

## LWVGP BOARD MINUTES

February 11, 2019

Peoria Public Library Downtown Branch  
Library Conference Room A

**Present:** Mollye Bright, Mary Jane Crowell, Farrell Davies, Jan Deissler, Elaine Hopkins, Terry Bibo Knight, Terry Kohlbuss, Terry Matthews, Kathie Raiborn, Gary Stella, and Sandy Stemler. **Also Attending:** Peter Kobak.

**Absent:** Cheryl Budzinski, Katherine Coyle, Rob Parks, and Connie Romanus.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by President Farrell Davies at 12:30 pm.

**I. Minutes from January 14, 2019, Board Meeting** were approved. (Gary Stella/Terry Matthews)

**II. Treasurer's Report-** Treasurer Terry Kohlbuss presented the Jan. 24, 2019, Cefcu statement along with the updated 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Monthly Report. Terry sent the LWVUS a check for our PMPs, but the LWVUS seems not to have received the payment. Terry will look into the situation. The treasurer's report was approved to file. (Jan Deissler/Gary Stella)

**III. Program Report** - Due to inclement weather on Feb. 7, the general meeting on the electoral college reform had to be cancelled. Farrell said that she received a lot of expressed interest in the topic and that the meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. For rescheduling, it was discussed to use either the Dunlap Library or the Peoria North Branch as alternative locations.

### IV. Committee Reports

**A. Voter Service** - The committee will meet Feb. 14 but have the following forums scheduled so far.

- **Feb. 13** - A twelve candidate forum for the five Peoria City Council at Large positions at the Peoria Public Library's Main Branch from 5:30 - 8 pm.
- **Feb. 28** - The Peoria Heights races from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Village Hall.
- **Mar. 13** - The East Peoria mayor and commissioners races at the Fondulac Library.
- **Mar. 14** - The Peoria Park District Board and Peoria School Board races.
- **Mar. 16** - The Tazewell races at Washington High School.

Also, there will be Naturalization Ceremonies in Peoria on Mar. 22, May 17, July 19, Sept. 20, and Nov. 15.

**B. Membership** has gained another new member.

**C. Drinks & Dialogue** - On Feb. 20, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at the Lariat Steakhouse, local artists Eileen and Doug Leunig along with ArtsPartners Executive Director Jenn Gordon will present "Making Peoria an International Arts Destination."

**D. LOGO** - The LOGO reports are in the February 2019 *The Voter*.

**E. Fundraising** - The committee is seeking ideas for a speaker for the June fundraising event. An idea for a topic (but no tentative speaker so far) is "Social Media and How it is Affecting the News."

**F. Affordable Housing Committee** - No report at this time.

## **V. Old Business**

**A. Water Due Diligence** - No report at this time.

**B. Redistricting** - No report at this time.

**C. Nominating Committee Report** - Mollye reported that the committee is making progress.

**E. Program Planning Meeting Report** - The meeting was held Sat., Jan. 26, from 9 - 10:30 am in Schnuck's Community Room with ten people attending. Connie Romanus facilitated, and Irene Pritzker took notes. Those attending expressed interest in the State of Illinois allowing centralized voting locations as well as studying all mail-in voting similar to the State of Washington. There was also interest in working locally on a Graduated Income Tax and merit selection of judges as well as continued work on redistricting. A need to resolve state/local pension issues was also discussed.

## **VI. New Business**

**A. Upper Mississippi River Region ILO Membership** - A motion was made to maintain the \$25/year membership, which passed unanimously. ( Terry Knight/ Terry Kohlbuss)

**B. Annual Meeting Date and Location** - The date will be Thursday, May 2, with a social from 5:30 - 6 pm with the meeting starting at 6 pm. Jan Deissler and Kathie Raiborn volunteered to be in charge of the social. A suggestion was made to hold the meeting at the Peoria North Library, if available, with Schnuck's as the backup. For the annual meeting, Farrell reminded that the budget needs to be ready as well as the calendar with program ideas. Any program ideas may be submitted to Farrell.

**C. Sterling Towers Resident Election Request** - Mary Jane will seek more information about this request.

**D. Peoria Women's Civic Federation Membership** - A motion was made to pay this organizations's \$10/year membership dues. It passed unanimously. (Terry Knight/Farrell Davies)

## **VII. Voter articles due no later than February 28, 2019**

## **VIII. March 11, 2019, Board Agenda Items due no later than Feb. 27 -**

Agenda items should be turned into Farrell who will transfer them to Terry Matthews, who will preside over the March meeting.

**IX. Adjournment** - Gary Stella made the motion to adjourn, and Mary Jane Crowell seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Stemler