

League of Women Voters of Brown County
Annual meeting
May 12, 2014

There was a large gathering for this years annual meeting. Before a catered dinner by Marcia Placke, the winner of the Dorothy Stewart Award, Stephanie Goris was introduced and thanked us..

After dinner our speaker Scott Rudd, new town manager and head of Nashville Economic Development, spoke to us about the Stellar Community Initiative and other economic issues affecting the town of Nashville. Scott introduced the Stellar project by explaining it is not a grant designation but community is asking to be recognized and move to top of the list for grants and to prioritize our needs. The nine projects listed on the application were projects already in progress. The town of Nashville will be the fiscal agent so it might be possible for the county to still apply for grants. The League members were invited to attend their weekly 4 PM Wednesday meetings at the county annex building. Scott fielded questions and concerns from members. He suggested we could visit the town website where minutes were posted or contact him at srudd@townofnashville.org. He also stated public input will be solicited once the dollars are awarded.

Annual business meeting began. Quorum was established and rules of annual meeting were read. Highlights of last year were also read. Minutes from 2013 Annual meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer's Report was more abbreviated than usual due to records being lost in house fire at Treasurer, Marge Cook's home. Balance at end of the year was \$11,136.25 (includes \$5,000 designated for Courthouse study). With eight new members budgeted income was actually higher than predicted and expenses down. Treasurer's report accepted. The proposed budget was also accepted.

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 (term expires 2015)
Vice President/Secretary Pam Raider (term expires 2015)
Vice President of Program: Susanne Gaudin (term expires 2016)
Treasurer: Marge Cook (term expires 2016)

Directors:

Mary Perez, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, and Ruth Reichmann (terms expire 2016)
Judy East, Janet Kramer, Sue Cannavo (term expires 2015)

Directors (Appointed):

Cathy Rountree and Shari Frank (term expires 2016)

Portfolios:

Newsletter Judy East
Website: Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman

Voter Services Janet Kramer, Mary Perez and Shari Frank
Membership/Observer Corps Pam Raider, Sue Cannavo
Partnership BC Janet Kramer and Shari Frank
Vision 2020 Ruth Reichmann
Health Care: Judy East and Cathy Rountree
Fiscal Study Susanne Gaudin
Courthouse Study Julie Winn and Pam Raider

The President reviews the State and National Programs for the upcoming year. Discussion turns to local programs. The membership approved the following local programs:

1. Study fiscal viability of Brown County with particular focus on 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.
 - discussion – committee asks for non board members and for members to develop questions for the committee – concurrence could come earlier than 2016 if study ready
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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.
 - discussion – June 9th League will host panel on Wellness. Members also urged to attend meeting on tourism on May 20th at the Lodge.
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.
 - discussion – report from all groups of 2020 expected at the June Partnership meeting.
5. Revisit and update our position on emergency services.
 - Decision on latest motion expected 5/20.
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.

Membership was reminded of May 31st Concert for Salt Creek at the Playhouse.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted

Pam Raider
VP/Secretary