approve Barbara Gunderson to the Board as Voter Services Chair on the day following her last day of employment as the Leagues Office manager was seconded by N. DeTine.
Motion adopted.

T Parks called for questions about Monthly reports. No questions were voiced.

Discussion ensued about the advisability of holding our Holiday Luncheon Party as an in-person event. L. Robinson motioned that the League postpone the luncheon scheduled for December 5, 2020. Motion seconded by L. Zausmer. Motion adopted.

The League has a tradition of honoring a community member for good works and providing both the recognition and a League financial contribution to their efforts, as well as the opportunity for other League members to contribute to the cause. The event is also used to note and thank outstanding League members for their work during the year as well as in the past. M. Deutschman made the motion that the award and recognition part of the usual Holiday Luncheon be held on Zoom. Seconded by N. DeTine. Motion adopted. T. Parks will confer with all necessary parties and keep us apprised.

The Board then reviewed the Charge to the Nominating Committee. It was agreed that it was the Board's intention to make any limits to consecutive terms of service to the Board in the same position beginning in June 2020. No other significant changes to the Charge were required.

Two related issues of League liability were discussed. The first concerned the October 17, 2020 Woman's March for which we were to be a co-sponsor. The second concerned inserting directions in The Voter for opportunities to volunteer as drivers to the polls. Because we are unclear about our liability and our insurance coverage and because time is quite short, the board unanimously agreed to forgo both, co-sponsoring the March, or advertising volunteer opportunities in the Voter.

Shirley Joy presented her first Quarterly Treasurer's Report. L. Robinson assisted with some historical reference. The Board has accepted the report.

M. Deutschman presented and Issues and Events Report and answered questions. The feedback from the October Health Policy Webinar was fantastic and may well lead to another production. The November "So We Voted, Now What"? is gaining momentum. There is a lot of excitement and positive feedback. The Book Club is moving along and S. Joy has recruited a new member Jane Lehman to join the Issues Committee.

L. Zausmer led a discussion about the DEI survey. It was decided that each member needs to read the survey, make notes, and if available, attend a Zoom meeting (TBD) to compile results.

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski
Secretary