

League of Women Voters of Decatur  
Minutes of Board Meeting, 9/21/78

1. Call to Order

The regular board meeting of Decatur League of Women Voters was called to order at 1:10 p.m., Barbara Brown presiding. Present were the MSes Brown, Oldweiler, Cantoni, Basten, Margaret Campbell, Winter, Jensen, Meyerson, Marshall and Jacobsen. Absent were the MSes Staley, Minick, Carol Campbell, Sorensen and Loewen.

2. The minutes were approved as mailed to members.

3. Sue Marshall, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance Aug. 1		1063.95
Income August	750.00	
Expenses	834.56	
	-84.56	
		84.56
		979.39
Balance Sept. 1		979.39
Income September	645.00	
Expenses	146.50	
	-498.50	
		498.50
Balance Sept 21		1477.89

Sue also stated that 44 members have paid dues and 27 have made contributions.

4. President's Announcements:

- a. Letter from Adolph Meyer Center committee; we have no position on this.
- b. Letter from YWCA action committee on Domestic Violence seeking our support; no position on this at present.
- c. The Thompson Proposition; State LWV has no position on this; a statement to this effect will be coming out soon.
- d. The Washington D.C. representation amendment; No decision was made regarding our action on this.
- e. LWV's week is Oct. 15-22. The Illinois Voters Guides will be incorporated into the Oct. 15 Chicago Tribune; there will be a Campaign '78 Conference held Oct. 17 at Oakbrook, IL; and our own Candidates Party will be held on Oct. 20. It was decided to try to arrange for the use of the booth in Central Park for distribution of voter's materials on either Oct. 16, 17, or 18.
- f. Home Rule and Local Government Referenda: this will be on the March ballot. We need to consider what we might do. No action was taken at this time.
- g. State Program Report; Barbara introduced the program activity <sup>chart</sup> which we must complete. Karen Jensen offered to save the group time by completing it herself.
- h. ERA Extension; LWV has no position on the extension of ERA.

5. Reports (continued)

## 5. Reports

- a. Tax Assessment Unit Meetings: Marian Winter reported a conflict with the timing of the morning meeting. It was decided to drop it and have only the evening meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 25.
- b. Candidates Meeting: Beth Oldweiler reported that Kathy Sorensen will be doing the publicity for this event; Beth herself will send out letters.
- c. Decatur Voter: the new format and bulk mailing were commented on favorably.
- d. Unit Report: Ellen Cantoni reported that at the Sept. 20 meeting there were 18 members present with 3 guests and 6 persons on the program.
- e. Membership: There will be a new members' meeting on Sept. 27 at 7:30 in Winnie Loewen's home.
- f. Observer Corps: Margaret Campbell reported that the list of observers is incomplete and that there are still opportunities for more members to take part. Brief reports of their observations will appear in the Voter.
- g. Court Watching: There was no report.
- h. Urban Crisis: Diane Basten reported that there was nothing new.

## 6. Miscellaneous

- a. Karen Jensen reported that Otta Keyes, member of the pro-ERA religious coalition, was requesting that LWV help her group in their ERA efforts by providing postage. Treasurer Sue Marshall felt that she could not indicate at this time whether we could do so.
- b. Reminder: Barbara commented on the necessity for regular attendance for board members. In line with this need, it was decided to emphasize the fact that THERE WILL BE NO OTHER NOTICE OF NEXT MONTH'S BOARD MEETING, SO BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO MARK THEIR CALENDARS WHEN THEY RECEIVE THEIR COPIES OF THESE MINUTES.
- c. The next meeting will be on Oct. 19 at Westminster church from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be no baby-sitting.

7. Adjournment was at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen, Secretary