LWV-JDC Board Meeting

Thursday April 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM

241 Council Fire Circle, Galena, IL. 61036

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County held their executive board meeting at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 19, 2018. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Lieberman, Jeanie Norman, and Judy Gratton were in attendance.

Kathy moved to approve the March board minutes, Sue seconded, all in attendance were in agreement, the minutes were approved as written.

Jake sent the Treasurer’s Report by email, stating in our main checking account we have $9,218.93 plus $139.45 earmarked for a water project expense.

**Call to Action---**Kathy reported there were five TFAs sent out since our last meeting.

**Membership Report---**Kathy stated we have no change in membership since the last meeting.

**Report on Progress: Jo Daviess County Bipartisan Economic Development Initiative---**Judy Gratton and Esther Lieberman, both LWVJDC Facilitators for Economic Initiative, reported on a roundtable meeting held at the DeSoto House Hotel. John Cooke Rotarian called the meeting to order. Various opinions were brought up, beginning with the lack of apartments available for rent, having a qualified workforce for higher paying jobs, good school districts along with Vocational Schools, Enterprise Zones and Industrial Parks. Judy also mentioned that the EDA is going to be eliminated, making grants difficult to obtain. Esther and Judy expressed concern that an organized plan will need to be in place before moving forward. The Board will discuss this again at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**LWVUS National Convention---**Sue reported everything is in place and ready to go.

**Legislative Interviews---**Bonnie has encouraged everyone to make a phone call to Illinois House of Representative, Brian Stewart asking him where he stands on the ERA Amendment and to tell him to vote to pass the ERA Amendment. Bonnie also is asking everyone to phone Freeport to express the need to override the Governor’s veto on the need to have stricter gun restrictions for gun dealers in Illinois. Kathy will send a detailed email to all the members with instructions on wording and contact information.

**LWVJDC Garage Sale Fund Raiser---**an official date has not been set as of yet, because there are a large number of files that have to be looked through.

**Search for a new Treasurer---**Sue has contacted a few people that she believed would be good prospects, but no commitments yet. Sue and Kathy suggested the board consider hiring an accountant to do the reports but have the Treasurer write checks and pay bills. Kathy stated the Treasurer must be a member. All Board members agreed and gave Sue permission to get quotes from three different Accounting Firms. During the meeting the Board agreed to ask Judy Gratton to consider taking the Treasurer’s job. Sue contacted Judy and she has agreed to be the new Treasurer. Judy will be communicating with Jake with an anticipated turnover of the responsibilities by June 1, 2018.

**Report on LWVJDC Booth on Earth Day---**the board is very appreciative to Beth Baranski, for continuing the Earth Day Booth.

**Report on tent for Country Fair---**Sue reported she has found a tent at Sam’s Club that would fit in the 10’ x 10’ area for $229.00. In addition to the tent Sue suggested the board purchase weights at $14.80 each, eight in total for the cost of $120.00. The 9’ x 2’ Banner will cost $160.00. Esther made a motion to have Sue purchase a tent, weights, and banner which was seconded by Kathy, all present were in agreement and the motion passed.

**Other Old Business:**

**Fundraising---**Kathy suggested sending an open letter to the Community for a fundraiser and having the option of a multi-year pledge.

**100-year Anniversary---**Kathy has spoke to Dan Mc Carty on different ways to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Women’s right to vote. He and Nancy Breed, director are very happy to work with us on this. Kathy will contact Karen Sieber, who starts in June, and will be the contact person, sometime after she has gotten settled into her new job.

**New Business:**

**Mock Elections---**Sue will contact the schools to schedule Mock Elections for Junior and Senior classes. Sue will also send letters to the schools explaining the Ballot Ready and Voter Guide websites for classroom use, which are a great way to utilize those resources.

**Boost Post on Facebook---**Mary used a Boost Post on Facebook to expand the exposer for the LWVJDC, which proved to be very successful with several good responses from the Community. After a brief discussion the board agreed to allow five Facebook Boosts this year for the cost of $100.00. The post will be financed through the publications line item of our budget. Mary will decide when she thinks a boost might be in order. Sue will contact Mary to see how she would like to submit a bill for the cost of the Boost.

**May Board Meeting---**Wednesday, May 30,2018 at 3:00 PM at Sue’s home.

**Other New Business:**

**Fudge Booth Chairperson---**Bonnie gave Sue the folder of information for the Fudge Booth which means we need a coordinator. Kathy suggested sending a want ad in an email to all the members looking for a Fudge Chairperson. Kathy will begin with using the Time and Talents sign-up sheet.

**Adjournment---**A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Esther. The May meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, 2018 at 3:00.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman Secretary

**Jo Daviess County League of Women Voters Upcoming Events---**

May 30, 2018 Gathering with Jake and Lu Bleavens from 5:30 to 7:30 at

Prairie Ridge.

June 28 – July 1, 2018 LWVUS Convention at Chicago Hilton

August (Tentative) LWVJDC Garage Sale

October 6 – 7, 2018 Galena Country Fair LWV Fudge Booth

October (Tentative) Jo Daviess County High Schools Mock Elections

October (Tentative) Candidate Forums