

**The League of Women Voters of Brown County  
Minutes of Annual Meeting May 20, 2013**

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Brown County League of Women Voters convened at the Brown County Public Library May 20, 2013. (Number from Marge) members and guests were present for the dinner and meeting.

Following a catered dinner, President Pam Raider opened the event with the presentation of this year's Dorothy Stewart Scholarship recipient, Kiera Briles. She then introduced the evening's speaker, Michael Potts, social studies teacher at Brown County Junior High School and coach of this year's national championship "We the People" team. Ably assisted by Abbie Shaffer and Wylie Polling, two team members, Mr. Potts offered remarks on the importance of civic education and civic engagement.

The League's business meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. The Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were submitted and approved.

The membership approved the Treasurer's report. Membership fees were down from the budgeted amount, but we got additional grant and donation support, with a result that our ending balance for the year was \$4,149.50, more than \$800.00 more than at the same date last year. The Howard Hughes Legacy Foundation donated \$3,000 over three years, in honor of outgoing President Pam Raider.

The proposed Budget for the next year was reviewed and approved in the amount of \$3,220.00. It is higher this year due in large part to our planned publication of an updated version of "Who's Where," which will be covered by donation funds and our ed fund.

The nominated slate of Officers and Board Directors was approved, along with the proposed distribution of special portfolios. These are as follows:

**Officers**

President: Julie Winn (2-year term expires 2015)

Vice President/Secretary: Pam Raider (2-year term expires 2015)

Treasurer: Marge Cook (incumbent, 2-year term expires 2014)

**Directors**

Janet Kramer, Judy East, Sue Cannavo (new 2-year terms expiring 2015)

Mary Perez, Ruth Reichmann (incumbents, 2-year terms ending 2014)

**Portfolios**

Newsletter	Judy East
Voter Services	Janet Kramer, Mary Perez
Membership	Pam Raider
Partnership BC	Janet Kramer
Vision 2020	Ruth Reichmann
Health Care	Judy East, Sue Cannavo

The President reviewed the League Program for 2013-14, circulated ahead of time. It was noted that a water study was postponed in order to take on item 3. After discussion on item 3, the program was approved as follows:

1. Support the Vision 2020 project by supporting the B.C. Partnership, sponsoring community conversations as needed, and undertaking other steps deemed desirable to further this project.
2. Sponsor the research and preparation by IU Kelley School students of an assessment of Brown County wellness and heritage tourism assets as well as a marketing plan. Organize community conversations to implement local activities that promote Brown County as a wellness and heritage tourism destination.
3. Study the fiscal viability of Brown County, with particular focus on the accountability, transparency and coordination of elected governmental bodies in financial and development decision-making. This initiative will seek to achieve member consensus in year one and concurrence in year two of the study.
4. Revisit and update our position on emergency services.
5. Revisit and update the LWVBC Bylaws.
6. Support the "Dorothy Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund."
7. Attend and participate in the B.C. Partnership.
8. Voter Services: Sponsor annual "Meet Your Legislators – Third House Meeting" and primary forums for the 2014 election.
9. Increase membership and visibility in the League as well as observers for County meetings.

The membership reaffirmed League positions on Planning, the Lake Monroe Watershed, and Brown County Fire and Emergency Services. They agreed to drop an outdated position on Schools, dating from 1978. They affirmed our new Health position, after accepting language on the role of Brown County Schools that differed slightly from the phrasing of a parallel question in our study. Incoming President Julie Winn presented a request from State on expanding its Redistricting position. The membership concurred provided the paragraph on "communities of interest" is dropped.

Membership concerns and instructions to the Board included a request that we participate in future Reality Stores at the Junior High school, an observation that we need a more active Observer Corps, and a request that we explore holding a forum on the noise issue in Nashville and Brown County, as a problem for quality of life.

The business meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Winn, VP/Secretary