

## Minutes

### Brown County League of Women Voters

June 13, 2016

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, JoAnne Himebaugh, Judy East, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Cathy Rountree, Ruth Reichmann, and Jan Swigert.

Minutes of May meeting approved with grammatical corrections.

Treasurer report – New Treasurer, Jeanne Lager, not present – reported to Julie is in process of changing account names etc.

Correspondence: Volunteer Fair for BC Foundation is Thursday June 23rd. Update backdrop to tri-fold – date set for library Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2 pm. We received thank-you card from We The People class for our contribution.

#### Current Business:

Community Conversation on new road funding legislation re-cap: Held Monday May 16, 6:30 at a joint County Council and County Commissioners meeting. Attendance good – good discussion. Since meeting the rules for match money might change and can use our bond as match – may not be increased wheel tax raise this next year.

Annual meeting Recap: held Monday May 23 at Nashville Hotel at 5:30 pm. Dave Redding – County Councilman and President Redevelopment Commission – the speaker was well received. Not enough read annual minutes to approve – Pam to resend and will be approved at July meeting.

Fiscal Viability Study: Needs full membership meeting.

State Education Study: Committee did great job putting together report of our Study findings.

Fall Candidate Forum update: rooms secured for Thursday, Sept 22 Congressional races – Tuesday, October 10 – local. Thursday, October 13 State. Senate debates will be held in several locations – we could put in for being one and see.

#### New Business:

County Fair: Cost now \$150. Dates July 31 – August 7th.

Courthouse Conversation: Need to talk to Commissioners first to see if they will include repairs in budget.

Update on Emergency Services and Watershed/Airshed Positions: Ruth will refer to old notes on Emergency Position and we go from there. JoAnn and Ruth to continue to broaden water and air shed position.

Directives to the Board: Encourage good candidates for office. League to do public workshop on want to run for office – involve Library – Cathy, Janet, JoAnn to work on committee. Delve into questions what need to run for office, how parties choose who to financially back – how to run as independent. Do after elections while they are fresh in mind. Also need to ask Sarah at Democrat if we could go back to special insert on elective offices.

Address revenue shortfall: Most of the dues we collect go to pay the PMP – we are actually spending more than bringing in. We could have year-end or fall appeal for money – target people we think might support us. Ed Fund is tax deductible and Ruth suggest a category of donors would get newsletter. Maybe we could have these appeal letters available for Volunteer Fair and 4H Fair as hand-outs. Also could put letter to editor thanking public for supporting our conversations and forums.

Committees:

Health: Cathy reports on Health Department's Wellness for Employees and Community- Would we want to commit to sponsor an activity in fall – maybe walk around town on behalf. Could Judy Swift (health dept) come to our next meeting? Yes.

School Board: Robyn and Jan report – public hearing was a waste they had made up their minds and installed new superintendent. Major transition taking place in school administration. IT person quit – Transportation head took new job. Vice superintendent has health problems.

2020 Wellness Heritage: Peaceful Valley wants another conversation but not now. Bill Monroe received its historical marker and had dedication ceremony.

Partnership will meet July 19<sup>th</sup> (they're meeting quarterly)

National Convention will be held in June in Washington DC.

Next Board meeting is July 11, 2016, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County