

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

March 10, 2014

Present: Marge Cook, Janet Kramer, Pam Raider, Susanne Gaudin, Judy East, Cathy Rountree, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman and new member Keith Baker.

Minutes from February 2014 were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Marge Cook reports \$11,066.08 in checking account – includes \$5,000 from Howard Hughes fund if needed for courthouse. Shari Franks membership check given to Marge

Correspondence: none

Current business:

Presidents Day Workshop: Pam and Susanne report - February 15 in Indy, speakers included Larry DeBoer on business personal property tax, Donya Lester on Ag Study, Paulette Vandegriff on debates, Calumet League on their intern experience.

Primary Planning: Questionnaires out – Dates are Tuesday, April 8th for Commissioners and Council first then Trustees and Thursday, April 10th for State Congressional then Sheriff.

National Ag Study: Julie copied packets of papers for team to read. They are to send bullet points of material to newsletter to inform membership and then meeting April 7th to answer the questions. We are doing Question #7 which relates to research.

Courthouse Update: Committee meeting 17th to finalize material and plan for community meeting – end of March.

Vision 2020 update: collating material from subcommittees – top three priorities: infrastructure, quality of life, ambulance issues.

BC Fiscal Visibility Study: Julie circulated her opinions – please read and respond. Who on committee – Susanne, Ruth, Julie and Pam

Wellness and Heritage Destination Tourism – April discussion when Ruth returns

Update on fire district (tied to Emergency Service position) – Summary judgment requested on March 12.

New Business:

2015 State Convention in Brown County – dates set for April 17-19. Needs committee to help: Susanne, Pam, Janet and Marge volunteer.

Up coming Events:

State Council – May 31 in Carmel

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

Newsletter / Website: Scheduled to go out after 31st to include bullet points from Ag committee, observer's reports and upcoming dates – candidates etc.

Committees:

Membership: Pam reports: MLD committee is working on engaging new members and encouraging new leadership .

Observer Corps – Susanne reports on meeting she attended. Others chimed in on MKSK study for the town and plan to give 4 corners back to town.

Partnership – Janet reports –Mostly Don Anderson reporting on 2020. Lions Club sponsored Spring Blossom Parade in May 3rd – theme is “*Faith in the Future*” – can we have banner and engage youth to march with us. Deadline for application April 15.

Health Care: Cathy Rountree reports on meeting with Activate, currently serving Monroe county employees with plan – will present to County Council March 17th

State league – Susanne has resigned from state presidency

School Board: We The People have raised \$45,000. Kids going to regional science fair. Reinstating Consumer Science and Micro/Macro Economics.

Salt Creek clean up: Keith Baker reports. Concert for the creek May 31 – need \$8000 for continued clean up. Festival on June 21 – Salt Creek, Parks and Rec DNR – state helping with boat dock at deer run to launch boats. .

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

Pam Raider

Secretary

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