

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

May 08, 2017

Present: Pam Raider, Shari Frank, JoAnne Himebaugh, Cathy Rountree, Janet Kramer, Jan Swigert, Judy East, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Jeanne Lager, Clint Studebaker, Heather Nicholson and Tim Clark.

Meeting was led by Vice President Pam Raider in absence of President Julie Winn.

Minutes of April 2017 accepted as posted.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports to Julie \$4,732.05 in Treasury after donating \$100 to library, topping off Dorothy Stewart Scholarship and receiving donation from McDermott fund from BCCF.

Correspondence: Pam reports recipient of Dorothy Stewart grant and her parents are coming to annual dinner as our guests. We received thank you note from library re our donation.

Current Business:

Recap Volksmarch – good turn-out people asked that we do again the hard part mapping the route is now done.

Volunteer Fair and County Fair – both are a go – talk about next meeting – what to put on back drop.

Annual Meeting: Will be at the Seasons May 18 – 5:30 social hour, 6 pm dinner starts. Shari collecting RSVPs – we go around the table with members; Shari to check with Mary re: Dorothy Stewart children coming. Review Nominating Committee report and add that Abbie Oliver wants to join the board. Program will be speakers JoAnn Himebaugh and Clint Studebaker on Air and Water shed issues and studies. Discussion on getting equipment suggestion to check with foundation. Dinner will be \$15 – members urged to read annual materials Julie sent out, Pam will send item to newspaper inviting the public.

Who's Where: revisit discussion to redo in light of Democrat's Connections. Robyn thinks she can make the new file interactive and eventually be on line and work with the Democrat next year. Susanne sent copy of PDF to Julie. Janet, Cathi and Joanne agree to work on project – JoAnne assigns pages. Board meeting times should appear on back cover.

Courthouse: Pam has not heard back from Dave Anderson – will contact re citizens panel on Courthouse.

State Convention Recap: Pam reports highlights: Great deal of time spent on conversion from 501c4 to 501c3 why doing, progress so far then several proposals to amend several by-laws to make that possible. Lengthy process plus state has applied to be umbrella under which locals could easily convert – more to come on that issue. New officers nominated and voted on including our own Julie Winn on Nominating Committee – of note although men have served on the board this is first year two men were elected officers – Co-President and Treasurer. Speakers were interesting – Dr. Elizabeth Bennion who had recently run a 6 weeks Civil Engagement public panel, the state representative from So Bend - Ryan Dvorak on missed opportunities in this year's state legislature and Dr. Heller a director at The Civil Right Heritage Center who spoke about the history of the suffragettes and abolitionists – positive and negative. This year's state program was discussed – priorities are redistricting reform, voting rights and voter protection, voter and civic education and good government. More detailed report will be sent to JoAnne for next newsletter after annual meeting

New Business:

Pam shares Julie's research in answer to League position re National Popular Vote – some discussion about how League arrives at its positions.

Newsletter and Website – Judy to send blitz about annual meeting. JoAnn and Shari take over after annual meeting.

Committees:

Health: New septic ordinance back to Commissioners May 16th 7pm. In light of fact three sewer board members had quit this week a lengthy discussion about septic, sewer and redevelopment issues ensued. Public comment period is not yet. We also learned our community was chosen for Hometown Collaborative Initiative.

Partnership: Not met unsure if ever will convene.

School – Robyn shares that Tanner was selected as youngest person appointed to the Indiana Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Meeting finally adjourned at 12:20 pm.

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

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County