

LWVB/N 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday June 20, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order: The 2020 LWVB/N Annual Meeting was called to order by President Terri Parks at 10:04 a.m. with a quorum being present.

Opening remarks and appointments: T. Parks welcomed everyone to this first video/teleconference of an Annual Meeting.

President Parks made the following appointments:

Parliamentarian: Ramona Gallagher

Recorders: Lori Robinson and Susan Dombrowski, secretary

Committee to review the minutes: Susan Dombrowski, Terri Parks, Lori Robinson

Note: audio and visual of the meeting, as well as the chat have been saved once reviewed; the minutes will be shared with all attendees.

T. Parks announced the rules for the conduct of the meeting.

**2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**

T. Parks called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2019 Annual Minutes since they were approved by the board at its July 2019 meeting and posted on the League website along with all board meeting minutes. Motion made by Deborah Shiffner and seconded by Lyle Toohey. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lori Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report and entertained questions.

Total Assets @ 6/30/2019	\$	111,741.00
YTD Income	\$	40,036.52
YTD Expenses	\$	37,182.00
YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$	2,854.00
Current Assets as of 5/31/2020	\$	105,757.00

President Parks accepted the Treasurer's Report for filing and thanked Lori Robinson for her outstanding service as treasurer since 2013.

**Nominating Committee and Elections**

As chair of the nominating committee, Kathleen McCarthy presented the following slate of candidates and moved that the slate be adopted: 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice- President, Marian Deutschman, Treasurer, Shirley Joy, Board Member, Alberta Roman and Mary Ann Turkla for a 2-year term beginning June 2020

Board Members, Rebecca LaCivita and Lori Robinson for a 1-year term beginning June 2020, Nominating Committee Chair, Ramona Gallagher; Nominating Committee Members: Alan Dozoretz and Janet Goodsell for a 1-year term beginning June 2020.

T Parks called for other nominations for officers, directors and nominating committee members. There were none. T. Parks directed the secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented.

T. Parks thanked everyone who has agreed to serve and the members of the nominating committee for their efforts this past year. The nomination committee members are Kathleen McCarthy, Chair; Members: Ramona Gallagher, Janet Goodsell, Mary Herbst, Christine Prygon and Elizabeth Zausmer.

T. Parks thanked Susan Dombrowski, Liz Zausmer Nancy DeTine, and Nora Mikes for continuing to serve on the Board. She gave special thanks to Ramona Gallagher who is leaving the board, but has agreed to be the Advocacy Chair off board this coming year and accepted the most important post of Nominating Committee Chair.

### **2020-2021 Budget**

Budget Committee Chair, Amy Witryol, presented the 2020-2021 Budget noting that there has not been any increase in the membership fee for more than five years. Our budget remains stable. Amy Witryol moved that the 2020-2021 Budget be approved as presented. Motion carried.

T. Parks offered thanks to committee members: Shirley Joy and Lori Robinson. Ex-officio members: Barbara Gunderson, Terri Parks and Chair, Amy Witryol for their fine work.

### **Bylaw Amendments**

Lyle Toohey submitted the bylaw amendments to the members and the rationale for each, No amendments to the proposed bylaw changes were made; therefore Lyle Toohey moved for the adoption of the bylaw amendments as presented. The motion was approved with only one no vote.

T. Parks offered special thanks to the chair of the committee Lyle Toohey, for extraordinary efforts and recognized committee members, S. Dombrowski, R. Gallagher, T. Parks and Larry Brooks for their fine work on the bylaw amendments. Nancy DeTine will proof and make edits to the revised bylaws for punctuation, grammar, and any inconsistencies of expression.

### **Local Program**

Marian Deutschman chair of the Program, Issues and Events Committees presented the 2020-2021 Local Program Focus. She made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Local Program Focus. Motion approved.

T. Parks thanked the Local Government and Program, Issues and Events Committees who reviewed the local program, and especially chair, Marian Deutschman, for the thoughtful suggestion.

### **Directions to the Board**

- Barbara Gunderson, as Voter Services Chair, requested an increase in the Get Out the Vote portion of the Voter Services budget for 2020-2021, to be used at the discretion of the Get Out the Vote Steering Committee for such late-occurring great ideas about spreading the word to Erie and Niagara County voters about dates, deadlines, and [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) candidate statements for the November 3 general election as: bus shelter signs in the Lovejoy District, the common council district where we're sending postcards, distributing flyers through food banks and school lunch programs, Mary Ann Turkla's idea about the digital billboard, and any others we hear of from our members, the state League, and the national League, expenditure to be approved by the members of the GOTV Steering Committee.
- Mary Ann Turkla suggested an increase in the Voter Services budget line to cover the cost of a voter information posting on a digital billboard board for at least one week prior to the election.
- Susan Dombrowski suggested purchasing copies of Margret Sullivan's new book (to autograph) as a way of showing our support for her Larkinville appearance in an economic and socially distant way.
- Liz Zausmer suggested that the Board create a Diversity and Equity Committee.

There being no further business for the annual meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 pm.

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski