

League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara
January 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m. by Zoom

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

President Terri Parks called the Meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

Board members each shared something positive that resulted from or may result from the invasion of the U.S. Capitol on January 6.

A motion was made by Shirley Joy to accept the Consent Agenda consisting of Approval of the November 2020 Board minutes, approval for Amy Witryol to be budget chair for the 2021-2022 League Budget, and approval for the League to Co-Sponsor the 2021 Women's March. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Shirley Joy presented the quarterly Treasurer's Report. The motion to close our Key Bank Savings account and transfer the funds to our checking account was made by S. Joy and seconded by Nancy DeTine. Motion adopted unanimously.

Marian Deutschman presented the LWVBN Legislative Priorities from the Programs, Issues & Events Committee (PIE) which needs to be sent to the State League. A Motion was made to accept the following priorities: 1.Election Law, 2.Fair and Independent Redistricting, and 3.Good Government Reform. Motion seconded and unanimously adopted. T. Parks will forward this to State League by the February 1, 2021 deadline.

The proposed LWVBN Membership Policy and the Membership Committee Job Description were presented by Lori Robinson and Mary Ann Turkla representing the Membership Committee's recommendations. A motion was made to adopt the updated LWVBN membership Policy and unanimously adopted. A Motion made to adopt the Membership Committee Job Description also was unanimously adopted.

It was agreed that our June 2021 Annual Meeting, would be on the weekend before or after the State Convention (either June 6 or June 13) and that the format, either in person or Zoom will be decided in the coming months. T. Parks presented the issue of long postponed and upcoming awards. The general feelings were that we need to recognize and celebrate excellence. Therefore we will activate our awards committee, use direct email, and the Voter to solicit nominations. We will not propose a Making Democracy Award for this year, but will present last year's award at the Annual Meeting, whether live or virtual.

It was agreed that we would use the BILLS football as a point of interest for our in person events for the time being. The football will be at the League office. The program planners will be responsible for picking it up and returning it to the office.

T. Parks invited board members to join either of these committees and will send an email to all members as Nancy DeTine suggested.

A) We need one more member of the Budget Committee, someone active on a program committee- Local Government, Waterfront, Education, Money in Politics, DEI
There will most likely be only one or two meetings of this committee.

B) We need folks to be on the League Awards Committee. This will involve no more than two meeting.

Alberta Roman announced that the Heath Care Committee is now a four-member committee.

All business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm

The next board Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski
Secretary