

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

DATE & TIME: Friday, March 26, 1971 12:45 P.M.

PLACE : Home of Mrs. Robert Schade, 143 Point Bluff Drive

- Minutes.....Coberly
- Treasurers Report.....Butler
- New Business.....Schade  
Accept resignations for second year as an elected  
director Panetti, Dumas, Verbanac, Wein an
- Announcements.....Schade
- Voter.....Panetti
- Public Relations.....Meyerson
- Voters Service.....Meyerson
- Publicity.....Hippler
- Publications.....Hughes
- Finance.....Meyerson
- Program.....
- Election Laws.....Beck
- U.S. Congress.....Forbes
- Decatur Schools.....Ohlsen
- Organization.....Dumas
- Membership.....Lauterjung

ALL VOTER MATERIAL except that subject to Board approval must be sent to Chris Forbes, 12 Medial Drive or brought to the Board Meeting!!!

Please call Ruth Schade if you can not attend Board Meeting.

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February 18, 1971

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Verbanac, 12 Dakota Drive, with President, Mrs. Robert Schade presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Schade, Panetti, Ohlsen, Forbes, Hippler, Meyerson, Dumas, Verbanac, Lauterjung, (guests) Johnson and Smith.

ABSENT: Mesdames Coberly, Hughes, Lantz, Crow, Butler.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as mailed. Mrs. Marvin Lauterjung agreed to be recorder due to the absence of Mrs. Coberly.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balance on hand 2/1/71 \$351.62. N.H.S. Acct. \$289.22. Mrs. Schade announced that Citizens Committee for a New Constitution may contribute surplus funds of \$178.00 to the League. A letter is being sent by Gene Brown, chairman, to all CONC contributors, accounting for use of contributions and suggesting that surplus be given to us unless they object and request their pro-rata share.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget: Mrs. William Johnson, chairman of the budget committee, presented the 1971-72 proposed budget. It was suggested that \$250 for State Convention expense be increased to \$300 to enable us to send 4 or 5 delegates. The budget was approved for submission to the membership as amended.

2. Nominating Committee report: Mrs. Clifford Smith, chairman, presented the slate of officers as drawn up by the nominating committee. She expressed the regret of the committee in not being able to fill the slot of President. The Board discussed and made some suggestions concerning this problem.

3. Proposed local program: It was proposed and passed that our board recommend as 1971-72 Local Program - a) Human Resources and Civil Rights, b) Decatur Public Schools, c) Junior College, d) Decatur's Environmental Quality, e) Evaluation of Support for Council-Manager Form of City Government. Structure and procedures of Local Governmental Units in Macon County will be submitted as a non-recommended item.

4. By-laws: Four changes in our by-laws have been suggested. It was decided by the board that all four be included in the Voter and presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting for their consideration. A copy is filed with the minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) A \$2.00 check was received from Newans for 5% of purchases made in name of League during Women's Week. 2) An answer to Edwin Allen's "Letter to the Editor" accusations was received from National. The letter will be published in the April Voter. 3) A letter and sample brochure "Know Your Government" was



received from Ellis B. Wheeler. He plans to issue several other brochures on Macon County Government. 4) Alice Ihrig is proposed new State President.

PROGRAM:

Schools: Mrs. Robert Ohlsen asked the Board for opinions and suggestions on the School Board Candidate's Questionnaire questions prepared by the school committee. Four questions were decided on. A copy of such is filed with the minutes. The completed questionnaires will be released to the newspaper. It was approved by the Board that 3000 information sheets (using information from questionnaires) will be distributed. The PTA Council will hold a candidates meeting for the School Board candidates on March 31 at Eisenhower High School at 7:30 P.M. so we will not have one.

U. S. Congress: There will be a luncheon meeting at Mrs. Robert Forbes home for the committee and Dick Icen will be speaker. Anyone else interested in coming is invited and should let Mrs. Forbes know.

Human Resources: Mrs. Frank Verbanac announced that we will try to reach consensus at the Annual Meeting on a State Board recommendation that commercial and professional real estate be included in the equal opportunity of housing position under the State Civil Rights and Liberties item. Information provided by the State Board will be in the next Voter.

Election Laws: Mrs. Edward Bedt has asked Board approval of five simplified consensus questions since the ones mailed by State are so long and detailed and numerous. The five basic questions will cover essential points and Election Laws committee will fill in the consensus forms from these answers. Approved by Board. A copy is filed with the minutes.

State questions are detailed because due to new Ill. Constitution, the General Assembly will soon be considering legislation to establish a State Board of Elections and LWV of Ill. wants to have a position that will enable it to take action where appropriate.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Arrangements for tonight's City Council Candidates Meeting were discussed. It will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Decatur Public Library auditorium. Coleman Nobley will be moderator. Thirteen of the fifteen candidates will take part. All the material from the candidates questionnaires was printed in a series on the editorial page of the Decatur Daily Review.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Coberly, Secretary



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PRESENT: Mesdames Schade, Meyerson, Dumas, Coberly, Ohlsen, Weinman, Panetti, Lauterjung, Forbes, Marshall, and Verbanac.

ABSENT: Mesdames Butler, Hughes, Hippler, Lantz, Forbes, and Crow.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as mailed.

TREASURERS REPORT: There was no report of cash on hand due to absence of treasurer.

The Citizens Committee for a New Constitution has donated a surplus of campaign funds totaling \$184.46 to League. Mrs. Schade read the accompanying letter from Mr. Gene Brown.

NEW BUSINESS: Resignations were accepted for the second year as an elected directed from Mrs. Panetti, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Verbanac, and Mrs. Weinman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Taped National Consensus Reports may be heard by calling League Spot Master in Washington. The number is 202-296-0218. We will make this known to the media. The environmental consensus will be on from Friday, April 16 thru Monday, April 19. 2) LWV of U.S. has announced that a new Strategy for Action Committee is in operation. It decides priorities and where League can be most effective. 3) The Brookline, Mass. League has asked us to recommend that an emergency item be adopted at National Council, May 3. The item would be Study of the Role of the Military and Intelligence Agencies in the Formulation of Foreign Policy and Their Role in Intervention into Domestic Affairs of Other Nations. The Board discussed this and the decision was that a mini-study (which is implied by being an emergency item) could not be conducted in the traditionally thorough League manner. A major extended study would be necessary. This feeling will be conveyed to the National Board. 4) League's Open Door Membership Policy is being challenged. An effort will be made to get more minority group members. Chicago had a meeting with all its black members to discuss what's wrong and what's needed to get more blacks. 5) A new publication Current Focus, "The Voter, The Law and The Ballot" was suggested for mailing to all members or on subscription service. Cost - 10¢ per copy - less in bulk. It was passed around and the decision was made to order enough for all members and a few for other interested people. 6) A new Report From The Hill was passed around. 7) A new publication The Indian and Proud of It, was passed around. 8) Nominations for National Office have been asked for by the National Nominating Committee. We will enter none at this time. 9) Highland Park League has proposed a new type of state organization. It would be a task force set up on the county level as an arm to the State Board. 10) The new State President's Letter has an insert that names bills of League concern presently in the legislature and where League stands on them. It will be printed in the Voter. 11) Speaker for the State Convention Banquet will be James Ahorn,



member of the Scranton Commission on campus unrest. 12) The question of a Town Meeting being held this year was raised and discussed. 13) League desires that the General Assistance Program be assimilated with federal programs and not under township supervision. 14) Material was received from the Freedom of Residence group. They would like a League person to be a director. Anyone interested may have the materials. 15) A statement was received from WSOY showing donation of \$119.00 in ad lib spots. 16) A letter was received from the chairman of Macon County Government Week thanking League for its participation in the opening ceremony. 17) A thank you was received from John Ziese for the opportunity to appear at the City Council candidates meeting. 18) Received "Excerpts from Selected Executive Documents" from the State of Illinois Information Service. Anyone interested may get them from Mrs. Schade to read. 19) An interesting letter concerning "generation gap" was passed around.

DECATUR VOTER: Midnight, Sunday, March 28 is deadline for the next Voter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Our assigned Rep Corp Day is April 20, but we will try to go on a day in May instead.

Publications: A new national catalog is available and copies will be ordered for appropriate chairmen.

Finance: Finance Drive was started on March 1. It's not completed yet.

#### PROGRAM:

Election Laws: Consensus was read and discussed. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve and send it to State as submitted. A copy is filed with the minutes.

U. S. Congress: An all member meeting will be April 14 at 7:30 P.M. A film will be shown at this informational meeting.

"Facts and Issues On U.S. Congress" will go out on subscription service.

A committee guide for U.S. Congress was received. Its glossary of congressional terms will be put in the Voter or passed out at the all member meeting.

Decatur Schools: Since number of school board candidates has ballooned, the question of cost of printing 3,000 information sheets was raised. A possibility is working with the newspaper to print the information and the PTA to copy the information. Only five candidates have replied at this date. Mrs. Meyerson and Mrs. Ohlson will decide what to do after Monday, March 29. We might just print enough for our members and the media.

The Social Studies Task Force in the public schools has asked League for a representative to appear before it to make suggestions or express views and comments on 1) what aspects of social studies need special emphasis, and 2) what are the special needs of this community. The board authorized Mrs. Ohlson and Mrs. Verbanc to compose the statement according to League's general philosophy of government.