

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, January 11, 2016  
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:04 P.M., Co-President Judy Metzger convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present. One additional item was added to the agenda: Charge to the Nominating Committee from the Board

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

Approval of the Minutes – M. Herbst  
Since there were no further corrections to the November 9, 2015 minutes, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson  
Form 990 for 2014-2015 has been filed.

Ending balance as of November 30, 2015	\$99,336.65
Total income for December 2015	7,066.29
Total expenses for December 2015	2,338.19
Total balance as of December 31, 2015	103,658.56

Q&A about Board Monthly Reports – J. Metzger  
Lunch & Issues-Thursday, February 18, 2016, 11:30 a.m. at Scotch 'n Sirloin. Reservations can be made online @www.lwvbn.org. or call the League Office.@ 986-4898 by 2/16.  
Why Safe Staffing of Registered Nurses Matters! J. Metzger noted that The Buffalo News, *Another Voice* today (1/11/2016) was about this issue.  
They Represent You – J, Clarke noted that information for elected officials salaries is not consistent. Suggestion- provide salaries for county legislators only and use the salary information posted in the Erie and Niagara County Budgets. Include a footnote on the brochure indicating the source as the county budget.

Action Item and Q&A about Issues Committee Report – M, Deutschman  
Holiday Party-Motion made by D. Tao and seconded that the LWVBN make it a practice at its Annual Holiday Party to combine a speaker and gift-giving to a worthy group, as recommended by the Issues Committee. Motion approved.  
Approval of LWVB/N Local Government Letter to the Editor – Buffalo News on the topic of Pay Equity – Fair Pay: The letter was shared and edited through email and approved. The committee recommends random audits as a way of ensuring adherence to pay equity rules.

Appointments: Motion made by L. Robinson and seconded - Amy Witryol, as chair and Joan LoCurto as member be appointed to the Budget Committee of (2016-17). Motion approved.

Annual Appeal – T. Parks

Our Annual Appeal letters are sent out in February. T. Parks explained the matching gift challenge for the board to consider for donations this year. For us, this would be described as a Board and League leader challenge. Board members are asked to pledge a donation if they have not given to LWVBN since July 1. The gifts from the board and other generous League members are totaled to come up with the match. It was suggested that we have 100% board participation.

Conference Call to approve the consensus for Money in Politics – T. Parks  
January 25 at 4:00 p.m. was selected as the date and time for this conference call.

Money in Politics Consensus Meetings have been scheduled. Board members are asked to attend one of the two meetings and bring the consensus questions from the recent Voter with them. Responses to questions may be mailed to J. Massaro.

Discussion for the size of the 2016 They Represent You Brochure  
Decide how much money we can dedicate to printing the 2016 TRY - M.A. Turkla  
Discussion included what to include on the brochure and what is extraneous information, format, size, number of pages, number of brochures to print and costs. Motion made by T. Parks and seconded that LWVBN produce 4575 copies of They Represent You in the 8.5 x 5.5 format. Motion approved. M.A, Tutkla offered to check on costs with the printer.

Approval of request to co-sponsor AAUW Annual Meeting and the International Woman's Day Program in March – J. Metzger

Motion made by T. Parks and seconded that LWVBN co-sponsor the AAUW March 8 International Woman's Day Event and the AAUW Annual Meeting if Theresa Gessner is honored. Motion approved.

Speaking with One Voice-T. Parks

T. Parks reviewed Speaking with One Voice: Action Guidelines For Local Leaders.

Needed: 2 or 3 members are needed for the Bylaw Review Committee, 2 or 3 members for Annual Meeting Planning Committee and suggestions for Annual Meeting Speaker – J. Metzger  
Suggestions of members to fill these needs are welcome.

Resignation: Motion made by J. LoCurto and seconded that the Board accepts Rebecca Costanzo's resignation with regret. Motion adopted.

Charge to the Nominating Committee - T. Parks

The Charge to the Nominating Committee was reviewed with revisions considered. T. Parks will revise it and send it to the committee. It was suggested to add positions for graphic design and social media. The Chair of the nominating committee, Judy Weideman will send out a survey to the current board and members are asked to please respond.

Women's History Month: M. Deutschman informed the Board that Women's History Month in Buffalo and Erie County will be commemorated with awards to women of character, courage and commitment.

Summary of Issues Meeting, second page: Note that Judge Rose Sconiers is a retired Appellate Court Judge, not a Supreme Court Judge.

Next Board Meeting: February 8, 2016

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Boards reports Treasurer's Reports, Summary of Issues Meeting, Speaking with One Voice: Action Guidelines For Local Leagues, Summary of Local Government Meeting, Charge to the Nominating Committee