

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

January 12 – held on January 19, 2015

Present: Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Pam Raider, Marge Cook, Shari Frank, Cathy Rountree, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Judy East, Jeanne Lager, Joanne Himebaugh and Keith Baker

Meeting date was changed due to inclement weather – vote taken that if school is cancelled due to weather so will our meeting and rescheduled following week.

Minutes of December 8, 2014 were approved as posted.

Treasurer reports \$6,240.96 in Treasury after paying PMP and \$500 to BC Foundation for Dorothy Stewart scholarship fund. Checks given to Treasurer in amounts of \$1000 and \$200.

Correspondence: Letter from Brown County Community Foundation there is still money from Indiana Commission of Higher Education grant which will match gifts to Dorothy Stewart scholarship fund.

Incentive of free training offered to leagues that have roster updated early – we do. League is testifying at committee hearings on redistricting convening on Wednesday's 3:30 pm statehouse from January 28th to February 18.

Current Business:

Meet Your Legislators – problem scheduling – how about week night?

-Fiscal Viability Study: Have not met recently. Recent meetings with Auditor's office leaves questions as to whether they have all the figures from every department. Things will be changing with new elected officials need to let them get situated. Cathy talked to EMA head Sarah Vasquez who would be willing to talk with out group sometime – maybe March meeting.

Update on Fire District: Appeal court affirmed earlier decision that commissioners did not act properly. New commissioners not likely to re-appeal.

Vision 2020 Update: Nothing new to report.

2015 State Convention (Date April 17-19 2015): Multiple activities planned – hiking, tour of park and Historical Center. Shari Frank in charge of silent auction – send items to her for storage. Still some details to work out before mailing scheduled to meet again this Friday January 30th.

New Business:

Presidents Day will be February 21st – two go for free.

State positions – need meeting to vote on state positions – scheduled for Tuesday February 17 7-9 pm library. Positions will be posted on website for members to read and link to be sent by email.

Should we take small computer and register high school seniors this spring? No firm decisions made.

Our annual meeting will have to be late in May.

Website/Newsletter: Peg Lindenlaub would like to turn over to league – Robyn has been working with her and only few more questions. We vote to pay the annual domain name and other costs.

Newsletter to come out soon with dates of Legislators meeting

Committees:

Health care: Nothing new to report.

Membership: Last call missed - next call scheduled for Wednesday January 21.

Observer Corps: Highlights of last few meetings will be newsletter. New President of Commissioners is Dave Anderson and VP is Diana Biddle – they assured citizens they would be listened to with respect.

Partnership: Not met in November or December

Schools: Robyn reports new gym at middle school is too small.

Joanne Himebaugh reports on Greenhouse project she will be presenting to new commissioners.

Keith Baker – Dan Eggerman will be doing training for county would league like to send member. They have found several funds with money in it – Riverfront and tobacco to buy transport vehicle. \$600,000 in riverfront account could be used to make needed ADA and security upgrades on courthouse. Judy, Julie, Pam and Robyn are willing to meet with Commissioner Diana Biddle to urge getting started on courthouse.

Next Board meeting is February 9, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County