

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

April 11, 2016

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Shari Frank, JoAnne Himebaugh, Judy East, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Jeanne Lager, and Cathy Rountree, Ruth Reichmann, Jan Swigert, Marge Cook, Mary Perez, and Carol Weir.

Minutes of March 11, 2016 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer report – Treasurer reports no change, \$5187.36 in Treasury – PMP to state has been paid. Will make sure check to Foundation in amount of \$48.82 to up scholarship to \$500 has been paid.

Correspondence: Foundation will be announcing winners on May 2nd at 7 PM (at Foundation) and sponsor ice cream social on May 15th 2 pm we are invited to attend. There will be a rally for a Peaceful Valley group at the four corners on April 16th all members invited – League declined to actually have a table pending more information about the group.

Current Business:

Planning for Candidates forums: County races with contenders – Recorder (4 running) and County Council (5 Republicans running for 3 seats) on Tuesday April 12. Commissioner (3 republicans running),). State races Senator (2 republicans) and State Representative (6 republicans) will be on Wednesday April 13 at 6:30. 9th Congressional Races: Representatives (4 dems and 4 reps) Senate (3 reps) will be on Thursday April 14 at 7 pm. All will be held in Salmon Room, County Office Building. School does not want to hold forum on referendum.

State Council was held in Greencastle on Saturday April 9th: Julie, Pam and Marge attended. Julie gives short recap of business decisions – new officers and budget - and talks on advocacy and bill tracking bill in Indiana's legislature.

Annual meeting: will be held on Monday May 23 at Nashville Hotel at 5:30 pm. Janet arranging meals and rsvps – speaker will be Dave Redding – County Councilman and President Redevelopment Commission. Go over nominations and budget Jeanne Lager agrees to be nominated for treasurer – May, Robyn, Ruth, Cathy, and Shari agree to run again, add Marge to list of board members.

Fiscal Viability Study: Needs compiling of data and consensus questions for annual meeting.

This Is Your County Government book: Books are done - Jeanne Lager picked up today and they did wonderful job. Will have them at Candidates and a \$3 donation jar. Plan to use state grant of \$300 and Ruth giving donation of \$200 and monies from our educational fund which may be \$840.

Juvenile Justice Concurrence: was sent in timely have heard nothing.

State Education Study: Committee asking for local league assistance in asking questions of school personnel about high stakes testing. Answers need to be sent in by May 31, Judy East volunteers to head committee.

Watershed Position: JoAnne circulates proposed new watershed and natural resources position which includes history of all our environmental studies. Suggestion made to simply add other county watersheds to current position for annual meeting and work on resource position for later.

New Business:

Community Conversation on road funding: Dave Redding has asked League to do forum and solicit public input on new laws for receiving funding for roads from state. Panel could include Mike Magner, road superintendent, Representation from town and County, EMA personnel and planning and redevelopment could hold during joint session of council commissioner meetings in mid May.

Community showing of Gerrymandering movie: Bloomington League showed film – said it was very good. Have room reserved for April 25th 7 pm – group votes to advertise and promote.

Keep Brown County Beautiful kick-off: Jeanne Lager reports local garden club becomes chapter of Keep America Beautiful and adopts the BC name. Kick-off event is scheduled for April 26 6:30 at library.

Website/Newsletter: will come out soon to tell of annual meeting and other up-coming events.

Committees:

Partnership: Will be meeting April 26.

Health: Cathy and Judy report local group working on getting dental hygienist to have clinic day. Will also be free HEP C/AIDS testing.

School Board: Robyn reports it was stated they are on 5th revision of contract for superintendent. Compared to surrounding counties top personnel is paid too much.

National Convention will be held in June in Washington DC.

Next Board meeting is May 9, 2016, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County