

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

July 09, 2018

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, JoAnne Himebaugh, Janet Kramer, Tim Clark, Ruth Reichmann, Greg Bowes, Cathy Rountree, Laurie Teal, Robyn Bowman, Mary Perez, Shari Frank, Heather Nicholson, Jan Swigert, Nancy Crocker, Susanne Gaudin, Rita Simon and Tracy Stogsdill.

Julie congratulates Ruth on receiving the John Rudd volunteer of the year award from the Community Foundation.

Minutes of June 2018 minutes were discussed Secretary will make corrections to Treasurer's report and dates of Health Department's meetings.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager is on vacation, however Julie reports that the 990 was filed and roster updated. Shari agrees to get with Jeanne and be back up on that learning.

Correspondence: Julie received Thank you note from Dorothy Stewart Scholarship recipient Haley Miller.

Current Business:

Transition Planning for Board: Nominating committee has suggested two members to serve as appointed members on the board in light of recent openings. Janet Kramer and Rita Simon both past presidents were voted in as new members of the board. The by-laws state that Vice President is acting President until board determines or appoints new President. Julie will be leaving her house as of August 15th and may not be at August meeting. Shari agrees to accept interim Presidency. She states would like to lead with more participation of committees and encourages the members to email suggestions and ideas and interests. Ruth would like us to continue pushing Vision 2020 and especially update the Emergency Services study.

Courthouse Conversation: Julie has not heard back from commissioners – no update or action.

Membership Handbook: Committee will be meeting after this board meeting to begin updating old membership handbook from 1978.

Farmer's Market Tabling: Pam, JoAnne, Heather and Laura Blackthorn worked – gave out flyers.

4H Fair Planning: Sign-up sheet has been circulated to members. Theme is get out the vote – can we get map showing precincts – Susanne work on that. State insurance covers our fair booth.

BCCF Volunteer Fair: Will be August 18th 10 am to 2 pm. Joanne has been working on booth with 25 questions on citizenship designed for various age groups. More discussion next meeting.

501c3 update: IRS has granted LWVIN nonprofit status – still pending is whether local leagues will be granted umbrella status. If they do, we will change the wording of our by-laws as voted on at the annual meeting and we would need to track expenses for lobbying which are virtually nil. Julie has sent letters to State that we would track expenses and we wish to be under umbrella and would give up our 501c4 status.

Calendar and planning for fall election activities including potential election observation: Candidates filing is closed except for school board. We need to get questions out to candidates by August 1st for insert in newspaper. October 9th starts early voting – discussion on dates and how many nights possibly start in late September. Julie will secure Salmon Room for the three nights needed. Meeting to craft candidates' questions will be July 16th at 1 pm local library.

New Business:

LWVIN Regional Workshop July 21 in Vincennes from 11-4. Pam offers to go with Shari

Newsletter/website: Will send out new newsletter with upcoming events. Website to be updated with latest dates.

Committees:

Health Dept. –Cathy reports Opioid Drug task force meeting this afternoon. New member on Health Dept. board and Opioid team Jeff Cambridge to clarify the Health Department's role. They have received grant for the antidote drug. Next week on July 17 the septic board will meet at 3 pm and later the Health Board at 5 pm. Local Affordable Health care group sponsored free clinic day at local wellness center on June 23. Also have received grant from BCCF to help pay membership fee for those unable to afford it.

Observers Corp: Important to attend and continue to observe, however Heather points out by time report gets in newsletter it is old and paper has already covered. Still she agrees to report on in meetings.

Tim Clark proposes formation of new committee which would have reporting function on Fiscal issues in local government. Will come back to board with mission statement and who is on committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Next Board meeting is August 13, 2018, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

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