

League of Woman Voters Buffalo/Niagara
Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020 – 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

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

President T. Parks called the Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. with a quorum being present.

Special thanks to Nancy DeTine who managed to have a mention of our event in the Buffalo News today. “So We Voted. Now What?” is set for November 19 at 7p.m.

A motion to accept the Consent agenda consisting of approval of the October 2020 Board Meeting Minutes was made by L. Zausmer, seconded by M. Deutschman, and unanimously approved.

T. Parks reported that the Office Manager position which was offered to Victoria Mueller is unresolved as of today. If Ms Mueller is unable to accept the position, T. Parks will move to checking references for our third applicant.

The next issue concerns our inadequate communication service and equipment. A motion was made to approve the withdrawal from our current phone and internet services with the Network of Religious Communities by L. Robinson and seconded by L. Zausmer. The motion was then withdrawn by the makers.

A motion was made by L. Robinson that once we confirm that we can withdraw from our current internet service and can acquire Spectrum service that we authorize purchase of a new phone, wireless router and internet service. Motion seconded by Liz Zausmer and unanimously adopted.

L. Robinson presented the Investment and Finance Committee’s revised Investment Policy and the rationale for changes. The Policy was unanimously approved.

M. Deutschman asked the Board for guidance concerning honoraries for speakers at League events. As a result, R. LaCivita will chair a committee to present guidelines to the board for the future situations. T. Parks and M Deutschman have agreed to serve.

A motion was made by M. Deutschman that we provide a stipend of \$300 to Lisa Parshall, our keynote speaker for the March 2020 event, and a \$100 stipend to our speaker from Jamestown, and a \$100 stipend to our local media speaker TBA. The motion was seconded by N. DeTine and was unanimously approved.

B.Gunderson requested \$55 for postage for the Youth Program. L. Robinson made the motion to authorize the \$55 for postage for the Youth Program. It was seconded by A. Roman and unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Approval:

On October 27, the Executive Committee approved hiring Linda Barat as LWVB/N Office Manager at \$15/hour. Linda declined the offer after careful consideration.

On November 3, the Executive Committee approved hiring Victoria Mueller as LWVB/N Office Manager at \$15/hour.

All business being conducted the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be Monday January 11, 2021 at 4p.m.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski
Secretary