LWV-JDC Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 22, 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, May 22, 2018. Sue Cording, Kathy Pearson, Jeanie Norman, and Judy Gratton were in attendance.

Kathy moved to approve the April board minutes, Sue 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 $8,904.33, plus $139.45 earmarked for a water project expense. Sue noted that was the last time Jake would send a Treasurer’s report he is passing the torch to Judy Gratton. The Board is in total agreement of appreciation for everything Jake has done throughout the years for the LWV-JDC, he will be greatly missed.

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

**Membership Report---**Kathy stated we have no changes in membership since the last meeting.

**Report on Progress: Jo Daviess County Bipartisan Economic Development Initiative---**Judy gave an update on a meeting she had attended and felt that a committee to identify certain problems in the county and working together to come up with suggestions in solving them was needed. Judy also suggested implementing a Jo Daviess County Foundation for Economic Development would be a benefit to the entire county. Sue stated in moving forward, the June Galena Rotary meeting, and the plan that is presented would be the deciding factor on if the LWV-JDC will continue to be involved with this project.

**New Treasurer---**Sue made a motion to approve Judy Gratton as the Treasurer for the LWV-JDC, Kathy seconded, all in attendance were in agreement, and the motion passed. Judy has been working with Jake to learn what her tasks will be. The board expressed thanks to Judy for taking the Treasurer’s job, and heartfelt thanks to Jake for the wonderful job he has done for the League. Jake will stay on as the Roaster Manager for the LWV-JDC.

**Old Business:**

**LWVUS National Convention---**after a brief discussion, Jeanie made a motion for the LWV-JDC to cover the cost of the convention registration fee of $450.00 each, for Sue Cording and Kathy Pearson, Judy seconded, all were in agreement, motion passed.

**LWV-JDC Garage Sale Fund Raiser---**Sue reported that the garage sale will probably occur in August---items can be taken to the Turney House, (John Cox’s Law Office). Kathy will send a reminder to members, to begin bringing items and where to store the items at the Turney House. Sue reported that the tent and weights have arrived and are now stored at the Tourney House. The banner has been ordered from Signcraft, all that is needed is the pea gravel for the weights.

**Fudge Booth for Country Fair---**Sue has reserved our space with the Country Fair Committee, paid the food tent fee of $25.00 to the City of Galena, got the Health Permit from the JDC Health Department, and secured the Liability Insurance with the LWVIL. Sue stated we are still looking for a Chairperson. October 3rd & 4th the Owners Club has been reserved for Fudge Making and Kathy has sent out a request for help to the membership. Bonnie has offered to store and with help, cut the fudge.

**Other Old Business:**

**LWVIL 100th Anniversary Event---**Sue will find out where to send the first of three payments for an article on the celebration of our history, honoring LWV-JDC founder Marge Hospodar.

**LWVJDC Fundraising Letter---**Kathy will send, to Sue, previous letters as examples for a fundraising campaign. Sue offered to talk to Peggy Stortz about possibly chairing the fundraising campaign. Sue also mentioned she will reach out to present and past members to help with this project. Sue will send updates to the Board members by email.

**100 Anniversary essay project with the Historical Society---**Kathy will speak with the new marketing person in July.

**Candidates Forum---**Kathy will find out who the Candidates are and will also work on the Representatives for the forum.

**New Business:**

**Membership Brochure donation---**Hollie Werner has donated 100 copies of our Membership Brochure. Sue said we will need to get a prototype to Hollie at the UPS Store. The Board is very appreciative of Hollie’s generosity and Jeanie will send a thank you note.

**Board vote on changing the signatures at Illinois Bank & Trust on the LWV-JDC checking account---**Kathy moved and Jeanie seconded that Sue Cording, Judith A. Gratton, and Katherine A. Pearson are the new authorized signers on the checking account for the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County at Illinois Bank & Trust, all in attendance agreed.

**LWV 2018 Water Workshop---**Beth Baranski will be representing the LWV-JDC at the LWV 2018 Water Workshop, Annual Meeting and Banquet. This year’s program: Water: Advocating for Protection. The meeting will be in Chicago on June 27th.

**Edge-of-the Field Water Monitoring---**Sue moved to approve the work of the Edge-of-the Field Water Monitoring project along with financial support from the LWV, seconded by Jeanie all board members were in agreement. Beth Baranski will be directly involved with the project, which will include installing equipment for and gathering data for the flow control of nitrate-N concentration. The funds will be run through the LWVIL Education Fund because a 501c3 tax status is required. The Board expressed a resounding thanks to Beth Baranski for her work and passion on the water projects in Jo Daviess County.

**Donation from Grace Episcopal Church---**Kathy reported that the Grace Episcopal Church of Galena has donated $200.00 for water projects to the LWV Education Fund. Jeanie will send a note thanking them for their generosity.

**Mock Elections---**Sue has been in contact with Angie Kaiser at the Jo Daviess County Clerk’s Office. Angie will support the Mock Elections, preparing ballots and training people that will be going to the six High Schools in Jo Daviess County. Sue will be contacting the school administrators to schedule the Mock Elections from Thursday, October 11, through Friday, October 19.

**MLD Leadership/Development Training---**Sue will contact Mary Sheahen to see if she would be available to attend.

**June and July Board Meetings---**The Board has decided not to have a June board meeting. The July meeting will be Monday, July 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Sue’s home.

**Other New Business:**

**Newsletter---**Kathy brought up that on the Newsletter we need to have contact information for our elected officials listed each time. Sue will also write articles on Heads Up, and Mock Elections. Kathy will write an article on the Garage Sale.

**Adjournment---**A motion to adjourn was made by Sue and seconded by Kathy. The July meeting will be Monday, July 2, 2018 at 3:00.

Submitted by Jeanie Norman Secretary

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

June 28 – July 1, 2018 LWVUS Convention at Chicago Hilton

August (Tentative) LWV-JDC Garage Sale

October 6 – 7, 2018 Galena Country Fair LWV Fudge Booth

October 11 – 19, 2018 JDC High Schools Mock Election

October (Tentative) Candidate Forums

**Contact Brian Stewart---**Bonnie has asked Sue to mobilize members to make phone calls to Brian Stewart (still uncommitted) asking him to vote yes in support of the ERA. Kathy will send out a mass email with Brian Stewart’s contact information to all the members.