

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

May 09, 2016

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

Minutes of April 11, 2016 were approved as posted.

Treasurer report – Treasurer not there no report. Julie received check from McDermitt endowment in amount of \$300. Invoice for Government book has been received Jeanne reports \$1056.61. Group votes to apply for state \$300 grant, accept Ruth's donation of \$200 and take the rest from the Education Fund.

Correspondence: Foundation has announced winner of our Dorothy Stewart scholarship grant, Marina Allen, she will be invited to our annual dinner.

Current Business:

Candidates forums recap: Good attendance consensus was that went well.

Gerrymandering recap: Only 7 in attendance – all were league members.

Community Conversation on new road funding legislation: Will be held on Monday May 16, 6:30 at a joint meeting of County Council and County Commissioners.

Annual meeting: will be held on Monday May 23 at Nashville Hotel at 5:30 pm. Janet arranging meals and needs RSVP's by May 20th – speaker will be Dave Redding – County Councilman and President Redevelopment Commission. Call for nominations and Jeanne Lager agrees to be nominated for treasurer – Mary, Robyn, Ruth, Cathy, and Shari agree to run again, add Marge to list of board members. Members should review draft pages sent by Julie.

Fiscal Viability Study: Julie to pull together what we have to be presented for annual meeting.

State Education Study: Committee asking for local league assistance in asking questions of school personnel about high stakes testing. Answers need to be sent in by May 31, Judy East volunteers to head committee. Group to interview Dave Shaffer, Debbie Harmon and two others

Watershed Position: Ruth and JoAnne propose to add 4 other watershed areas to current Lake Monroe position – to be ready for annual meeting.

New Business:

Presentation by Emily Earnshaw: Junior High student Emily Earnshaw won first place in state wide National History day. Her topic was biological warfare as developed in WWI. She is seeking funds to go to National Competition in June. Group votes to give \$300 from our treasury.

Dates for Fall Candidates forums: group decides late September Thursday 22 for congressional forum; early October – Tuesday and Thursday 11 & 13 – for local elections. Janet to see about room availability.

Committees:

Health: Cathy reports local group working on getting Relay for Life event they need help with fundraising personnel.

School Board: Robyn reports new Superintendent contract is done after 5 revisions. Including benefits salary starts at \$162,000. Plus 152 sick days. She has compared this to contracts of Superintendents in surroundings counties with like student body. Seems excessive. Comment date is same as annual meeting May 23rd. Jan and Pam agree to help Robyn draft an information letter stating facts and informing public of comment period.

2020 Wellness Heritage: Peaceful Valley wants another conversation but not now. They are busy forming partnerships with other groups. On November 17 event is planned to include Lee Hamilton and Mark Dollase.

National Convention will be held in June in Washington DC.

Next Board meeting is June 13, 2016, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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