

Brown County League of Women Voters  
Minutes of the December 10, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:10 a.m. December 10, 2012 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Marge Cook, Treasurer, Ruth Reichmann, Janet Kramer, Susanne Gaudin, Judy East and Hank Swain.

The November minutes were read and approved with minor corrections. The Treasurer's Report was accepted; League has \$3,029.15 in the account (including a just-received \$100 grant for our Vote street signs). Pam said she had filed the 990 EZ tax form, and has received confirmation.

Bob Kirlin has asked the League to reconsider not awarding the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship in 2013. It now stands at \$300, and members can make contributions directly to this year's award (rather than to the endowment) to increase it further.

There are two forums Friday, Dec. 14, on campaign finance, one in Indianapolis and one in Bloomington. Julie agreed to attend the Bloomington session and report back.

The Indiana State League is looking for nominations to the State Board, a two-year commitment.

The State League has also asked that we hold a planning meeting for program planning and for plans to grow the League chapter. In reference to this, we will review the binder on leadership and membership given to us by Gail Pebworth last spring, and see now to proceed. We need to focus on whether we want to lobby for a State position on election reform (the 2013 State Convention will take place the last weekend of April at Turkey Run St. Park). Susanne noted also that we could look at recruiting, training and retaining poll workers, at the State position on Vote Centers, at voting by mail, and at off-site registration. She will talk to Gail Pebworth. A billboard on registration for 2014 would cost \$320 with Lamar – but Susanne observed that voting itself (rather than simply registration) was again abysmal in Indiana, with a 35% turn-out rate in November 2012.

At our Jan. 14 meeting, we will review the Kelly School students' health in BC report and develop questions for a consensus among the membership on our health position, a date for which will also be set. January 17 will see a second meeting on the students' report; members are urged to attend. Also with reference to health, it was noted that perhaps the annual BC Health Fair should take place in November, not April, so as to provide information relevant to Medicare's open season. There will be a second annual Wellness Weekend January 18-20, 2013 at BC State Park.

We also need to revisit and update our position on emergency services and on the Lake Monroe Watershed, as well as the Beanblossom and Indian Creek Watersheds and

research additional water issues. Janet is to pull together past documentation Julie will assist in reviewing and inventorying it after the New Year.

Susanne reported that the Town of Nashville will hear in the next month or so about its designation as a Clean Community (IDEM is positive over the submitted application). This will be a big media event. Bob Kirlin is already asking that her committee proceed to seek a Green designation as well (separate process) and the committee is working on the County Commissioners to urge that Brown County seek a Clean Community status for the entire county.

No date has been set yet for our annual Meet the Legislators event. We agreed to update the Who's Where and Government handbooks in the New Year. We also should put together a membership handbook and review our by-laws prior to the next Annual Meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Julie Winn  
Vice President/Secretary