

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters
February 10, 2014

Present: Julie Winn, Marge Cook, Janet Kramer, Pam Raider, Susanne Gaudin, Mary Perez, Judy East and new members: Shari Frank, Cathy Roundtree, Jenni Voris, and Robyn Rosenberg Bowman.

Minutes from January 2014 were accepted as posted.

Treasurer Marge Cook reports \$4,616.90 in checking account – includes second year of \$1000 from Howard Hughes trust to League. As of today we have picked up six new members. Another check from Howard Hughes fund ear-marked for courthouse renovation project is to be deposited.

Correspondence: Dr. Shaffer, Superintendent of Brown County Schools, sent thank you letter for State League \$1000 donation to We The People class. Vote was taken and passed for our local league to support them with \$500. Dorothy Stewart Scholarship fund will be awarding \$340 – We had previously voted to make it at least \$500 – vote passes to authorize Treasurer to send \$160 check to Brown County Foundation.

Current business:

Presidents Day Workshop: February 15 in Indy, speakers include Larry DeBoer on business property tax, Donya Lester on Ag Study, Paulette Vandegriff on debates, Calumet League on their intern experience.

Council – April 18th and 19 is new date for State Council

National League meeting will be held in Dallas June 6-10

Legislators meeting went well – packed house – lots of visibility for League.

IU Kelley School – Julie went to the awards dinner – our group was not nominated for award. Any follow-up projects - wait till Ruth returns.

Courthouse update – waiting on information from DNR re: law enforcement site.

Vision 2020 Needs Assessment revisited – meeting with sub committees – Feb 13.

Fire District Update: Trial reset for March 12th in Columbus where summary judgment will be requested.

Up Coming Events:

Primary planning – meeting set for next Monday for to draft contested candidates questions. Forums scheduled for Tuesday April 8 and Thursday April 10

Program for 2014:

- 1) Local Fiscal Study – who controls/ historical expenses/borrowing
Ambulance service major issue
- 2) Ag study for the national – Julie to send around questions – speaker at President's day may shed some light – discuss which question to choose on next Monday
- 3) Sunshine Week – in March - focus on absentee voting

Newsletter / Website: start sending articles to Judy for late February

Committees:

Membership: Pam will join state Membership conference call tomorrow.

Observer Corps – Susanne reports on meeting she attended. Pam reports on County Council meeting from January 21 on line as example of local problems with officials.

Partnership – Janet reports - heard review of progress on Vision 2020 from Don Anderson. Also discussed the OCRA grant MKSK study about town redevelopment. Janet reports fabulous 50 gave \$10,000 that was matched to Access Brown County.

State League

Susanne reports on President's day and State League needs new legislative advocate.

Health Care: meeting at the Y to hear from company called Activate currently serving Monroe county employees with plan – will include Andy Rogers and John Kennard commissioner.

Next Board Meeting is Monday March 10, 2014, Brown County Library.

Pam Raider
Secretary
League of Women Voters of Brown County