

LWV BOARD MEETING, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 6, 1964

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AT 1:00 P.M. WITH MRS. BACHRACH PRESIDING.

PRESENT: REEDER, REDFORD, SMITH, YOUNG, MILLER, MCGOWAN, MANUELL, FULLER, HURST, MANN, DOUBLEDAY, TENNEY, MEYERSON.

ABSENT: MRS. WESTENHAVER, SABEY.

MINUTES: THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 1964, MEETING WERE APPROVED AS READ.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MRS. MANN REPORTED COH AS \$1,231.94. SEVEN BILLS WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT BY THE BOARD.

BUDGET: MRS. BACHRACH PRESENTED THE BUDGET FOR 1964-65, WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. ~~IT WAS DISCUSSED ITEM BY ITEM AND THE BOARD DECIDED THAT FUNDS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES, LOCAL PUBLICATIONS, AND VOTERS SERVICE ITEMS BE INCREASED. THE BUDGET WAS INCREASED BY \$150, FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,250 FOR 1964-65.~~ *It was voted to increase the proposed budget by \$2,150, for a total increase over last year of \$350. This increase would come from the accumulated capital in our bank account.* MRS. REEDER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR PRESENTATION TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

POLL REPORTING: MRS. BACHRACH READ A LETTER FROM THE STATE LEAGUE INDICATING THAT THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY WAS INTERESTED IN HAVING LEAGUE MEMBERS IN MACON COUNTY ACT AS POLL WATCHERS AND PHONE RESULTS TO THEM IN CHICAGO AS SOON AS THE VOTE COUNT WAS COMPLETED. THE BOARD FELT THIS WOULD BE A VERY INTERESTING PROJECT FOR OUR LEAGUE, BUT THAT, SINCE WE WOULD HAVE TO COVER 70 PRECINCTS IN DECATUR ALONE, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH ACTIVE MEMBERS AT THIS TIME.

BILL ON ANNUAL SESSIONS: MRS. BACHRACH SAID THE STATE LEAGUE WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN KNOWING OUR POSITION ON A PROPOSED BILL FOR ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE. IT WAS FELT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE OUR MEMBERS CONSENSUS ON THIS SPECIAL QUESTION AND THAT A FURTHER STUDY SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

PROGRAM REPORT: FEB. 11TH MTG. MRS. REDFORD SAID COPIES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD REPORT, FOR JANUARY 1964 WOULD BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. THE REVISED PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL BOARD REPORT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE FEBRUARY 11 ALL-MEMBER MEETING. MRS. DOUBLEDAY WILL REVIEW OUR LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRESENT ANY SUGGESTIONS SHE HAS RECEIVED FOR LOCAL AGENDA FOR 1964-65.

URBAN RENEWAL: MRS. BACHRACH COMPLIMENTED MRS. FULLER ON AN EXCELLENT REPORT AND THE FACT SHEET FOR THE UNIT MEETINGS IN JANUARY. THE BOARD DISCUSSED WHETHER WE SHOULD SEND THE URBAN RENEWAL FACT SHEETS TO CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR FINANCE DRIVE NOW OR IN SEPTEMBER WHEN OUR FINANCE DRIVE FOR NEXT YEAR BEGINS. MRS. TENNEY MADE A MOTION THAT THE FACT SHEETS BE SENT NOW WITH A COVER LETTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED.

MRS. FULLER SAID THE WORKSHOP FELT URBAN RENEWAL SHOULD BE CONTINUED ON THE CURRENT AGENDA FOR NEXT YEAR, AND THAT SHE WOULD MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION AT THE FEBRUARY 11 MEETING.

SCHOOL WORKSHOP: MRS. REDFORD REPORTED FOR MRS. WESTENHAVER THAT THE WORKSHOP HAD MET WITH MR. GORE AND MISS MEYER AND HAD DISCUSSED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR BUILDINGS, STAFF NEEDS AND PROGRAM NEEDS. THEY WILL MEET WITH MR. IRVIN OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION SOON, BUT ARE NOT YET READY TO SET A DATE FOR THEIR REPORT TO MEMBERS AT UNIT MEETINGS. MRS. REDFORD SAID MRS. WESTENHAVER WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE NINE MEMBERS OF A "SELECTION" COMMITTEE TO SELECT CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE SCHOOL BOARD.

WELFARE: Mrs. BACHRACH REPORTED FOR Mrs. SABEY AND Mrs. BECKER THAT THE WORK-SHOP HAS FINISHED THE INTERVIEWS OF LOCAL WELFARE PEOPLE AND PLAN TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH LAY PEOPLE TO ASSESS PUBLIC OPINION. THEY WILL INTERVIEW REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, LABOR, MANAGEMENT, AND THE NEWSPAPER. TWO MEMBERS OF THE WELFARE WORKSHOP ATTENDED A MEETING ON WELFARE IN CHICAGO ON JANUARY 29.

MARCH 10 ALL-MEMBER MEETING: Mrs. HURST SAID THIS MEETING WOULD PRESENT THE A, B, C's OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO OUR MEMBERS.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. MANUELL SHOWED BOARD MEMBERS A SAMPLE OF THE PHAMPLET TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE NAACP AND THE WELCOMING SERVICES. THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF WHETHER IT WOULD BE WORTH THE TIME AND MONEY TO HOLD A CANDIDATES' MEETING IN THE SPRING THIS YEAR. THERE ARE A FEW CONTESTS FOR LOCAL OFFICES. THE BOARD DECIDED A CANDIDATES' MEETING IN OCTOBER WOULD BE OF MORE VALUE.

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. YOUNG REPORTED ATTENDANCE OF 11, 18, 24 AND 15 MEMBERS AT THE UNIT MEETINGS IN JANUARY ON MONDAY P.M., TUESDAY A.M., TUESDAY P.M. AND WEDNESDAY A.M.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT Mrs. YOUNG MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EVENING ORIENTATION MEETING FOR NEW MEMBERS IN FEBRUARY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DEE MEYERSON

ALL-MEMBER MEETING
DECATUR, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 11, 1964

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF MRS. E. FREYFOGLE, 580 POWERS LANE, AT 9:30 A.M., WITH 23 MEMBERS PRESENT.

MRS. REDFORD READ THE RESTATEMENT OF LEAGUE PRINCIPLES FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1964. THERE WAS A PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLES, WITH MRS. REEDER RAISING OBJECTIONS TO PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, 5 AND 6. SHE FELT A DEFINITION OF SUCH TERMS AS "REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT", "LEGAL, ECONOMIC OR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRIMINATION", AND "WILL OF THE PEOPLE", WAS NEEDED. MRS. REDFORD POINTED OUT THAT REFERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH SERVES AS A BASIS FOR ALL THE OTHER PRINCIPLES. SHE FELT FURTHER DEFINITION MIGHT BE ASKED FOR THE THIRD PARAGRAPH WHICH REFERS TO "LEGAL, ECONOMIC OR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCRIMINATION".

MRS. REEDER MADE A MOTION THAT WE POSTPONE GIVING OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES PENDING FURTHER STUDY FOR ANOTHER MONTH. THERE WAS NO SECOND.

MRS. KESSLER MADE A MOTION THAT WE EXPRESS OUR APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPLES AS STATED IN THE NATIONAL BOARD REPORT OF 1964. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND FURTHER DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. THE QUESTIONS WERE RAISED WHETHER THE PRINCIPLES SERVE AS AUTHORIZATION FOR PROGRAM OR ACTION, AND OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THIS STATEMENT AND THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT OF LEAGUE PRINCIPLES. THE MOTION WAS PASSED WITH 21 AYES AND 2 OPPOSED.

THE MEETING CONTINUED WITH A REVIEW OF OUR LOCAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES BY MRS. DOUBLEDAY. SHE SAID SHE WOULD RECOMMEND AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THAT ITEMS COVERING SEWERS, WATER RESOURCES, COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF DECATUR BE RETAINED. SHE SAID SHE FELT THE ITEM REFERRING TO IMPROVING THE STRUCTURE AND/OR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMICAL OPERATION OF GOVERNMENTS IN MACON COUNTY SHOULD BE DROPPED UNLESS THE MEMBERS CHOOSE TO REACTIVATE OUR STUDY OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT. IT WAS FELT SUCH A STUDY MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH REVISING OUR "THIS IS MACON COUNTY" BOOKLET.

MRS. DOUBLEDAY SAID SHE HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR CURRENT AGENDA FOR 1964-65: SCHOOL STUDY AND URBAN RENEWAL STUDY CONTINUED; REVISION OF MACON COUNTY BOOKLET. MRS. NELSON SUGGESTED THAT WE CONSIDER A STUDY OF THE LIBRARY PROBLEMS, AND MRS. AMIDON SUGGESTED THAT WE STUDY CIVIL RIGHTS ON A LOCAL LEVEL. MRS. HURST SUGGESTED THAT A STUDY OF A UTILITIES TAX BY THE CITY BE CONSIDERED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DEE MEYERSON

AGENDA FOR LWV BOARD MEETING

ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

CITIZENS BUILDING

FEBRUARY 20, 1964, 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

PROGRAM REPORT

PLANS FOR MARCH 10 MEETING

SCHOOL REPORT

WELFARE REPORT

VOTERS SERVICE REPORT

DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL AGENDA

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL PROGRAM (IF THERE IS TIME)

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE EVERYONE THERE.

PLEASE BRING REPORTS THAT ARE DUE FOR NATIONAL BY
MARCH 1.