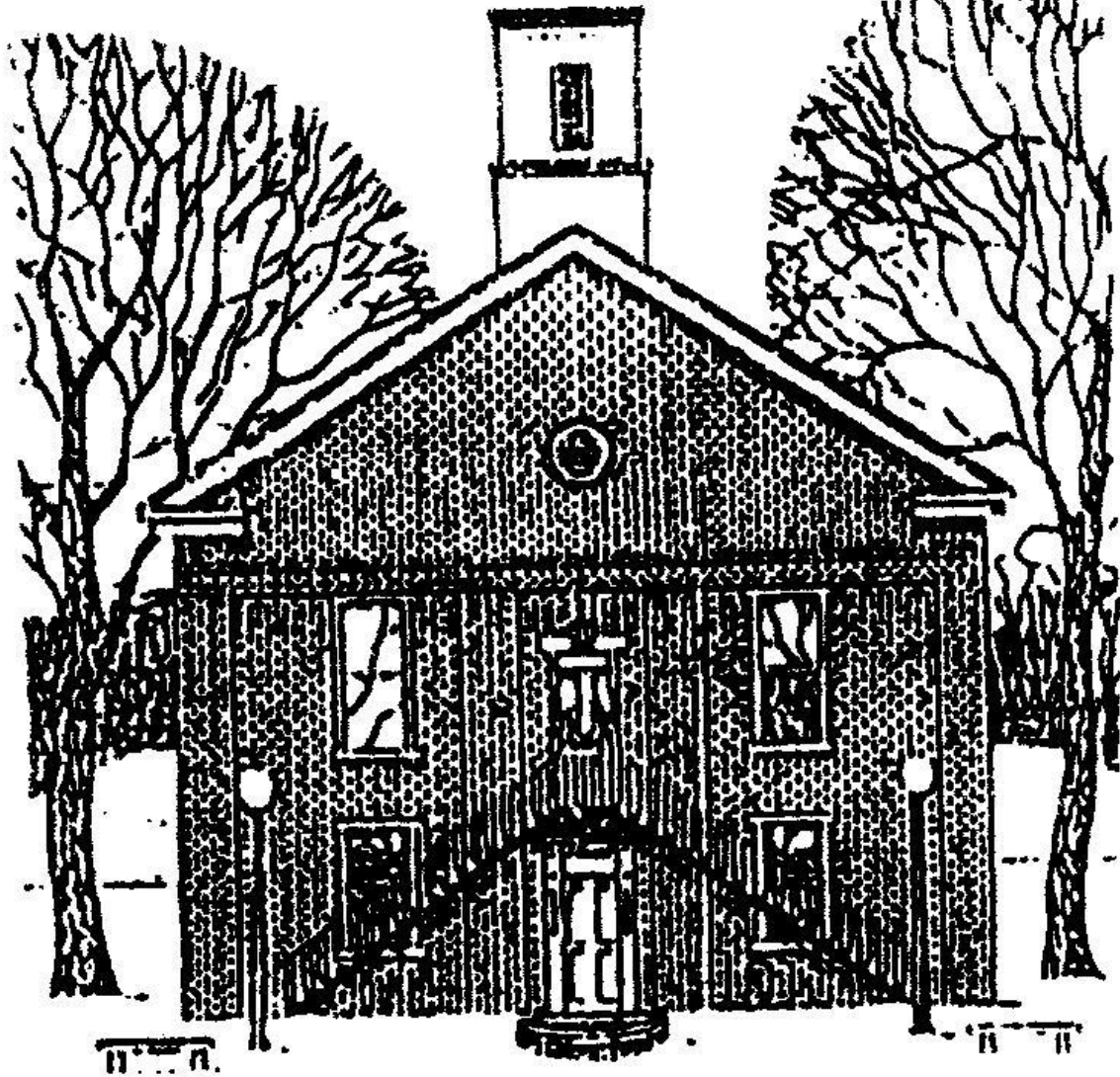


BROWN CO.



LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS

ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 12, 2014

## **Our Mission**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political Organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

# **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING**

**May 12, 2014**

## **Agenda**

6:30 pm Dinner

7:00 pm Introduction of guests:

Announcement 2014 Recipient of the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship

Speaker for the meeting: Scott Rudd, Economic Development Director/Town Manager, Nashville

### **Business Meeting**

Review of the rules of the Annual Meeting

Review of the 2013-2014 League Year

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report for 2013-2014 Fiscal Year

2014-2015 Budget Presentation and Adoption

Nominating Committee Report and Vote

Presentation of the 2014-2015 Local Program

Member Concerns and/or Directions to the Board

Announcements

Adjournment

# **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY**

## **RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**MOTIONS:** Motions shall be presented by saying: "I move that..."

**QUORUM:** One third of the voting members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the LWV of Brown Co.

**VOTING MEMBERS:** Voting members shall be those members who have paid dues for the year June 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014

**REQUIRED MEMBERS:** A majority vote by voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of items of Program, approval of Budget and elections of officers.

**PROGRAM ITEM:** All Program items will be presented and discussed before the vote is taken for adoption of any item.

### **CONSIDERATION OF NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM:**

Recommendation of Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the board, may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that the Annual Meeting shall order such consideration by a majority vote.

### **ADOPTION OF NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM:**

A two-thirds vote shall be required for the adoption of non-recommended items of the Program.

### **PROGRAM DISCUSSION:**

During discussion of Program, speeches will be limited to two minutes and no one may speak twice until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. Amendments may be proposed for each item. Members may suggest the direction they wish the Board and/or the committee to take.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF LEAGUE YEAR 2013-14

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| May 2013                      | Annual meeting  |
| July 2013                     | Community Conversation on the Courthouse  |
| July 2013                     | Booth at the 4-H Fair   |
| August 2013                   | Manned table for State League at Indiana State Fair   |
| August-December 2013          | Worked with IU Kelley Team on Inventory of Brown County Assets  |
| October 2013-present          | Participated as convener, with BCCF, of Ad Hoc Fact Finding Committee on the Courthouse   |
| October 2-13-present          | Participated in Partnership-convened Vision 2020 Revisit and Update   |
| December 2013                 | Sponsored Voting Table at annual Reality Store  |
| December 2013                 | Community Presentation of the Inventory of Assets of Brown County   |
| February 2014                 | Meet the Legislators public session   |
| February-April 2014<br>League | Conducted Agriculture Study (partial) mandated by National League   |
| February-May 2014             | Began definition of County Fiscal Study   |
| March 2014                    | Community Conversation Two (with BCCF) on the Courthouse  |
| April 2014                    | Held two Candidates Forums in advance of May primary election.  |
| May 2014                      | Participation in the Literacy Festival with civic literacy booth  |
| Entire Year                   | Support for Brown County's Vision 2020. Support for the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship Fund, regular newsletters to the Membership, Observer Corps |

# **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. 29 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  
Health Care

Ruth Reichmann  
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

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY**

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**Treasurer's Report \***

**May 12, 2014**

**Beginning Balance, May 2013: \$4,149.50**

| <b>Income</b>   | <b>YTD</b>        | <b>Budgeted</b>   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                 | <b>\$6,986.75</b> | <b>\$3,320.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b> | <b>\$3,013.25</b> | <b>\$3,217.00</b> |

**Balance March 31, 2014      \$ 11,136.25 (includes \$5,000 designated for  
Courthouse Study)**

**\*Please note that due to the fire that destroyed our Treasurer's home, specific records are not available.**



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY

## PROPOSED BUDGET May 1, 2014 thru April 30, 2015

### INCOME

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Membership Dues                   | \$1,980.00 |
| Donations (General: non-directed) | 1,100.00   |

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$3,080.00**

### **OTHER ASSETS**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| LWV Ed Fund                               | \$840.00    |
| Balance in Treasury as of March 31, 2014* | \$11,136.25 |

\* Includes \$5,000 designated for Courthouse Study

### EXPENSES

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| PMP – National                        | \$1,476.50 |
| PMP – State                           | 640.50     |
| President's Postage and Printing Fund | 100.00     |
| “Who’s Where” printing                | 900.00     |
| Government book update                | 1,000.00   |
| Community conversations               | 200.00     |
| We the People contribution            | 500.00     |
| Fair Booth                            | 100.00     |
| State and National Meetings           | 100.00     |
| Miscellaneous                         | 100.00     |

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 5,117.00**

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: May 2014

The members of the Nominating Committee submit the following slate:

| <b>OFFICERS</b> |                | <b>Term Expires</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| President       | Julie Winn     | 2015                |
| VP/Secretary    | Pam Raider     | 2015                |
| VP Program      | Susanne Gaudin | 2016                |
| Treasurer       | Marge Cook     | 2016                |

### **DIRECTORS (Elected)**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Mary Perez             | 2016 |
| Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman | 2016 |
| Ruth Reichmann         | 2016 |
| Judy East              | 2015 |
| Janet Kramer           | 2015 |
| Sue Cannavo            | 2015 |

### **DIRECTORS (Appointed)**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Cathy Rountree | 2016 |
| Shari Frank    | 2016 |

|                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Newsletter</b>                | Judy East                             |
| <b>Website</b>                   | Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman                |
| <b>Voter Services</b>            | Janet Kramer, Mary Perez, Shari Frank |
| <b>Membership/Observer Corps</b> | Pam Raider, Sue Cannavo               |
| <b>Partnership B.C.</b>          | Janet Kramer, Shari Frank             |
| <b>Vision 2020</b>               | Ruth Reichmann                        |
| <b>Health Care</b>               | Judy East, Cathy Rountree             |
| <b>Fiscal Study</b>              | Susanne Gaudin                        |
| <b>Courthouse Study</b>          | Julie Winn, Pam Raider                |

# **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY**

## **State and National Programs 2014--2015**

### **LWVUS:**

First priority: Protecting and Engaging Voters, Money in Politics and other facets of Electoral Reform, Protecting the Environment, Climate Change

Second priority: Gun Safety, Health Care, Fiscal Policy and Immigration

### **LWVIN:**

State positions on the following shall be retained: Nomination of Candidates, Voter Registration, Dissemination of Voting Information, Poll Workers, Local Government Finance, Property Tax Exemption, School Finance, Juvenile Justice, Pre-Trial Release, Unified Courts and Merit System, Mandatory Kindergarten, Children at Risk, Domestic Violence, Health Care and Illegal Substances.

Hazardous Waste position shall be dropped (obsolete as is), but to be considered under Natural Resources/Environment positions in future (new State Committee).

Redistricting position shall be retained until a revision now underway is completed.

General Assistance shall be restudied.

Tax System position shall be restudied.

Local government position shall be restudied with particular attention to township government.

Election Recounts position shall be added to Election Procedures.

# **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY**

## **Local Program 2014--2015**

1. 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, which has just begun, will seek to achieve member consensus in 2015 and concurrence in 2016.
2. Build on the IU Kelley School's Inventory of Brown County Wellness Assets, working to advance the Brown County Wellness Initiative through interaction with the community and partners in Brown County arts and heritage tourism.
3. Continue to act as convener in the community's efforts to determine the best solution to security, ADA, space problems and building problems at the historic Brown County Courthouse.
4. Support the Vision 2020 project by supporting the B.C. Partnership, participating in Partnership-sponsored revisiting and updating, sponsoring community conversations as needed, and undertaking other steps deemed desirable to further this project.
5. Revisit and update our position on emergency services.
6. Revisit and update the LWVBC Bylaws.
7. Sponsor candidates' forums in advance of the 2014 general election.
8. Support the "Dorothy Stewart Memorial Scholarship Fund."
9. Attend and participate in the B.C. Partnership.
10. Voter Services: Sponsor annual "Meet Your Legislators – Third House Meeting".
11. Increase membership and visibility in the League and observers for County meetings

# **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWN COUNTY**

## **LOCAL POSITIONS**

### **Position on Health:**

Based on an in-depth study carried out in 2012 by graduate students at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, the results of which were presented to the public at two open meetings, the League of Women Voters of Brown County has determined that there are needs not being met in health care for Brown County residents.

The League of Women Voters of Brown County supports:

- health care facilities in BC with affordable services for everyone.
- greater collaboration between health care providers and with consumers
- dissemination of easily readable information about existing health services
- improved transportation to health care facilities
- expand the role of Brown County Schools in offering access to and information on health care.

Adopted May, 2013

### **Position on Planning:**

- I The League of Women Voters of Brown County supports planning and zoning in Brown County through one unified Area Plan Commission. The League does not support two separate planning bodies (one for the County and one for the town.)
2. The League supports the appointment of a citizens' advisory commission to be appointed by the Area Plan Commission for the purpose of studying Brown County's Master Plan and its zoning ordinances and making recommendations to the Area Plan Commission for the updating of that plan and the zoning ordinances.
- 3 The League recommends that a professional planner be hired.
4. The League supports continued and consistent fair enforcement of the zoning ordinances.

Adopted November, 1985  
Amended May 30, 1995  
Amended May 27, 1999  
Amended June 29, 2000

### **Position on Lake Monroe Watershed:**

- I The League of Women Voters of Brown County supports resource conservation, stewardship and long-range planning for the Lake Monroe Watershed, with the responsibility for managing natural resources shared by all levels of government.
2. The League of Women Voters of Brown County supports preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the ecosystem with the maximum protection of the public health and environment.

Considering that (1) most of Brown County is in the Lake Monroe Watershed, as much or more than all other counties combined, (2) Lake Monroe provides drinking water to many communities in southern Indiana, including parts of Brown County, and (3) the proposed Comprehensive Plan for Brown County makes no explicit evaluation of the effects on water quality of the projected growth of Brown County and its tourist influx and how the Plan might mitigate resultant deleterious effects, the League recommends that the Board of Commissioners solicit opinions of the Plan's potential effects from the government agencies whose mandate includes monitoring Lake Monroe's water quality. Such agencies may include the Federal EPA, State agencies as IDEM, the State Board of Health, and local agencies as the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, Plan Commission/Zoning Boards, County Council, and Boards of Health of both Brown and Monroe Counties.

### **Position on Brown County Fire and Emergency Services:**

The League of Women Voters of Brown County supports the establishment of a county wide fire protection district with its own board and taxing capability. This district would have the authority to tax the property of those it serves in order to pay for fire protection.

It would be the responsibility of a Board of Fire Trustees, appointed by the County Commissioners, to develop a county wide plan for staffing and training of personnel on an ongoing basis. This board would also be responsible for providing and maintaining facilities and equipment and for the testing of fire hydrants.

The League supports the employment of a sufficient number of trained, full time fire fighters, along with the current volunteer fire fighters.

It would be the responsibility of County Government (County Commissioners in conjunction with County Council and the plan Commission) to provide long range plans and do periodical reviews and updates of its emergency response network.

The fire chief/department should review subdivision and major building plans for fire protection. All planning should include provision for an adequate fire-fighting water supply and for adequate access (roads, bridges, turnarounds) throughout the county.

The open-burning ordinances are to be strictly enforced.

The League is committed to work for the creation of a fire district, including emergency medical services, for the benefit and well-being of all county residents. To this end the League will hold several information forums, provide input at public meetings, lobby the commissioners and write articles for the newspaper.

Adopted May 14, 1996