

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the April 8, 2013 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. April 8, 2013 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Judy East, Susanne Gaudin, Ruth Reichmann and Mary Perez.

The March minutes were read and approved with one typo (East, Raider). There was no Treasurer's report. Pam reported that our allotment from BCCF, calculated as of 12/31/12, was about \$247, and she was planning to check on other contributions. Janet was not available to attend the BCCF annual workshop on grants this year, but given our generous gift from the Howard Hughes Foundation, we are not in need of grant funds from BCCF at this time. The State PMP has been raised by \$1 per year.

Pam and Ruth will be our delegates to the State Convention April 27-28 at Turkey Run State Park. Susanne will also attend as a State Board member (and nominee for State President). Susanne reported she would be chairing a workshop on Elections for the Future. She also noted that we should contribute a Brown County Basket for the Convention's Silent Auction; items for inclusion were assigned to Board members. The Board agreed we need an Archivist, if such is to be separate from the Secretary's duties; we may ask a new Board member. With regard to State positions, we missed a deadline on one, but so did 15 other Leagues (only 6 responded). This will be addressed at the Convention. The Great Lakes Ecosystem Position was mistakenly not included in the Convention agenda. This can be fixed if enough Leagues agree. It was moved (Winn, Gaudin) and voted that Pam should send an e-mail unanimously supporting this position's inclusion in the Convention agenda.

The Board discussed participating in the Spring Blossom Parade, providing we can get sufficient members to dress as suffragettes. Pam will take the lead on finding participation. Michael Potts, coach of the Jr. High's We the People team, has agreed to be our speaker at the Annual Meeting May 20. The League will have a table on civic literacy at the Literacy Coalition's Literacy Festival May 11; Julie will take the lead on organizing this. Ruth suggested e revisit our non-participation in Earth Day. After some discussion, it was decided that the vote taken in March would stand.

It was agreed we need to send out health questions, based on the Kelley School Study, for membership concurrence. Ruth and Judy will draft, and include in a Newsletter to be sent out, along with our annual program, to members 30 days before the Annual Meeting. Then a position on health can be drafted and voted on. Our review of positions on Emergency Services and Water will need to be included as program items for the next year, since we did not accomplish these in 2012-13. We are to send in our annual program to National.

The Partnership would like the League to assist with encouraging reconciliation between the Town of Nashville and the County, where relations are tense.

It was agreed that Judy East and Janet Kramer will continue on the Board, and that Julie Winn and Pam Raider will be nominated as President and Vice President/Secretary, respectively, for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Winn
Vice President/Secretary