

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

June 08, 2015

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Cathy Rountree, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Judy East, Susanne Gaudin, Marge Cook, Janet Kramer, Tanner Bowman, Mary Perez, Ruth Reichmann and new member Abbie Oliver.

Minutes of May 11, 2015 approved and approval of annual minutes with slight corrections.

Treasurer report – Treasurer reports no change on bank statement, balance \$7,187.20. Took in about \$1600 from annual meeting – waiting on expenses. Guest speaker Abbie Oliver joins and attends this meeting.

Correspondence: Information received from state league about trip to Seneca Falls July 9 - 12 – there are 3 or 4 spaces still open – info will be forwarded to Judy for newsletter. July 9th is date for annual BCCF volunteer fair – booth from 4-6 pm. We should attend. The Foundation is asking for organizations to send in names for volunteer of the year. Robyn has suggestion everyone liked letter must be in by June 15th. Application for local county fair received – vote to send in \$125 to attend – last week of July.

Current Business:

Yellowwood Road Community Conversation Recap – all felt event went well, perhaps we need a follow-up conversation with the local committee – how to move forward with bridge and oversight.

Fiscal Viability Study: Group met on May 15th in attendance were Evan Werling and Jim and Teri Shultz who were on list to be interviewed. Need to reconvene and assess how to move forward.

Community Conversations on next steps for Wellness and Heritage Tourism – on June 25th will be important meeting on Planning and Zoning (Evan Werling would like to meet with some League members prior) so first conversation moved back to July 23rd at library. Revised agenda is to have first meeting be an overview to the whole topic of assets and economic development Topic Interplay of natural and historic assets. Jim Eagleman would not be available in June. Jim has to develop a plan for Parks Centennial in 2016. Also he has applied for Arts in Park state will choose about 10 parks and support this program – will find out is chosen on June 17. Follow up conversation dates August 13 (historical and natural assets) and September 24 (Arts and Music). Ruth has met with Bill Monroe' Music Park owner to work with them on getting state marker for recognition of Bluegrass – will be on site. The only other marker we have is at T.C. Steele. Need to encourage coordination among groups.

Who's Where – Susanne working on – hopes to have by county fair

Fire District: Case will be heard by Indiana Supreme Court on June 16th.

League 95th Anniversary: State League will have luncheon on September 26th. A movie about suffragettes will soon be released – can we get Playhouse to show in October and we were costumes?

New Business:

Discussion of Officer and Portfolio tasks is pushed back to next meeting as new board members not present.

Website/Newsletter: Robyn is working to disconnect Peg Lindenlaub's name from the website. Mary reminds us that we can download membership application from the website. Next newsletter to come out week of June 20th – deadline for articles is June 19th.

Committees:

Membership – Julie working on updating membership list with current dues information.

Observer Corps: Pam reports on past month's meetings. Items of note – Partnership has presented Vision 2020 wrap up to Commissioners and County Council. County Health board position filled by Linda Bauer. New State law will help us recoup lost bridge fund money. (SB 1472). Area Planning and Zoning recommends changing ordinance 7.4 section to raise fines for violations from \$500 a day to \$10,000. Current septic ordinance is unenforceable – referred back to Health board. Dr. Glass presentation at Town Meeting. Also discussed Tax Abatement for new Willow Manor. Moving violations money will stay in town. Request from commissioners for town to vacate alley way by log jail – vote will be next meeting. Budget dates have been set for August 17-20. Thrive Alliance requests reinstatement of previous budget of \$12,000. Salt Creek Trail date moved back a year to get 20% matching dollars. Money is in budget for repairs of courthouse however long range plan needs to be developed. More detailed report will be in newsletter.

Partnership: Plans to regroup will be meeting June 11th at 3:30 at BCCF – Janet to attend.

Health: Cathy Rountree has been attending health board meetings. Reports discussion of HIV and HEP C and needle sharing for Brown County. Judy reports local group has been focusing on dental care – they are not doing the Health Fair and neither will the League.

Julie reports President of Bloomington League was present at Yellowwood Conversation and would like to meet for lunch – opportunity to work together?

Next Board meeting is July 13, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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