LWV-J D C Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2017 at 3:00PM

241 Council Fire Circle, Galena, IL. 61036

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County held their executive board meeting at 3:00 on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Liberman, Carole Sullivan, Jeanie Norman, Bonnie Cox, and Bev Mellskog were in attendance.

Kathy moved to approve the July board minutes, Carole seconded, all in attendance were in agreement, the minutes were approved as written. Jake sent the Treasurers Report by email, reporting the invoices for the PMP’s for both US and Illinois arrived and have been paid. Jake stated our outstanding budget preparation committee deserves a round of applause for nailing the exact amounts for both in the 2017 budget. (US $1168 and Illinois $1095). Our current bank balance according to the IBT is $8982.47 but that number will be reduced to $6719.47 when our PMP checks are presented to the bank. The Treasurers Report was approved and placed on file.

**Call to Action---**Kathy stated there were five calls to action since the last board meeting.

**Membership Report---**there are no changes to the membership, but one possible new member. Kathy stated she received a very nice thank you note from Linda Howard a new member from the previous month.

**Old Business:**

**Illinois Press Association Program---**Thursday, August 17, at 7:00 PM.

Review: What went well? Suggestions for improvements? How will we use the DVD and electronic recording? One suggestion was made as to look at the date to be sure there are no conflicts with other events in the community. Sue felt the program was very worthwhile, the speaker was very knowledgeable and informative, and several good questions were asked from the audience. Bonnie stated the Mother of guest speaker Don Craven has a background with the LWV as a member. Bonnie also said Beth and Jim Baranski have a server capable of viewing the entire program and will check to see if it can be put on the LWVIL server. Sue also was given a thumb drive of the event, but it can only be used on a Mac Computer. A suggestion was made to give the thumb drive back to Bob Lieberman after we have saved the program. Sue has three pictures she will give Bev to put on the website. Sue also stated the DVD would be a good tool for educational purpose in the classroom.

**Galena Country Fair Fudge Booth---**Hollie has been working on the schedule. Bonnie stated all the permits are done and she will teach any and all new fudge makers how to make the fudge. Bonnie suggested making the same amount of fudge as last year and that the ingredients need to be ordered. Sue showed the board the new boxes and tissue paper that were ordered for the fudge sale and all agreed they were very nice and needed.

**People, Progress, and Products of Jo Daviess County---**November 7, 2017 at Stella’s in Stockton, IL. with a Harvest Buffet consisting of locally donated products. A silent auction is also planned during the event. Sue and Bonnie will speak to Chris Hamilton, CEO of GGMI, asking if he would be willing to present a program on promoting Tourism and Agriculture in Jo Daviess County. After speaking to Chris, if need be, Sue will contact Chris Allendorf (Jo-Carroll Energy) to see if he would be willing to give a short presentation on the need for Fiberoptic Internet in rural America. Bonnie has a list of products and people that donated to the event in previous years. Esther offered to make phone contact with the donors to see if they would be so kind as to donate products for the event this year. Sue advised when Esther is finished with her contacts, the board will organize a pickup of the products. Silent Auction items so far are a water color of a barn, by Lu Bleveans, three black and white prints by Ed Kelley (matted by Jan Lavacek), and a book by Archie Lieberman, either Farm Boy or Neighbors. Hollie is supposed to check with local wineries for a donation of their wines and Larry Cording has also offered a pen. Publicity for the event will be a quarter page add in the Galena Gazette, the Flash, and the Stockton Scoop newspapers.

**Cocktails and Conversations---**Tuesday, November 28, from 5:00 until 7:00, Jeanie Norman’s home on Norris Lane will be the event location. Kathy will send out invitations by November 1st, to people who couldn’t attend the Quiche and Questions, new members, and others that have expressed interest in joining. Esther also suggested that maybe the Women of Courage and Commitment could give a presentation. Carole also stated she could give a presentation on Carrie Chapman Catt.

**Nominating Committee---**the Nominating Committee met Tuesday, August 22, 2017 with Chairperson Peg Murphy. Those in attendance were Peg Murphy, Charlene Price, Diane Marsh and Jeanie Norman. Peg discussed the positions that are in need to be filled, one Vice President of MLD. The committee discussed possible candidates and Peg stated she had a very positive and encouraging conversation with one potential member. Peg stated the potential candidate would phone Sue Cording before making a final decision. Peg advised the committee will meet after she hears from Sue Cording.

**Membership, Leadership, Development Program Training---**Hollie attended the training on August 19, 2017. Hollie sent a report by email, thanking the board for giving her the opportunity to attend the MLD training. Hollie wrote several ideas for events came out of conversations and at some point, we can discuss them during meetings. Hollie stated, it was fun, eye opening, thought provoking, and she thoroughly enjoyed herself and learned much. The board fully intended to reimburse Hollie for her expenses but Hollie offered to not submit her costs for attending the training. Sue stated how generous that was of Hollie and the entire board agreed and thanked Hollie for her generosity.

**Consideration of action committing to honor Paris Climate Agreement Goals---**This is still an ongoing discussion. Bonnie will send Sue a link that will give the correct wording so a letter can be composed to hand deliver to all Mayors in Jo Daviess County.

**State of State Event on Wednesday, October 11, in Chicago---**still waiting on Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth to respond to a commitment to attend. Bonnie said she was hoping to have an answer tomorrow, save the dates have already gone out. Reservations are taken in advance with the cost involved at $100.00 dollars per person to attend. Carole made a motion seconded by Kathy for placing a half page ad congratulating our former President Bonnie Cox as the LWVIL newly elected President, all board members whole heartily agreed to take out a half page add honoring Bonnie. Kathy and Sue will work on the wording for the ad. Previous adds cost around $300.00 dollars.

**Centennial Celebrations of the LWV and Women Obtaining the Right to Vote---**June 28 to July 2, 2018---LWVUS Convention in Chicago Kick-off to Centennial Celebrations update. Nothing new as of yet, Bonnie will send a link to a TOOL KIT from the LWVUS. Sue also said she will try and find it on E News.

**Media Policy for LWVJDC---**Comments and suggestions received from Bev, Stephanie, and Alice. Bev has looked over the LWV Cook County policy and stated a lot has already been done to the LWVJDC website. Bev will edit and change if necessary the issues or events and ideas that we are or are not doing, and Bev will also work in Mailchimp. Sue will work with Bev on what to post and they will work together based on Bev’s recommendations what to rewrite and revise in the policy. The entire board thanked Bev for all the work she has put into keeping the website informational and up to date. The LWVJDC will be featured on the LWVIL website.

**Monthly Newsletter---**Next publication of the newsletter in early October. Sue stated what a great job Alice has continued to do on the Newsletter. The following list was compiled to send to Alice for the October newsletter. Country Fair--Hollie, State of State—Bonnie, Announcement of Grant from the US Fish and Wildlife, Grant from the City of Galena—Bonnie, MLD—Hollie, Save the date PPP—Sue, Update the Calendar, Members suggestions for vendors for PPP, add the Elected Officials—Sue, Dues Reminder—Kathy.

**Other Old Business: none**

**New Business:**

**Annual Meeting---January 27, 2018---**Kathy has touched base with Dr. Bell a Professor from Loras College who will be the guest speaker, Dr. Bell’s response was, to stay in touch and is on board. A decision on the menu will be made at the September meeting.

**Completion of Survey from LWVUS---**may it be noted that the LWVJDC completed the survey during the August Board meeting.

**Other New Business: none**

**Adjournment---**a motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Esther. Our September meeting will be Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 3:30 at Sue’s home, 241 Council Fire Circle.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary.

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

October 7 & 8: Fudge Booth, Galena Country Fair

November 7: People, Products, and Progress of Jo Daviess County

November28: Cocktails and Conversation