

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.
555 Fawn Court, Mt. Zion

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 23, 1985

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PRESENT: Linda Hughes, Barbara Brown, Dee Meyerson, Lucille Crow, Laura Verbanac.
Absent: Milli Protzman, Janet Beck, Lauri Thornton.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 1985, were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported Cash on Hand of \$948.59 as of April 30, 1985. Her report was filed for audit. She presented the Budget Committee's proposed budget for 1985-86 and her Treasurer's Report for the 1984-85 year. These will be included in the May Voter. Barb said that Beth Oldweiler had made an official audit of our books again and will have the report ready for the Annual Meeting.

The IRS has dropped its action against us. Routine reports will be made to them in the future to prevent further misunderstandings.

ORGANIZATION: The Annual Meeting will be held on May 15 at the Pi Beta Phi Sorority House at Millikin. It was decided that the Voter will carry an "Invitation" to members. The Calling Committee will ask if members wish to help with the arrangements on the day of the meeting. It was decided that we would not use an Annual Meeting Handbook, but will print extra copies of the Voter pages dealing with the committee reports to be voted upon.

Budget It was MSC (Verbanac, Hughes) that we accept the proposed budget for submission to members at the Annual Meeting.

Nominating Committee Report Andrea reported for Margaret Campbell, Chair. The slate: Linda Hughes, President; Milli Protzman, 1st VP; Eunice Dansby, 2nd VP; Dee Meyerson, Secretary. Candidates for Director, 1985-87, are Laura Verbanac, Lauri Thornton, Betty Melville, and for 1985-86, Margaret Coberly. Candidates for the Nominating Committee 1985-86 are Karen Jensen and Carol Campbell. The slate will be included in the May Voter.

Bylaws Committee Report Lucille Crow presented the report of the Bylaws Committee. The committee had reviewed our bylaws and considered proposals from the state LWV Bylaws Committee. It was decided that we would not include our local board non-partisan policy statement in our bylaws.

The committee proposed some changes for clarity. In addition, the committee proposed changing Article VI, Section 1, Fiscal Year. to read: The Fiscal Year of the LWV of Decatur shall commence on the first day of April each year. This would be a change from the first day of May at the recommendation of our Treasurer. It was MSC (Crow, Brown) that we accept the proposed change for submission to the members at the Annual Meeting.

Program Andrea presented some suggestions for new program at the local level. We have had several contacts with regard to presenting Mini-Forums on local issues, one of them from the Decatur Public Library. The library staff would be interested in helping us sponsor 3 or 4 panel discussions per year. The topics would not need to be League program items. It was decided that we could do this without adding it to our program studies.

Another area of concern is the District 61 high school drop outs. The number seems to be increasing, and the school district does not seem to be meeting the needs of these individuals. Lauri Thornton suggested that we might also check on end of the year "State of the Schools" reports. Action in these areas can be taken under our present positions.

A new "This is Macon County" was suggested. It is very much out of date, and Andrea has had inquiries about it. It would take a great deal of research to bring it up to date and we will need additional money for publication expenses. A two-year project could be tied in with visiting or observing various boards. It was MSC (Meyerson, Crow) that we propose as a new local program item the setting up of a committee to research and print an updated edition of "This is Macon County."

Current program and positions were reviewed and it was agreed to recommend to the membership that they be retained.

State Convention Linda Hughes will be our delegate to the convention. Linda and Andrea presented an item received from the McHenry County League which they will recommend for state program at the convention. It is a proposed study of community mental health systems. The Executive Director of our local 708 Board feels that this would be worthwhile study for the League to undertake statewide. The board agreed to ask the members at the Annual Meeting if they wish our delegate to support this proposal at the Convention.

PROGRAM: Andrea asked if the board would like to have Senator Rupp speak at our Annual Meeting. An alternative would be Barbara Dunn from the Community Health Improvement Center. The board agreed on Barbara Dunn as speaker.

Program for the Annual Meeting will include a summary of the year's activities by Andrea.

It was decided to postpone a decision on whether we will have any summer meetings.

The International Relations meeting (a review of the UN history to date) was evaluated as a good, well-conducted meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; The Rummage Sale at the Jasper Street Firehouse is scheduled for August 23 and 24. People will be asked to start collecting rummage .

Andrea has prepared a Finance Drive letter. Barb Brown, Linda Hughes, and Dee Meyerson will meet after the Annual Meeting to develop plans for the drive.

A video tape of the Education Conference is available. It was suggested that this might be used for a program next year.

A state publication on education is available. Barbara Brown will pick some up in Springfield to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

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