

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

August 08, 2016

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Judy East, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Ruth Reichmann, Jeanne Lager, Marge Cook, Mary Perez, Susanne Gaudin, Shari Frank, Jan Swigert, Cathy Rountree and guest Tracy Heaton Martinez (visitor from Columbus on State League board).

Minutes of July meeting approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer report – Although new Treasurer, Jeanne Lager, was present Marge Cook was not so old records still not completely transferred. Jeanne is on the account – suggestion made to have account be electronic. Treasury is same as last month's report - \$3987.00 - with no outstanding bills.

Current Business:

County Fair recap: July 31 to August 7th – many interested people signed contact sheet. JoAnn Himebaugh's brochure was popular. County Clerk came up to booth at fair and reported there will be changes in sign-in book – it will now be electronic and she wants to have demonstration model at candidate's forum. Also no paper ballots at voting this year.

Fiscal Viability Study: Julie has sent preliminary draft – needs to ask Beth a few questions before calling membership meeting. Budget hearings will take place next week Monday and Wednesdays at 6 pm and Tuesday starting at 3 pm – hope not to have one on Thursday.

Fall Candidate Forum update: rooms secured for Thursday, Sept 22 Congressional races – Tuesday, October 11 – local. Thursday. October 13 State. Sara Clifford reports local paper personnel are for insert section – but owners have nixed it. Explore option of League doing insert or on line presence for future. September National race forum still unsettled as trouble nailing down Trey Hollingsworth to a date – cannot have only one candidate. Questions for the candidates have been crafted will be finalized by Julie, Pam and JoAnne and sent to group.

Update on Emergency Services and Watershed/Air shed positions – still in process Ruth will send out pages on line. Problems between Van Buren township trustee and their fire chief.

Update Proposed Washington township fire territory: will not come before Commissioners until at least September as this month is budget hearings. Also some question as to legality of the Town vote since not publicized for public comment.

County Area Plan Commission Revising Zoning Ordinance: Standing room only attendance. Public is interested in having say into new ordinances – will be scheduling meetings.

Updates on Projects

Scenic Byway Project: Ruth reports on proposed designated scenic route 135 going from Nashville to Morgantown. Committee has been formed next meeting is September 1st. Peaceful Valley Heritage meetings on Tuesdays would like feedback on what is to be included on route – collecting information about historical sites or points of interest to include in proposal.

Volksmarch for health sponsored by our League – Judy reports the Bloomington group will help us organize. Group votes to hold April 23rd.

Bean Blossom Sewer District: Julie had conversation with County Health Sanitarian and Judy Swift – they do have some records on condemned septic's in area and creek E-coli – Julie suggests they get grant to have someone plot on map. Tanner Bowman is doing science project could dovetail with this information. Cathy Rountree will follow up with health board.

Sewer Board meeting – Mary Perez reports on last sewer board meeting – had full house and Evan Werling (president of board) did good job. The board presented proposition to Bean Blossom residents where 75% of septic's are failing because soil conditions are not conducive to good perk. Engineer mapped out area and would be lift and grinding system at each house. If septic good could defer getting on for 5 years then another round up to twenty. It would cost less than \$2,000 and monthly bill – grants are available from OCRA. Will have more meetings – third Tuesdays of the month. If Bean Blossom not accept – might go elsewhere. Next sewer board meeting is September 6th at 6:30 pm.

State and National League news: Tracy De Heaton Martinez speaks to us regarding possible League status being changed to 501.c.3 since we are not actually lobbying with our money status depends on how much time and money spent lobbying. Also National has changed their by-laws in Article 3 Section 2 membership – voting members can now be non US citizens and voting age for members dropped to 16. Our by-laws should reflect these changes as well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Next Board meeting is September 12, 2016, 10 am BC Library.

Julie will be on vacation. Pam will contact Keith Baker regarding our walking as part of the bicentennial project sometime in September.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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