

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 January 9, 2012 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Marge Cook, Treasurer, Ruth Reichmann, Janet Kramer, Mary Perez, Judy East, Nonie Daniels, Kristi Seastrom, and Hank Swain.

The December minutes were read and approved with minor corrections (East, Kramer). There was no Treasurer's report, but Marge informed the group that the account held \$400 more than last month's total, due to year's end contributions. Janet said she sent in the Postcard 990 EZ tax form in December. Pam applied for a Lion's Club grant. Our application to the State League has not gone forward yet, since we are awaiting word on what we can use it for (probably not banners).

Correspondence: The State-level Legislative Watch is sending useful e-mails; reportedly, the current version of the local government bill is good compromise. The Women's international League for Peace and freedom is hosting a Jan. 19 session in Bloomington on Citizens United.

Upcoming Events: Lee Edgren's Winter Weekend is coming up Jan. 14-15. Judy East described the upcoming reality Store (Feb. 1), and asked for volunteer assistance. Pam and Julie said they'd cover the Comprehensive Plan public hearing at the Local Plan Commission Jan. 24. Janet said this year's Meet the Legislators session would be Feb. 10; Eric Koch had already confirmed his attendance, but Sen. Brent Steele had not yet done so. Susanne Gaudin will be a presenter at this year's Presidents Day meeting in Indianapolis; Pam, Julie and Judy will represent the BC League.

Observer Corps: Pam attended the Dec. 21 session of the County Commissioners to present books on Indiana government. Marge Cook attended the Jan. 4 session. They reviewed the subjects under consideration.

Comprehensive Plan: Kristi reported that the Zoning Board had approved the newly revised Comprehensive Plan with only minor grammatical changes. It will be presented at public hearing Jan. 24 at the Local Plan Commission meeting. Ruth asked whether updated land use maps were included in the Plan, and Kristi thought not. Ruth urged that they should be, and asked someone to check the State's enabling legislation on comprehensive plans. (Julie Winn subsequently did so; maps are included as permissible attachments, but are not required). The group agreed that we need to push for getting a new Ordinance done in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Pam read from notes from Susanne Gaudin. She has met with the Farm Bureau, which is trying promote beekeeping and truck gardening here, as well as foster rural living in

general. Susanne also reported that County Clerk Beth Mulry wants the League to assist with poll worker training. The County Election Board will meet in the next few days to consolidate voting places. Regarding the IDEM Clean Communities initiative, Susanne reported that an applicant is not supposed to have any outstanding warrants on environmental problems. We do (improper disposal of diesel fuel), but we are working on it, and IDEM forgave us and is moving forward.

2020 Follow-Up: Ruth reported that several groups have been established following our Wellness conversations in the fall. These include Wellness (Lee Edgren), Food and Farmers markets (Lisa Pantzer), Environment and Outdoors (Cathy Paradise and Bonny Closey). Bill Lloyd, Ivy Tech and Region 8 are working on an Arts Commission and Bob Kirlin is interested as well. The Partnership has renewed its focus on 2020, and there is progress on a 2020 website. As an original partner in Vision 2020 (with the Partnership and Purdue Extension, the League needs to decide what its next steps are. This should be included on the Annual Program presented at our Annual Meeting in May. We also need to move forward on our website.

Finally, Ruth suggested questions for our candidates session in April should include one on fire protection logistics like water pressure, dry hydrants and road width. Also she urged the candidates be asked a question on ethics.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Winn
Vice President/Secretary