

Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

October 08, 2018

Present: Pam Raider, Janet Kramer, Tim Clark, Laurie Teal, Shari Frank, Heather Nicholson, Jan Swigert and Jeanne Lager. Quorum present. Need to clarify if Abbie Oliver and Ruth Reichmann still on the board.

Minutes of September accepted with some changes. Changes were p. 2 Voter Registration at High School Jeanne Lager name misspelled. P 3 Health Department is collaborative training on equipment and Naloxone distribution. Indiana currently has no distribution method.

Treasurer report – Treasurer Jeanne Lager reports \$2647.78 in Treasury after paying PO Box and state PMP, plus one new member. Discussion when dues due since our fiscal year different from state. Decision to remove nonpaying members by mid-January so do not pay PMP on them.

Correspondence: LWVIN sent gerrymandering brochure sample shared available to purchase/distribute. Shari also tells us LWVIN is requesting data on educational activities from 2017-2019 to support their role in voter education for lawsuit stopping IN voter roll purges. Shari has been attending 2nd Tuesday state league conference call at 8 PM.

Current Business:

BCHS Voter registration feedback: not many registrations but gave out information and solicited opinions – nice article in Democrat. The same day The Brown County Public Library gave out information on voting that we provided to them.

Nashville Farmers Market: very few registrations but lots of information given.

LWV/Common Cause Gerrymandering Workshop Bloomington: Pam, Shari and Jeanne participated and learned of efforts in recent years to make district drawing fair. Common Cause will be pushing issue again this year in state legislature. Discussion on whether to have them address annual meeting or hold meeting and invite Common Cause – the later better idea.

Candidates Forums recap: Discussion of how forums went. Actually had 114 hits on video live stream. Overall went well – however there was some contentiousness. Many Republicans were no show unclear if that was policy. Might need to do better marketing and/or join with other groups. Formalize procedure with motion: No shows and opponents are allowed to submit written statements and must adhere strictly to time limits allowed; stringently urge candidates to show up – motion passes. League will send thank you letter to Democrat.

Membership Handbook and Non Partisanship Policy: Non Partisan Policy has gone out twice to membership on email changes from last meeting were made and resent. Motion: Put policy in place and see how works – board to review annually by board. Motion passes. Handbook discussion on whether names and contacts of members should be in. Motion made: Take all personal contact information for out of membership handbook. Have contact for board members in annual report. Email membership list only upon request. Motion passes.

Public Testing of Voting Machines: Largest public attendance. Interesting event glad we were party. The Election Board had no qualms about accuracy of electronic machines despite studies to contrary which advocate going to paper trail ballot machines.

New Business:

Poll Watchers/Poll Workers: Training will be held 10/29 and 10/30 at 6 pm BCI. Anyone can attend Brenda will need to make sure she has enough training books. Independent voters can be Alternate workers. Poll Watchers – Shari passes around information that at least one other league is sanctioned by its county clerk to be poll watcher (Greater Lafayette). We have been told only three ways to be watcher – either of the parties or through the media. Sara Clifford states would be willing to have us be watchers and bring back results – contact Sara with list of interested watchers; she will submit list to Election Board for approval. Group to meet and familiarize selves with summary and guidelines from Greater Lafayette League.

Reality Store: November 29th – We will participate with voting booth.

Newsletter/website: Joanne and Robyn not present at meeting.

Committees:

Health Dept. –Cathy not present to report.

Observers Corp: Want to revise after election.

Tim Clark reports on his Fiscal Committee – they are developing world plan going over items contained in our position and preparing questions they will ask of various department heads.

HCI: Meeting again tonight. Trying to identify project – only group to have chosen leadership – invite them to present to our board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 am.

Next Board meeting is November 12, 2018, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary, League of Women Voters of Brown County