

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

March 13, 2017

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Mary Perez, Judy East, Jeanne Lager, Shari Frank, Jan Swigert, JoAnne Himebaugh, Tim Clark, Heather Nicholson, Clint Studebaker, Cathy Rountree, Ruth Reichmann, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Janet Kramer, and Tracy Yaeger-Stogsdill.

Minutes of February meeting accepted as posted.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports receiving one dues making treasury \$4,521.93. Brown County Democrat will bill us.

Correspondence: Fair board sent application for booth space - \$150 – we all agree. BCCF sent letter about volunteer fair – free - agree to do as well. Also Dorothy Stewart scholarship fund is up to \$471.09 – treasurer authorized to top off to \$500. Mary suggests we invite Dorothy's children to annual dinner. Diana Igo contacted Julie wanting to join our league instead of Monroe County - Invite to annual meeting.

Current Business:

President's Day and State Convention: President's Day went well Julie and Pam attended – read Julie's report in newsletter. Convention will be end of April in South Bend – so far only Pam attending.

Meet Your Legislator's: went well – room was packed. Discussion on how to open it up to audience more and ask follow-up questions.

Fiscal and Development Study: Numbers have been updated with last year's figures – Julie to have one more meeting with Beth. Tim suggests we add results of SPEA study with figures pointing to declining tax base.

Annual Meeting: Planned for Thursday, May 18 at the Seasons – Julie has read the by-laws and we should have 2 vice presidents and a nominating committee which is chosen at the annual meeting. Pam Raider agrees to chair nominating committee that needs to have 3 members one a board member others not. Report back at next board meeting. Suggestion for speaker – Diana Biddle – program to be circulated allow members to comment. Financial Report and Proposed budget need to go out early as well Janet and Jeanne to work on.

Potential Community Conversations - Courthouse: Commissioners have been reviewing studies and plans from previous go round including Jim Glass study. Talking about establishing committee with the public involved – should League have representative – yes- JoAnne volunteers.

Discussion on Development for Brown County: Tim reports on Purdue's HCI (Hometown Collaborative Initiative). 5 communities will be picked focus on living in community – homes and not retail. It's about community development training community in how to define self. Need 15-20 people who represent diversity and will pick one project. Jo Ann volunteers – Julie to send letter.

Updates:

Volksmarch for health sponsored by our League – event to be held on Sunday April 23 – 10 am to 4 pm. Judy shares maps of two routes – 5K and 10K - will need our help for volunteers.

Watersheds: Clint's report very informative. Clint attended Indiana Lakes Management Society Annual Conference as volunteer Lake Monitor with IU SPEA. Both commercial and IDEM representatives there met co-founder of Friends of Lake Monroe, Sherry Mitchell-Bruker who invited him to their meeting. Friends of Lake Monroe are working on planning a Lake Monroe Watershed Tour for summer 2017 – Committee has requested Brown County League participation – Clint requests he represents us and we overwhelmingly support that. At the meeting Charlie Cole and Linda Baden made presentation on behalf of Friends of Yellowwood who are in possession of extensive data compiled by engineering study in 2006. Clint presented us with map of Lake Monroe watershed. He tells us that Brown County lies within Salt Creek Watershed – Lake Monroe Watershed is subset of Salt Creek Watershed. Meanwhile there are Upper, Middle and Lower Salt Creek Watershed sections. More to come before we have updated watershed position.

New Business:

Newsletter and Website – Get out next week or so.

2017 Who's Where: Still working on locating electronic copy. Then will assign pages.

Committees:

Health: New septic ordinance is available on line or hard copy from Health dept. Will be meeting again 1 pm, 3/14 with commissioners. Public comment period is not yet.

Peaceful Valley: Received grant for education study will focus on importance of courthouse to old town Nashville.

Partnership: Not met

Observer report: Heather reports on Arts and Entertainment – are moving town sculptures. Village Green bathrooms now have Hohenberger pictures gracing the walls. Concert times changed to 5:30 – working on mission statement. Chamber issuing passport shopping again. Cinefest taken over by Arts and Entertainment – moving to Seasons. Historic places added to leaves on shops around town. Nashville app – gamification locating spots around town for gift. CVB working with Arts and Entertainment to post stuff on fb and web page.

Jeanne reports local Keep America Beautiful clean-up day is April 22 – need volunteers 9 am – 3 pm.

State League: Annual State League Council will be April 29/30 in South Bend – members encouraged to go.

Meeting adjourned 12:20 pm.

Next Board meeting is April 10, 2017, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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