

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

January 08, 2018

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, JoAnne Himebaugh, Cathy Rountree, Shari Frank, Janet Kramer, Jeanne Lager, Tim Clark, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Jan Swigert and Greg Boyes (guest visitor running for judge).

Minutes of December 2017 approved.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports Treasury is \$2,984.16. \$450 was donated to our Ed Fund and one donation to Dorothy Stewart Scholarship fund.

Correspondence: Bill proposed in State Congress harks back to Kernan-Shepherd recommendation to streamline government by merging township trustees.

Current Business:

Fiscal and Development Study: Julie has sent around latest draft of our position for final concurrence. Shari Frank made several improvements. Discussion ensues about length and how to hold government accountable (position 2). Could publicize periodic reports and review comments in Democrat. We could also have the Democrat interview our League. In the end the Commissioners have legislative authority as departments report to them. Once membership concurs, will send on to government officials and have presentation at County Council, Commissioners, and Redevelopment Commission plan to do this before primary with follow up in July before budget hearings.

Meet Your Legislators: Scheduled for February 3 at 10 am back up snow date is February 10.

Update on Forest Preservation resolution: The Democrat reports proposed legislation on forest cutting issue SB 275 sponsored by Basler, Ford and our own Eric Koch setting aside 30% of forest lands. Also Stoope has presented bill requesting cost/benefit analysis of current logging on state lands.

Maple Leaf project: Chris May has proposed legislation allowing BC to raise inn keepers tax 1 cent on transactions to support music venue.

New Business:

Dates for Primary Candidates Forum: Set tentative dates for Candidates forum on Tuesday – Thursday, April 10 - 12. JoAnne will reserve Salmon Room.

State Board positions: Julie reminds members there are openings on State League Board.

Newsletter and Website: Need to post dates of Legislators meeting on Saturday February 3.

Committees:

Health Dept. – Cathy reports next Health Dept. board meeting is January 15. They are trying to formalize citizen complaint process to board. First public hearing on septic bill will be held in March. Cathy also reports Health clinic for School personnel will be having open house January 29 at school and February 6th at site in Eagle Park. Clinic will be open 2 days a week and will allow county residents to join for \$55 a month. Members will have more access to clinic in Bloomington. There is hope for further usage of facility.

HCI – Hometown Initiative project – JoAnn reports survey on county needs will take comments through first week in February - on line at indianahci.org/browncounty – results and forum will be held on March 7.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Next Board meeting is February 12, 2018, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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