

**LWVGP BOARD MINUTES**  
January 14, 2019  
First United Methodist Church  
Conference Room A

**Present:** Cheryl Budzinski, Katherine Coyle, Mary Jane Crowell, Farrell Davies, Elaine Hopkins, Terry Bibo Knight, Roberta Parks, Kathie Raiborn, Connie Romanus, Gary Stella, and Sandy Stemler. **Also Attending:** Peter Kobak.

**Absent:** Mollye Bright, Jan Deissler, Terry Kohlbus, and Terry Matthews

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

**I. Minutes from Dec. 10, 2018, Board Meeting** were approved. (Gary Stella/ Mary Jane Crowell)

**II. Treasurer's Report-** In his absence, Treasurer Terry Kohlbus electronically presented the Dec. 27, 2018, Cefcu statement along with the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year Monthly Report. The treasurer's report was approved to file. (Connie Romanus/ Katherine Coyle)

**III. Program Report** - On Feb. 7, for the general meeting, Rosemary Heilemann and another member from the LWV of Wilmette will present the program, "Electoral College Reform: Why We Should Abolish the Electoral College and How to Do It." Travel plans along with a reception and/or dinner are in the planning stages. Farrell will also invite the LWV of the Kewanee Area, LWV of McLean County, and Change Peoria to the event.

**IV. Committee Reports**

**A. Voter Service** - On Feb. 13 at 5:30 pm, a forum will be held at the Peoria Public Library's Main Branch for the 15 candidates running for the five Peoria City Council at Large positions. The candidates will be asked to respond electronically to three questions by Feb. 6. Their responses will then be available to those attending. For the forum, the audience will be sectioned into 15 groups, and each candidate will rotate and have three minutes to address each group. Young Professionals Organization of Greater Peoria (YPGP) is co-sponsoring the event. The committee will meet Jan. 24 to discuss holding other area forums.

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

**C. Environmental** - A public hearing on local air quality will held Jan. 29 from 5:30-8 pm at the Illinois Pollution Control Board in Springfield with a citizen rally at 4:30 pm before the hearing.

**D. Drinks & Dialogue** - On Jan. 16, D&D will meet at W.E. Sullivan's in Peoria Heights from 5-6:30 pm for the topic, "Human Trafficking," presented by Carol Merna and Sara Sefried from the Center for Prevention of Abuse. On Feb. 20 at the Lariat Steakhouse, Doug and Eileen Leunig along with Jenn Gordon from Arts Partners will present "Making Peoria an International Arts Destination." Connie discussed various future D&D topics, and a suggestion was also made

to consider Pam Adams and/or Sherry Cannon presenting on their visit to Montgomery, AL, to view the new lynching memorial.

- E. LOGO** - After reading Connie Romanus' article in The Voter about the PHA's lack of board minutes and scheduled meetings, John T. Brady filed a FOIA request. Cheryl would also like to obtain an observer for Peoria Public Schools District 150, which meets twice a month and has lots of changes happening.
- F. Fundraising Event** - Rob reported that the committee is looking into having Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour*, speak at the June fundraiser.
- G. Affordable Housing Committee** will meet Jan. 16 to discuss their next steps to focus on affordable housing to make a difference in the community.
- H. History Project** - Farrell will continue with this project at the conclusion of her presidency.

## **V. Old Business**

**A. Water Due Diligence** - Cheryl recommended that our League continue planning for the next round of due diligence. So that money is more readily available, Cheryl made the proposal to put \$500 for the next due diligence into the budget each year. Another suggestion was to take the needed money out of savings.

**B. Redistricting** - Cheryl also recommended that Tim Howard and Gary Stella co-chair redistricting as an action committee. Shelley Epstein and Bill Mahl also have interest in being on the committee.

**C. Nominating Committee Report** - The committee already has members committed for the officer positions and some of the director positions for 2019-21.

**D. Website/Newsletter** - Peter Kobak will update the website from board members' suggestions. The newsletter is also in the process of being reworked to be easily read on cell phones. Terry Knight, Sharon Maule, Farrell Davies, and Kassy Killey are working on the newsletter project.

**E. Program Planning Meeting on Sat., Jan. 19, 2019, from 9 - 10:30 am, in Schnuck's Community Room** - Connie Romanus will facilitate and Irene Pritzker will take notes. In case of a weather cancellation, the meeting will be on Jan. 26 at the same time and place.

**F. Clarification on Insurance** - Nothing new to report.

**VI. New Business** - Not at this time.

**VII. Voter articles due no later than January 27, 2019**

**VIII. February 2019 Board Agenda Items due no later than Feb. 7**

**IX. Adjournment** - Terry Knight made the motion to adjourn, and Gary Stella seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Stemler