



Minutes 9/10/2018

Brown County League of Women Voters

In Attendance

Cathy Rountree, Shari Frank, Jeanne Lager, Pam Raider, Janet Kramer, JoAnne Himebaugh, Tim Clark, Jan Swigert, Anna Hofstetter

July Minutes

- Approved with corrections: Add Tim Clark to attendance; correct Cathy Rountree last name spelling.

Treasurers report

- Bank balance \$3,235.78 with \$150 in on membership dues. Shari & Jean working on spreadsheet for dues, expenses, etc... Inquiries about independent annual audit, Jan Swigert made recommendation for Gloria Berryman to consult on procedures.

Correspondence

- Dorothy Stewart Endowment up to \$500 spendable balance.
 - Pam will inquire how to find out who has donated so we can send "Thank You".
- Dave Simcox with the Monroe County League is writing a position on forest management and preservation under LWVUS Environmental policy that will be sent to local leagues for concurrence. LWV Bloomington/Monroe Co. is co-sponsoring Redistricting workshop 9/22, 10am to noon, at Trinity Episcopal church, Bloomington.
- Ready Schools Celebration will be held September 18 from 4 to 5pm in the Brown County High School Café. Celebrating the School Corporations award of \$500,000 to implement ROI (Readiness Opportunity Initiative). There will be cake, conversation and a brief presentation

Current Business

- **Welcome** our newest member, Nonie Daniels.
- **Brown County Community Foundation Volunteer Fair** was attended by about 50 community members. There were some great games for the kids. Laurie Teal, Heather Nicholson, Pam Raider, Shari Frank and JoAnne Himebaugh volunteered at the LWV booth. The volunteers interacted with youth and adults who pulled questions taken from taken from the U.S. Naturalization Citizenship Test. The questions focused on U.S. History, Integrated Civics and Government. Ideas for next year: Recommend name change to "Community Fair", better signage, more community awareness through advertising... Some ideas for more interaction during 4-H Fair next year from Laurie and JoAnne: Passport Game to id the different community organizations.
- **Membership Handbook** Recommended changes: wording in 2e to, "Shall not campaign for political office at League meetings"; delete 2c; change wording of 3 "To avoid potential conflict of interest, a board member must resign from board as soon as member declares an intention to run for elected

office". Move to table further discussion until October meeting along with balance of Member Handbook.

- **501 C 3:** Shari reports there is no need to incorporate in order to maintain under LWVIN insurance umbrella.
 - **Voter Registration at BCHS:** League members will observe National Voter Registration Day September 25 by registering High School Students who are or will be 18 before the midterm election in November. Volunteers will be Pam, Jean, Jan, Cathy, Shari and JoAnne. JoAnne will make copies of "IndianaVoters.gov" posters for Brown County Library to display on this day as well.
 - **Voter Machine Public Testing:** September 28, 2pm in the Salmon Room.
 - **Poll Worker Training:** October 29 & 30, 6pm at Brown County Inn.
 - **Poster Contest:** The League will look to hold a poster contest for "Get Out the Vote 2020" This will also be a great opportunity to celebrate and recognize the Leagues' 100 Year Anniversary.
- Candidates Forum:** Janet Kramer will be Time Keeper. Uncontested candidates will be given 3-5 minutes to educate audience members about themselves. Judges will be given 10 minutes on Tuesday, October 8 to speak to audience. The forum schedule is as follows:

Tuesday 10/2

- 6:30 pm Clerk
- 7:00 pm Auditor
- 7:30 pm Prosecutor
- 8:00 pm Circuit Court Judge

Wednesday 10/3

- 6:30 pm Commissioner
- 7:30 pm Council
- 8:15 pm School Board

Thursday 10/4

- 6:30 pm Town Council
- 7:15 pm Township Trustees

Saturday 9/29

- 1:00 pm Has been reserved for State and Federal Representatives, however to date we have been unable to confirm with our incumbents.

Committees

- **Fiscal Committee:** Mission: Work with county officials (elected and appointed) and other stakeholders to advocate and support the Leagues positions on fiscal management and developmental decision-making.
- **Voter Security:** All absentee and provisional ballots still use optical scan. National study just released points to the need for paper backup in order to perform audits.

Observer Report

- **Board of Health:** Cathy Rountree reports the Board is reworking septic ordinance. Next meeting 9/18 at 2:30 pm in the Salmon Room
Brown County Drug Free Coalition is a large diverse group of community members. They will hold their next meeting September 24 in the Goldberg Room at the High School.

Health Department is collaboration training and equipment on Meloxin distribution. Indiana currently has no distribution method.

- **HCI (Hometown Collaborative Initiative)** meeting 9/10 6pm Community Foundation. They will start brainstorming on a capstone project that falls in line with “Leadership” One idea is working with web page design class and IT students to develop a county webpage. This would connect community and educate students with not-for-profits, entrepreneurs, government agencies and school opportunities.
- **Observer Corp:** Shari wants to make a list of important meeting which should be attended. Janet has pamphlet on “How to be an Observer”.

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