LWV-JDC Board Meeting

 Monday, March 26, 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, March 26, 2018. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Esther Lieberman, Jeanie Norman, Bonnie Cox, Judy Gratton were in attendance.

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

 Jake sent the Treasurer’s Report by email, stating in our main checking account we have $9,261.93 plus $139.45 earmarked for a water project expense. Jake also stated, PMP bills usually paid in the Summer should be around $2,400.00 for this year. Sue mentioned she will get in touch with Beth Baranski and let her know that the $139.45 from the water account is available for use when needed. The Treasurer’s report was approved and placed on file.

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

**Membership Report---** Kathy stated we have 45 members.

**Report on Progress: Jo Daviess County Bipartisan Economic Development Initiative---**Judy Gratton LWVJDC Facilitator for Economic Initiative, reported on a meeting held at her home with Mike Dittmar and Kate Freeman, Republican and Democratic Chair persons, respectively from Jo Daviess County, Esther Liberman LWVJDC Facilitator for Economic Initiative, and Sue Cording, President of League of Woman Voters of Jo Daviess County. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together a group of leaders to discuss and share ideas on economic growth and goals to improve life in Jo Daviess County. Judy spoke of the conversation she had with Lisa McCarthy of TCEDA which will soon be renamed, Grow Northwest Illinois. Judy asked for permission from the LWVJDC Board to organize a plan to work cooperatively with the Grow Northwest Illinois organization by being part of and having a possible role in an Economic Development Summit. Bonnie made a motion that was seconded by Kathy, that the LWVJDC peruse involvement with TCEDA, (Grow Northwest Illinois) and the Rotary Club of Galena, along with the Democratic and Republican Chairpersons from Jo Daviess County, to ascertain areas where the League could engage the community on issues of economic development. All in attendance agreed and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**LWVUS National Convention---**Sue and Larry Cording along with Kathy Pearson have reservations for the convention. Only one voting delegate is allowed until our membership reaches fifty. Sue will be the only voting member and Larry will be volunteering for convention duties. After a brief discussion the LWVJDC Board agreed to pay the cost of Kathy’s registration fee.

**Legislative Interviews: ---** Kathy volunteered to make a phone call to Joel Holland, who is on the Galena Community Development Board to find out the specifics on when the event will take place and to get a possible invite. Bonnie will put together a list of questions to ask the local state representatives if the League would be invited to be part of the discussion.

**ERA Support in Illinois of US Constitutional ERA Amendment---**Equality and ERA Day in Springfield is April 10th. We need to get the information to our members to register by April 3rd, at illinoisnow@aol.com.

**LWVJDC Garage Sale Fund Raiser---**this is on hold for August. The JDC Conservation Foundation Rooting for Clean Water group is a possible addition to the garage sale.

**Other Old Business:**

**Exploring the Woman’s Right to Vote 100 Year Anniversary---**Kathy gave suggestions for honoring the anniversary by contacting Dan McCarthy from the Museum with possibly having an exhibit and also contact Terry Miller to see what he may have that could be added in honoring the anniversary.

**Search for new LWVJDC Treasurer---**a search for a new Treasurer has begun with Sue speaking to several qualified people but so far this position has not been filled. Jake has offered to stay on until a new Treasurer is appointed.

**Gathering of LWV Board while Jake and Lu Bleavens are in Illinois---**Wednesday, May 30,2018 at 5:30, Prairie Ridge Activities Room. Dinner will be Chef’s Choice-cost approximately $12.00 each. We may bring our own beverages to the bar area, Bonnie will bring wine from her supply. If you would like to bring a guest let Sue know then she will phone Prairie Ridge with a final count.

**New Tent and Banner for Country Fair Fudge Sales---**Sue is working on a new tent for the League. Bonnie said there is a size restriction, Sue offered to phone Pat Smith to get specifics.

**Mock Elections for JDC High Schools in October---**Sue will lead the charge on this, asking the board on what we want to do moving forward. Sue questioned do we include all six county High Schools and CTE in Elizabeth? All High School Students or just Juniors and Seniors? Sue then stated she will be recruiting volunteers and looking for a possible grant to cover the cost for the ballots.

Kathy made a suggestion that a Candidates Forum should be held sometime in October.

**April Board Meeting---**Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM, Sue will check with Lisa McCarthy and if she is available even a night meeting could be held at Prairie Ridge.

**Other New Business:**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Earth Day at Turner Hall---**Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Beth Baranski emailed Sue and stated we definitely have a booth at Earth Day and may be coordination with the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District and the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation on the topic “Rooting for Clean Water” although this is not a definite yet.

**League of Woman’s Voters of the US 53rd Convention---**Thursday, June 28 – Sunday, July 1, 2018. Hilton Chicago – 720 S. Michigan Avenue

**Adjournment---**A motion to adjourn was made by Esther and seconded by Kathy. The April meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 3:00. If there is a change Sue will notify the Board Members.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman, Secretary

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

April 22, 2018: Earth Day, LWV Booth

June 28 - July 1, 2018: LWVUS Convention at Chicago Hilton

August (Tentative) LWVJDC Garage Sale

October 6 -7, 2018 Jo Daviess County Fair and LWV Fudge Booth

October (Tentative) Jo Daviess County High Schools Mock Election

October (Tentative) Candidate Forums