

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the September 10, 2012 Board Meeting

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

The Minutes for the August 13, 2012 meeting were read and approved (Winn, Cook), with minor corrections.

Marge reported that our current balance is \$4,657.79. Invoices for our State and National PMPs total just over \$800. The Board discussed whether to use Ed Funds for 50% of PMP costs, as is permitted. We voted not to do so, since we have sufficient money in general funds to cover our PMP costs and will want to apply Ed Funds to reprinting Who's Where and This is Your Government. It was suggested that we charge a small fee for these books, when printed.

Correspondence: Retired St. Davids minister Jonathan Hutchison has written, very concerned over Voter ID laws. Pam put him in touch with Bloomington League President Linda Shanks, who wrote him a detailed letter describing Bloomington League's efforts on registration and assistance with obtaining IDs. They aren't getting many requests for help. Julie Winn agreed to write a letter to the Democrat on Voter ID requirements.

Pam reported on the Regional Workshop she, Judy, Janet and Susanne attended in Evansville August 25. The keynote speaker reviewed political trends in America, largely discouraging: voter apathy and government distrust up, participation down.

Judy reported that Board members had invited for coffee the eight people who expressed interest in joining the League during the County Fair. Unfortunately, the coffee had to be canceled due to lack of interest, but she will try to reschedule.

Members scheduled themselves to work the League voter registration table at the IGA on Fridays and Saturdays from now through October 6.

Our candidate forums are set for October 2 and 4. No date for pollworker training, if any, has been set.

A newsletter was set to come out later in the week. The website is live, and Judy is adding photos. She will also include a link to Who's Where and to our Annual Minutes.

No update was available on the status of the town noise ordinance.

Hoosiers for Common Sense Health Care is pushing for a forum on health care, but Pam suggests waiting until the Kelly Business School student project for HCSHC is complete, say in November-December, and Judy noted that HCSHC was in agreement on waiting until then. Ruth noted that in addition to that forum, we need to have renewed focus on a wellness event, as well as update our Brown County health care position as a League. She added that the wellness initiative in Brown County has now taken on its own life, with a website and committee, and the League is supportive without having an active role.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary