

## Minutes

### Brown County League of Women Voters

October 10, 2016

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Judy East, Ruth Reichmann, Jeanne Lager, Mary Perez, Shari Frank, Cathy Rountree and new interested person Tim Clark (interested in redevelopment commission).

Minutes of September meeting approved as posted.

Treasurer report – Treasurer, Jeanne Lager, reports she paid PMP and lock box and deposited reimbursement from Ed fun. Treasury stands at \$4797.46.

Correspondence: relates to voting issues

- 1) Julie passes around information on the two judges we will be voting to retain – can get further information on [in.gov/judiciary](http://in.gov/judiciary)
- 2) If we vote straight ticket will need to also vote separately for the at-large council seats
- 3) There will be referendum question on whether to enshrine the right to hunt and fish in Indiana's constitution (will protect canned hunting as well).
- 4) Mary reports she is accepting small appliances – items with cords for prisoner recycle program
- 5) Keith Baker is starting at Citizens Academy to learn about law enforcement – Julie invited to first one on 10/15.

### Current Business:

Candidates Forums: discussion of the up-coming forums – send any questions to Julie. Will be held this Tuesday and Thursday as well as next at 7 pm. Will be televised live and archived until the election. Judy to send around notice. Bill Todd has submitted question regarding having local clinic Activate for government and school and local folks. Discussion with Cathi and Judy as to what form that would take.

Fiscal and Development Study: Decision made to have board meet to go over draft before at large membership meeting. Group will meet Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Howard Hughes room at Foundation at noon to go over questions and make sure answers can easily be found by membership.

### Updates:

Proposed Washington township fire territory: will not come before Commissioners until at least November.

County Area Plan Commission Revising Zoning Ordinance: board member quit – Tim Clark has sent in application. Need to follow as League has interest.

Scenic Byway Project: Ruth has been working on proposed designated scenic route 135 going from Nashville to Morgantown. Brown County Historical Society and History Center are partnering with Peaceful Valley Heritage to invite public to find out about National Register listing for Brown County State Park and the Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway project. Asks for League to be co-sponsor at the event to be held at Historical society building on Thursday November 17 at 6:30. Either Julie or Pam will be speaker on behalf of Leagues long standing involvement in idea of heritage tourism.

Volksmarch for health sponsored by our League – event will be held on Sunday April 23 – 8 am to 4 pm. We have help from Bloomington group but can set up our own routes for 5K and 10K – one thru town other more rural.

State Education Study: Membership needs to meet to discuss questions posed by the state league, report is due by February 17, 2017. We need to discuss with superintendent and possibly members of the school board since involves testing etc. Plan is to schedule meeting in January.

Potential Community Conversations: suggestions given by group about issues: Court House, Health clinic, National Registry and BC Heritage, Water and Sewer issues, Emergency services and Logging.

Meeting adjourned close to noon.

Next Board meeting is November 14, 2016, 10 am Community Foundation Howard Hughes room.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County