

THE 39th ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



Program of the Day

Speaker

Barbara Dunn, Chairman  
Community ~~Health~~ Improvement Center (CHIC)

CHIC provides direct service in areas of primary non-emergency medical care, health screening and health education to persons who do not have a family doctor and who are unable to obtain access to services normally provided by a primary care physician; it assists persons to obtain access into the existing health care system.

*Lilla Sutz  
Marcie Hardy  
Ingrid Craven*

Call to Order

Adoption of Rules

Laura Verbanac, Parliamentarian

Disposition of 1984 Minutes and Appointment of 1985 Minutes Reading Committee

Report of the League Year

Andrea Bowen, President

Treasurer's Annual Report

Barbara Brown

Audit Report

Beth Oldweiler

Budget

Susan Marshall

Bylaws

Florence Cox

Program

Milla Protzman

Nominations and Elections

Margaret Campbell

Remarks

Direction to the Board

Direction to the State Convention Delegate

Announcements

Adjournment





Decatur League of Women Voters

AGENDA

May 21, 1985

Call to order

Minutes

Treasurer's report

Announcements - Andrea's new address: 102 S. Pine, St. Elmo, 62458

Publications - LWVIL ED. Fund approval for local government directory  
Membership flyer

Finance - Finance Drive letter

Other considerations - Auction - homemade or "special" items  
Gourmet dinner

Summer plans- Go/see tours

dump (Adopt-a-dump)

Life Enrichment Center

Coffee at the Franklin Mall/ Convention report

Fourth of July

Long range planning and/or

Board training

Finance project

Update on Decatur Advantage

Illinois' Products Luncheon

LWVUS slide-tape production on solid waste reduction

Info meeting on school dropouts

Others

Action - Calling to encourage action on Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985  
Old Business - Distribution of publication on education

New Business - Endorsement of Center for Independent Living

Formation of Guidelines for Working with Coalitions

Reasons for participating

1. Our small efforts more effective/enlarged
2. Good PR among active community-minded people
3. Membership tool- "To know us is to love us"
4. Awareness of variety of resources--available if....; ours, too.
5. Seen as being cooperative

Reasons to maintain our League identity

1. Do all the work but receive little or no credit
2. Need our visibility for finance purposes
3. Risk of being partisan or seen as being so
4. No control of coalition finances
- 5.

Guideline possibilities

1. Certify the League's ability to participate only as long as a nonpartisan profile is maintained
2. Request that activities planned and operated primarily by the League advertize the League as a sponsor despite their coalition membership
3. Allowing no financial burden beyond that budgeted with member agreement
4. Reporting to the League regularly activities of the coalition

Consider rewording the local program items for conciseness



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government, and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the Purpose and Policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a. (1) Voting members shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in the League at the local or state level;
- (2) Members who reside outside the area of any local League and join the League at the state level shall be members-at-large and shall pay annual dues to the state League;
- (3) Members who have been enrolled in the LWVUS for 50 years or more shall be life members and shall not be required to pay annual dues.
- b. All others who enroll in the League shall be associate members. Those who reside outside the U. S. may join the League at the national level and shall pay dues to the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, six elected Directors and not more than six Appointed Directors.

Section 2. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the programs as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.



- Section 3. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon written request of five members of the Board.
- Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 5. Vacancies and Resignations. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification of an Officer or Elected Director may be filled until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. Absences from Meetings. Three consecutive absences from Board meetings of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

#### ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Section 1. Officers. The following officers of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall be elected by the membership at an Annual Meeting and shall serve for terms of two years. They shall take office the first day of June.
- a. President. The President shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. The president may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. The president shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.
  - b. Vice Presidents. The First Vice President shall be elected in the odd-numbered years and the Second and Third Vice Presidents shall be elected in the even-numbered years. The three Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.
  - c. Secretary. The Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. She shall keep minutes of the Annual Meeting and other business meetings of the League and all meetings of the Board. The Secretary shall notify the Officers and Directors of their election. The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.



d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon the order of the Board. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The books shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the Board, or by an audit committee of three members appointed by members at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Elected Directors. There shall be six Elected Directors: three to be elected in the even-numbered years and three to be elected in odd-numbered years, for terms of two years, by the general membership. They shall take office the first day of June. The Elected Directors shall serve as needed to carry out the work of the League.

Section 3. Appointed Directors. The Officers and Elected Directors shall appoint such additional directors, not to exceed six, as they deem necessary to carry out the work of the League. The term of office of the Appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire the first day of June.

Section 4. Qualifications. Only a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Decatur may be elected or appointed to serve as an Officer or Director of this organization.

#### ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Decatur shall commence on the first day of ~~May~~ April (1985) each year.

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues, as proposed by the Board and approved by a majority vote of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable on the first day of September in each year. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after they become payable forfeits membership. (1984)- When two or more members of a household are members of the League, one-half the annual dues will be charged the second or additional members from a household.

Section 3. Budget. A proposed budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. This budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 4. Budget Committee. A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members at least one week before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.

Section 5. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, all moneys and securities owned by the League of Women Voters of Decatur shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Illinois.



ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held in May, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Annual Meeting shall:

- (a) Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year,
- (b) Elect Officers, Directors and members of the Nominating Committee,
- (c) Adopt an adequate budget, and
- (d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be called by the Board of Directors at the written request of twelve members.

Section 4. Quorum. Twenty percent of the paid members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and one member, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

Section 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least one week before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting members provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.



ARTICLE IX. LOCAL PROGRAM

Section 1. Authorization. The governmental Principles, adopted by the National Convention and supported by the League as a whole, shall constitute the authorization for adoption of Local Program.

Section 2. Local Program. The program of the League of Women Voters of Decatur shall consist of:

- (a) Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen,
- (b) Those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and/or action.

Section 3. Adoption of Local Program.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall call for recommendations for Local Program by the voting members and shall formulate a Proposed Local Program.
- (b) The Proposed Local Program shall be sent to all members at least one week before the Annual Meeting.
- (c) A majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of items in the Proposed Local Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Recommendations for Local Program submitted by voting members but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be adopted by the Annual Meeting provided that:
  - (1) The Annual Meeting by majority vote shall agree to consider and
  - (2) The Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

Section 4. Changes in the Local Program. In case of altered conditions, Local Program may be changed provided:

- (a) Information concerning the proposed change has been sent to all members at least one week prior to a membership meeting at which the change is to be considered, and,
- (b) Two-thirds of the members present and voting approve the change.

Section 5. Action on Program by Members. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION AND COUNCIL

Section 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, under provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.



Section 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Decatur, under provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

Section 3. State Council. The President or her proxy shall be the delegate to the State Council under provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments. The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting.



ANNUAL MEETING

May 15, 1985

"The 39th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur will come to order. In accordance with our bylaws, there is a quorum present to conduct the business of this meeting."

"The secretary of this meeting is Dee Meyerson. Our Parliamentarian is Laura Verbanac.

"Laura Verbanac will now present the rules of the Meeting." (Laura presents and then moves their adoption, which needs a second.) "We will now vote on the rules. All those favoring the rules as presented, please say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. The ayes have it. The motion carries."

"It is customary that minutes of the Annual Meeting be approved immediately following the Annual Meeting by the special committee. Last year's Annual Meeting minutes were so approved. If there is no objection, I will dispense with the reading of the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting. The Chair appoints Karen, Carol, and Lilla to read and correct the minutes of the Annual Meeting. (or after hearing the 1984 minutes, go on to make additions or corrections and approve.)

Report of the League Year

Treasurer's Report "We will hear the Treasurer's Report." (Barb Brown will explain her report and answer any questions pertaining to it.) "Are there any questions? The Treasurer's books have been audited by Beth Oldweiler." (Beth will give her Audit Report.) "The Audit Report is officially accepted and will be filed.

Budget "Susan Marshall, Budget Chairman, will present the budget for 1985-86." Susan explains the budget, and moves its adoption. A second is required. Under discussion of the motion, the budget may be read item by item and amended. Vote on each amendment as proposed. "We will now vote on the budget as presented (or amended)." (Majority vote required.)

Bylaws "Florence Cox, a member of the Bylaws Committee, will present the bylaws revisions as proposed by the Committee and recommended by the Board." (Florence moves the adoption of the Bylaws Changes. A second is needed. Each change can be discussed and amended. Vote on each amendment as proposed.) "We will now have the vote on the bylaws as presented (or amended)." (2/3 vote required.)

Program "We will first consider the local program in accordance with our bylaws as recommended to you by our Board and sent to you in the May issue of the Voter. Adoption of any recommended program item will require a majority vote. Items not recommended, may be introduced for adoption, but must first be moved for consideration." (Says only those presented to the Board and the membership according to local bylaws may be considered.) "We will have the presentation and discussion on all items before we vote on adoption so that you may hear all of the items and discussion before voting."

"Milli Protzman, Program Vice-President, will present the recommended Program." (Milli will move the adoption of each item, and get a second, before moving on.)

"If there are any items not recommended, this is the time to present them." (After member moves consideration, it is seconded, and presenter may give a



brief statement of reasons for presenting it. There is no discussion. The Chair calls for the vote. Majority required. If voted consideration, the member moves its adoption. A second is needed.)

"We will now have discussion and debate on all recommended items (and items not recommended, voted for consideration.) We will discuss them in the order in which they were presented." "During this discussion any item may be amended to narrow or refine, but not to broaden the scope of the item." (During discussion, get direction as to the scope.) (Discussion follows) "Are you ready for the question?" (Vote on each item in order.) Chairman declares whether the item was adopted or not.) "You have adopted the following as your local program for the coming year: (Read the wording)"

Nominations Margarety Campbell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, will read the report of the Committee." (Chairman reads slate.)

President	Linda Hughes	1985-87
1st Vice President	Milli Protzman	1985-87
2nd Vice President	Eunice Dansby	1985-86
3rd Vice President	_____	1985-86
Secretary	Dee Meyerson	1985-87
Directors (3)	Laura Verbanac Laurie Thornton Betty Melville	1985-87
Director	Margaret Coberly	1985-86
	_____	
Nominating Committee:		
Chair	Karen Jensen	1985-86
Member	Carol Campbell	1985-86

*This has not been filled in the last 2 yrs.*

*to fill the vacancy left by Linda's moving to the presidency*

"The Chair declares that nominations are now in order from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained."

"Will the nominees please stand as I call their names. The Nominating Committee has nominated: (read from list above.)" "Are there any other nominations? If there are no further nominations, the Chair declares the nominations closed. The Chair will entertain a motion that these nominees be elected." (Requires a motion and second.) "The Chair instructs the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot. The Chair declares the following are elected: (read from above list.)"

#### THANKS

Direction to the Board "At this time the Chair will entertain any suggestions of direction to the 1985-86 Board for the emphasis you would like to see followed. It is your direction at this time that will enable the Board to know and plan further for the future of the League in Decatur."

TIME FOR ACTION - HB 300 AND SB 931. Reference: Community Right to Know Act will give citizens information on the toxic substances handled at industrial



facilities or emitted into the air, water and land in their communities.  
(letter from Jean Peterson)

Support for CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING - Resource center for handicapped:  
workshops, referral services, seminars, information for dependent people who  
want to be independent. Creative Intercare requests our indorsement.

Direction to the State Convention Delegate Non recommended item on mental  
health.

Announcements

1. Publications available
2. Is your information correct in the League Handbook? Contact Dee.
3. Good Health Fair - Hickory Point Mall; May 17 and 18; 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
4. Names of possible potential benefactors - to me.
5. TFA - nat'l Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985

Adjournment "Is there any further business to come before this meeting? If  
not, we stand adjourned."



REPORT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Started the year off with a very well attended Annual Meeting (we're still talking about the the 4-Hers' skit, "Patriotic Pickles Promote the Preservation of Prime Prairieland.")

Sent a delegate to the national League convention in Detroit just a year ago.

Held a finance drive that came short of its goal, despite personal phone calls

Sat in on a memorable hearing for the commission on the status of women

Began our relationship in August with a voters coalition which brought us in touch with many new groups in the Decatur Community. With them we went on to:

Host a public meeting with speaker Bill Tangney, County Clerk

Register 348 voters with 12 of our members as deputy registrars.

Host candidate's meetings for county candidates; state representatives; and another for city primary and a fourth one for township and park candidates - WHEEEEE!!

Talked with Channel 23 about possibilities for voter education programming plus did one video for them and provided radio stations with GET OUT THE VOTE information

Set up a public meeting for Bakalis to explain his school reform proposals and sent a member to his IL Proj. for School Reform

Held several coffees at the Franklin Mall; one in the summer to hear the national conference report; and another later in the fall to attract members

We had a Board training with a member of the State Board

Held a rummage sale; which turned out to be two sales

Offered membership coffees in three locations at three times in members' homes

Heard from the County Board chairman about priorities that he saw for the county

Observed a number of County Board meetings and later watched divorce court

Sent a representative to the unveiling of the stratigic design for Decatur - Macon County of which Mayor Anderson recent trip to Israel was an ongoing part

Heard from Dennis Rogers about the state of sedimentation in Lake Decatur and continue to have a member serve on the sedimentation committee

Our treasurer had a frightening experience with the IRS but found help in a good League legal friend

Had an open meeting on schools using a VCR at Milliken with Dr. Hunt to enlighten us further

Continued our representation on the jail watch committee



Sent representatives to the jail information meeting and applauded the county's finally taking some action

We had a Holiday brunch and a skit on proposed state program plus sending food to the DARE Food Bank

Sold UNICEF cards and had our annual U.N. day luncheon and speaker

Promoted the domestic violence coalition activities

Studied marital law in reference to divorce

Celebrated the 65th anniversary of LWVUS

Sent representatives to a funding education in Illinois conference in Evanston and legislative seminar in Springfield

Interviewed all our state representatives here at home and set up a joint interview with Congressman Dixon in Springfield

Held an open meeting with District #61 Business Manager

Held study meetings on financing the federal government and an international relations update

Sent off numerous TIMES FOR ACTION at the state and national levels

Put out nine issues of the Voter and a special summer flyer

And are ready to send our new President to State Convention on the campus of Northern Illinois University at Dekalb



## PROPOSED ANNUAL MEETING RULES

Roberts Rules of Order will generally be our guide.

Any member or guest may speak to an issue.

During debate on a motion, no one may speak more than once until others who wish to speak have done so.

Only Decatur League of Women Voters' members may vote.

Only non-recommended bylaws or program items presented to the board and the membership according to local bylaws may be considered.

The vote on recommended and non-recommended program items will be in the order they were presented and after all discussion on all proposed items is completed.

The minutes of this meeting will be approved by a special committee appointed by this Annual Meeting to review and correct the minutes.

These rules may be amended by a majority of those present.



Linda

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 15, 1985

After a salad supper at 6:00 p.m., and a talk by Barbara Dunn, Executive Director of the Community Health Improvement Center, the 39th Annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur was called to order by the President, Andrea Bowen, at 7:00 p.m. on May 15, 1985, at the Pi Beta Phi House at Millikin University. There were 17 members present (a quorum), and three guests.

RULES: Laura Verbanac explained the rules which would be followed in conducting the meeting, and the rules for adopting program.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 8, 1984, had been approved by the committee appointed: Laura Verbanac, Lucille Crow and Barb Emery. The President appointed Karen Jensen, Carol Campbell, Cilla Seitz to the committee to approve these minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Andrea Bowen gave a brief report on League activities for 1984-85. We had been busy with many activities centering on the Voters Service coalition, school study, and Women's Rights.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown, Treasurer, reported Cash on Hand as of May 1, 1984 had been \$772.20. Income for 1984-85 was \$2,130.10, expenditures were \$1,953.71, leaving Cash on Hand as of April 30, 1985 of \$948.59. Barbara moved, and the motion was seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit.

AUDIT REPORT: Barbara reported that the books had been audited by Beth Oldweiler. The audit report of May 15, 1985, was accepted as read.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Sue Marshall presented the 1985-86 budget as printed in the May Voter. Some increases over last year's expenditures had been proposed, and were explained. She moved, Laura Verbanac seconded, that the budget be adopted. The motion carried. (Budget attached.)

BYLAWS: Florence Cox moved, Karen Jensen seconded, that the proposed change of the beginning of the fiscal year from May to April be adopted. The motion carried. The article will read:

Article VI, Section 1. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the LWV of Decatur shall commence on the first day of April each year.

PROGRAM: Program items suggested for adoption for Program for 1985-86 were presented by Mildred Protzman as they had appeared in the May Voter.

County and Township Governments. Milli moved, second by Carol Campbell, that we retain our support position for elimination of township in Macon County. The motion carried.

Milli moved, second by Terry Brent, that we we retain our support for Home Rule status for Macon County. The motion carried.

Milli moved, second by Eunice Dansby, that we retain our support for the elimination of certain county offices as elected offices. The motion carried.



County and Township Governments, continued.

Milli moved, second by Sue Marshall, that we adopt a new program item: Establishment of a task force to prepare a "Know Your County" booklet for publication by the 1987 Annual Meeting. The motion carried.

Decatur's Environmental Quality. Milli moved, second by Lola Smith, that we retain our support for improved surface drainage in Decatur. The motion carried.

Decatur Public Schools. Milli moved, Second by Linda Hughes, that we retain our present position from the 1976-77 study. During discussion, a great deal of concern was voiced with regard to school dropouts and illiteracy. A suggestion was made that lengthening the school day would allow students more time to cover more subjects. Andrea said the discussion could be considered direction to our board to study these problems and take action under our present position which encourages the school district to place a high priority on meeting the needs of individuals. The motion carried.

Milli moved, second by Lauri Thornton, that our position resulting from the 1977-78 study of the financial resources of the school district be retained. The motion carried.

Family Violence. Milli moved, second by Linda Hughes, that this position of support for local intervention services be retained. The motion carried.

Water. Milli moved, second by Terry Brent, that we retain our position on the quality and quantity of the water supply for Decatur. The motion carried.

City Government. Milli moved, second by Lola Smith that we retain our positions on Council-Manager city government, and Home Rule for the City of Decatur. The motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Margaret Campbell, chairperson, submitted the following slate of officers and directors to be voted upon:

President	1985-87	Linda Hughes
1st Vice President	1985-87	Mildred Protzman
2nd Vice President	1985-86	Eunice Dansby
Secretary	1985-87	Dee Meyerson
Directors	1985-87	Laura Verbanac
		Lauri Thornton
		Betty Melville
	1985-86	Margaret Coberly
Nominating Committee	1985-86	
Chair		Karen Jensen
Member		Carol Campbell

The position of 3rd Vice President had not been filled. Andrea asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved by Margaret Campbell, second by Laura Verbanac, that we cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented by the nominating committee. The motion carried. Our LWV gavel was presented to Linda by Andrea.



ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda will be our delegate to state convention and there followed a discussion about proposals to be brought before the convention. We wished to support the proposed study of community mental health systems, but the proposed school study would have first priority. We will have a "Report from Convention" meeting during the summer.

Andrea reminded members of the Time for Action letter from Jean Peterson on Right to Know laws. Ingrid Cravens thanked the League for our participation in the Voters Unlimited Coalition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary

APPROVED:

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Karen Jensen

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Carol Campbell

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Cilla Seitz

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1985-86

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Proposed 1984-85</u>	<u>Actual Expend.</u>	<u>Proposed 1985-86</u>
A. Dues	\$1,200	\$1,260	\$1,275
B. 1. Contributions - Members	250	275	300
2. Contributions - Non Members	525	325	420
C. Publications	50	13.80	10
D. Interest Income		44.24	35
E. Other Income - ABC Reporting	\$ 20		
Voter Subscription	2		
Rummage Sale	190		
F. Cash on hand	275	212.06	370
	<u>127</u>		<u>126</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$2,427</u>	<u>\$2,130.10</u>	<u>\$2,536</u>

EXPENDITURES

A. <u>Operating Costs</u>			
1. General Supplies	\$ 30	\$ 26.65	\$ 30
2. Postage	40	0	40
3. Telephone	10	0	10
4. Bank Charges	5	0	5
B. <u>Board and Administration</u>			
1. President	50	50	50
2. a. Finance Drive	40	29.95	40
b. Membership	25	9.17	20
c. Yearbook	30	37	40
d. Unit Meetings	50	47.77	50
e. Publicity	15	0	5
C. <u>Delegates</u>			
1. State Convention	300	89.00	
2. National Convention		25.00	300
3. Workshops	40	20	40
D. <u>Financial Support</u>			
1. State Per Member Payment (\$14)	511	485.45	574
2. National PMP (\$13)	481	474.50	527
E. <u>Bulletin</u>			
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Margaret Campbell, chairperson, submitted the following slate of officers and directors to be voted upon:

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1st Vice President	1985-87	Mildred Protzman
2nd Vice President	1985-86	Eunice Dansby
Secretary	1985-87	Dee Meyerson
Directors	1985-87	Laura Verbanac
		Lauri Thornton
		Betty Melville
	1985-86	Margaret Coberly
Nominating Committee	1985-86	
Chair		Karen Jensen
Member		Carol Campbell

The position of 3rd Vice President had not been filled. Andrea asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none. It was moved by Margaret Campbell, second by Laura Verbanac, that we cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented by the nominating committee. The motion carried. Our LWV gavel was presented to Linda by Andrea.



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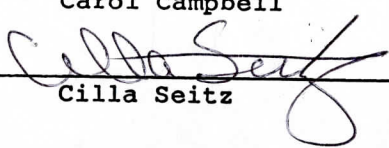
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A. Dues	\$1,200	\$1,260	\$1,275
B. 1. Contributions - Members	250	275	300
2. Contributions - Non Members	525	325	420
C. Publications	50	13.80	10
D. Interest Income		44.24	35
E. Other Income - ABC Reporting	\$ 20		
<u>Voter Subscription</u>	2		
Rummage Sale	190		
	275	212.06	370
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EXPENDITURES

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1. General Supplies	\$ 30	\$ 26.65	\$ 30
2. Postage	40	0	40
3. Telephone	10	0	10
4. Bank Charges	5	0	5
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1. President	50	50	50
2. a. Finance Drive	40	29.95	40
b. Membership	25	9.17	20
c. Yearbook	30	37	40
d. Unit Meetings	50	47.77	50
e. Publicity	15	0	5
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Minutes

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Membership flyer

Finance - Finance Drive letter

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Gourmet dinner

Summer plans- Go/see tours

dump (Adopt-a-dump)

Life Enrichment Center *- adopt along Cass St. City*

Coffee at the Franklin Mall/ Convention report -

Fourth of July

Long range planning and/or

Board training

Finance project

Update on Decatur Advantage *Mayor Anderson?*

Illinois' Products Luncheon

LWVUS slide-tape production on solid waste reduction

Info meeting on school dropouts =

Others

Action - Calling to encourage action on Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985  
Old Business - Distribution of publication on education

New Business - Endorsement of Center for Independent Living

Formation of Guidelines for Working with Coalitions

Reasons for participating

1. Our small efforts more effective/enlarged
2. Good PR among active community-minded people
3. Membership tool- "To know us is to love us"
4. Awareness of variety of resources--available if....; ours, too.
5. Seen as being cooperative

Reasons to maintain our League identity

1. Do all the work but receive little or no credit
2. Need our visibility for finance purposes
3. Risk of being partisan or seen as being so
4. No control of coalition finances
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Guideline possibilities

1. Certify the League's ability to participate only as long as a nonpartisan profile is maintained
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3. Allowing no financial burden beyond that budgeted with member agreement
4. Reporting to the League regularly activities of the coalition

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