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Indiana County's Compliance With The Right To Know Law

Pennsylvania's "Right to Know Law" took effect on Jan. 1, 2009. The March calendar includes National Sunshine Week, so this is a good time to check Indiana County government to see if local governments and agencies are in compliance with the law. The law requires all public agencies to post Right to Know information on their Web sites, if they have one. This posting should include contact information for the agency's open-records officer; the contact information for the state Office of Open Records; a form that may be used to file a request; and the policy and procedures for handling requests.

Here are the research results. Some caveats: the sites were only checked for information on the law, not that each agency met all 4 of the requirements. Secondly, some Right to Know compliance might have been missed due to difficulty locating it on the site. Finally, the research was done on March 19th, so it's possible that some agencies have come into compliance since then.

- **Indiana County:** Yes, direct link on their home page. Various agencies and boards – Only a spot check was done. None that were checked had a link on their main page, but since they are a part of the Indiana County site, I guess they could be considered in compliance. (examples are the Airport Authority, Children and Youth, Parks and Trails)
- **School Districts:**
 - Blairsville-Saltsburg** – yes, but hard to locate (under "district" tab)
 - Homer City** – no
 - Indiana Area** – yes, direct link on home page
 - Marion Center** – no
 - Penns Manor** – yes, direct link on home page
 - Purchase Line** – no
 - United** – no, but their web site is "under construction"
 - IUP** – yes, found on their site by using their website search on home page
- **Townships and Municipalities** who have government websites (most do not)
 - Armstrong Township**– direct link on home page
 - Indiana Borough** – no
 - White Township** – yes, direct link on home page

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011
I. INCOME

A. Dues (58 members @ \$50)	\$ 2900.00
B. Contributions:	
1. Member	500.00
2. Non-Member	100.00
3. Projects/ Other Sources	1954.00

Total Income: \$5454.00

II. EXPENDITURES

A. General Administration	
1. President	\$ 20.00
2. Board Tools/Expenses	50.00
3. Administrative Committees	
a. Membership	50.00
b. Publicity	40.00
4. Operating Costs	
a. General Supplies	50.00
b. Insurance	125.00
c. Web Page	500.00
B. Delegates/Travel/Affiliations	
1. State/National conventions	350.00
2. Workshops	100.00
3. Annual Meetings (Local)	30.00
C. Financial Support	
1. National \$29.60/member	1694.00
2. State \$19/member	1160.00
D. Program and Activities	
1. Publication Purchases	100.00
2. Bulletin	
a. Supplies	100.00
b. Postage	150.00
3. Voters Service	135.00
4. Action	
a. Legislative Interviews	25.00
b. Action	25.00
E. Committees	
1. Environmental Issues	150.00
2. Diversity	50.00
3. Education	100.00
4. Human Services Action	100.00
5. Other Programs	300.00
F. Misc/Scholarship	100.00

Total Expenses: \$5454.00

PROPOSED PROGRAM

The Board is not proposing any changes in our program for next year. The Environmental Issues Committee will continue to be active on air Quality and Marcellus Shale Drilling Issues. The Education committee will continue to monitor education issues and take action on already current positions as the need arises and will organize a LWVIC workshop on running for school board and municipal office in January 2011. The Child Advocacy Committee will monitor issues, activities, and policies related to welfare of children in Indiana County and will participate in annual events designed to educate and improve quality of life for children. As a League we will conduct Voter's Service Activities related to elections.

GARAGE SALE TIME !

May 1 is the Garage Sale, with May 8 the Bag Sale.

We need items to sell, big and little. Please drop them off at 527 Shryock Avenue/garage at 220 Taylor Avenue between April 26 and 30 from 9 to 12. If timing is inconvenient, call Susan McClure at 724-463-8252 to make other arrangements.

A successful Garage Sale keeps us from peddling note cards. Set up time is Monday through Friday April 26 through 30, 9:00 am to Noon. Please donate items to sell and time to set up. Call Olga Platt at 724-4650-2073 or Susan to donate your time.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be May 6, at the Aging Services Community Center, 1055 Oak St., Indiana, beginning at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be catered by Spaghetti Benders who will bring vegetarian and meat lasagna and salad. The Board will provide homemade desserts! Cost will be \$9.00. We will share dinner and hear two very interesting speakers and conduct a very brief business meeting to elect officers and board members and adopt a budget and program for next year. The proposed budget, nominating committee report and proposed program are in the Voter. Keep in mind that nominations, budget changes and program suggestions can also be proposed from the floor.

Our speakers will be Susan Barclay and Virginia Phillips from Slow Food, a consumer group with chapters (called conviviums) worldwide. Susan and Virginia helped to found Slow Food Pittsburgh and the chapter has been a strong supporter of local agriculture and regional food systems. They will be speaking about Slow Food USA and its campaign to improve school lunches.

RSVP to Sherene Hess , lwvic@yourinter.net or Beth Marshall, nextlife@comcast.net by May 1.

Hope to see everyone there.

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CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7—Republican Policy Committee Hearing, Senior Citizens Center, Oak Place. 10:00 am

April 12—Board Meeting—7:00 pm

April 17—Mini Summit on Social Change— IUP—HUB, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

May 1—Garage Sale—Susan McClure's garage

May 6—Annual Meeting—1055 Oak Street, Aging Services Community Center, - 6:00 pm

May 8—Bag Sale—Susan McClure's garage

May 10—Board Meeting—7:00 pm

May 18—Primary Election

BOARD MEETINGS—held at Diane Duntley's home, 204 Greenview Court, Indiana —All Members Welcome

Know someone who may be interested in membership? Let President Sherene Hess know at 724-465-5056 and she will send a brochure & short letter describing LWVIC's activities.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of voting age.