

MINUTES
Open Meeting
League of Women Voters of Franklin County - MAL Unit

Date: October 21, 2017 **Time:** 3:00 p.m. **Place:** Greenfield Public Library

Board Members in Attendance: Marie Gauthier, Marge Michalski, Christine Turner

Board Members Not in Attendance: Nicole Moore, Joannah Whitney

Members/Guests in Attendance: 5 — Marie has sign in sheet for reference.

Documents:

Legislative Envoy brochure from LWVMA

Candidating Night flyer

Legislative Coffee flyer

I. Meeting was opened with the treasurer's report from Marge:

Trivia Night: \$725 in ticket sales, \$650 in raffle sales, + \$37 in donations

 subtotal: \$1412 - \$200 rental (\$150+\$50 dep.) - \$143 snacks

Marie applied for \$250 grant from LWVMA, received \$50 dep back, sending to LWVMA to add to our account.

 Net (before grant & deposit): \$1068

Balance in account (-\$240 for Leg. Coffee at Blue Rock): \$1478

Discussion followed about becoming an official local League and the process thereof, especially regarding PMPs (per member payments) to the State League. If we wait till the spring, membership numbers will be more accurate, as there's likely to be some drop-off at renewal time.

II. Trivia Night recap summary:

Well-attended and enjoyed

Should stay in Greenfield, central and accessible

Snacks great, bar availability ideal and important

Table games great

Well-organized

To improve:

Indicate entrance is on Federal St not Church with sandwich board (Louise has sandwich board to loan), or change locale to New Community Center

III. Committee Updates:

Community Outreach:

Stone Soup volunteer opportunity for League Saturday Dec. 2, 2017

9 - 12:15 Morning cooking prep shift - 4 slots

9 - 1 House set up - 4 slots

11 - 2:30 Serving - 12 slots - Priority spot

12:45 - 3 Clean up

Christine will write up copy and Marie will send out email calling for volunteers this week.

Voter Services:

Candidating Night this Tuesday at GCC: 9 min per candidate, speed dating format
Venue at no charge, \$65 for refreshments

League facilitators at each table will spark conversation / moderate as nec.

Equality & Justice:

No one in attendance to share info with. League was solicited re: women's bail fund by Gretchen K from Voices from Inside. Gretchen unable to make Oct meeting, will invite her for Dec. Would like to hear more regarding how far plans have progressed and how we can help. Possible fundraiser, with women from Voices from Inside telling their stories.

There's a state non-gender spec. bail fund, Mass Bail Fund, active in 7 counties. However, not sure if that includes Franklin, and we agree that we'd particularly like to support women.

Agreed that we would want to support but not be the creators of nor managers of a fund. To be continued for further discussion.

IV.

League Leader Luncheon recap:

-Presentation on League advocacy

-New Legislative Envoy program launching in Jan. 2018

envoys commit to going to leg. office hours, getting to know staff, being League liaison - Marianna might be interested

training on lobbying etc.

-League book clubs

-Using local TV stations more

Legislative Coffee on Nov. 4 at 10am at Blue Rock Restaurant in Shelburne Falls

need bakers - Christine will coordinate, Marie will issue call for help in email

Want to make it regular, though not frequent, may 2-3 X year

Next board meeting Nov. 29 at 6pm at People's Pint, open to all members.

Adjourned at 4:30pm.

Next open meeting: December 16, 2017, 3:00pm, Greenfield Public Library