

LWVB/N 2016 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday June 4, 2016  
Protocol Restaurant  
6766 Transit Road, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President Terri Parks convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with a quorum present. An estimated 42 members were in attendance for the business meeting.

OPENING REMARKS AND APPOINTMENTS: Co-President Parks welcomed everyone, especially Joan Photiadis and JoAnn Mecca. She asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of special people who died this past year. Co-President Parks made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian – Pat Costanzo  
Recorder – Mary Herbst  
Committee to Review the Minutes: Janet Massaro and Nancy De Tine  
Tellers, if needed – Mary Ann Turkla and Flora Summe

Co-President Parks announced the procedures and rules for the conduct of the meeting.

Co-President Parks commented that annual reports are in the annual report booklet. She thanked everyone who submitted a report. She encouraged members to actively participate in at least one of the important efforts being pursued by League committees.

APPROVAL OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by L. McDade and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting that were reviewed by the committee to review and approved by the board of directors at the August 2015 meeting. Motion adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lori Robinson presented the treasurer's report. She referred to three major areas in the report;

BMHA 2015-2016:	Income:	\$11,356
	Expense:	\$ 3,439
	Surplus for Overhead:	\$ 7,917
Investments:	Market value today:	\$87,952
	Our investment as of 6/30/2015:	\$79,875
	Return:	9% approximately
	Interest and Dividends Earned:	\$ 5,863 This Fiscal Year 7%
Support for LWV:	National:	\$ 5,680
	NYS:	\$ 3,550
		\$ 9,230
Other Highlight:	Membership Income:	\$11,735
	Donations:	\$ 9,350 Includes \$5,000 bequest from: Marie Zakrzewski Estate
Contributions to Education Fund:		\$ 5,327.00
We continue to receive M&T Grant iao:		\$ 1,000 included in Ed Fund.
As of today available cash balance:		\$10,000 – After all current obligations are paid.

Co-President Parks accepted the report for filing and thanked Lori for her outstanding service as treasurer.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF 2016-2017 BUDGET: Co-President Parks thanked the members of the Budget Committee. Chair Amy Witryol presented the proposed budget for 2016-2017. She reminded the membership of the importance of promoting the League and recruiting new members. Co-President Parks asked for discussion of the budget from the membership. Discussion proceeded without

any proposed amendments. Motion made by A. Witryol for adoption of the 2016-2017 budget; no second required. Motion adopted.

**PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF 2016-2017 LOCAL PROGRAM:** Program Committee Chair Marian Deutschman presented the 2016-2017 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities as approved by the board following the recommendations of the Issues Committee. Co-President Parks called for discussion. There were no proposed amendments to the program from the membership. Motion made by M. Deutschman for adoption of the 2016-2017 Local Program and Continuing Responsibilities; no second required. Motion adopted.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTIONS:** Co-President Parks thanked the members of the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee for their fine work. She requested that Committee Chair Judy Weidemann present the Nominating Committee report. The nominees for all offices were presented: Nominees for officers for the board of directors for 2016-2018: 3rd vice president, Marian Deutschman, and treasurer, Lori Robinson  
Nominees for directors of the board for a two-year term from 2016-2018: Margaret Brunson, Pat Costanzo, Nicole Matteson and Kathy Macaluso  
Nominee for director of the board for a one-year term from 2016-2017: Shirley Joy  
Nominees for Nominating Committee for a one-year term from 2016-2017: committee chair, Ramona Gallagher, and committee members, Janet Goodsell, Kathleen McCarthy and Lynne Vallone.

Co-President Parks asked for nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions. There were none so nominations were closed.

Co- President Parks asked for nominations from the floor for directors of the board. There were none so nominations were closed.

Co-President Parks requested nomination from the floor for the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee.

As there were no nominations for the board or Nominating Committee, Co-President Parks requested that the secretary cast a single ballot for the election of the slate as presented.

Co-President Parks congratulated the newly elected officers, board members and Nominating Committee members.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** Co-President Parks invited Lyle Toohey to conduct the installation of officers and board members. Following the installation, Co-President Parks presented the officers and board members with a gift as a reminder that they accept the responsibility and will serve in joy and use it to publicly to affirm their association with the League of Women Voters. She thanked them for being willing to serve.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:**

- Request that the League have continuing contact with their allied organizations. (Lynda Stephens)
- Request for information regarding plans for the 2016 election year events. (Joan Bozer)
- Request the LWVB/N support the provisions of the Climate and Community Protection Act. (Sandra Chelnov)
- Request that committee chairs speak to the membership about their reports. (Joan Photadis)

The kickoff event for the 2016 election will be in September with retired Judge Rose Sconiers as speaker. There is a tentative plan for post-election reflections with Bob McCarthy in November. Committee chairs spoke about their reports, programs and accomplishments and welcomed members to

join the committees.

RECOGNITION OF 50-YEAR MEMBER, LEE LAMBERT: Co-President Metzger recognized Lee Lambert as a 50-year member of the League of Women Voters.

Co-President Parks notified the membership that planning is beginning for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the LWV of New York State in 2019 and the 100th anniversary of LWVUS in 2020. Anyone interested in helping with these celebrations, please notify Co-President Parks.

Motion made by S. Stievater and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion adopted. There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

*Mary Herbst*

Attachment: Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2016: Lori Robinson

Ending balance as of April 30, 2016	\$ 100,052.10
Total income for May 2016	2,150.00
Total expenses for May, 2016	2,360.68
Ending balance as of May 31, 2016	100,231.42

LUNCHEON: A luncheon followed the business meeting.

#### FEATURED SPEAKER & SPECIAL AWARDS:

- Featured speaker: Honorable John J. La Falce served in the United States House of Representatives from 1975 to 2003 during the administration of six presidents. He led a question and answer forum to share his observations and insights from that experience.
- The *Making Democracy Work Award* was presented to Scott Gehl by Sam Magavern, 2015 award recipient
- The *Joan K. Bozer Award* was presented to Joan Photiadis by Joan Bozer
- The *LEE Award* was presented to JoAnn Mecca by Lee Tetkowski and Lee Lambert

Sage Cihak, City Honors High School student, shared her participation and experiences in the Students Inside Albany program sponsored by the League of Women Voters New York State.