

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 8, 2016
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:00 P.M., Co-President Judy Metzger convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present. One additional item was added to the agenda, to approve the ad hoc committee to review the bylaws.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Judy Metzger, Judith Clarke, Theresa Pope,
Joan LoCurto, Dorothy Tao, Nancy De Tine, Patricia Costanzo, Margaret Brunson,
Lori Robinson, Susan Stievater, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla
Excused: Wynnies Fisher and Terri Parks
Guest: Janet Goodsell

They Represent You Brochure: M.A. Turkla will send an email when they are ready.

Approval of the Minutes – M. Herbst

Since there were no further corrections to the January 11, 2016 minutes and the Special Board Conference Call on January 25, 2016 minutes, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

Ending balance as of December 31, 2015	\$103,658.56
Total income for January, 2016	994.33
Total expenses for January 2016	3,391.57
Total balance as of January 31, 2016	\$102,942.09

Selection of Student Inside Albany – J. Goodsell

The applications of the two candidates for this year were discussed. J. Goodsell asked Board members to voice vote for either candidate. (Note-Two board members will email their votes to J. Goodsell, after having more time to review the applications. Since this may affect the outcome, the winner will be announced when their votes are included.)

Q&A about Board Monthly Reports – J. Metzger

International Women's Day Celebration: March 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at UB's Center for Tomorrow. Reservations are due February 28. Cost-\$21.00 per person. Checks are payable to AAUW Buffalo Branch.

Citizen Lobbying Workshop: Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Harlem Road Community Center, an interactive event with role playing and skits will help participants be more comfortable visiting legislators.

Regional Training Meeting: LWVNYS will hold this meeting on April 9, 2016 at the Harlem Road Community Center from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Elect Her: Workshop on February 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at UB – 101 Davis Hall. Elect Her is a campus program for women to learn leadership skills and get ready to run for office on campus and beyond. This is an opportunity for League members to link with students and encourage them to attend our Citizen/lobbyist program in March.

Action Item and Q&A about Issues Committee Report – M. Deutschman

A consensus of Board members supported the recommendations of the Issues Committee to approve the plan for the LWVUS 2016-2018 Program.

Other Issues Committee Recommendations: Upcoming April and May events, programs, times and venues were discussed. J. Metzger relayed T. Park's suggestion for more night-time venues.

February 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Scotch 'n Sirloin–Why Safe Staffing of Nurses in Hospitals Matters.

The Education Committee is working on setting up a date for Buffalo Public School Superintendent Kriner Cash to speak at an upcoming program. Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded that we invite Dr. Cash to be a speaker at an Education Committee event on or around 4/5/16 - evening. Place to be determined. Motion approved.

A Social Economic Justice panel discussion panel is being planned in April. Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded for a Social Economic Justice program in April, time and place to be determined, panel discussion with Floss and Magavern. Motion approved.

Kickoff event in September – M. Deutschman thanked board members for their input regarding this program. The venue is to be determined. Rose Sconiers comments on content for this program are at the end of the Summary of Issues Meeting – Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

List of Allied organizations – M.A, Turkla is working on the 2016 Allied Organizations list.

Draft Membership Brochure with explanation of the rationale that Nancy and Krysta used in creating it! – N. De Tine

N. De Tine explained that they worked for several months on the new recruitment tools for the LWVB/N with the goal to update them and make a more contemporary image of the League. Examples of the brochure and membership form were circulated at the meeting. The membership form, designed to find people who want to be more involved and identify their skill sets, would be separated from the brochure. Some members expressed a preference to have the membership form attached to the brochure. It is usually not mailed so it does not need to be a self-mailer. With the League theme of *Making Democracy Work*, the brochure informs people about the League and current issues, while not overwhelming them with details that can be found on the website. Suggestions regarding wording and size were considered. Another goal was to have it completed for the February 18 program. Consensus of the Board was to go forward and print 250 copies.

Membership Items and Issues to discuss from MLD Coaching Call – S. Stievater

S. Stievater informed the Board that membership is about 190, including several new members who have joined since July.

Several board members had a conference call on January 14 with Lisa Scott. The thrust for Lisa and for our Board is stressing our areas of strength. We need to work on other areas, such as increasing membership, especially bringing young members into our League as we have a critical role in continuing to assure democracy prevails in our country.

Approval of the ad hoc committee to review the bylaws: Motion made by P. Costanzo and seconded that we approve the ad hoc committee to review the bylaws with Wynnie Fisher as chair and Ramona Gallagher and Lyle Toohey on the committee. Terri Parks will be an ex-officio member. Motion approved.

Next Board Meeting: March 7, 2016

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports Treasurer's Reports, Summary of Issues Meeting, Education Committee Report, Summary of Local Government Meeting, *Planning LWVUS Program for 2016-2018* and *Guide to LWVUS Program Planning 2016-2018*