

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
September 17, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Linda Hughes at the home of Dee Meyerson.

PRESENT: Linda Hughes, Margaret Coberly, Laura Verbanac, Lauri Thornton, Barbara Brown, Milli Protzman, Betty Melville, Dee Meyerson.

Absent: Eunice Dansby, Lucille Crow, Andrea Bowen.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved with a clarification under Observer corps: Betty Melville said that she would serve as a substitute for the observers, if possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported cash on hand as of May 1, 1985, of \$988.59; receipts of \$678.75; expenses of \$691.20, and cash on hand as of September of \$936.14. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale were \$237.86. Expenses were \$15 for rent of the room, \$8.54 for advertising, and, with an additional bill of \$4 to be paid, net income would be \$210.22. We have spent \$33.50 of the \$170 deposited in the LWV/IL Education Fund and now have a balance of \$136.50.

Supplies (paper and cartridges for the copier) have been purchased for running off the Voter for the year. Publications were ordered for the National Security committee.

We have received two contributions from members in memory of Winifred Loewen. No additional checks have been received from the Finance Drive solicitation letters. Linda Hughes said that she would see about contacting those who have not yet responded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda said she had received a letter from the Governor's Office asking if we would want to have someone serve on the regional JTPA committee. Board members suggested that Lucille Crow or Florence Cox (both worked in the local WIN office) might be interested.

REPORTS: Program. Milli Protzman said the study material for the National Security study has arrived. The committee will meet in October. They do not yet have plans for the November presentation.

We now have study material for the Federal Budget study and Florence Cox's committee will be meeting soon.

Linda asked that the board consider the scope and direction of our school drop-out study. The board agreed that we want to find out why students have dropped out of school, and, secondly, what can be done to prevent future drop outs. Since the school district feels that it cannot give us the names of former students whom we might interview, we must find an alternative way to identify and contact them. Board members suggested the following organizations and groups: the school counselors, G.E.D. programs, the Adult Literacy Program, Youth Advocate Program, General Assistance Office. Organizations and those interviewed can be assured that we will respect the right of privacy.

Laura said that the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee is planning a three week series of special events in January to be held at the Civic Center. There will be a Mayoral Proclamation the first week; appearances by special guests during the second week; and a March on January 20th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., which will end at the Civic Center, with a speaker at 1:00 p.m. Food will be served at the Civic Center. Laura said that she would need 2 volunteers to register voters at the Civic Center. Linda, Betty and Dee said that they would check to make sure that their certification was still in effect.

Public Forums. There will be two or three forums sponsored by the Library and the League. Topics suggested were Marital Rights, and the school drop-out problem.

Know Your County Booklet. Linda Hughes and Dee Meyerson will serve on this committee.

FALL CONFERENCE: Linda, Eunice Dansby, Milli Protzman and Andrea Bowen will attend the Conference. There will be a special meeting of our school committee representatives with Peg Matthias of the state board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary

DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

AGENDA

Board meeting, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Dee Meyerson's, 175 Park Place

Call to Order

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Finance Report

Announcements and correspondence

Program

Publications

Reports

Membership - plans for teas

Rummage sale - review

Voters Service - Voter registration; work with Coalition

Observer corps

Appoint committee for Public Forum series

Appoint committee for "Know Your County" publication

Division of responsibilities among board members

Voter - deadline Sept. 23; items to be included:

Additions to mailing list

Fall conference registrations and arrangements

Other business

Adjournment

Next board meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at