

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2017
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:03 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Judith Clarke, Terri Parks, Nancy DeTine, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson, Dorothy Tao, Shirley Joy, Kathie Macaluso, Sue Stievater, Nora Mikes and Mary Herbst

Excused: Pat Costanzo, Mary Ann Turkla and Nicole Matteson

Leave of absence: Judy Metzger and Joan LoCurto

Additions to the Agenda

One additional item was added to the agenda:

Bylaws meeting summary

Consent Agenda – T. Parks

Motion by L. Robinson and seconded to approve the November 14, 2016 Board meeting minutes.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

Ending balance as of November 30, 2016	\$106,943.89
Total income for December, 2016	5,135.68
Total expenses for December, 2016	3,166.93
Net change in Equity	(276.33)
Total balance as of December 31, 2016	\$108,636.31
Monthly Surplus/Deficit	1,968.75

Ordering League ID Pins – N. DeTine

Motion by N. DeTine and seconded that LWVB/N provide permanent personalized name badges for all members. Motion approved.

N. DeTine offered to develop an order form for the pins. Pins would be worn anytime anyone represents LWVB/N at programs/events.

Issues and Action Committee – M. Deutschman/ T. Parks

The logistics for the Lunch & Issues program on 1/13/2017 when Peter Galie will be speaking about the constitutional convention were discussed. T. Parks explained that LWVNYS is looking for input from local leagues about whether they support holding a constitutional convention, oppose it or have a neutral position. J. Clarke offered to email her concerns about the constitutional convention to the board. T. Parks plans to distribute response sheets for input from program attendees. Members who attend are welcome to attend the next Board meeting as the board will need to decide our recommendation at the February board meeting.

Lunch and Issues Program, February 17, 2017

Registration at 11:30 a.m. at Scotch 'n Sirloin Restaurant, 3999 Maple Road, Amherst, 14226 Make reservations online by February 14.

Larry Brooks will be talking about Buffalo Niagara: Diagnosis and Prescription for Change.

Voter Registration: M. Brunson

In order to concentrate on more voter registrations in local schools, a Youth Voter Registration and Education committee is forming, as part of voter services. S. Stievater and N. Mikes offered to be on the committee. M. Brunson offered to write an article for the *Voter* to invite members to join the committee and contact the members who presented a program at Maryvale High School as potential committee members.

Proposal Re: mailing completed voter registration forms from Naturalization Ceremonies – J. Clarke Motion by J. Clarke and seconded that budgeted money be used for postage reimbursement for LWVB/N volunteers mailing voter registration forms from Naturalization Ceremonies as well as the stipend for parking. Motion approved.

Review new members from M.A. Turkla's report for board members to contact – S. Stievater The list was reviewed and board members offered to contact each new member to encourage them to attend upcoming League programs and to complete the League Membership Survey.

Bylaws Committee meeting – S. Joy

The committee is working on updating the bylaws, succession planning and term limits for Board officers and delinquent memberships.

Committee Budgets – T. Parks

Committee chairs are requested to send budget requests to L. Robinson or T. Parks by February 1, 2017.

BMHA – J. Clarke

Thank you to N. Mikes for agreeing to coordinate the tenant commissioner's elections.

Voter – T. Parks

T. Parks asked Board members to think about how many issues of the *Voter* it would be best to send out annually. The members felt it would be good to have an issue each month from September to June and one Summer Issue in mid-July. This will be submitted to the Budget Committee.

Happy Hour Committee: The committee is involved in doing research and will report back at the next Board meeting.

Next board meeting: Monday, February 13, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. **** The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. with a discussion for recommendations to the state League for support of holding a state constitutional convention.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Report, LWVB/N P&L Report, TIAA Portfolio Summary and Account Details, Summary of Issues Meetings in December and January, Lunch and Issues 2/17/2017