

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

Minutes of Board Meeting October 23, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Barb Brown presiding. Board members present: Barbara Ohlsen, Sue Marshall, Diane Basten, Karen Jensen, Marianne Erickson, Kathy Sorensen, Dee Meyerson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Sue Marshall, Treasurer, reported \$1,548.41 in cash on hand. The receipts of the book sale were not included in the total. Fifty-one members have paid dues to date. Barbara Minich has dropped her membership. Ann Ralin, 1350 West Maccon Street, has joined our league.

Barb Brown asked if there is enough money available to make a contribution for the ERA project. Sue Marshall indicated that nothing had been budgeted for such contributions, but it would be possible to do so. Marianne Erickson said she is preparing an application for National INV funds for ERA. It was moved and seconded that \$15 be contributed to the Coalition.

Kathy Sorensen reported on the book sale. \$50 was cleared. There are books left and Kathy asked for suggestions for their disposal. It was suggested that they might be given to the public library or nursing homes, or kept for another sale next year if storage space is available. Kathy suggested that we might want to make this an annual fund raising project. She thought we should keep it in a private home, and use more advertising than was used this time. The response was very good, it required relatively little effort, and other groups which have had book sales in the past are not doing so now. She suggested that the question of a sale in 1980 be brought up next summer, so that preparations can be made in advance.

Diane Basten presented the consensus report from the Single Member District Committee. After evaluation and discussion, the report was approved for submission to the state League Board.

The plans for the unit meetings on Tax Limitations in November and the December brunch were reviewed.

Barb Brown said Decatur's participation in the Juvenile Court Monitoring project had been discussed with state board members at the regional meetings. Decatur may be included in the second monitoring group which will begin July, 1980.

She had received some information regarding advertising in bulletins. The material was given to bulletin editor, Marianne Erickson, for further study.

Kathy Sorenson reported that the Energy Doll House had been on display at the library and the Millikin Homestead. All of the pamphlets included with the display had been picked up by the public.

Kathy said she is to talk to Sertoma Club about the oil recycling project. An article with a picture had finally appeared in the Decatur Review, after persistent prodding by Kathy. She said the gas stations and merchants selling oil products have been very cooperative.

Diane Basten, who is a board member of the Decatur Macon County Opportunities Corporation, gave a summary of the DMCOC report on their "emergency" house. This is for people needing short-term housing in times of emergency. A DMCOC staff member serves as a resource in finding permanent housing, and local realtors have been helpful. Two hundred and thirty requests for assistance were received, a small number of which had to do with child and wife abuse.

Marianne Erickson reported on the activities of the local ERA coalition. She distributed letters to legislators indicating support for the ERA, and urging the legislator's support, and asked board members to sign them for delivery by the coalition.

The Voter deadline is Saturday the 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson
(for Marg Coberly)