

Brown County League of Women Voters  
Minutes of the October 8, 2012 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:10 am October 8, 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, Judy East and Susanne Gaudin.

The Minutes for the September 10, 2012 meeting were read and approved (Cook, Perez), with minor corrections.

Marge reported that our current balance is \$2,612.05, with our PMPs for State and National levels paid. Pam will finalize our request for \$300 in a special grant from State to cover most of the cost of our ten VOTE signs and our vertical banner, total cost of all being about \$390.00. Marge will make payment on our P.O. Box of \$28.00.

Correspondence: The Indiana State League has a new website: [www.lwvin.org](http://www.lwvin.org), which Judy will review for content and potential links we also can use on our own website. Susanne noted they'd like input on the website.

Election Issues: Board members concurred that the October 2 and 4 candidate forums went smoothly, although public turn-out was very disappointing, due in part to a competing Town Council meeting. Our new procedure of having participants put their questions on cards is seen positively by almost everyone. It was suggested that we might shorten response times next time. Julie agree to write a thank you note to the Brown County Democrat, and to include early voting hours as well. Voter registration at the IGA also went well, with about 25 new registrants gained, including address changes. Next time, we may add hours Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will look into ways to reach those apathetic groups who were uninterested in registering. Board members agreed on VOTE sign distribution.

Susanne reported that the Election Board will hold two poll worker training sessions, on October 23 and 24. One will focus on experiences workers who just need an update, while the second will be a full training at which the League will present skits as it did during the primary election season.

Old Business: The Nashville Town Council did not address the noise ordinance in its recent meeting, but did approve the zoning change needed in order for the Historical Society to sell its current building to Big Woods Brewing. The Council also approved an ordinance implementing a Nashville arts and entertainment commission similar to BEAD in Bloomington. Susanne and Bonnie Closey reported to the Council that Nashville has qualified as a Clean Community. IDEM is happy with the speed with which the local committee completed the qualification process, and will sponsor a big media event in December. Town Council President Bob Kirlin wants the committee to work on an

IACT clean designation as well, and the group will pursue a Clean designation for the entire county at the same time. These designations are important in grant applications. Ruth urged that the success in these endeavors be written up for our newsletter as steps in achieving Vision 2020 goals.

Committees: The Partnership is looking at options for ACCESS, which is running a deficit. The Kelly School of Business students who are looking at Brown County health care are energetic and will be making a report to the community later in the semester. The Election Board made a recommendation to the County Commissioners about consolidating two precincts, but were overturned, at a potential cost of about \$3000.

Membership Meeting: Susanne observed we need to do better on recruiting new members, and should review Gail Peabworth's presentation to us on this, take some surveys and think about how better to involve all members. There was discussion but no resolution on tying a membership meeting to a social Christmas event.

Finally, Ruth reminded the Board that we had committed at our last Annual Meeting to reviewing and revisiting several positions. First, we need to look at the State and National health positions and then revisit our own. Judy and Pam will take the lead on this. Tied to this is the outcome of the students' report. In addition, we must revisit our positions on emergency services (Ruth, Susanne), water (Janet, Julie) and then pull the members together to discuss and conclude.

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary