

BOARD MEETING
MARCH 2 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, met Thursday March 2, 1954 at 1:30 in the Association of Commerce Conference Room. The meeting was opened by Mrs. John Donavan, President. Minutes of the Feb. meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Perley Lupton announced Unit Meetings of the Welfare Committee for March 17 at the Y.M.C.A. at 9:30 A.M. and the Library at 7:30 P.M. and for March 18th at the home of Mrs. Frank Schroeder 425 S Edward. Working on this committee are Mrs. Arlie Morris Mrs. Kirby Riley Mrs. J.J. Jones, Mrs. Dorr Taylor, Mrs. R.L. Nogle and Mrs. Ralph Fredrickson with Mrs. W.E. Watts Jr. Chairman.

Mrs. Gerald Cox announced that the Annual Banquet would be on March 25th at the Decatur, Club at 1:00 P.M.

There was a discussion of a League Telephone listing-but it was decided against.

Mrs. Howel Gibson reported our need for the Ill. Statutes and said Mrs. Perley Lupton would give them to us. This need was agreed upon.

Mrs William Winn told of the publicity being done for the candidates meeting on March 11 at the Decatur, H. School Auditorium. Posters, Spot Announcements on radio and T.V.- information on napkins used at civic group meetings and newspaper pictures and articles are all being used. Dr. Daniel Gage will be the moderator.

Mrs John Kuhns announced for Mrs. Robert Lewis that the Local Project Committee suggested that the League withdraw from activity in the current school petition. The consensus of the board was that this withdrawal might be to our best interest..

Mrs. Konavan spoke of the Proposed National Agenda Items asking that we consider the wording ,etc-and suggest any changes we might feel would benefit. She also stressed the attention given the non-partison position of the League.

Mrs. Schudel was asked to order the new sheets now available for the handbooks.

There was a discussion of our need for the new Illinois Voters Hand-Books. Mrs. Gibson moved that we should order 50-Mrs. Kuhns seconded-The motion carried.

Mrs. Kuhns made a motion-seconded by Mrs Lupton, That Mrs. John Donavan go to the National Convintion in Denver-Carried.

Mrs. Donavan Thanked the Board for the cooperation received during the year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Resp Sub

Evelyn Kay
mc

Minutes -
Treas. Report -

12 present

March 12 - \$1355.66

Discussed of newspaper
item on school issues -

Mrs. Lewis

Mrs. Gibson told of asking
Lawyers - + Elbert Smith

What to do about News Item?

Did not print paper -

Did not retract any statements -

Mrs. Gibson read suggested

Gibson + Chas - moved + 2nd

the item be offered to paper
for immediate ^{publication} in Herald
to be followed by letter to Editor

a week or Apr. 11 -

Motion carried -

~~Mrs. Dawson asked Mrs. Lewis~~
~~to see Mrs~~

Lawson go to Denver -

Mr. Lawson thanked
board -

Adjourned 2:40 pm

March
1954

Mrs. Kuhns announced
for Mrs. Lewis that
the League should withdraw
from activity in school
petition

~~Common~~
National Agenda Items
(wording-etc)

Mention of non-partisan
stand of League

New sheets for handbooks
scheduled to order

Ill. Voters Handbook
discussion

(Gibson + Kuhns) order 50
carried

Morris + Mackay to Social
Services

Moved
Kuhns + Lupton moved

It was decided that Mrs. Donovan contact Mr. Grant informing him of our position.

Mrs. Donovan read "Call to Action" on Budgetary Reforms -

Program - Lupton

April 14 + 15 Mrs. Betty Nickshaw
Research on Reapportionment

Judley
Gelhart } Gibson
Lupton }
Summary on Judicial Committee

Donovan
Explained board workings to new members -

Gibson
Annual Town Meeting April 6
County Bldg - 102 2pm -

Suggested Powell for Membership Meeting -

Eliz - membership + action chairman

Cahy + Lupton motion she be asked
(Carroll)

Minutes - read & accepted

Welfare (Watts)
17th

(Mrs Schroeder 425 So Edward)

Frederickson
Morris
Taylor
Kurlig
Jones
Nagel

State

Annual luncheon March 25th
1 - p.m.

Discussion of telephone hitting

Gibson announced that
Ill. Statutes were needed and
that Mr. Dupton will give
us

Candidates meeting
Mrs. Winn

(Spot announcements)
Publicity

Gibson spoke on Home Rule
study -

Smith spoke on ^{World} Trade - Typewriter

Asked to write to Congressman -

Douvan
discussed suggested items

for National -

Cohn asked for material to
go out with receipts.

Gibson moved ^{supposedly} - she huge
carried

Gibson ^{moved} ~~should~~ be appointed for
suggested - ^{Winn} ^{and}

better orientation

something telling of policy lines ^{Car}
Douvan to appointed ^{lines}

Winn talked of Candidates
meeting - asked to think
over -

Adjourned - -

3:30 p m

Hate man -

In spite of those who
fear change - these
common rights are
a way to safety more

toward a free world -
Erasimus - War so monstrous -
Science that could

destroy must give
new faith and become
a means of human
salvation.

Mr. Fisher's
conclusion

28¢ each

Pauline & Florence
Women's Council

Gibson } Pugh School Feb 19
Education Council Feb 23

Levine } Riverside 19th
Lincoln 21st

Lawson } Washington 21st

Boata - Jan - (Smiths
Bricker Am.)

Annual Meeting 1954

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois was held on March 25, 1954 at the Decatur Club.

Following luncheon, Mrs. John Donovan, president, welcomed members and guests. She then introduced the officers and board members of the past year and expressed her appreciation for the cooperation given and the work done by them. Each member was asked to stand and introduce herself.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1953 were read and approved. Due to the absence of Mrs. G.R.Cohn, the treasurer's report as of March 1st, showing a balance of \$1401, was read by Mrs. Perley Lupton. It was filed for audit.

Mrs. Frank Shroeder, Budget Committee Chairman, read the proposed Annual Budget and reported an increase to be paid to State and National. This was shown in the proposed budget to come out of cash on hand. Discussion followed, after which Mrs. John Kuhns moved that the budget be adopted. Mrs. Robert Lewis seconded. The motion carried.

The secretary then read a letter to the Editor of the Herald and Review telling of the League's non-partisan position and explaining how it studies issues and supports measures but not men ~~candidates~~.

Mrs. Clifford Smith, in the absence of Mrs. James Moore, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President	----	-----	Mrs. John Donovan
1st Vice President	----	-----	Mrs Perley Lupton
2nd Vice President	-----	-----	Mrs. Arylie Morris
3rd Vice President	-----	-----	Mrs. William Winn
Secretary	---	-----	Mrs. F. A. MacKay
Treasurer	-----	-----	Mrs. G. R. Cohn
Elected Directors	-----	-----	Mrs. Kirby Riley Mrs. Fred Schudel
Nominating Committee	-----	-----	Mrs. E.L. Simmons Mrs. H.J. Petty Mrs. Richard Wood

It was moved by Mrs. Walter Morey that the nominations be closed. Mrs. W.E. Watts seconded. Mrs. Floyd Birt moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for the slate as presented. Mrs. Drobish seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Donovan thanked the membership on behalf of the entire board.

Mrs. Birt read recommended changes in the by-laws. The changes as recommended and published in the monthly Bulletin to be found on the attached sheet. Mrs. Gerald Cox moved that we accept the changes as read. Mrs. Harroun seconded. Carried.

Mrs. H.W. Gibson read the three proposed items for the platform and spoke for the sewer item. There was a favorable vote that we continue to support a sewer system which provides all the citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities. A motion was made by Mrs. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Lupton that such an item go on the platform. Motion carried.

Mrs. Cox spoke for ~~for**welfare**item**on**our~~ on the Council-Manager item. The vote was favorable that Council-Manager form of government is preferable to the Commission form. Motion made by Mrs. Morey that it be placed on the platform. Seconded by Mrs.

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Lupton. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lewis read the committee findings on the school item showing the advantages of the Special Charter over the Community Unit System. Mrs. Kuhns made a motion that the League place on its platform an item opposing the Community Unit System for School District #6I. Mrs. Harroun seconded. After much discussion of the merits of such an item on the platform, the motion carried.

The above three items were placed on the local platform as continuing responsibilities.

Mrs. Lewis spoke for a Welfare item on our local agenda.

Mrs. Wiellepp asked for consideration of fluoridation of water as a local agenda item. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Petty moved that we place on our Current Agenda a study of local welfare, extended to independent boards and commissions, with action where indicated. Mrs. Lupton seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Martin made a motion that we consider fluoridation as an item for the agenda. Mrs. Morey seconded. A two-thirds vote made this an item for consideration. Discussion followed. Mrs. Morey moved that the study of fluoridation be placed on the agenda. Mrs. Wiellepp seconded. The vote was unfavorable.

Mrs. Neal Doubleday moved that we consider further study of school financial problems and organization as an agenda item. Mrs. Lupton seconded. There was a favorable vote.

Mrs. Doubleday moved that an item be placed on the Current Agenda to continue consideration, and action, where approved by the membership, on school financial problems and organization. Mrs. Lamoke seconded. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn MacKay, Secretary

1360
1272
Total Expenses

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

1954-1955

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash On Hand - April 1, 1954

\$ 1,292.71

Receipts

Dues

Renewals \$303.00
New 45.00

\$ 348.00

Contributions

Member 213.00
Non-member 711.00

924.00

Total Receipts

1,272.00

Total Income

2,564.71

Expenditures

State & National 500.00

Supplies & Equipment 79.08

Postage (Not Bulletin) 26.80

Telephone & Telegraph 9.97

President's Expense 25.00

Convention Expense 128.29

Delegates - State Conf. 50.35

Committee Expense 34.36

Bank Charges .52

Meeting Expense

Exp. 490.32

Rec. 416.30 74.02

Publication Expense

Exp. 99.93

Rec. 36.20 63.73

Bulletin 72.90

Action in Community 150.07

Miscellaneous 8.16

Total Expenditures

1,223.25

CASH ON HAND 3/31/55

1,341.46