LWV-JDC Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 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 Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Liberman, Judy Gratton, Mary Sheahen, and Jeanie Norman were in attendance.

Kathy moved to approve the August board minutes, Mary seconded, all in attendance agreed, the minutes were approved as written.

Judy gave the Treasurer’s Report, stating our checking account balance is $6,011.53. Judy received a $30.00 donation from Bonnie Sims to the LWVJDC, and a note of thanks will be sent for the contribution.

**Call for Action---**Kathy reported there were four TFAs sent out since out last meeting.

**Membership Report---**Judy reported there is no change to the membership and both State and National PMPs are paid.

**Report on Progress: Jo Daviess County Bipartisan Economic Development Initiative---**Judy reported that she and Sue had attended the committee meeting and felt progress is being made and things are right on track in building the agenda. Judy said one suggestion made during the meeting was sending local County School Administrators a survey asking what is being done at the school level on preparing students joining the workforce. Other topics suggested were encouraging support available from Local Government for an Industrial Park; conducting one on one interviews, teaching soft skills, like manners, confidence, etc.

**Old Business:**

**LWVJDC Garage Sale Fund Raiser---**Judy gave the income report on the garage sale stating we had $1,744.00 in income and $43.60 in expenses resulting in a total profit of $1,700.40. Sue said a bill from the Galena Gazette hasn’t come yet but it should be a $11.50 charge for advertising. Esther stated the location was perfect, she thought it went very well. Sue expressed the need for a co-chairperson, because the amount of work needed to be done before the sale is too much for one person. Kathy also made a motion to purchase a $25.00 gift certificate from Connova’s Pizza for John Anderson, who has offices for his investment business in the Tourney House. We agreed to give him a monetary thank you for his assistance as garage sale items being brought in and his patience while the garage sale was going on. Mary seconded and all Board Members agreed.

**Fudge Booth for Country Fair---**Kathy reported that we are in pretty good shape, with just one time slot open. Kathy also suggested compiling an on-call list of volunteers, just in case something comes up. Kathy will touch base with Bonnie on the fudge making schedule and send a work shift reminder out to members. Judy will get the start up cash and deposit bag for the booth. Sue is going to pick up supplies for fudge making.

**Mock Elections October 15-19---** Sue stated six schools committed to dates for their elections. Sue has volunteers organized every day except Wednesday, October 17 at Warren High School. The County Clerk Angie Kaiser will be ordering 500 ballots with a cost of $200.00 to be covered by the LWVJDC. Mary made a motion, seconded by Kathy, to cover the cost of the ballots, all board members agreed and the motion passed. Angie Kaiser will be training volunteers on September 20, 2018 at 10.00. Sue offered to check to see if there is a grant that might cover the cost of the ballots.

**Archive Describing Each Event---**Kathy suggested compiling a description of work that is involved in organizing each event that we have, which will make things easier when chairing an event. Kathy also suggested that this information could be used by the nominating chair and or board in obtaining people to take on these tasks.

**LWVJDC Fund Raising Letter---**Sue reported the fundraiser has stalled. The last fundraiser held for the LWVJDC was in 2011. Two members have volunteered but they are new to the league and Sue has suggested trying to find a more experienced member to take over the leadership role. We are also waiting for the history and information needed from the 2011 campaign and a list of previous donors. Kathy suggested possibly pushing this fund raiser back to late Winter.

**September Newsletter---**Sue said Alice should have all pictures and articles as of yesterday, Sept 3, 2018.

**Candidate Forum---**Sue reported she had contacted both Andrew Chesney and Nick Hyde. Nick Hyde is willing to participate in a forum but Mr. Chesney is not because he feels the voter population is too small in Jo Daviess County. At first negotiations with Mr. Chesney’s campaign manager were positive then later, through his campaign manager, he stated there just wasn’t enough time to devote to a Candidate Forum in Jo Daviess County where the campaign assumed the audience would be small. The LWV Freeport is holding a forum September 25, 2018 with Andrew Chesney and Nick Hyde both participating. We will invite our members to make the drive to Freeport if they can.

**Facebook and Website Updates---**Mary has been boosting several articles but if they are not an event they get kicked back as an ad. Sue thanked Mary, mentioning what a good job she has done since taking over. Mary will check the My league online to see what the cost might be to use it.

**Other Old Business:**

**Grant to LWVIL from LWVJDC---**Kathy suggested we check with the LWVIL on where to send the first payment installment on the donation we have pledged for the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote celebration. The LWVJDC will contribute $1,000.00 over a three-year period, along with an article honoring LWVJDC founder, Marge Hospodar. Since Bonnie knew Marge best and the story of how the JDC League was formed, the board is asking Bonnie if she would be willing to write the article.

**New Business:**

**National Voter Registration Day---September 25, 2018---**Prairie Ridge Senior Apartments 10:00 AM until Noon. Sue will put out a press release in the Gazette with all the information and materials listed that a person will need to register to vote. Esther, Mary and Jeanie will be available to help out and register voters.

**Annual Meeting---**January 26, 2019, at the DeSoto Hotel, the Program topic will be Abolishing the Electoral College. Sue stated she has heard the Wilmette League speakers on Abolishing the Electoral College and it was fantastic. Sue will contact the Wilmette League to see if the same speaker would be willing to come to the Annual Meeting as our guest speaker. Kathy reported everything is set for the DeSoto House and when sending invitations, we need to have a RSVP on which of the two choices a person will want for their meal. Kathy also set the schedule, registration will be from 11:00 to 11:30, the meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 to 12:00, Lunch is served at 12:00 to 12:45, the Guest Speaker will begin at 12:45 to 1:30. Sue also mentioned that we will cut down on the number of Yearbooks being made, since we have 28 left over from last year.

**Nominating Committee---**Sue stated we need to activate the Nominating Committee, and she will speak to the Chairperson Peggy Murphy. Sue also stated she will stay on as President for one more year, and suggested nominating a Co-President to work directly with her throughout the year. Sue would also like to add an Event Manager position to the Board. We will make decisions at our October meeting which will then be passed along to our nominating committee.

**Membership Drive Planning for 2019---**Kathy stated the Membership Drive begins in November, and at the next meeting we will discuss paying dues. The yearly membership cost is $60.00 for an Individual and $90.00 for a Household Membership.

**October Board Meeting---**Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 3:30 at Sue’s House. The November meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018. The December meeting will be an evening dinner get together similar to what we had last year.

**Other New Business:**

**New Members---**Mary suggested trying to sign up new members because of the upcoming elections. Sue also noted the need to emphasize voter registration and to make sure people know October 9, 2018 is the last day to register.

**Adjournment---**A motion to adjourn was made by Mary and seconded by Esther.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary

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

September 25-----National Voter Registration Day Event at Prairie Ridge of Galena

September 25-----Candidate Forum in Freeport in the Evening

September 29-----State of the State Event on Arlington Heights

October 2----------Monthly Board Meeting at 3:30 at Sue’s House

October 6-7-------Galena Country Fair and LWV Fudge Booth

October 11-19----JDC High Schools Mock Elections

November (Tentative) Cocktails and Conversation---Post Election

November 5-------Monthly Board Meeting at 3:30 at Sue’s House

December----------Board Meeting to Be Set