

## Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

February 08, 2016

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Shari Frank, JoAnne Himebaugh, Judy East, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Jeanne Lager, Mary Perez and Cathi Rountree.

Minutes of January 11, 2016 were approved.

Treasurer report – Treasurer not present no report.

Correspondence: Julie has upgraded members on League website by January 31 deadline. Julie passes around new National League position on Constitutional Conventions (never been one but is clause in Constitution) – need to be transparent, delegates elected based on population not states and focus on one topic. Concurrence required on revised Juvenile position by April 1<sup>st</sup> – Julie has forwarded on line – date for complete membership meeting established for Thursday March 24 – at Brown County Community Foundation.

### Current Business:

Meet the Legislators Session – set for February 13 10 am – Eric Koch responded but requested formal session be limited to one hour. Julie thinks we should use cards for questions for efficiency. Brent Steele will not be attending.

We The People – Board votes to give \$500 again this year. Group also hears presentation by four We The People kids about the different units and fund raisers which includes dinner at high school on 26<sup>th</sup>. Go to their website for complete details.

Presidents Day in Indy: Saturday Feb. 20 – Pam, Janet and Julie going.

Fiscal Viability Study: Julie has sent extensive draft documents on line report a bit weak on development issues. Julie and Jo Anne have been to last commissioners meeting, latest Redevelopment meeting and met with Scott Rudd of Town Redevelopment. Scott has stressed need for cooperation between groups and county and town. Missed opportunity when water lines went in to not get pipe laid for fiber optics. Dave Redding and Jim Shultz from county redevelopment came to town meeting. Scott often has to answer business questions on behalf of county. Scott lists three top priorities: water, sewer and high speed internet. Fiscal Committee will meet again, report ready for annual meeting.

This Is Your County Government book: Jeanne Lager has sent out electronic copy for us to make changes on. She has most, has been in touch with a printer – group to meet again make sure pages in right program for printer.

School Presentation Update: Need to review proposed video which we did after this meeting. Do we want to tie registering voters to this event? Planning this event take a little more discussion.

Watershed Position: JoAnne wants to revise to include educating home owners to ecology so that water leaving property is clean which will improve watershed quality – she has been researching other counties and states on line – also wants to include timeline and present by annual meeting.

Planning for Candidates forums: County races with contenders – Recorder (4 running), Commissioner (3 republicans running), County Council (5 Republicans running for 3 seats). State races Senator (2

republicans) State Representative (6 republicans). Federal Races Representative (4 dems and 4 reps) Senate (3 reps). Will need three nights April 12-14 – maybe another venue for federal race. Appointment made for coming up with questions for candidates for March 18 library at noon.

New Business:

Yellowwood Walk Through Invitation: - Charlie Coles was sick – event will be rescheduled.

Website/Newsletter: will come out later.

Committees:

Partnership: Dr. Shaffer superintendent spoke about up-coming referendum – should info be included at forums? He stated 40% of school parents not registered to vote – should we have registration booths at schools or games?

Schools – Robyn reports on We The People schedule and founding; National competition will be held April 29 – May 3.

Health: Discussion on needle exchange – Indiana Recovery Alliance active in county will be holding forum 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March. Health group focused on dental care – Andy Rogers donated space in his building. Discussion whether to become 501c3 not for profit organization.

State League – Jo Anne has found lesson plans on voting for school programs will send to members.

State Council will be held in Greensburg on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

National Convention will be held in June in Washington DC.

Next Board meeting is March 14, 2016, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County