

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

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 July 9, 2012 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Janet Kramer, Ruth Reichmann, Judy East, Hank Swain, Bill Todd, Linda Todd and Susanne Gaudin.

The Minutes for the June 11, 2012 meeting were read and approved (Reichmann, Kramer), with minor corrections. There was no Treasurer's report in the absence, due to a conflict, of Marge Cook. Pam noted she had not yet done the paperwork for an Ed fund grant to cover our new banner and signs, but promised to do so ASAP. Janet brought a new League banner she is contributing to us. Susanne said she had investigated a new Velcro display board, but learned that the company which manufactured our old one is out of business, and a new one would be quite expensive. Susanne further noted that she would provide an update on PMP following the next State League meeting.

The draft Annual minutes were discussed at length; Julie agreed she would revise the draft to better reflect adoption of the program of the League, as well as the slate of officers, and portfolios. She will circulate the revised draft prior to the next regular League meeting.

Correspondence: State is looking to identify non-member Hoosiers who might contribute to Power the Vote. Indiana League seeks to improve our voter participation, which was 48/50 in the last election. The fund would largely be for billboards and possibly bus banners to encourage voting. Soliciting non-members both raises money and visibility of the League; we are to send in proposed names of potential donors.

New business: State League has succeeded in getting Directors and Officers insurance for all local leagues, so there is no need to further pursue a local option for purchase. Susanne reported that the regional workshops will have Power the League and Power the vote as a theme. Three break-out sessions will cover empowering membership, voting access and education on voting. We are to bring our banner and a thumb drive so that the Muncie membership manual can be downloaded. Cost of the workshop will be \$25/person. The southern workshop will take place August 25 in Evansville.

Fairs: State does have a table at the State Fair August 3-19 and requests help from local Leagues. Julie will e-mail Karen Kay Leonard to submit our preferences (August 14, 10, 9, in that order).

Bill and Linda Todd, League members and also members of Hoosiers for Common Sense Health Care (HCSHC), asked about distributing health care information at our County Fair table. After some discussion, Board members voted that health care would be the focus of our table this year. The State and National position on health care parallel those of HCSHC. The Board agreed that HCSHC could provide materials on health care to the

table, provided there were no partisan tie-ins and it was consistent with League policy. Interested Board members will meet at Janet's house July 27 at 2:00 to put together the display for the fair. Pam will also circulate a sign-up sheet for coverage at the Fair.

Bill also informed the Board that Rob Stone (Monroe County League and HCSHC chapter) had asked if Brown County would do a health care forum with the Congressional candidates. We agreed to look at holding a health care forum, for informational purposes, to include experts and political candidates. Simply having a forum for the two congressional candidates might not work, as we'd have to cancel unless they both committed to come.

Janet Kramer proposed two evenings for candidate forums, one to cover the school board and our state legislators, and the second for all other local offices.

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

Respectfully submitted, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary