

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 2, 1958.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. with Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President, presiding. Present were Mrs. Frederickson, Colvis, French, Hurst, Smith, Leigh, Cole, Fairs, Unger and Cresswell.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as amended.

Charts showing the present and proposed Judicial system were passed out and also material evaluating two different points of view as expressed by Prof. Reubin Cohn and Attorney Wayland B. Cedarquist. Board members should study this and be ready to express their opinion.

A tax-exempt education fund has been set up by the National LWV for a year's trial.

Petitions to our Congressmen that they work to include Decatur in the National Interstate Highway program were passed around.

Mrs. Gibson will debate Council-manager form of government at the local YWCA Public Affairs luncheon on January 15th. At the request of the State board that Decatur submit a 750 word article on Action for the Illinois Voter, Mrs. Gibson will compose it.

Unit meetings will be held January 15th on Election Procedures.

Mrs. Colvis moved, seconded by Mrs. Cole that we get a speaker on township vs non-township form of government for the January luncheon to be held Jan. 30th at the YMCA. CARRIED.

A letter from the Bacteriologist of the City of Decatur on mosquito control was turned over to the Local Agenda committee for consideration.

Mrs. Leigh moved, 2nd by Mrs. Smith, that Mrs. Gibson be empowered to set up a League committee to cooperate with the C of C if their decision is favorable to a council-manager campaign. CARRIED.

Mrs. Unger moved, 2nd by Mrs. Cole, that the following committees be accepted: Local Agenda - Mrs. French, Protzman, Colvis, B. B. Evans and Kessler, CH; Budget - Mrs. Nicholson, Cohn, Miller, Gebhardt and Hipsher, CH; and Nominating - Mrs. Doubleday, Martin, Smith, Leigh and Winn, CH. CARRIED.

Voters Service will hold a Candidates meeting in the near future and all members are urged to help with this project.

Board members were asked to review the By-laws and CR and suggest any changes at the February board meeting.

Another orientation for new members will be held at Mrs. Colvis' home on Jan. 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cresswell

Mary Cresswell, Secretary.

MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 30, 1958.

The meeting was called to order after the luncheon meeting at the YMCA with Mrs. H. W. Gibson presiding. Present were Mrs. Hurst, Cole, French, Gebhardt, Smith, Fairs, Colvis, Cohn, Booth and Cresswell.

Mrs. Cole moved, seconded by Mrs. Gebhardt, that the Candidates Meeting be held Thursday, March 20th at 8 p.m. in the Stephen Decatur High School auditorium, CARRIED.

Mrs. Cole moved seconded by Mrs. Smith, that we accept the questions to be asked all but the non-policy making candidates that were suggested by Mrs. Hurst and her committee. CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Cresswell

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 6, 1958.

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. in the A of C rooms after a luncheon with Mrs. Levin, State Finance Chairman, with Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President, presiding. Present were Mrs. Gebhardt, French, Unger, Fairs, Colvis, Hurst, Leigh, Hipsher, Kessler and Cresswell.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

Mrs. Hipsher presented the report of the budget committee. Mrs. Leigh moved, seconded by Mrs. Colvis, that we recommend the adoption of this budget at the annual meeting with the following changes: contributions from members read \$160 instead of \$150; contributions from other read \$800 instead of \$785; and convention expense read \$175 instead of \$150. CARRIED.

A letter from the A of C stated they felt the time was not opportune for participation in any action for a council-manager campaign.

Mrs. Kessler presented the report of the local agenda committee. Mrs. French moved, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, that we accept as Item 1: A continuing study and analysis of governments within Macon County with action where indicated. CARRIED. Mrs. Hurst moved, seconded by Mrs. Colvis, that we accept as Item 2: Study of urban renewal and analysis of Decatur's needs for an effective urban renewal program. CARRIED. Mrs. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Gebhardt, that the Local Agenda be limited to two items. CARRIED.

The resignation of Mrs. Frederickson was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Hurst moved, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, that the March unit meetings be held on the 26th as the Candidates Meeting is March 20th. CARRIED.

Mrs. Fairs moved, seconded by Mrs. Cresswell, that Item 4 "The League supports continued study and action in the field of Geriatrics and Mental Health" be dropped from CR. CARRIED. Mrs. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Colvis, that we keep these items in CR. 1. Continued support of School Financial and Organizational needs where such support is deemed in the best interests of the community. 2. That the Council-Manager form of government is preferable to the Commission form of government. 3. That we will continue to support a sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities. CARRIED.

The analysis of Real Estate Assessments in Decatur will be distributed to seven service groups.

Mrs. Smith read a letter she wrote to the Editor of the paper commending two recent editorials on foreign aid. The board approved the letter and asked her to send it to the Editor. *Trade*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Cresswell

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