

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

At 4:05 P.M., Presider, Lori Robinson convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

Present: Terri Parks, Shirley Joy, Judith Clarke, Margaret Brunson, Nancy DeTine, Kathie Macaluso, Lori Robinson, Janet Massaro, Ann Converso, Mary Herbst and Office Manager Mary Ann Turkla  
Excused: Pat Costanzo, M. Deutschman and Nora Mikes  
Absent: Sara Vernon

Additions to the Agenda – L. Robinson  
Co- Sponsoring the Con-Con Forum at Canisius

Consent Agenda – T. Parks  
Board Meeting Minutes: September 11, 2017  
Motion by T. Parks and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report - L. Robinson	
Ending balance as of August 31, 2017	\$100,119.91
Total income for September 2017	2,154.00
Total expenses for September 2017	1,296.00
Net change in equity	749.12
Total balance as of September 2017	100,869.03
Monthly Surplus/ (Deficit)	858.00

The treasurer's report was received for filing.

Issues/Action Committee Report – T. Parks  
Points of Information:  
About fifteen people have signed up for the October 12 program for Single Payer Health Care: Medicare for All.  
About eighty people attended the September 27 program on Open Government. Fifteen were LWVB/N members.

Investment Policy Revisions – J. Clarke  
Motion by J. Clarke with no second needed that the Financial Policy that has been proposed by the Finance Committee be approved.  
Motion approved.

Membership Proposal to investigate the dues system like that being used by LWV New York City for action at the January 2018 Board Meeting – J. Massaro  
J. Massaro had sent the Membership Committee Report to the Board with her proposals and the rationale for the proposals.  
Motion by J. Massaro and seconded to propose LWVBN form a committee to investigate setting up a dues system like that being used

by the LWV New York City. Motion approved.  
The committee will consist of J. Massaro, L. Robinson, M.A. Turkla and two LWVBN members.

Membership Dues Relief for members who joined in Oct. - Dec. 2016  
Motion by J. Massaro and seconded to propose that we consider members who joined in October, November and December of 2016 be given half year membership of \$35.00 with the explanation that they be asked to renew at the regular yearly amount by July 1. Motion approved.

Holiday Party – K. Macaluso

K. Macaluso provided the information regarding the cost of a wine toast for League volunteers at the holiday party.

Motion by T. Parks and seconded that we recognize everyone who has volunteered for the League at the holiday party and in the January *Voter*, but with no wine toast. Motion approved.

Selection of organization for speaker and giving opportunity:

Motion by J. Massaro and seconded that the Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP) be our giving opportunity for the holiday party with GoBikeBuffalo as a backup. Motion approved.

K. Macaluso will design the form to be used for reservations for the holiday party and send it to Nancy DeTine.

Request for Approval of the Viewpoint Article for the Buffalo News – T. Parks  
Motion by T. Parks and seconded that we approve the Viewpoints Article for the Buffalo News. Motion defeated.

Support for Peace Center Dinner by Ad or Vendor Table – L. Robinson

Motion by T. Parks and seconded that LWVBN support the Peace Center Dinner by taking a vendor table for \$30.00. Motion approved.

Motion by A. Converso and seconded that LWVBN buy 2 tickets to the Peace Center Dinner. Motion approved.

November 9 Celebration – T. Parks

New York State Women Inc. Region VIII is now a partner for the celebration.

Board members should plan to be greeters at the event and dress in period costume, if able.

Co-Sponsoring the Con-Con Forum at Canisius – T. Parks

L. Robinson will call Aidan Ryan who is with Counter Point regarding the following concerns before LWVBN can determine whether they will co-sponsor the Con-Con Forum at Canisius:

Who will be the fourth speaker?

Who are the other sponsors?

What is the cost of sponsorship? The board approved an expenditure of up to \$25 to co-sponsor the forum if there is a fourth speaker in opposition to Con-Con and

the Executive Committee approves sponsorship.  
The information will be sent to the Board and referred to the Executive Committee.

Board Member to preside at the November Board Meeting – T. Parks  
Next board – Monday, November 13, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, the  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Filed with the Minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Treasurer's Reports, Summary of Issues  
Meeting, Summary of Local Government Meeting, Investment Policy – Revised – 10/9/2017,  
Financial Committee Report and Membership Committee Report