

**League of Women Voters of Buffalo Niagara
Board Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023**

Present: Alberta Roman, Terri Parks, Amy Moritz, Timothy Priano, Cindy Havey, Barbara Gunderson, Marian Deutschman, Nancy DeTine, Lori Robinson, Deborah Shiffner (until 4:44)

Excused: Kat Cejka, Susan Czynny

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

Approval of minutes

- Ms. Parks moved to approve minutes of the October 9 board meeting; seconded and approved.

Membership

- Mr. Priano reported that renewals are doing well; a letter will be sent with the holiday party invitation; hard copies will be mailed to members who have yet to renew.
- Mr. Priano requested a list of new members; a list will be sent to him and to board members once it is formatted by the office manager – there have been difficulties with the national League’s database.

Healthcare Committee proposal

- It was agreed that the Strategic Planning Committee and then the Executive Committee should review the proposal before it is submitted for board approval.
- There was some discussion about whether this is a county or state issue since funding comes from the state. A first step may be for the state League to determine what activities are appropriate for local Leagues to address; Ms. Roman has been in touch with the state League’s healthcare specialist.
- The committee wants to do education and programming that is localized but in line with the state’s healthcare position.
- A Zoom meeting will be scheduled to determine next steps to complete the proposal.

Communications Committee

- Ms. Moritz moved to send as written a letter congratulating newly elected or re-elected officials in Erie and Niagara Counties, welcoming them to communicate with LWVBN and follow us on social media; seconded and approved.

- Ms. Moritz moved to post on LWVBN social media and include in our biweekly emails requests for donations related to Giving Tuesday; seconded and approved.

Governance / Strategic Plan

- A Zoom meeting will be scheduled to provide updates on progress toward completion of tasks.

Holiday party: reservations are coming in.

Photo release form

- Ms. Moritz moved that releases be made available at registration for every LWVBN event granting permission to use still photos and videos on our website, social media and newsletter; seconded and approved.

Monthly reports / other issues

- Ms. Gunderson reported that Voter Services is completing a survey of all activity for the state League.
- Ms. Havey is providing Ms. Moritz with photos of all tabling activities for posting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 8, at 4:30 p.m. at the League office.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy DeTine, Secretary