



Minutes 12/10/2018

Brown County League of Women Voters

In Attendance

Cathy Rountree, Shari Frank, Jeanne Lager, Pam Raider, Jan Swigert, Heather Nicholson, Janet Kramer, Laurie Teal, JoAnne Himebaugh, Lorna Reichman, Tim Clark

November Minutes

- Accepted with corrections “Thanks to Janet Kramer and Jan Swigert for their contribution to Membership Handbook”

Treasurers report

- Bank balance \$2,697.78 need to collect dues from those who have yet to pay for 2018/19 membership fees.

Correspondence

- **Medicare for All:** February 11, 6pm, Monroe County Public Library
- **Annual State League Meeting:** April 27 & 28 in Lafayette.

Current Business

- **Election Board:** Meeting Wednesday January 16. Cathy Rountree and Pam Raider will attend. How can the League work with Election Board and help in the election process? Training? Etc. Suzanne Gaudin is a wealth of knowledge, very professional and approachable.
- **Membership Committee:** Laurie Teal will Chair. Jeanne Lager, Pam Raider, Shari Frank and Janet Kramer will sit on committee. Email is important communication vessel but Shari will research “Survey Monkey” to create more professional email and reach beyond membership to potential members. Ideas were put forth: Should board members carry membership forms? Could we consolidate issues with membership? How can we expand our civic education? Should we look to advocate for “straight ticket” removal from ballots? The Committee will look to these questions and more at their first meeting, Monday January 21, 2pm, lower level library.
- **Committees:** Every committee is responsible to the board and should have some sort of written report to present at monthly meetings. Shari handed around sample “Committee Reports”.
- **Meet Your Legislator:** Chris May has declined to participate. Chris May’s assistant said he will be attending three (3) Veteran’s events in the county in 2019. However, no dates or times were provided for those events. Eric Koch’s team has yet to respond to request. Heather Nicholson said she would reach out to the representatives to see if she could get either to participate. We have reserved two Saturdays at the High School 1/26 and 2/9 for event.
- **League Day at State:** Members will meet with Chris May at 11:30. Review Indiana Natural Resources legislation. >Ping the People sign up and receive Bills to your email. SB91 on Redistricting is one board agreed should be watched.

- **Newsletter:** JoAnne Himebaugh will reach out to membership prior to publication to ask for input. Also, a calendar will be included with schedule of county meetings including Board of Health.
- **Website:** Heather Nicholson will seek to get GoDaddy password so URL will not have to be changed and Laurie can begin updates to site.
- **Fiscal Study:** Tim Clark, Jan Swigert and JoAnne Himebaugh have subdivided study to research and follow-up on. Jan will follow up on Operational Management and Transparency & Accountability, Tim will follow up on Fiscal Management, with the exception of health insurance and employee benefits, Planning and Development and Board Management. JoAnne will research health insurance and employee benefits, including cost analysis and exploration of best options. They plan to present findings at Leagues annual meeting.
- **HCI:** Team has reorganized to develop Brown County Leadership Cooperative (BCLC). The vision is to partner with a diverse group of current and aspiring leaders to form a more collaborative Brown County that reflects the needs and values of its citizens. BCLC has three main objectives: 1 to engage and assist collaborative community leaders. 2 to improve the leadership skills of those in leadership positions. 3 to model proven engagement and planning activities through identified community projects. The team's first project will be "food" focused. They have completed and submitted "Pathway Project: Project Proposal" for grant funding consideration. Team meets the second Monday of every month, Community Foundation lower level, 6pm.

Observer Corp

- **Consider attending:** Thank you Heather Nicholson
 - Brown County Council 3rd Monday
 - Area Plan Commission 3rd Tuesday
 - Zoning Appeals 3rd Thursday
 - County Commissioners 1st and 3rd Wednesday
 - Peaceful Valley Heritage 2nd Tuesday

Annual Meeting

- Think of potential speakers on topics of interest to LWV and potential new members.

Next meeting February 11 at 10am