

MINUTES OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, January 19, 1966, 12:45 P.M.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. George Derner, 1098 W. William at 12:45 with Mrs. Thomas Hurst, President, presiding.

Present: Board members, Mesdames Thomas Hurst, Glenn Fuller, Harold Tenney, Nat Kessler, George Limerick, Edward Frost, L. B. Ritter, W. H. Tilley, David Mann.

Absent: Mesdames Richard Ruedi, Clarence Crow, Clifford Smith, Daniel Moore. Revisited minutes of December 1st meeting were approved as given to board members. The next board meeting will be Feb. 16, at home of Mrs. Frost.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mrs. Mann, reported cash on hand of \$700.85.

Motion: Moved and seconded that Mrs. Tenney be reimbursed for baby sitting damage in her home of about \$4.00.

Membership: Mrs. Fuller reported that 41 members attended January unit meetings. The board explored the possibilities of a north unit. An orientation coffee was announced to be held on the 31st of January at 1:00 at the home of Mrs. John J. Malloy, 210 S. Woodale. Mrs. Fuller stated that there is a total membership of 155 as of January 1966.

Public Relations: Mrs. Tenney reported a total of \$1,435.35 collected on the League fund drive, with a member contribution of \$296.00, the largest we have ever received. 182 letters were sent in the community. 60 of these sent back contributions by mail, - 105 people in all responded. Recommendations for next year were made as follows: board members to be consulted before assigned folders; follow-up letters desirable; include information with letter to new workers; have a kick-off meeting; have co-captains.

Publications: A discussion was held as to which publications should be placed on subscription service. It was decided that the following should be included: Illinois Program Record Cards (Child Welfare, Judicial, Election Laws, Constitutional Revision, Civil Rights and Liberties), and Illinois Property Tax, if Revenue Chairman desires.

Human Resources: Mrs. Frost submitted the consensus report (attached) of the units on Human Resources, which was approved.

County Nursing Home: Committee will report to the membership at the unit meetings, Feb. 8th and 9th.

Library: Committee will report at the Feb. 22nd all-member meeting.

School: A statement for the League's support of the education fund tax rate limit referendum (Feb. 19th) was discussed and approved.

Other business: The following members were appointed to the budget committee: Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Charles Myerson, and Mrs. Tilley.

A by-law change was discussed with the suggestion that there be a third vice-president.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Tilley  
Acting Secretary



## SUMMARY OF DECATUR CONSENSUS ON HUMAN RESOURCES

As copied from The Decatur Voter, Vo. 20, No. 6, Feb. 1966

General agreement by League members was registered at the three January unit meetings on Human Resources. Elaine Frost, chairman of the resource committee, gave her report at the January 19 Board meeting.

Our League approved the criteria for federal programs as outlined in consensus question 1 (see Human Resources Fact Sheet mailed with the January Decatur Voter) with the four changes discussed at each unit meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that problems of depressed areas which cut across state lines should be handled regionally. Members thought that in these programs strong state participation, both in planning and in financial responsibility, should be insured and required. In addition, continuous evaluation of the programs is important, our League felt.

As to kinds of development programs, our League felt that: 1) programs definitely should encourage private industry and should not be competitive with existing private industry; 2) careful administration should insure the full use of existing programs such as the Elementary and Secondary Education Aid Act and the Manpower Development and Training Act, and 3) transportation facilities, water resources and conservation should be emphasized.

In considering question 3, members felt that the government should give technical assistance in solving integration problems to communities which ask for it and should offer it to others which seem to need it.

It was generally agreed that it is too early to evaluate means which the federal government has to enforce nondiscrimination. Withholding of funds should be used only as a last resort, it was felt.

Question 5 asked that we draw conclusions about the advisability and effectiveness of present federal programs to provide equality of opportunity for education and employment, but we felt that a valid evaluation could not be made at this time because the programs have not been in effect long enough. Members of our League, however, appear to support most enthusiastically programs dealing with young children and those dealing with the training of teachers.

Several minority opinions were also included in the consensus report. These did not conflict with the consensus but they qualified or clarified it. Our League's report will be considered along with others submitted when the National Board determines what our national position will be.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Evaluation of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education and employment

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. The following criteria could be applied to Federal programs providing equality of opportunity for education and employment.

Do you approve or disapprove in part or in full of each of these standards? Should any of them be changed or elaborated? Should there be additions to the list?

- a. The nationwide effort to achieve equality of opportunity in education and employment should include participation of government at all levels, and private institutions as well.
  - b. Programs should be carefully tailored to the educational or employment needs of the people they are intended to reach.
  - c. People for whom community action programs are designed should be involved in the planning and implementation of those programs.
  - d. Programs should assist people to become self-supporting, contributing members of society.
  - e. The programs should be nondiscriminatory.
  - f. The programs should be administered by qualified personnel.
  - g. Research pilot projects and continuing evaluation should be encouraged and, where feasible, built into programs.
  - h. Programs may be closely related but should avoid unnecessary duplication.
  - i. State and local governments should contribute to the extent their resources permit; at the same time, adequate Federal Funds for the establishment and continuation of programs should be available if necessary.
2. Should the problems of depressed areas which cut across state lines be handled regionally? If so, what kinds of administrative arrangements could or should be established? What kinds of development programs should be established?
  3. Should the Federal government provide advice and other forms of assistance to communities facing problems of integration in employment and education? If so, what kinds of help should be given?
  4. What means should the Federal government have at its disposal to enforce nondiscrimination in education and employment?
  5. What conclusions has your League reached about the advisability and effectiveness of present Federal programs to provide equality of opportunity for education and employment? Which kinds of programs do you support? Oppose? Do you think additional and/or different programs are needed?

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League of Women Voters of Decatur Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 1966, 12:45 p.m., Mary Dorner's, 1093 W. William

- Approval of Minutes mailed with agenda of meeting
- Treasurer's Report - Mann
- Membership - Fuller
  - Units - Ritter
  - Meeting for New and Prospective Members - Fuller
- Public Relations - Tenney
  - Publicity
  - Finance Drive final report
  - Voters Service - Moore
  - Publications - Ruedi
    - New Publications
    - Subscription Service - chairman? - what else to send?
- Program - Kessler
  - Schools - All member meeting, Jan. 26
    - Referendum action - suggestions
  - County Nursing Home - Unit meetings, Feb. 8 & 9 (No school, Feb. 9, does this make a difference?)
  - Human Resources-Consensus report - Frost
    - State meeting, Chicago YMCA, Jan. 26, name our representative
  - Foreign Economic Policy - State Department Community Meetings in spring in co-op with Millikin Univ. and other groups. Appoint our representative (Lola Smith out of town for awhile)
  - Child Welfare - Limerick
  - Library - All member meeting Feb 22
  - Urban Renewal - what do we do with this, chairman resigned, scheduled to report Feb. 22?
  - Local CRs - report at Feb. 22 meeting
  - Revenue -
    - Equal Housing Opportunities - Tilley
  - Budget Committee - Appointments to committee
    - Our League now large enough for two delegates to National Conv., do we want to budget to send two? Last few years \$200 to cover registration of \$20, travel ~~xxxxxxxx~~ equalization of \$30, \$150 for transportation Hotel room and meals.
  - Nominating Committee - Manuel
  - By-law changes - dues - increase suggested by board?
    - a 3rd VP so each "division" is headed by a VP?
  - Other business -
    - New state calendars - give out and go over
    - Report of Presidents' Council, Dec. 2
- Decatur Voter - Dorner

Received January 12 - National Consensus on apportionment of state legislatures is they should be apportioned substantially on basis of population and there should be no amendment to constitution to change this. The Consensus was solid and widespread. Large Leagues and small Leagues, rural Leagues and city Leagues, Leagues in the North, South, East, and West, expressed their approval of maintaining the population standard established by recent Supreme Court decisions. There was no indication of a rural-urban or geographic split within the Leagues; rather, the pattern of reporting reflects a truly nationwide consensus. Full report in January National Board report.