

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

April 13, 2015

Present: Julie Winn, Pam Raider, Shari Frank, Cathy Rountree, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Judy East, Mary Perez, Susanne Gaudin, Sue Canavo, Marge Cook and Ruth Reichmann.

Minutes of March 09, 2015 approved with slight spelling correction.

Treasurer report – Marge did not have report today. Check from McDermotts for \$250 deposited.

Correspondence: Revisit last month's vote since only one who slightly falls into our criteria. Cannot roll over amount from this year but will stay in fund to accrue.

Brown County Fair will be July 27 to August 1st – booth rental is now \$125 group wants to do it.

Current Business:

Fiscal Viability Study: not much new progress although new sheriff being interviewed and will meet again with auditor after Convention week of May 12th.

Vision 2020 Update: Nothing new to report – documents are posted on BCCF website. Partnership not interested in pursuing it further.

2015 State Convention (Date April 17-19 2015): Multiple activities planned – hiking, tour of park and Historical Center. Shari Frank in charge of silent auction and sold advertising spots for program. Committee meeting is this Friday at noon to mark things and get organized.

Peaceful Valley Heritage group wants to do presentation in library with Jim Glass as part of event but not official league sponsored event.

Community Conversations planned for this summer – Ruth to take the lead. Will kick off this Thursday with presentation by Jim Glass sponsored by Peaceful Valley Preservation group in library 6:30pm. Three other conversations planned as follows: June 25 – History and Natural Resources. August 27 – Cultural and Historical Assets and Sept. 24 – Performing Arts.

Who's Where – only few pages outstanding will go to printers in June ready for fair.

Yellowwood Project: Plans will be at forest office this Saturday April 18th. Julie will see if Keith Baker can nail down INDOT and DNR for panel discussion end of May. Already on board Jim Allen, Diana Biddle and Dave Anderson. Suggestions to include Highway Superintendent and Yellowwood Watershed folks.

New Business:

Annual Meeting – will be held on Wednesday May 27th. Principal Abbie Oliver will be speaker. Discuss menu – Susanne to ask Kevin Ault of Nashville Hotel – suggestion to hold it there. Go over Nomination slate and drop some portfolios Pam and Julie will run again get new director add Shari to voter services and Susanne and Pam to be membership and get new members handbook done.

Website/Newsletter: Come out the end of the month with dates for meetings and full nomination slate discussed in these minutes.

Committees:

Observer Corps: Meetings have been well attended of late. Highlights include multiple road issues – 135 and 45 and Valley Branch. Julie made several presentations about transparency in government and alerted the commissioners that presentation at Yellowwood should not be considered open discussion meeting. Presentation at Council meeting about state of the Auditors office – very unprofessional. County Administrators position abolished to be replaced by Secretary class 8 position. Report will appear in newsletter. Ruth states there are interesting things going on in town meetings someone should attend.

Partnership: No report Janet not at meeting.

Next Board meeting is May 11, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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