

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the January 14, 2013 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:10 a.m. January 14, 2013 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Marge Cook, Treasurer, Janet Kramer, Mary Perez, Susanne Gaudin, Judy East, Hank Swain and guest Sue Cannavo.

The December 2012 minutes were read and approved (Gaudin, East). The Treasurer's Report was accepted; the League has \$3,126.33 in the account with no bills outstanding. Susanne informed us that the Howard Hughes Foundation will give the local League \$3,000 over three years, in honor of President Pam Raider, who assisted in the aftermath of Mr. Hughes' death. Julie will send a thank you upon receipt of the first installment; Susanne was to ensure that it comes to us directly, rather than being drawn to the State League. Susanne further noted that State officer Gail Pebworth had said our Treasurer sent a check for \$336.00 to State; Marge said that was not the case, and it must be an accounting error at the State level.

Would-be donors have until June to contribute directly to the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship fund's grant for 2013.

Women's Day at the Indiana Statehouse will be Feb. 6, organized by the Indiana Commission on Women. The State league's Presidents Day session will take place February 16.

Election reform Issues: If we want to push for a State study, we will need to put together a position before the April Convention (last weekend in April at Turkey Run State Park). The order of actions would be to determine what reform we'd like to pursue, research it, craft a statement, circulate the statement to our own membership for consensus, and then present the proposal at the Convention (at an evening session the night before the actual Convention). If State approves it, there would be a state-level study, to be followed by a position statement for local Leagues' consideration. Hank moves (Winn seconds) that we pursue vote by mail. Julie said she'd look at OR and WA laws on this, while Pam will check current election positions.

Judy will get a newsletter out before our next meeting.

Susanne reported that the IDEM Clean Community project for Nashville was nearing completion.

There was to be another community meeting on Health January 17. Judy reported that, based on the Kelly students' report and on input from others, the focus has narrowed to

five issues: services/hours, transportation, opportunities for health care, advocacy, and financial support and outcomes.

The Board agreed to review the membership and leadership materials handed out last spring by Gail Pebworth; each member will report on a particular chapter or two.

Janet is looking at February 23 or March 2 for a Meet the Legislators session here.

We still need to review our Bylaws, as well as our Water and Emergency Services studies.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Julie Winn
Vice President/Secretary