

LWV-J D C Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2017 at 3:30 PM

241 Council Fire Circle, Galena, IL. 61036

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County held their executive board meeting at 3:30 on Thursday September 28, 2017. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Lieberman, Carole Sullivan, Jeanie Norman, Bonnie Cox, and Bev Mellskog were in attendance.

Kathy moved to approve the August board minutes, Esther seconded, all in attendance were in agreement, and the minutes were approved as written. Jake sent the Treasurer's Report by email, reporting the current balance for the main checking account is \$6,719.47. The Treasurer's Report was approved and placed on file.

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

Membership Report---There are no changes to the membership.

Old Business:

Galena Country Fair Fudge Booth---Bonnie has helped Hollie with the overall scheduling of workers and fudge making. Bonnie reported all permits are completed, and the ingredients have been ordered, Bonnie also suggested making the same amount of fudge as last year. Bonnie will bring a cash box with \$100.00 in small bills and quarters for making change. Sue stated Hollie has injured her back and will not be available to work the fair, Bev offered to fill in and Bonnie has worked on filling the empty time slots.

People, Products, and Progress of Jo Daviess County---November 7, 2017 at Stella's Restaurant in Stockton, IL., with a Harvest Buffet consisting of locally donated products. Sue talked about The Country Experience, an Amstutz Family Farm located in Elizabeth, IL., which hosts a Farm to Table Dinner among many other activities. Bonnie will email Sue the names of the list of vendors used in previous years, then Kathy will send letters to those vendors and Sue will follow with phone calls if needed. Esther gave Kathy a list of possible vendors; however, they have not been contacted as of yet. Kathy made a motion and was seconded

by Carol to put a quarter page color ad in the Galena Gazette, The Stockton Scoop, and The Flash newspapers at a cost of around \$150.00 or less per ad. All were in favor and the motion passed. Sue has talked with Chris Allendorf from Jo-Carroll Energy and he has agreed to come to the event with cards and information about Fiberoptic service. Silent Auction items are a water color of a Barn by Lu Bleveans, three black and white prints by Ed Kelley, (matted by Jan Lavacek), a book by Archie Lieberman, either Farm Boy or Neighbors, and a pen from Larry Cording. Sue also stated while speaking to Chris Allendorf about Fiberoptic possibilities for the area, the LWV JDC would partner with the Rotary for a General Meeting in February or March, on the Fiberoptic topic. Sue offered to take the leadership on this project. Bonnie also suggested using the Newsletter and Website to get broader information out to the public, and Alice is using evite through MailChimp.

Cocktails and Conversation---Tuesday, November 28, from 5:00 to 7:00, at Jeanie Norman's home on Norris Lane. Kathy will give Jeanie the addresses of people to send the invitations to. Board members are being asked to bring Hors d'oeuvres and Bonnie will bring wine from her supply.

Nominating Committee---Mary Rooney Sheahen is a tentative nominee for the Board of Directors. Peggy Murphy, the Nominating Committee Chair, will report to us at our November Board Meeting.

Consideration of action committing to honor Paris Climate Agreement Goals---Sue sent information to the Galena Mayor and City Council Members. Pam Bernstein was the only person to respond. Sue sent the link to a website on the Paris Climate Agreement to Mark Moran. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to set this aside for now and revisit this topic at a later date.

State of the State Event on Wednesday, October 11, in Chicago---Bonnie gave an update on the event. Dick Durbin and Renee Ferguson will be guest speakers. A discussion of Ida B. Wells story, followed by Renee Ferguson interviewing Dick Durbin. Bonnie stated this will live stream on Facebook. Kathy gave an update on the half page ad congratulating Bonnie Cox as the LWVIL newly elected President. The ad has been placed in State of State Program on behalf of LWVJDC. The cost is \$300.00 and will be paid out of the LWVJDC checking account. Kathy will send a check.

Media Policy for LWVJDC---Bev has done a lot of work on the website. Sue stated she and Bev will have a conversation on what direction to go on moving forward with any changes. The Cook County LWV Media Policy Document was used as an example for some possible updates. Bev suggested a media gallery be used for pictures and the need to keep updated on malware to keep the site secure.

Monthly Newsletter---Next publication of the Newsletter will be early October. Sue will update Alice on PPP, send the President's Letter, and send a reminder of the website link. Bonnie will write an article on the Grants from The City of Galena, The US Fish and Wildlife, and photos from the Country Fair. Kathy has already sent an article on the State of State Event.

Other Old Business: None at this time.

New Business:

Meeting with Chris Allendorf on possible informational meeting for JDC Broadband. Sue has addressed this in the PPP update.

Support of new push for Illinois to ratify ERA amendment---Sept. 30 at MMC---

Kathy stated it was all set. Women and Friends members along with LWVJDC members will meet from 10:00am to 11:00am at Midwest Medical Center upstairs conference room for a letter writing session to encourage our Representative Brian Stewart to vote for Illinois to ratify and support ERA.

Other New Business:

Carol suggested in honor of Women's Month, we should have a showing of the movie, Iron Jawed Angels, an American historical drama film about the women's suffrage movement. Carol also said the Center for the Arts will feature a Songwriter Showcase which on the final date will feature nine women telling their stories and experiences of being women.

Adjournment---A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy and seconded by Esther. The October meeting will be Thursday, October 19, 2017. The November meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2017. Both meetings are scheduled for 3:30 at Sue's home, 241 Council Fire Circle.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary.

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

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

November 28: Cocktails and Conversation