League of Women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara

Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021; 4:00 p.m via Zoom

Present: Lori Robinson, Marian Deutschman, Susan Dombrowski, Mary Ann Turkla, Barbara Gunderson, Alberta Roman, Sue Czyrny, Elisabeth Zausmer, Shirley Joy,

Rebecca LaCivita, Jennifer Hoffman

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm by President Lori Robinson.

A motion was made by Rebecca LaCivita to approve the Board Minutes of the August 2021 Meeting and seconded by Marian Deutschman. Motion adopted.

The Election Services Committee is in need of a member(s) to take over for Alan Dozoretz. L. Robinson will request he assist in developing a job description.

Reminder to all Board members: All materials to be mailed out need to be approved by L Robinson in advance. Materials sent to Nora Mikes for the website should be copied to L. Robinson.

Nora Mikes and Mary Ann Turkla continue to update the website. It is coming along nicely and all committee chairs need to visit and look over the revisions.

L. Robinson updated the Board on Students Inside Albany. It is hoped that the next session will be in person. No action necessary by the Board.

Vote411 for Niagara County has run into some technical difficulties. Not all counties are capable of sending the data necessary to service all Niagara County voters. It is not expected that this will be resolved before the upcoming election.

Questions for the Niagara County candidates were reviewed and revised. A motion was made by Alberta Roman to accept the questions as revised by the Board and seconded by Shirley Joy. Motion adopted.

The New Member Orientation which was held August 18, 2021 was reviewed. Although it was disappointing that only 4 new members attended, Sue Czyrny will contact each of them. Committee meeting times continue to be a concern. Mary Ann Turkla reported that the website will contain an ambitious “new member” link that will not only educate the new member on the group’s history, but will also provide information on committees, meeting times, and provide an opportunity to express an interest in one or more committees. M. Turkla will receive these contacts and respond to them. It is hoped that this will provide a personal touch and spark more participation.

All Board members are strongly encouraged to participate in the 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge. It will appear on October’s agenda for discussion.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:28. p.m. with all agenda items having been completed.

Next meeting with be on October 11, 2021 at 4:00pm. via Zoom

Submitted by Susan Dombrowski, secretary

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