LWV-J D C BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2017 at 4:00 PM

241 Council Fire Circle, Galena, IL. 61036

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County held their executive board meeting at 4:00 on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Lieberman, Carole Sullivan, Jeanie Norman were in attendance with Bonnie Cox via speaker phone.

The April board minutes were approved with Kathy moving to accept and Carole seconding, all were in agreement. Jake sent the Treasurer’s Report by email stating the checking account balance is $7,905.71, with another $139.45 balance in the water account, which was also placed on file.

**Old Business:**

**May 18, 19, 20 Garage Sale---** Bonnie reported that a very generous number of items have been dropped off to her house. Bonnie also stated help was need on Wednesday in marking the items and setting up tables and tents outside of the garage in preparation of the rain forecast. Carole offered additional tables from the Center for the Performing Arts but Bonnie thought we have plenty. Kathy will cover the garage sale signs with contact paper and Ron Pearson will put the signs out around town. Sue will get the garage sale permit from the City and also said the list of volunteers is full with all the shifts covered.

**Thank You to Marcella Arnold---**Bonnie stated nothing is new but would try to contact Marcella again after the garage sale.

**Annual Meeting program on Restorative Justice---**Annual Meeting will be held on January 27, 2018. The meeting will begin at 11:30 with lunch at noon. Presentation on Restorative Justice Professor Valerie Bell at 12:45, Kathy will stay in touch with Professor Bell. A discussion was held on the location with Country Inn and Suites, The Ramada Inn and The Desota Hotel as possible locations. Kathy will check with all of these places and bring the information so a decision can be made on a location during the meeting next month. A reminder of payment for annual dues will be put in the newsletter with Kathy writing an explanation of the new two payment process offered. Esther offered to send the reminder to members when a second payment is due.

**Illinois Press Association/LWV July Event---**Bonnie has had conversations with Carter and is waiting for him to get back to her. Sue then offered to touch base with Carter. The July event may need to change to August but it will depend on the Illinois Press Association to see if that is even possible. Sue will discuss this with Carter.

**LWVIL Convention, Des Plaines, June 9 and 10---**Bonnie, John, Sue and Larry will be attending for sure with Mary Sheahen as another possible delegate. Bonnie has four Baskets for the Convention from the LWV JDC with donations coming from Bonnie and John Cox, Mary Sheahen, Sue and Larry Cording, Kathy Pearson, Retail Shops from Downtown Galena, and the LWV JDC.

**Galena Country Fair Fudge Booth---**Bonnie reported everything is in order, applications and fees are paid so we are all ready to go. The only item left to work on, closer to the date the list of workers will need to be set.

**People, Progress, and Products of Jo Daviess County---**November 7, 2017, at Stella’s in Stockton. Bonnie will call and confirm with Andy McGovern and order the food. All Board Members were asked to think about a program for the event and this will be discussed at the June meeting. Kathy also suggested a Silent Auction on items from Three Local Artist, two Water Colors from Lu Bleveans, One Edward Kelly and a Farm Boy Book by Archie Lieberman.

**Cocktails and Conversation---**the Board had a discussion on if the group still wanted to continue with this event. The Board came to the consensus that it still is a good idea and an avenue to talk about and review the events we had during the year. The Board thought November was a good month and Jeanie offered to host the Cocktails and Conversation at her home on Norris Lane. Kathy will compose a list of people who indicated interest in the LWV including people who couldn’t make the Brunch.

**Other Old Business:**

**Call For Action---**Kathy sent out Call For Action emails to JDC League Members, the State of IL League asked how many members responded to Kathy, she stated she had just three respond. Kathy has asked members to email back the word done, when finished with a response.

**Membership Report---**Membership stands at 54 members, there were no new members this month.

**Watershed Training---**The LWV JDC received another grant for $200.00 from the Conservation Foundation. This is reserved for a training day in Rockford where 60 people so far have signed up for the training. Bonnie has a power point to show at the Rotary Club, and Sue stated Larry played the Watershed Game at a Lions Club meeting and it was well received.

**New Business:**

**Publication of Board Minutes on our Website or Elsewhere---**Discussion and voting on time to publish Board Minutes before or after the minutes are approved. Sue explained the process of how the minutes have been submitted in the past. Sue would send finished minutes to all Board Members and ask for corrections or additions, if other members saw errors they were corrected which is the equivalent of board approval. Carole expressed concern if something as simple as a typo may run the risk of a misunderstanding. A motion was made by Carole and seconded by Esther that Board minutes will be published after tentative approval by the Board. All in attendance were in favor and the motion passed.

**Next Newsletter---**The question was raised asking if we are committed to a monthly newsletter and what should be included. The Board members agreed there is a benefit to the newsletter and to continue with it. Kathy composed the following list of items that will be submitted to Alice for a Newsletter to go out around the third week in June, Garage Sale Report, Convention Reports (Sue and Bonnie), New Member marquee (Kathy), August event co-sponsored with “Gazette” (Sue or Bonnie), Heads Up! Dues collection begins November 1st (Kathy), How/When/Why we take action (Kathy), Minutes of Board Meetings now posted! (Kathy), Fudge Booth (Bonnie and?). Bonnie will be going to the National Council in Washington, DC and will have a report for the newsletter. It was also noted that Alice does a great job on the newsletter.

**Proposed LWVIL Policy For Use With Candidates In Forums, Candidate Participation Policies, On a local level---Reminders About Audience Courtesy---**Kathy sent an email on the new Candidate Participation Policy to all the Board members. Kathy explained the Candidate Participation Policy and what is done when the LWV JDC sponsors Candidate forums or debates. Bonnie expressed the new policy reflects the same policy used for the LWVIL. Kathy made a motion and Jeanie seconded to approve the Candidate Participation Policy as amended May 16, 2017, motion was approved, all Board Members were in agreement.

**State of State---**October 11, 2017, Bonnie will fill the Board in when more information is secure on Legislators commitment.

**Establishment of a Liaison Member to Work With Other Organizations---**John Freitag, chair of Jo Daviess Democratic Party, Kimberly Thompson, chair of Women and Friends Making a Difference, Non-partisanship must be maintained, Issues facing Jo Daviess County, State and National issues. Bonnie said she would know more after next week about the issues and programs that are being supported by this organization, and that she will also be discussing this topic at the State level. Kathy suggested Sue speak to John Freitag and let him know we are interested but are seeking guidance from the State League. Sue mentioned we are interested in cooperative efforts and will copy the Board when she has more information.

**Other New Business:**

**Range of Questions for Screeners For Forums---**Kathy suggested it would be helpful at any forum to give more guidance to screeners on the range of questions being asked to candidates during a forum. Kathy will put together ideas for questions the League could use to make sure a question is never misleading or bias to any candidate.

**Model for Thank You for the Newspaper---**Kathy expressed a recent Thank You used in the Gazette by a GHS School Board Candidate was really classy and she will use it a model for future adds for the LWV JDC.

**Adjournment---**a motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Esther. Our June meeting will be Thursday June 15, 2017 at 3:00 at Sue’s home, 241 Council Fire Drive.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary

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

June 9 & 10: LWVIL Convention Des Plaines

July (Tentative) Program in conjunction with Illinois Press Association and the

Galena Gazette on the role media in the age of social media.

August 8: Seminar on Illinois Budget/Impact on Social Services and

Education.