LWV-J D C Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2017 at 4:00 PM

906 Third Street, Galena, IL. 61036

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County held their executive board meeting at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 20,2017. Bonnie Cox, Kathy Pearson, Esther Lieberman, Carole Sullivan, Jeanie Norman, Hollie Werner, and Bev Mellskog were in attendance.

The March board minutes were approved with Kathy moving to accept and Esther seconding. Kathy gave information on the Treasurer’s report, the main checking account balance is $7,825.21, with another $339.45 in the water account, which was also placed on file.

**Old Business---**It was noted that we should add to the Agenda an Action Report and Membership Report.

Conversation with Mike and John---Esther stated she received great responses from both candidates and felt the event was well attended. Bonnie mentioned the email Sue received from John Freitag thanking the LWV. The email also stated he liked the concept of creating a coalition with the League of Women Voters, Democratic and Republican Parties, Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Women and Friends Making a Difference, various Chambers and Main Street organizations and possible the Union Building Trades and others. Kathy made reference to the research that has already been done by the LWV on redistricting and property tax. Bonnie will send a message to John filling him in on the LWV research.

Earth Day, LWV Booth---Bonnie reported they had a good response to the booth. Bonnie also stated the City of Galena is giving $6,300.00 for water testing along with the $2,400 from the Chemical Plant and another donation from the Lions Club. Now water can be sampled from all nine tributaries. Bonnie will fill Sue in on the donations and respond by email thanking all of them for their financial donations. Bonnie asked if someone would contact the Libraries in Jo Daviess County asking if they would display the three posters and literature on the Watershed Game, Become a River Watch Volunteer, and The Jo Daviess County Water Resource Management Plan the LVW JDC is co-sponsoring. Walter Johnson’s name was brought up as a person to contact the Libraries, Hollie also offered to make phone calls. Bonnie will write up explanations for the posters and literature. Brooke Thurau from 1 Mississippi did a presentation focusing on partnering with farmers to address water quality. The LWV JDC, received funding from 1 Mississippi in the amount of $4,800 to continue training the watershed Game Facilitators in other parts of the Upper Mississippi River Basin. 1 Mississippi is asking that we encourage participants being trained to sign up as River Citizens by giving their name, email address, city, state and zip code.

Garage Sale May 18, 19, 20---Hollie will send Jake an email to get updated member contact information reaching out to members that stated on the Time & Talent list of volunteers that they are willing to help with the garage sale. Hollie will send a mass email to members asking for donations (phone Bonnie first to drop items off) also Hollie has a schedule of times for marking and working the sale. Bonnie will contact Irene Tharen-Borowski to ask if The National Honor Society at her school would be willing to design signs for the garage sale.

Thank You to Marcella Arnold---Marcella wasn’t feeling well thus the luncheon was postponed. Bonnie will see if rescheduling will be possible, if not the certificate Bonnie printed honoring Marcella will be framed and sent through the mail. March is the month honoring Women in History, the League will make an award each year to a Women of Distinction from JDC, honoring the contributions these women have made to the League.

General Meeting on Restorative Justice---Kathy stated the date for the Annual Meeting is January 27, 2018 and will follow the same criteria as 2017. Beginning with a 11:30 meeting, noon lunch then the Presentation by Professor Valarie Bell at 12:45. Kathy also suggested collecting dues beginning November 1st.

Copies of our Membership Pamphlet---Bonnie had the pamphlets made up at the UPS Store and they look very nice. A thank you was expressed to Hollie for the use of her card at the UPS Store which made the pamphlets at no cost to the League.

Illinois Press Association/LWV July Event---Sue and Bonnie have visited with the Galena Gazette and are still waiting to hear from the Illinois Press Association.

Fudge Booth Galena Country Fair, October 7 and 8---Bonnie has taken care of details putting everything in place, the certificate has been filed with JDC Health Department, proof of Insurance, not for profit, and the fee to the City of Galena is paid.

**New Business:**

Updating Officer Roster---Jeanie will send the updated LWV JDC Roster to the State of LWVIL.

Prospective Member Event---the Board had a discussion on how to encourage ways to bring in possible new members. One suggestion was using the July program on The Role of the Media in the Age of Social Media, to contact and invite the persons on the list of possible new members.

Next Newsletter---what should be included and when the information would be due to Alice. The next Newsletter is due out in early May, with the following list of items to be included. The Calendar, Garage Sale, President’s letter, Watershed Game training, River Watch update, LWVIL Convention, New Member Marquee, Watershed Planning update, Elected officials’ information list should be in each Newsletter at the end.

Website guidelines to follow and information for the website---Information for the website is growing with more information being added and keeping it up to date. Bev stated she follows the privacy guidelines so there will be no privacy issues. During the meeting, Bonnie pulled up the website going over the needed updates and changes that need to be made. Bev will work on updating the site and making the recommended changes and she will also attend future Board Meetings.

LWVIL Convention, Des Plaines, June 9 and 10---Sue and Bonnie will be attending. Bonnie will check on the possibility of having more delegates attend because of the increase in our membership this year. It was also suggested to take baskets from Galena for the Silent Auction. Last year two baskets were filled with items from stores downtown Galena and they were a big hit. Bonnie will ask Mary Sheehan to solicit items from Galena business.

People Progress and Products of Jo Daviess County Event---the place to hold this event was discussed as to where a good location would be. After a brief discussion, Stella’s in Stockton is thought to be the best location. The date is November 7, 2017 at Stella’s in Stockton.

Cocktails and Conversation date to be chosen---all in attendance agreed that this is something that brings the league together, focus on projects to be suggested to the state league, and get up to date program planning. It was decided to put it on the agenda for the May board meeting with a focus on what our league would like to do.

**Other New Business:**

Update Candidate Participation Policy--- will be discussed at the May meeting.

Updated by-laws--- Bonnie will send the updated by laws to the board.

**Adjournment---**a motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Esther. Our May meeting will be Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 4:00 at Sue’s home, 241 Council Fire Drive.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary

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

May 18, 19, & 29: LWV JDC Garage Sale

June 9 & 10: LWVIL Convention Des Plaines

July (Tentative) Program in conjunction with the Illinois Press

Association and the Galena Gazette on the role of

Media in the age of social media.