

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, March 7, 2016
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:06 P.M., Co-President Terri Parks convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Marian Deutschman, Terri Parks, Theresa Pope, Joan LoCurto, Dorothy Tao, Nancy De Tine, Margaret Brunson, Lori Robinson, Susan Stievater, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla.

Excused: Judith Clarke, Judy Metzger, Patricia Costanzo and Wynnie Fisher

Approval of the Minutes – M. Herbst

Since there were no further corrections to the February 8, 2016 minutes, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson

Ending balance as of January 31, 2016	\$102,942.09
Total income for February, 2016	2,089.18
Total expenses for February, 2016	1,725.30
Total balance as of February 29, 2016	103,100.76

Kudos: Mary Ann Turkla, Flora Summe and Barbara Jezioro for their work in adding email addresses for all elected officials included in the They Represent You (TRY) Brochure.

Q&A about Board Monthly Reports – T. Parks

D. Tao reported that the Education Committee decided to go ahead with the program on April 5 from 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. with Kriner Cash as a Keynote Speaker. Panel members include Yvonne Minor-Ragan, recently retired Executive Director, *Buffalo Promise*, Anne S. Ryan, Executive Director, *Read to Succeed* and Miguel Medina, Principal, *School # 33, Bilingual Center*. WNET has been reserved. After the fee quoted from WNET was discussed, T. Parks offered to contact WNET regarding costs. If necessary, The Buffalo History Museum was mentioned as another possible venue. L. Robinson will check on the availability of the Museum.

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

Voter Turnout - T. Parks referred to three Voter Turnout Initiatives for New York State:

Bring Early Voting to New York State, Revise New York's Laws to Make Ballots More Voter-Friendly and Upgrade Poll Workers Recruitment/Training and Websites.

Other ways for the League to help with voter turnout included speaking with students, helping with voter registration in the schools, networking with other organizations, placing voting exhibits in schools and libraries and connecting people with VOTE411 via posters and business cards. M. Brunson will check on a design and ordering business cards with Vistaprint. T. Parks asked M. Brunson to send an email reminder that a change of address or new voter registration must be mailed or postmarked by 3/25 in order to vote in the primary.

Discussion and Selection of Making Democracy Work Awardee – T. Parks

.Motion made by S. Stievater and seconded that we honor Scott Gehl as the Making Democracy Work Awardee. Motion approved.

Setting Membership Goal for the 2016-2017 Budget – S. Stievater

Recognizing that we need to increase memberships and that a number of members are elderly, we set a membership goal for the 2016-2017 budget. Motion made by S. Stievater and seconded that we increase our membership goal by 5% for the next budget year. Motion approved.

N. De Tine will investigate name pins that have the League Logo and a member's name.

Mark Equal Pay Day with the Best (Un)happy Hour in Buffalo – M. Deutschman circulated information about this event taking place on Tuesday, April, 12, 2016 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Big Ditch Brewing Company@ 55 E. Huron St. in Buffalo. It is presented by The Erie County Commission on the Status of Women in collaboration with WNY Women's Foundation, Junior League of Buffalo and the AAUW Buffalo Branch. "Equal Pay Day marks the symbolic day when women's pay finally 'catches up' to men's pay from the previous year."

A Special Unveiling – N. De Tine

N. De Tine unveiled the LWVB/N beautifully designed new Membership Brochure, noting that when the membership registration form is detached for mailing, the rest of the brochure remains intact.

Approval of delegates for the LWVUS Convention: Before the delegates for the LWVUS Convention were approved, T. Parks asked if anyone on the board was interested in attending the LWVUS Convention. No one indicated interest. Motion made by N. De Tine and seconded that Ramona Gallagher, Janet Massaro, Lori Robinson and Terri Parks be our delegates for the LWVUS Convention. Motion approved.

Letter to the Editor describing a visit to the Buffalo's Bilingual Center, School #33: The Executive Committee unanimously approved submission of a letter to the Editor of the Buffalo News by Lee Tetkowski that describes a visit to the Buffalo Bilingual Center, School #33. The News has not contacted Lee to confirm for publication.

Next Board Meeting: April 11, 2016

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 PM

Mary Herbst

Submitted by Mary Herbst

Recording Secretary

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