

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the November 12, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 am November 12, 2012 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Treasurer Marge Cook, Janet Kramer, Ruth Reichmann, Mary Perez, Hank Swain, and Judy East.

The Minutes for the October 8 10, 2012 meeting were read and approved with one type corrected (Kramer, Raider).

Marge reported that our current balance is \$2,741.17, with no bills outstanding (a bill for PMP crossed in the mail with our payment for same). Pam reported that State approved our application for Ed Fund money to cover the cost of our vertical banner and gave Marge the check for \$290.98. She did not have an update on similar money (\$100) for our VOTE signs. Pam reported that there had been some controversy over whether the banner was an allowable expense, but it had been approved in the end. The 990 postcard submission to cover our tax-exempt status is due by the end of the year, and Pam and Janet will take care of it.

Correspondence: Pam showed the Board a poster from kids.gov on how to become President. While it would have been a good display at the High School before the election, it was agreed that we should use it in our own displays now. Pam has also received correspondence from the Foundation to the effect that the Dorothy Stewart scholarship would be \$110.00 this year. It was agreed by the Board that we will fold that back and award a larger amount next year.

Election Issues: some of our signs are missing, having apparently been picked up by campaigners. Judy East proposed that we take on electoral reform, including such items are limiting the campaign period, supporting a constitutional amendment that corporations are not people, abolishing or changing the electoral college system, ensuring that voting laws and regulations are the same state to state, changing the tax code with regard to PACs, and going to a vote by mail system like those in Oregon and Washington. Ruth provided League procedure on two issues: first, if we want this to be our position, its needs to be studied and then presented to the Local League membership to be adopted at the next Annual Meeting. If we want it to be a State or National position, then we need to lobby for it with other Leagues at local and State levels, although we do not yet have to have adopted it ourselves to lobby for it. Pam proposed that a committee of interested people look at these items and work on where to go from here. Janet suggested having a public program with a speaker on electoral process like the professor who addressed the Evansville regional Workshop.

Old Business: the noise ordinance has passed, as has zoning for old Historical Society building.

Judy reported that the website continues to need additional materials, and said a newsletter will go out when needed.

Committees: the Health assessment and Kelley students' work on it was reviewed at the latest partnership meeting. The students are now wrapping up and will make two presentations for the community, one on December 7 at 1:00 pm and another around that date but in the evening, both at the Library. League members and Partnership reps are urged to attend. It was noted that Kim Robinson wants to revisit how the Health Fair is conducted since kids are not attending as wished.

Next year's program: We will hold a membership meeting at some point separate from the Annual meeting, for the purposes of recruitment. Before that, we will review in January the membership development materials Gail Pebworth trained us on last March. Janet will set up a Meet the Legislators session for February. We need to revise the Who's Where and Government booklets after January 1, as well as reviewing the By-Laws for updates and reissuing our League Handbook. Finally, we need to move forward on the revisiting of our water study, pulling it out and framing questions for the membership to consider, and must do this as well on the health position once we have the students' study complete. Once these are revisited, they can be joined up again with our emergency services study for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary