

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the February 13, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 February 13, 2012 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Marge Cook, Treasurer, Janet Kramer, Mary Perez, Judy East, Nonie Daniels, and Susanne Gaudin.

The January minutes were read and approved with minor corrections (East, Kramer). There was no Treasurer's report.

Correspondence: The Library sent a thank you for our donation of the State government book. Pam has on hand a 2012 fair application, which needs to go in by July 1. Pam has sent thank you notes to contributors to the League. The national League convention will take place in Washington, DC in early June. The Indiana state convention will be in Kokomo May 5-6; undetermined who will attend. Pam, Julie, Judy and Susanne will all attend the President's Day session of the State league February 18.

The Lake Michigan League has asked Indiana local Leagues to support its effort to have the state League concur in Michigan State League's Great Lakes ecosystem position. Julie Winn will get out a notice to the membership. Response needed by March 10. She will also add the national sentencing policy proposal to the e-mail on Lake Michigan, and suggest members look at all the national positions again. Editor Judy East will include state positions in the next newsletter for review prior to our Annual meeting. Our roster has been updated on the National website, per Janet.

Pam and Julie reported on the Area Planning Commission's meeting on the Comprehensive Plan. Nonie reported on the current town of Nashville noise ordinance, and Pam observed that there is a new ordinance underway. Nonie will try to attend any meetings on that topic. Susanne suggested we all need to follow progress on a new Septic ordinance on the county level.

League reps met with the County Election Board to discuss what the League can do to assist in training poll workers. It was agreed the League will design 6 skits (Pam, Julie and Judy are working on these), and will act in them along with the workers being trained. Susanne reminded us that only Democrats and Republicans can nominate poll workers, and suggested that Libertarians could be contacted to provide alternates. She also informed the board that there are some legal challenges underway to some of the candidates. Susanne wants us to consider sponsoring a survey of poll workers at the end of the election day.

Janet said that the Candidates' Forums will take place April 12 and 19, although which candidates will be assigned to which date is not yet determined. We may not need both dates for local candidates, but we will check whether we can invite the Democratic

candidates for the 9th congressional district (Republican Todd Young is not opposed in the primary). Sara Clifford at the Democrat and Janet will work together on when we need the questions done so they can be sent out to candidates. We are willing, at Sara's request, that the public can send in questions. We should also consider e-mailed questions during the debate, and written questions submitted by the audience – we do not want shouted out questions, and want to review Jim Oliver's suggestions for a streamlined process as well. We will discuss in more depth at March meeting. We will also need to plan a Vote Center forum for May.

Judy provided the web address Peg Lindenlaub has established for us, and but said she can't make it work, and suggested we all try. The site address is <http://sites.google.com>, and the log in is BrownCountyLWV. A password is available.

The Health Forum will take place April 13-14, and Earth Day April 21. The League continues to have a presence in the 2020 follow-up meetings. There is an effort to get the original subcommittees together again.

We will try to arrange an interview with State Public Access Counselor Joe Hoage, including Sara Clifford, for Sunshine week March 11-17. Susanne reviewed a recent Commissioners meeting that addressed incorrect bid documents for the FEMA clean-up, and future uses for the donated sock factory. She noted that with regard to our Clean communities initiative with IDEM, we are under a 6-month moratorium due to the diesel spill clean-up (which is done). The town, which is to apply separately, is also under a moratorium due to the new treatment plant (which is state of the art). We can still work towards the designation, despite the moratoria on final action.

Hoosiers for Common Sense Health Care is looking at partnering with Monroe and Bartholomew Counties on improving school lunches.

Finally, Susanne tells us that we can use the one-time state ed fund grant for \$300 on Vote yard signs (10 for \$100) and on a large vertical League banner (about \$270), as long as the latter is used for education and not promotion.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Winn
Vice President/Secretary