

## Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

April 14, 2014

Present: Marge Cook, Pam Raider, Judy East, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Julie Winn, and Ruth Reichmann.

Minutes from March 2014 were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Marge Cook reports \$11,136.25 in checking account – includes \$5,000 from Howard Hughes fund if needed for courthouse research.

Correspondence: New State League president is Amy Miller. The recipient of the Dorothy Stewart Scholarship Award has been chosen and will be announced at the annual meeting. State league requests our participation in booth at State Fair – Tuesdays worked well for our group.

Current business:

Candidates Forums worked well – best attendance in years.

Ag study has been recorded on line by Julie with difficulty – many comments from other leagues on timing and length of study.

Courthouse Update: Community conversation was held on March 31 – well attended and went well. Committee tasked with studying several topics: space issues, parking, costs and debt, longevity, making do with old, repurposing old courthouse.

Vision 2020 update: no movement from last meeting.

Wellness and Heritage Destination Tourism: Ruth points out that several groups pursuing same goals separately – need to be pulled together. Possible IU Kelley School grant idea: tying together art corridor Bloomington, Nashville, Columbus.

BC Fiscal Visibility Study: Julie has circulated her opinions – please read and respond. Who on committee – Susanne, Ruth, Julie and Pam. Will be brought up at annual meeting need to look at records, job descriptions and interview people.

2015 LWVIN Convention: Here is Brown County April 17-19 – rooms have been reserved.

Update on fire district (tied to Emergency Service position) – Judge ruled fire district was legal and county has 30 days to implement. Commissioners have filed Motion to Correct and want some clarification that will reset 30 days to implement.

Annual Meeting: Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> 6 pm BC library Invite Scott Rudd (new town manager) to speak on Stellar Community for Nashville and other economic issues for Nashville. Group finalizes booklet and board nominations.

Newsletter to be invitation to annual meeting only

Up coming Events:

State Council – May 31 in Carmel  
National League (LWVUS) Convention will be held in Dallas June 6-10

Committees:

Membership: Pam reports: MLD committee is working on engaging new members and encouraging new leadership – next phone meeting is 4/22..

Observer Corps – Pam reports on last two commissioners meetings. Highlights Nashville chosen as finalists in Stellar Community could receive up to 12 million for projects underway. Major problems with Elkinsville Bridge – work bid out

Partnership – Janet gone – no report. Group decides not to do parade this year.

Health Care: Judy reports they toured the Activate clinic in Bloomington – were impressed.

State league – no report

Next Board Meeting is Monday May 12, 2014, Brown County Library.