

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

May 11, 2015

Present: Pam Raider, Shari Frank, Cathy Rountree, Robyn Rosenberg Bowman, Judy East, Susanne Gaudin, Marge Cook, Janet Kramer, Joanne Heimbaugh, Jeanne Lager and Ruth Reichmann.

Minutes of April 13, 2015 approved with slight clarification correction.

Treasurer report – Treasurer reports \$7,187.20 in account and no outstanding bills. Two checks were in the mailbox, one for silent auction and one for sponsorship and membership for Tanner Bowman – money for convention to be sent to state treasurer.

Correspondence: Have received word from BC Foundation the Dorothy Stewart scholarship will not be given this year – they ask that we review wording of the grant – board votes to keep wording “In addition to the requirement of having graduated from BC High School, ‘A statement of having demonstrated an interest in public or environmental affairs must be included in the Personal Statement of Goals section.’”

Received flyer about workshop on June 6th in Indianapolis regarding redistricting. Reservations required but there is no fee. Info will be sent around on email.

Current Business:

2015 State Convention in Brown County Recap – all felt event went well, over \$1800 received in silent auction. Good comments about the speakers, negative comments about the food.

Fiscal Viability Study: many things and offices have changed since project started. Group will be meeting again Friday May 15th at 1 pm.

Yellowwood Road Community Conversation set for Thursday May 28th, 6 pm in Salmon room. On board is DNR, INDOT, Commissioner Biddle, Two property owners, Tim Maloney from HEC, still trying to line up someone for economics and tourist – Jane Ellis will do but stated not knowledgeable – Cathy R offers to try to contact Steve Higgs through friends. Suggestion made to begin publicity.

Community Conversations on next steps for Wellness and Heritage Tourism – June 25th 6:30 at library. Topic Interplay of natural and historic assets. Names of panelists names and others suggested. August 27 Conversation topic is Interplay Cultural and Natural and Historic assets. September 24 will focus on performing artist and musicians.

Who’s Where – Susanne working on – hopes to have by annual meeting.

New Business:

Annual Meeting – will be held on Wednesday May 27 – 6 pm at Hotel Nashville. Principle Abbey Oliver will be speaker. Kevin Ault will prepare vegetarian and non veg menu items. Go over Nomination slate – Jeanne Lager and JoAnn Heimbaugh agreed to be elected Directors. Changes on some portfolios – add Shari Frank as head to voter services. Ruth requests 2020 stay on as portfolio. Courthouse should stay on as repairs will not get done unless get in the 2016 budget so need to meet with Biddle. Susanne agrees to be State Positions point person until replacement.

Suggestions about 95th anniversary. Ruth wants 95th anniversary cake at annual meeting. Susanne would like to show Lady Gaga U tube of suffragettes. Need to plan for 100 years, march in parade as suffragettes? With big newspaper spread.

Website/Newsletter: Come out after annual meeting and Yellowwood meeting. Send out blurb on annual meeting and June 6th redistricting workshop in Indy. Robyn needs blurbs send to her for website such as about the Yellowwood conversation.

Committees:

Observer Corps: Pam reports on last commissioners meeting. Items of note – FEMA has redrawn flood maps and put areas that did not flood in 2008 – commissioners will appeal. County received letter from State Emergency and state fire marshall about how well our EM people performed during the toxic spill last month. Rick fox discusses new computer replacements- smaller unit and saves money. SB 436 passed was supposed to help us recoup monies from bridge fund – but at meeting lawyer reports no mention of Brown County in bill – will research further.

Partnership: Not meeting.

School Board – Robyn reports John Mills died. Referendum for CRC discussed – want raise tax from .01 to .02. Teachers have had no raises for years but administrators do – seem top heavy with administrators. Goldberg's contract was renewed. Shaffer probably staying through next year since board did not change.

Clean Community Committee –Susanne reports things on hold – changes in IDEM so project was put on hold.

Next Board meeting is June 8, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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