

Minutes

Brown County league of Women Voters

August 12, 2013

Present were: Sue Cannavo, Marge Cook, Judy East, Susanne Gaudin, Janet Kramer, Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Ruth Reichman, Julie Winn and guest Dave Bartlett from Career Resource Center.

Minutes from July 8, 2013 were read and accepted as read.

Marge reports up to date on Deposits and Per Member Payment. Treasury stands at \$3,805.68. Still owing is payment to Susanne for Who's Where and to apply to reimburse treasury with \$300 grant and rest from our ed funds. To apply go to lwvin.org/members/forms can send to Susanne.

Dave Bartlett from CRC presents plan for Educational Destination Tourism for Brown County having various organization get together for a Summit. The idea dovetails with our work on 2020 we can work together – maybe with Kelly School project.

Correspondence:

Vigo County invites leagues to participate in March for Equality on August 26 at 6 PM

Dorothy Stewart Endowment Fund with the Brown County Foundation is valued at \$6983.65. Janet has copy of original agreement – directions for choosing were vague – will revisit with foundation. Also foundation interested in engaging county in discussion of community needs. Susanne read thank you note from last recipient Kiera Briles.

Democrats having to events of interest: Film on Suffragettes on Monday August 19th and tea with Vi Simpson on Monday August 26th.

Old Business:

Whos Where: discussion of financing it with grant and ed funds – plan to distribute to local business, realtors and governmental offices. Janet to take Realtors, Susanne Government offices, need some for leadership and also Kelly School. More can be gotten from printers and downloaded from our website as well as making changes.

Recap the County Fair – went well with much praise for our community conversation on the courthouse remodel.

Remonstrance Petitions: Available August 9th at the Clerks Office – you can fill up more than one petition. They are due back by 4 pm on September 9th.to be certified.

BC Visibility Study – we need to gather facts and figures from several years budgets, looking also for hidden costs and come up with questions about debt and whether the Council only rubber stamps Commissioners.

Upcoming Events

Joint Economic Development Meetings on August 12 – one to include County Council and Commissioners and representative from School Board and Town Council. The other meeting is with members of the Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

State Fair booth Brown County Day – August 13 – theme is Government Can Work - teams organize for tomorrow.

Meeting with Kelly School teams – August 28th 1:30 – discussion of some of things we need to have ready for the students – meet on August 19th 10 am to organize.

National Voter Registration Day is September 24 we discussed registering folks to vote in IGA the previous Saturday – idea nixed in favor of letter to editor in paper.

Newsletter / Website: next newsletter to come out after remonstrance drive over. Who's Where will be downloadable on line. Peg Lindenlaub is helping with website – members need to go to www.lwvbrowncounty and make comments to Judy East.

Committees:

Partnership – did not meet this month

Observer Corps – Pam and Julie attending Council and Commissioner meetings and Mary Perez covers the town council meeting – need to cover School Board and maybe Planning and Zoning.

Health Care – Judy reports meeting with IU Health on August 15

Kelly School – meeting on August 28th

State league – Susanne reports - planning continues for regional workshops to be held in Lafayette (10/12) and Jeffersonville (10/19). It was reported that Brown County had a population divergence greater than 10 % - which signals a need to redistrict County Council districts and possibly school boards. We may be sued – this was supposed to have been done in 2011 since cannot do in election year.

Other projects:

Revisit and update our Emergency Services – Commissioner John Kennard has stated desire for League to hold Community Conversation. Fire District is still under mediation by court – decision expected on September 18th

Reality Store – League has interest in being part of School’s Reality Store with voting booth and how that affects their lives. Montgomery County has template we can borrow.

August 26th – Don Anderson is heading a committee discussing county wide needs assessment.

Next Board Meeting is Monday September 9th

Pam Raider
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