

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

October 12, 2015

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Ruth Reichmann, Cathy Rountree, JoAnne Himebaugh, Evan Werling, Jan Swigert, Judy East, Marge cook, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, and her friend Marty Palmer (prospective member).

Minutes of September 14, 2015 were approved as posted.

Treasurer report - Treasurer reports total bank balance \$12,079.97 (savings \$1,344.22 – PMP to state not paid yet; check for new member Phil Stephens received; PO Box paid – Julie to be reimbursed.

Correspondence: Electronic 990 form now filed. Ruth reports that Bill Monroe's Music Park in Bean Blossom is approved for historical marker.

Current Business:

Community Conversation: Recap of last community conversation (September 24) highlights need of working together. Perhaps working toward maintaining and upgrading our Biking Trail bronze rating could be something community can get behind.

Fiscal Viability Study: Next meeting scheduled for October 19th at 1 pm. Need to redo Our County Government with job descriptions for positions and also list committee positions available.

95 Anniversary celebration – Recap given by attendees, all thought valuable – further details will be in next newsletter.

Redevelopment Commission recent meetings. Some want Sock Factory money to go toward running sewer line to Opry. Meetings seem somewhat orchestrated. Discussion about town trying to annex corridors to town to increase revenues. Redevelopment needs to come up with larger plan for community and address sewer, water and fire issues.

New Business:

Reality Store: Scheduled for December 3rd at Junior High for 8th graders. League and foundation have booths. Judy East is spearheading, contact her if you want to work.

Website/Newsletter: Newsletter came out in next couple of weeks – send material to Judy. Website up to date.

Committees:

Observer Corps: Pam has not been attending of late - nothing new to report.

Partnership: Janet reports good attendance. Scott Rudd from town was speaker Town will be upgrading water lines – offered fiber optic companies option of laying cable in same ditch.

Health – Cathy Rountree reports discussion of sewer and septic issues – also under discussion is needle exchange program. There will be two new positions on board open at first of the year.

Environment: Ruth suggests JoAnne Himebaugh be portfolio chair. Need to add Indian Creek and Bean Blossom water sheds to water study.

Schools – Robyn reports “We the People” will be having regional competition this year on November 17th. School Corporation will be seeking new superintendent by end of this school year. School board hired a marketing firm for \$5,000 a month, for up to 3 months to make our school system look good. With several top paid positions schools seem top heavy with administrative salaries – meanwhile teachers have received no raises in quite some time.

Next Board meeting is November 9, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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