



Minutes 2/11/2019

Brown County League of Women Voters

In Attendance

Cathy Rountree, Shari Frank, Jeanne Lager, Pam Raider, Heather Nicholson, Laurie Teal, JoAnne Himebaugh, Lorna Reichman, Tim Clark, and a special welcome to our newest member Cathy Martin.

November Minutes

- Accepted with corrections: Date change on heading

Treasurers report

- Bank balance \$2,697.78; \$1,535 to PMP-State \$495 and National \$1050.

Correspondence

- **HB 1554:** Representative May's office sent letter requesting letter of support from League on this bill. (See **Special Guest**)

Current Business

- **Meet Your Legislatures:** Will be held at the Playhouse, 10am Saturday February 16. Pam will reach out to Keith Baker asking permission to set up table with League information.
- **Membership Committee:** The Survey Monkey was sent out to League members. Important for us to get feedback from all stakeholders! Find the emphasis for our group! Emphasize on local issues!
- **Committee Development:** Heather motioned to accept new guidelines for Sub Committees, Pam second: Each new committee of the LWVBC shall, during its first meeting: Elect a chair – Develop a mission statement to guide the new committee's activities and work – Begin discussion on future goals and timeframes for the committee to work under. (See attachment for more details) Table list of committees until March meeting
- **Redistricting:** Lorna and JoAnne will reach out to Mr. Potts and Mr. Swank about educational opportunity for students.
- **Who's Where?** Will do same as in prior years, take offline and assign members pages to update.

Observer Corp (Thank you Heather)

- **Consider attending:**
 - Nashville Development Review 4pm Tuesday, February 19
 - Brown County Parks and Rec 3:30pm Thursday, February 21
 - Nashville Town Council 6:30pm Thursday, February 21
 - Brown County Council 6:30pm Monday, February 25
 - Brown County Solid Waste 5pm Tuesday, February 26
 - Brown County Planning & Zoning 6pm Thursday, March 7
 - River Revival, Brown County Soil & Water 6pm Thursday, March 7

Special Guest

Dana Beth Evans, Director of Maple Leaf Performing Arts Center; Bob Andrews, Maple Leaf Board Member; Kathy Smith Andrews, former Indiana Congresswoman joined us to discuss HB 1554 and the Maple Leaf Performing Arts Center.

Dana Beth said she will be able to move into the new complex in May, have soft openings in June/July and is on schedule for a grand opening August 17. Dana Beth is currently looking at scheduling all genres of entertainment on both weekends and weekdays. October events will be local artist in order to alleviate traffic during counties heavy tourist season.

Performa Live Nation will guarantee a certain number of shows annually and look to market within a 90 mile radius.

About 50 volunteers will be needed per sold out show. Volunteer training will be provided 2-3 times a year. League members were encouraged to consider this opportunity.

The Maple Leaf Board meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2pm in the Salmon Room.

In reviewing HB1554, Dana Beth thought that the bill did not get out of committee and may have been attached to another bill. Bob and Kathy Andrews both supported the bill.

Cathy and Heather pointed that the bill does not compliment any position the league holds, so could the board decide to write a letter of support without consent of membership?

There were also some concerns on clarity of Section 9, and if the bill were attached to another bill, what was that bill and was it something the league would support?

It was decided that the league could not write a letter of support at this time until these questions were answered.

Next meeting March 11 at 10am