

Brown County League of Women Voters  
Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Board Meeting

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Brown County convened for its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 May 13, 2013 at the Brown County Public Library. Present were Pam Raider, President, Julie Winn, Vice President/Secretary, Treasurer Marge Cook, Janet Kramer, Judy East, Mary Perez, Ruth Reichmann, Susanne Gaudin, Sue Cannavo and guest Connie Rhodes.

The April minutes were read and approved with one type (Kramer, East). The Treasurer's report was accepted, current balance \$4, 149.50 with no bills outstanding.

Annual Meeting preparations were confirmed: Janet is in contact with caterer Marcia Placke and will cover beverages; Susanne will provide table decorations. Pam will e-mail speaker Michael Potts at the Jr. High School to invite Mrs. Potts and a couple of "We the People" team members to the dinner.

Susanne Gaudin, now State League President, reported on the State Convention held at the end of April. She noted that many chapters, including ours, have not responded on the State Redistricting revisions. After discussion, we agreed we could include this on the Annual Meeting agenda for presentation to the membership, and then could follow up with a meeting to discuss and concur on May 28. Judy and Julie expressed concern over a paragraph permitting redistricting by "communities of interest." Susanne reported that 8 chapters had opposed Indiana's joining in the Great lakes Ecosystem position, because Indiana did not do the study on which it was based. A majority accepted the position, but the approval process revealed that this is the Indiana League's only position on environmental or natural resources issues, so Susanne has appointed a new committee. Finally, State Legislative Liaison Paulette Vandergrif has retired and no one is trained to replace her. There will probably be a core group, trained by Vi Simpson, to give the League a face at the Capitol.

This year's Dorothy Stewart Scholarship recipient is Kiera Briles. Marge is instructed to cut a check for \$150 to bring that scholarship amount up to \$500.00. We will apply for this year's \$300 ed fund grant to help with publishing Who's Where, and Susanne will assign each of us pages to update in the near term. We received a check from the McDermott endowment at the Foundation; Julie is to (and did) send a thank you letter. The League table at the May 11 Literacy Festival drew interest; we have leftover Constitutions for distribution at the County Fair and will arrange to put League stickers on them.

Our Healthcare position questions have yielded a position, which will be included in League positions in the Annual Program. The Foundation would like to partner with the League on some forums. Marge will send in our check to the Fair Board for a table at the

County Fair July 28-Aug. 3. We will also take a day's duty at the State Fair. There was no additional news to report.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Winn  
Vice President/Secretary