

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the February 11, 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. February 11, 2013 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Janet Kramer, Judy East, Hank Swain and Sue Cannavo. There being 50% of voting Board members present, a quorum was declared.

The January minutes were read and approved (East, Raider). There was no Treasurer's report. Pam reported that she had updated our membership list, as required, and that we had gained three members, but lost six.

Correspondence: Pam reported that we received a \$1,000 check from the Howard Hughes Legacy Fund, the first of three over three years. Julie promised to write a thank-you letter for this donation, made in honor of our President Pam Raider. The BCCF informs us that we have until June to contribute directly to the Dorothy Steward Scholarship. A new grant cycle through the Indiana League allows us to apply for an additional \$300 for an Ed Fund project this year. We will probably apply this money to a reissue of Who's Where and/or our Brown County Government book.

Election Reform: The State League has made this one of their priority issues. Judy will look at their position to see if vote-by-mail is one of its elements. If so, we do not need any independent effort to gain local Leagues' support.

President's Day: Susanne will attend as a State Board member, but no one from the Brown County League is available to go. Janet reported that our annual Meet the Legislators session will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 23.

The Partnership meet Jan. 22; a group of local women is promoting the Fabulous Fifty development project, whereby 50 members each contribute \$200/year and award the proceeds to a local organization/project at the end of that time.

The Kelly students who prepared a health review for Brown County won the award for best project for their year. The local Health Group continues to bring in stakeholders to discuss what steps we might take to improve health care access in the county.

Possible fall projects include a forum on voting by mail, and possibly organizing a Making Democracy Work award within the broader Brown County community. We should also look at a TIF forum, since that issue is arising in the County Commission after much discussion in other venues. Some on the Commission also want to make Solid Waste a money-making endeavor.

We are looking forward to our Annual Meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Potts, who coaches our Middle School We the People team, would be a good speaker.

This session was to have included a review of our Membership and Leadership chapters, but in the absence of several members, we largely put this off until March.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Winn
Vice President/Secretary