

Board Meeting

May 7, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Ill. met in the Association of Commerce Conference Room at 1:30 P.M. on May 7, 1953 with fourteen members present.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. John Donovan, President. The officers and chairmen were introduced. The Treasurers report showed a balance of _____ with eighteen members having paid dues. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Purley Lupton reported that the May 14th Unit Meetings for the Chicago State Convention report would be held at the home of Mrs. Ivan Hutchens at 9:30 A.M. And 2P.M. on _____

After a general discussion concerning a general meeting Mrs. Neal Doubleday moved that we have no night meeting in May. Mrs. Lupton seconded and the motion carried.

Mrs. H.W.Gibson gave a report on the Sewer Educational program explaining that block work by the League would begin May 18th. Milk bottle collars will be used to publicize the need for passage of the Referendum and the A.A.U.W. will give the problem time on their "Listen Ladies" radio program.

Mrs. MacKay of the RED Cross call for the League to help in the recruiting of Blood Donors for the June 8th and 9th visit of the Bloodmobile. All Decatur's womens organizations have been asked to help to obtain at least 600 pints of blood. Pledge cards were distributed.

Mrs. Doubleday announced that we had received a "Call to Action" from the State on Bills SB101 & 102, the Broyles Bills. We are asked to write to Rep. Ferguson And Atkins urging their continued effort to defeat these bills; also to Rep. Rogers telling him our position on same Bills.

Mrs. Donovan announced that the Proposed Judicial Article is to be in the Senate Executive Committee on Tues. May 12, and urged that some of us try to go to Springfield that day.

There was some discussion of our Adgenda for the coming year. It was decided that Mrs. Donovan should appoint a Welfare Chairman to the Board.

The State report on Senate Bill 71 pertaining to Absentee Ballots was read by Mrs. MacKay.

Mrs. George Meyers resignation was read. Mrs. John Kuhns moved that we accept same and write Mrs. Meyer a note of regret. Mrs. G.B. Cohn seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Clifford Smith explained methods for setting up new units Membership drives were discussed, and it was decided that we should continue our thinking on these subjects for further consideration and decisions at the June meeting.

Mrs. Donovan read a letter from our state President, Mrs. Phillips to Gov. Stratton urging him ~~not~~ to support any measures designed to cut appropriations for the State Welfare Dept.

The following ~~are~~ the appointments and changes in the Board membership *at present*.