

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

August 14, 2017

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, JoAnne Himebaugh, Cathy Rountree, Shari Frank, Janet Kramer, Abbie Oliver, Mary Perez, Tracy Stogsdill, Jan Swigert, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Jeanne Lager, Tim Clark, and Ruth Reichmann.

Minutes of July 2017 approved with minor corrections – add Shari and change spelling.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports took in \$210 dues, \$450 in ads, Julie had a check of \$250 from Volunteer award – total in Treasury is \$6,190.90. Bill still owing to printer – other dues and ad money trickling in.

Correspondence: Regional Meeting Crawfordsville on Saturday 8/19 – Pam may go. Talk with Friends of Lake Monroe Watershed on 8/24 at 6:30 pm at BC library. Julie to answer league survey about organizational questions. Woman's Equality Day March in Terre Haute 8/28.

Current Business:

County Fair review – participation seemed down overall – questions were good thing helped us engage the crowd. Who's Where were done in time and passed out.

Who's Where: Divide up books need to get out to various organizations were big hit at the fair.

Courthouse Project and Peaceful Valley: Pam and Clint serving on new courthouse board – next meeting will be August 17. Peaceful Valley will sponsor presentation by Dr. Jim Glass on historical importance of Courthouse to Nashville. Will be pre viewing with Dr. Glass on 8/28 BC library at 4 pm. His actual presentation will be on 2 pm Sunday October 1st at the Art Gallery during their Icons of Brown County exhibit.

BC Fiscal and Development Study – Productive full membership meeting on July 13. Julie has sent around consensus questions and received little feedback. We need another meeting where we present position and come up with statement.

501c (3) status – more information from state was sent to Julie – still in process.

Updates:

Results of Survey questions on county issues has been tallied by Judy East and Julie shares preliminary results – will be posted on line. We had 161 responses. At the end people would be amenable to raising taxes to pay for what we need. How will we use this information – letter to paper print or print survey in paper? More on this later.

Newsletter and website: None coming out soon. Robyn needs to know next event dates to update website.

HCI – Hometown Initiative project – Had a little trouble getting going – first meeting will be today. JoAnne shares latest bills rolling back watershed regulations. Encouraged to put in newsletter. Requests that we send letter from League board to our reps stating our positions. Will be more discussion on this on line.

Committees:

Observer Corps: Heather not present – no report

Redevelopment: Tim Clark shares comments about last meeting. Long discussion ensues about need for public confidence tied to transparency of the process. Public likes to be asked. Tim believes we are somewhat stuck into winners and losers mentality – fosters lack of planning certainly long range. Many meetings are not productive they need to establish ground rules and then proceed to get all the facts and opinions out on table so people feel heard. Process should agree to an ideal and field all the facts and end up with some kind of solution. Discussion includes proposed Maple Leaf venue and Big Woods project as possible zoning issue (both need their projects rezoned). Ruth urges members to attend Planning and Zoning meeting to be held on August 22. Updated ordinances which would support the revised Comprehensive Plan have still not been addressed.

Health: Cathy weighs in that septic meetings have been contentious and very little progress has been made.

Meeting finally adjourned at 11:20 pm.

Next Board meeting is September 11, 2017, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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