

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

June 12, 2017

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, JoAnne Himebaugh, Cathy Rountree, Janet Kramer, Jan Swigert, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Jeanne Lager, Clint Studebaker, Heather Nicholson, Tim Clark, Abbie Oliver, and Tracey Yaeger-Stogsdill.

Minutes of May 2017 accepted as posted.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports to Julie \$4,809.90. Received \$720 in dues. Expenses: \$90 for guests, donations \$200, Friends of the Park for Darryl Kramer.

Correspondence: Julie shares email chain which included several leagues about voter purging in Indiana. Indiana is participating in cross check between states. Brown County crossed off 700 last time they purged still unclear whether county clerk can cancel without notification. 11,200 voters on rolls in Brown County.

Current Business:

Volunteer and County Fair – Volunteer fair is this Thursday June 15. Discussion what to have on the back drop. Keep it simple. Suggestion to on how to better engage people – cards asking for opinions on most pressing issues for our county. Identify top priorities: Courthouse, fiscal study, watershed and air shed, education, sewers, septic and county development. Fair begins July 31.

Annual Meeting recap: Annual meeting went well with several new guests and excellent presentation by Clint and JoAnne on Water and Air sheds.

Who's Where: Discussion how to simplify inputting – suggestion to use Google dox. JoAnne agrees to input pages.

Courthouse: Pam and Clint serving on new courthouse board – meeting was June 8th. They updated the group on progress and direction of committee – discussed various issues facing the building and county. Next meeting is July 20.

BC Fiscal and Development Study – set date for full membership meeting – Library July 13 at 6:30. How to get membership there – send postcards?

Updates:

Watershed Position: Clint discusses how Friends of Lake Monroe watershed tour held on June 3 went. Small showing of 10-11 interested people – water flowing out from Nashville waste water treatment plant was running clean. This is state of the art plant using UV rays not chlorine. Clint has subsequently spoken to local Soil and Water who want to be part of Hoosier River Watch. Clint will be attending river watch training in near future.

New Business:

Review of Portfolios, board responsibilities and looking forward. Will hopefully be taking some direction from comments from fair. No new input on subject.

Raising Dues: At annual meeting the general consensus was that dues should be raised to \$50 per person and \$80 for a couple (keep student at \$25) this will cover our PMP costs. Jan makes motion, Clint seconds, board votes to raise dues starting with next year.

Minutes of Annual Meeting – passed with spelling correction and official name of Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council corrected name of Tanner Bowman appointment.

Newsletter and Website – get next one out before July 13 to alert members of the Fiscal Study Consensus meeting. Update website to include this meeting information. Suggestion to have copies of newsletter at the fair. JoAnne could reformat and on page 4 include state and national positions and contact info for our government representatives.

Committees:

Health: New septic ordinance has returned to Commissioners May 16th. Next steps to advertise for two public comment meetings. Board of Realtors has some reservations – they meet on July 14 – Next health board meeting will be July 18.

Observer Corps: Heather reports on three meetings she attended:

County Council: discussion on lowering or raising excise tax for roads – plan is to pave all roads every 10 years by doing 20 miles a year. County to receive \$3 million reimbursement from state. Keith Baker resigned from Redevelopment. Phil LeBlanc joins Brown County Sewer board which still has two openings. Judy Swift addresses sewer issue – Jim Shultz thinks should combine Nashville and Bean Blossom and build treatment plant in Bean Blossom.

Arts and Entertainment – Johnson's donate \$1000 to support Pavilion Music Series. Working on photos of public buildings and sculptors. 1500 hits on CVB website. 121 entries for stay in BC promotion.

CVB – Have two bids to remodel new site (\$259,000 and 288,000). Got approval for landscaping out front - will be park atmosphere with potted plants. New news to appear in paper tomorrow is proposed music concert hall able to seat 2,000. Plan is to buy 15 acres of Snyder field near Pine Room for \$1,400,000 will leverage Inn Keepers tax to borrow needed funds to build will be public meetings to address in near future.

Meeting finally adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next Board meeting is July 12, 2017, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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