

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

April 09, 2018

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, JoAnne Himebaugh, Shari Frank, Janet Kramer, Jeanne Lager, Tim Clark, Jan Swigert, Heather Nicholson, Clint Studebaker, Ruth Reichmann, Greg Bowes, Cathy Rountree, Laurie Teal, Susanne Gaudin, Robyn Bowman, Tracy Stogsdill, Tanner Bowman and guests Representative Trey Hollingsworth and his aide Rachel Jacobs.

Minutes of March 2018 minutes approved with spelling correction to lighting not lightening.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports Treasury is \$3156.16. Two checks received Greg Bowes membership of \$50 and Check from Jones office for Who's Where ad – for \$150.

Correspondence: Cindy Steele of Our Brown County wants to do an article on LWV. Julie to ask for historical perspective from original members.

Current Business:

Voter Registration Recap: Registered 36 kids on paper at the high School and gave out information for texting or on line registration. Julie addressed 4 Social Studies classes and many of these did later register. Both Social Studies teachers, plus the Principal and Superintendent were very receptive. Consider doing again before the general election. Also consider doing voter registration at local farmers markets.

Primary Candidates' Forums: Full house for the Democrat candidates for 9th Congressional district. All did well articulating themselves and differentiating views. Next forum is April 11 with Clerk, Judge and Commissioner's races – Republicans only as empty chair rule won't allow only one Democrat candidate to answer questions – although will be allowed to give brief space to talk. Judge candidates will have 7 minutes to make statements –also no questions from audience to avoid state statute regarding judges statements prior to campaign.

Annual Meeting: Clint and Heather have secured the Harvest Room at the Seasons Convention Center for April 30th annual meeting. Cost of meal \$15.23 our group votes to have cash bar and raise dinner fee to \$16 to help defray costs. Beth Mulry will be speaking on County Fiscal Issues. Event to begin at 5:30 with dinner beginning around 6:00. Budget and Nominating reports have been sent online as well as request for input on meeting – proposals on issues and workshops for this year – need commentary by April 23rd. Laurie Teal volunteers to be RSVP person for dinner.

New Business:

LWVIN Council on Saturday April 21 – Julie and Pam to go.

Membership Handbook: Janet found old copy of membership handbook – needs redo and add by-laws. Pam makes motion that Shari seconds group agree with putting it on line.

501c(3) By laws review – The LWVIN has applied to become 501c(3) hoping to umbrella in local leagues. Although won't know ruling for some time, our local league needs to craft a resolution changing our bi-laws making this possible which will be voted on at annual meeting. Julie presents draft for consideration at annual meeting which makes possible a letter to state requesting such.

Newsletter/website: Will come out this week listing dates of annual meeting. Post by-laws and dates on website.

Committees:

Health Dept. – Public input on Septic Ordinance March 29 went very well – many good comments draft of Ordinance sent back to Health Department board for revision.

Discussion follows on local septic, sewer, and zoning issues. We learn that Clint is being considered for position on the regional sewer board. Next RDC meeting to discuss follow up to allowance of tiny homes – reducing the acreage requirements. What does this do to already existing septic issues and are governmental and boards working together? Members urged to attend the Redevelopment and Zoning meeting April 12th 6 PM. Tim offers to collaborate between groups. Should the League consider a workshop again on septic systems?

Cathy Rountree offers again to lead walk through recently cut Tulip Tree part of Yellowwood. At issue are BMP being followed in timely manner – weather permitting.

Observer Corps: Heather reports on Arts and Entertainment – Dancer statue to move again. Last month the Nashville Cultural District received a \$5,000 to be used for Art Gallery Walks and banners at street corners. Also Art Walk moving to last Friday of the month 4-7. Heather wrote grant for \$3000 for new sound system for county and Pavilion music series. The grant interview is 19th.

Susanne has been meeting with Scott Rudd to learn about “funding zones” creating ability of reinvesting capital gains in the community. She reports on the Election board - machines are recharged and securely housed. Changes in polling place: Township Districts Jackson 1 and 2 are now combined voting at Fruitdale Fire Department – Due to ADA issues, polls in Helmsburg move to local Jackson Township Fire station. Plan is to move out of county schools into fire departments and eventually have voter centers.

JoAnne gives up to date Air Shed report showing Indiana has fallen in quality of health standings. One study listed Indianapolis as #1 per population for air pollutants.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Next Board meeting is May 14, 2018, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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