

LWVB/N BOARD MEETING MINUTES, February 12, 2018  
1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo NY 14209

At 4:07 P.M., Presider Nancy DeTine convened the regular monthly Board meeting with a quorum present.

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda Item – N. DeTine

- A. Minutes from the January 8, 2018 Board Meeting
- B. Approval for Co-sponsorship of AAUW International Day Program, March 8, 2018

Motion made by J. Massaro and seconded to approve the items of the consent agenda.  
Motion approved.

Additions to the Agenda – N. DeTine

A request for board approval to send comments regarding Buffalo's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

Motion by J, Massaro and seconded that we approve the comments on the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program due to the New York State Department of State as proposed by the LWVBN Waterfront Committee  
Motion approved.

Q & A about Board Reports – N. DeTine

Update from M.A. Turkla

BMHA paid May and December invoices so they are up to date on payments to LWVBN.

Recommendations for assessing dues for new members – T. Parks

The board had received the recommendations prior to the meeting.

Motion by T. Parks and seconded to approve the following items related to new members:

The membership letters should be updated and approved by the board to include information regarding membership dates, explaining that our membership year is July-June, same as our fiscal year.

We will have a separate renewal letter for NEW members that join in October through December with a one-year reduced renewal of \$35 to partially offset our obligation to the state and national leagues.

We will continue to process new members that join January through June as we do now. They do not receive a renewal letter in that first year thereby getting up to a year and a half with their first dues payment, currently \$65.

Motion approved.

Concurrence for Death with Dignity – M. Deutschman

A tally of League members who attended the Death with Dignity program on January 13 voted in favor of the LWVNYS position to support Death with Dignity.

The Issues Committee recommended a motion with no second needed supporting concurrence. Motion approved.

The Issues/Action Committee recommendation on the Draft Transportation Plan 2050 – M. Deutschman

*The City of Buffalo Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)* and the proposal from Gladys Gifford had been sent to the board by email prior to the meeting.

Motion with no second needed - Issues Committee recommends the proposal from Gladys Gifford to add a line to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 to reflect LWVBN positions. Light rail investments will first connect Buffalo's waterfront to the University of Buffalo's north campus, and then build lines to the Buffalo International Airport and to the suburbs South of Buffalo. Motion approved.

Suggestions for changes in the BMHA Contract – T. Parks

The current contract with BMHA had been emailed to the board before the meeting. A discussion of fees, expenses, documentation and verification of hours worked and possible changes in a new contract ensued. Motion made by N. Mikes and seconded that the board authorizes Terri Parks, Nora Mikes and (potentially if applicable) Kathleen McCarthy to negotiate on behalf of the League with regard to the BMHA contract and to make a final decision without a need to go back to the board for approval\*

\*based on time restraints this time-not meant to represent a precedent. Motion approved.

Approval of Students Inside Albany for 2018 - Nancy DeTine

Board members had received the Students Inside Albany Application Forms from two applicants. Motion by T. Parks and seconded that we approve the two students whose names were submitted for Students Inside Albany. Motion approved.

Pens for Naturalization Ceremonies – Pat Wille

P. Wille explained that a volunteer offered to donate \$100 to purchase pens with the League logo on it. Motion by P. Wille and seconded that we accept a donation of \$100 from a League member to purchase pens to be used at Naturalization Ceremonies with authorization to use the League logo on the pens. Motion approved.

Planning a Program for Lobbying Training – A. Converso

Ann Converso is working on details for a program on lobbying training, including date and venue. She has spoken with the Harlem Road Community Center. An Amherst resident needs to make the reservation so the Center so would be free for the program.

Regional Training Meetings – Board members were reminded to check their email from 2/12 regarding LWVNYS Regional Training Meetings.

Board Member to preside at the March Board Meeting – Nancy DeTine  
Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting  
was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

*Mary Herbst*

Submitted by Mary Herbst  
Recording Secretary

Filed with the minutes: Monthly Board Reports, Summary  
of Issues Meeting, Summary of Local Government Meeting,  
and City of Buffalo Draft Local Water Revitalization Program