LWVJDC Board Meeting

Monday, July 2, 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 Monday, July 2, 2018. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Lieberman, Jeanie Norman, Judy Gratton, Mary Sheahen, Beth Baranski were in attendance and Bonnie Cox via telephone.

Kathy moved to approve the May board minutes, Judy seconded, all in attendance were in agreement, the minutes were approved as written.

Judy Gratton gave the Treasurer’s Report stating she will send the actual financial numbers to us by email because she didn’t have the log in and password information needed to get into the account. Judy will set up a new log in and password. Judy reported she has been working her way through the data she received from Jake and making the program changes on her computer to input all the information into a system she is familiar with. Judy mentioned that she is going to shred the old checks that were undesired styles. Judy will contact Mark Einsweiler, CPA, to have him explain if an in-depth audit has been done for the LWVJDC. Judy also expressed a concern about having an accurate PMP number before we are required to pay for the membership. Judy will confer with Jake since he is staying on as the Roaster Manager. Sue stated how much the board appreciated all the work Judy has done since taking the Treasurer’s job, everyone in attendance agreed.

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

**Membership Report---**Judy will speak to Jake to get an accurate number.

**Report on Progress: Water Resource Management Plan---**Beth Baranski expressed thanks to the LWVJDC for the support since 2013, when the Water Protection Partnership Group was founded. From 2014 – 2016 the plan started working throughout Jo Daviess County, focusing on the lower Galena watershed. July 12, 2018 the group will present a watershed planning study draft which was funded by the EPA. Beth explained many factors have evolved since the conception of the first group. A Farmer lead group, with interest in no till, and a grant from Fishers and Farmers expanded the Galena Group to a JDC group. The emphasis is evidence based, with ongoing data which will develop into a base of information in the Karst area. Beth also said the group has and will be applying for several grants that are available, a few being Sinkhole and Springs, Spring and Well Sampling, also entering into a part 2 with a possible Grant for $50,000.00. Nothing is guaranteed but the committee has written a very good plan to be submitted. The LWVIL Education Fund oversees all monies contributed for grants. Sue expressed her thanks to Beth along with the entire board. Members and non-members are very thankful that Beth, along with the other members on the committee, have taken the lead for the people of Jo Daviess County.

**Report on Progress: Jo Daviess County Bipartisan Economic Development Initiative---**Sue and Judy gave an update on the June committee meeting they had attended. Both Sue and Judy felt the committee needs to have a plan in place before going forward. Sue and Judy have put together a plan that they would like to present to the committee, with hope in developing it into a model that could be used at the 2019 Rotary and Round Table event. Beginning with pipeline management, using a guest speaker from the National Chamber of Commerce, a Panel consisting of speakers from the Workforce, Students, Finance, Small Business, Service Business, Community Readiness, and School Officials. Sue and Judy are hoping their plan can move the committee closer to having a definite program in place for the round table event.

**Old Business:**

**LWVUS National Convention---**(June 28 – July 1) ---Sue, Kathy and Bonnie attended the convention and all three expressed how wonderful and informational it was. Kathy attended a session on fundraising which suggested using a good basic idea when trying to raise money. Kathy also stated the social media workshop was amazing. The league from Arlington Heights, IL., has a very impressive site. Kathy also stressed that we need to keep our Facebook Website up to date and list the Board Members on each site. Kathy will type her notes and share them with the Board at the next meeting. Sue commented that one area she learned from the convention was to work on bringing more diversity into the group. Bonnie passed along good news, no raise in member payment (PMPs). The budget is in very good shape. The expenses for the Convention were higher than had been anticipated so a motion was made by Mary and 2nd by Esther to use the remainder of the budgeted amount of $550.00 each, to reimburse Sue and Kathy for their hotel expenses. Kathy and Sue abstained on the vote but all other board members unanimously agreed.

**LWVJDC Garage Sale Fund Raiser---**August 9, 10, 11 at the Tourney House Shed on Highway 20, Galena. The garage sale will begin Thursday afternoon, Friday all day, and Saturday morning. Sue has the permit from the City of Galena for a fund raiser, and donations may be taken to the TourneyHouse Shed. It will be advertised in local newspapers and a mass email going out to all members. A suggestion was made to phone Dolores Nack to line up the workers.

**LWVJDC Fundraiser Letter Campaign---**Kathy will meet with the committee to discuss ideas for a fundraising letter. Bonnie will send Sue a list of previous donors. Sue stated the committee will draft a letter telling the league story then mail the letter out to possible donors.

**Fudge Booth for County Fair---**A Chairperson is still needed for the Fudge Booth. Kathy will send out another email to members asking for volunteers and a Chairperson for the event.

**MLD Leadership Training in Chicago on July 21, 2018---**Mary Sheahen will attend the MLD training representing the LWVJDC. Mary stated she met Jeanie Pierce and she has joined the leadership team. Jo Daviess County, Highland Park and Park Ridge will have the training session. Bonnie offered to go along with Mary to meet those other leagues. Sue expressed the need to get more involvement from our members and reach out to the High School populations for possible future prospects. Bonnie made a reference to Shur Fellows, a support network provided through the MLD program for local Leagues, funded for the specific purpose of recruiting members.

**Mock Elections---**Sue reported four schools have committed to dates for their elections. The training day with the County Clerk has not been set yet, but Sue will let us know when she has the information. The schools that have committed are as follows:

River Ridge, October 12, 2018,

East Dubuque, October 15, 2018,

Warren, October 17, 2018,

Stockton, October 19, 2018

Sue will let them know about the Illinois Voter Guide website.

**Examine the LWVJDC Bylaws---** We need to examine our Bylaws to make sure they are in compliance with the LWVIL in order to qualify for the liability insurance. Kathy stated we will address this after we receive the revised LWVUS bylaws.

**Updating Our Website and Appoint a Website Manager---**Sue spoke to Bev and because of a health condition, she felt it is time to turn the managing of the website over to someone else. Mary asked if we have any funds available to use a contract company. Bonnie said there is a template called My League on Line that is available. Kathy stated we will still need someone to update local news. Mary suggested putting a call to the membership to see if there is any interest from anyone.

**Other Old Business:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**New Business:**

**Candidate Forum---**Kathy will phone the Court House to get a list of Candidates and she will email the Board.

**August Board Meeting---**Monday, August 6, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Tourney House.

**Other New Business:**

Bonnie asked us to use the following email address for her. [president1@lwvil.org](mailto:president1@lwvil.org)

**Adjournment---**A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Esther. The August meeting will be Monday, August 6, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Tourney House.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman Secretary

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

August 9, 10, and 11 LWVJDC Garage Sale

October 6 – 7 Galena Country Fair

October 11 – 19 JDC High Schools Mock Election

October (Tentative) Candidate Forums