LWV-JDC Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, at 3:30 P.M.

241 Council Fire Circle, Galena, IL. 61036

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County held their executive board meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Jeanie Norman were in attendance with Mary Sheahen by phone.

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

Judy was not available for the meeting so there was no Treasurer’s Report.

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

**Membership Report---**Kathy stated we have one new member, Pricilla Campbell.

**Report on Progress: Jo Daviess County Bipartisan Economic Development Initiative---**Sue reported that the last meeting was good and mentioned things are going very well. Sue expressed involving Educators, along with the community at large, including employees, in an ongoing discussion will make for a good round table with the hopes of better opportunities for everyone involved.

**Candidate Forum in Freeport---**Sue and Larry Cording along with Peg Murphy attended the forum. A bus from Fried Green Tomatoes brought a group from Galena. Sue reported she thought around one hundred eighty people were in attendance and felt it was worthwhile going. Participants were Nick Hyde and Andrew Chesney, Brian Stewart and David Simpson. Sue stated it ran very smoothly with no audience participation, with only questions that were prepared beforehand.

**Old Business:**

**Fudge Booth for Country Fair---**Kathy reported that the work schedule is set, with all the work time shifts filled for making and selling the fudge. Sue will phone John Cox to set a time to pick up the tent and tables to be set up at the park. Sue also has all the ingredients ready for fudge making and supplies for the booth. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Sue with Mary seconding, that the charge would be $3.00 for one piece of fudge or $5.00 for two pieces, all in attendance agreed and motion passed.

**Mock Elections---**Sue reported all six Jo Daviess County Schools have committed for the dates for their elections and the volunteers are all scheduled. Sue stated training day with Angie Kaiser went very well, the ballots are here and we are in good shape.

**Facebook and Website Updates---**Mary reported she has been looking at MyLeague on line and feels it’s a quality program. Mary stated it is expensive with the cost of $600.00 the first year and $400.00 each year after that. Kathy said a good Website is crucial and should be a priority. Sue said she felt we could manage the cost but we should check with members to see if there is anyone interested in taking on the task. Mary suggested sending a mass email to the membership and see what happens. Sue will write a description as to what we are looking for and Mary will send it out to the membership. If we do not get a response, Sue will approach Linda Howard and Irene Thraen-Borowski to see if they might be interested.

**Other Old Business:**

None at this time.

**Activation of Nominating Committee---**Kathy made the motion, Jeanie seconded to activate the nominating committee, all agreed. Sue will notify Peg Murphy to activate the committee which consist of members Chairperson Peg Murphy, members Charlene Price and Diann Marsh. Jeanie will be the board representative. Sue stated she will stay on one more year along with Kathy, Mary, Judy, Esther and Jeanie. Sue will check with Bonnie to see what her plan is for next year. Sue then stated she would like to see a Co-President position be implemented, this person would shadow the President for a year before taking over. Another suggestion Sue mentioned was to appoint one of the Vice President positions as the Director of Fund Raising. This position would include finding a Chairperson to oversee each different fundraising event the league will sponsor. Kathy expressed the importance of writing a description for each event and the required duties involved.

**Consideration of a donation to LWVIL---**Bonnie asked if the LWVJDC would consider donating to the LWVIL Education Fund. Sue mentioned the contacts with the State League are very good. It was noted we have committed $333.00 for the next three years to the LWVIL and had not budgeted for any other donations for this year. Since we had no attendees at the SOS event this year Mary suggested that we could include in our budget for next year a $300.00 scholarship that would send two members to the SOS event and that would be considered our donation. Sue made the motion and Mary seconded to put in our 2019 budget, a onetime $300.00 scholarship to be used toward the cost of attending the LWVIL SOS event, this would be considered our donation. All in attendance agreed and the motion passed.

**Membership Drive Planning for 2019---**Kathy stated we will begin the membership renewal drive on November 1st, with dues being paid by the December 31, due date. Kathy will create an invitation for the Annual meeting along with a reminder that dues are payable beginning now. Sue reported the ladies from the Wilmette are set to be our guest speakers and Bonnie will be hosting them at her home. Sue suggested at the next meeting we should discuss a travel stipend to pay for gas.

**November Board Meeting---**Monday, November 5, 2018 at 3:30, at Sue’s house. December meeting will be a Dinner and Celebration of Friendship. Sue will check few dates and various restaurants in Galena, then get back to the board. January Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 3:30.

**Other New Business:**

None at this time.

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

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary

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

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

December--------------Dinner and Celebration of Friends, to be set at next meeting.

January 9, 2019-------LWVJDC joins with Galena Rotary for Round Table on

Economic Development.

January 26, 2019------Annual Meeting for LWVJDC as DeSoto House.