

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

October 13, 2014

Present: Susanne Gaudin and her granddaughter Claire, Julie Winn, Judy East, Janet Kramer, Pam Raider, Marge Cook, Shari Frank, Ruth Reichmann, Jenni Voris, Mary Perez, Sue Cannavo and Jeanne Lager (new member).

Minutes of September 08, 2014 meeting approved with corrections made as posted on line.

Treasurer's report not given. Julie reports PMP check returned –needs correcting. Check from Treasurer was turned over to League by citizen who admires our work. Group voted to give \$100 from Treasury to Library in Kentucky in honor of Julie's mother who recently passed. Members can donate to our treasury to make up difference or as gift honoring Julie. Health committee advocates request spending rest of grant from League on Health fair – approved.

Current Business:

Brief report on Regional workshop – which was covered in the newsletter.

Candidates forum – Events went smooth and were well attended – standing room only. League got good reports from community and in paper. A big thank you to Jenni Voris for getting Todd Young to participate in 9th Congressional debate which was also front page news in Bloomington's Herald Times.

Fiscal Viability Study: Reconvene with data Wednesday October 29th at 10 am at library. Next step is to begin to interview experts such as Dan Eggerman, Julie Ness, Stephanie Yeager.

Update on Fire District: No word yet on pending appeal case. Also no decision from Department of Local Finance on whether Nashville Brown County Fire department (Washington Township) can take out loan to pay fire fighters to be paid back with tax on Washington township residents. Discussion of revisiting Emergency Services position – review previous questions.

Vision 2020 Update: Meeting at 4 PM on September 14th at BCCF to decide how to move plan along and get community buy-in. Ruth states she is forming Peaceful Valley Heritage as part of Vision 2020 – group to focus on log jail as first project – meetings begin Tuesday October 14th. Janet reports Partnership plans to do community power point presentation with Don Anderson on 2020.

2015 State Convention: Dates established for April 17-19 2015. Linda Shanks is contact person for Bloomington League – Pam to contact and begin set date for first meeting at the Lodge. We are responsible for setting up silent auction and getting entertainment and bags of goodies.

New Business:

No new information on possible intern project for our league.

Health care advocates Judy East and Cathy Rountree report on progress on upcoming Health Care screening to be held at local YMCA on October 25th from 8 am to 1 pm. It is hoped that follow-up care or referrals will be handled by physicians or Wind Rose federally funded clinic in Trafalgar.

Committees:

Observer Corps: Brief report on meetings attended as most members have been present. Latest attacks on government officials for lack of transparency and fiscal mismanagement underscore importance of our fiscal study and the watchful eye of citizens.

BROWN COUNTY CLEAN COMMUNITY: Susanne reports next step is to get Commissioners to choose 5 goals from list of 7 which will be presented to them by committee.

Newsletter: Discussion of establishing an Alert email notification to go out to all members of important meetings or issues. Judy agrees to do this. Also agenda of board meetings should go to full membership.

Discussion on booklets to update: Who's Where – after elections in winter – Update Our Brown County Government cross reference with This Is Your Indiana Government book. Also work on New Member handbook – Susanne has some from other leagues to consider.

Next Board meeting is November 11, 2014, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

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