

Brown County League of Women Voters
Minutes of the March 11, 2013 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 March 11, 2013 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Janet Kramer, Judy East, Mary Perez, Sue Cannavo and Susanne Gaudin. Linda Shanks, Monroe chapter President and liaison for Brown County at the State League level, also attended.

The February minutes were read and approved (Kramer, East). The Treasurer was not present, but it was reported that our general account now stands at \$4,163.33. Susanne confirmed that we should ignore the notification from State that our Treasurer had sent in a check for \$336. Treasurer Cook says she did not send in such a check, and it is being sorted out at State level. The Board agreed that we will pursue this year's Ed Fund grant for \$300, to be applied to the cost of reissuing Who's Where. We now have \$940 in our own Ed Fund account. The Brown County Community Foundation will host a workshop for all those interested in applying for a BCCF grant this year on April 10; Janet Kramer will attend.

Rita Simon contributed \$50 directly to the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship for 2013. VP Winn has sent thank you letters to her and to the Howard Hughes Foundation for their contribution earlier this year. The Board voted to give \$200 of the Howard Hughes funds to the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship for 2013. Susanne Gaudin suggested that we endeavor to ensure that this scholarship grant reaches \$500 each year it is given.

Judy proposed that we might use some of our funding from the Howard Hughes Foundation for the local health care project. Susanne cautioned that this would be acceptable as long as the sum was included in our Budget, which will be adopted at the May Annual Meeting. Judy said she would put together a proposal for assistance with a pamphlet of "sound bites" on local health care assets to be distributed at sites such as churches and Mother's Cupboard.

With regard to insurance coverage for the local League and Board, per State information it is clear that our unincorporated status ensures we are covered.

Pam will attend the State Annual Meeting April 27-28 for the Brown County League. Susanne will attend in her capacity as a State Board member.

April 20 is Earth Day. Susanne noted that IDEM and the Town of Nashville will roll out its new Clean Community status at the May 4 Spring Blossom parade. After some discussion, the Board voted to participate in the Spring Blossom Parade rather than in Earth Day, since the latter is not well attended, and not an ideal venue for getting our message out.

Our Annual Meeting will take place May 20 at 6:00 p.m. We will ask Mr. Potts, the coach for the Junior High Schools “We the People” team to be our speaker. The Board agreed to contribute \$100 to the team’s trip to Washington (Gaudin, Winn).

Our views on redistricting are due by May 31. Susanne is to follow up on whether we have time to get these out to the membership and still make the 5/31 deadline.

Ruth has asked that we host spring community meetings on emergency services. The Board agreed we should do this, but in the autumn so we have time to prepare sufficiently.

Pam reviewed electoral reform activities and litigation now underway countrywide. Judy put forward a potential statement on vote-by-mail for Indiana, which the Board reviewed. After some discussion, it was agreed that there is insufficient time to ready any formal proposal (which requires a study group) for the State Convention.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Winn
Vice President/Secretary