

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

August 10, 2015

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Mary Perez, Ruth Reichmann, Shari Frank, Jan Swigert, Jeanne Lager, Cathi Rountree, Susanne Gaudin, JoAnne Himebaugh, Judy East and Janet Kramer, and Rosemary Slusser (guest).

Minutes of July 13, 2015 were approved as written.

Treasurer report - Treasurer Report s \$7277.66 with \$1080 for Who's Where already deducted. Received PMP bill for \$547.50. Need to contact members who have lapsed. Discussion on whether to consider partnering with the Democrat on next issue of Who's Where.

Correspondence: There will be a state league 95th anniversary celebration on Saturday September 26 at the Athenaeum in Indianapolis - Information and registration is on line and Julie brought hard copies to be mailed. We are planning to show new movie on suffragette movement at local playhouse in late fall - possible showing at High School.

Current Business:

Community Conversation: July 23 conversation – okay attendance too much panel talking. Discussions on upcoming conversations. August 13 focus on Parks and trails. Have begun organizing September 24th conversation.

BC Fair: went pretty well – discussion of fair issues – money spent and over budget.

Who's Where: discussion of distribution and recouping money. Janet to visit realtors.

Fiscal Viability Study: Budget hearings are next week – signup sheets for observing sent around.

Fire District: Case was heard decision pending – need to do further study on Emergency Services.

Courthouse conversation: schedule some time in the fall

New Business:

Town Elections: candidates missed deadlines to register to run – Miss Grady contacted and put on panel – Jane Gore re-upped. Seemed somewhat underhanded should state election board be contacted.

Website/Newsletter: Next newsletter to come out after August conversation. Send observer reports and Seneca trip notes.

Committees:

Observer Corps: Pam reports on recent meetings. Government still dealing with fallout from fiscal mismanagement and cleaning up from the flood. Full report will be in newsletter.

July 20 Council – First reading of bridge recoup tax levy for 2016-17 – vote next month. Discussion of over spending on fair. Discussion of expenses for flooding.

July 22 Commissioners: Flood damage discussed – New position for health nurse on health board. Discussion changing zoning at Bear Hardware to light industrial.

August 5 Commissioners: approved new cushions for court room. Park and Rec seeks signature for canoe launch – state to pay for liability. New GIS map to be printed. Assessment forms ok'd to be printed and sent. Tech dept. explains new plan for printers and computer service. Still dealing with flood problem – discover that \$ 1 million insurance policy required \$250,000 deductible- angry at Mike Thompson. Julie Winn clears up misinformation about League ordering Master Plan study – it was ordered by commissioners.

Partnership: Janet reports first meeting this month – 3rd Tuesday need more government and organizational input.

Health – Cathy is in running for health board position – states they are drafting new septic ordinance.

State league – need to send in registrations for 95 anniversary luncheon report back to Julie.

Next Board meeting is September 14, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County