

LWV BOARD MEETING

Time: Wednesday, April 5, 12:45

Place: Home of Mrs. Harold Tenney (Marilyn), 257 S. Glencoe

This will be the first meeting of the new board. All retiring members should bring their portfolios to pass to new members.

Please have all items for the Voter ready to turn in.

THE AGENDA

Minutes of March meeting (Feb. 28) and Annual Meeting (March 15)

Treasurer's report, including number of April 1st dues paid to date - Jurgens

Correspondence

Board Assignments to date

Progress Report on "Community Conversation" - Smith, Maginn

Appraisal of T.V. Candidates meeting - Homan

Consideration of Men's Advisory Group to meet with finance committee

- Reports: Unit Organization - Axon
- Membership - Ruth Schade
- School Committee - Calhoun
- Gov't. Planning Agencies - Jurgens
- Human Resources - Dilley

State Convention plans and delegates

Time & place of next board meeting

The following names are possible choices for a Men's Advisory Committee for our Finance Drive. Your finance committee needs board approval of these names. We will attempt to have 5 or 6 men serve on this committee. Please give some consideration to the list and comment - before the meeting if you wish - to Marilyn Tenney (429-6736).

Contributors since '49

- Forrest Wikoff, Jr., Dawson & Wikoff
- Dean Gorham, real estate
- T. Douglas Johnson, Johnson & Son Mortgage
- Ed or F.M. Lindsay, Herald & Review
- K. T. Livesay, Livesay & Gebhard, real estate
- Rob't. Murphey (Tim), Murphey, Jenne, Jones (accountants)

Other contributors

- Robert Grohne, former mayor
- Wm. Barnes III, Pres. Citizens Bank
- Marion Dannells, Borg-Warner exec.
- Rob't. Shade, Bennett & Shade Ins.
- James Van Praag, architect (Alex - a contrib.)
- Wm. Van Law, Carol's

Others

- Frank Bowman, program director WSOY
- John Luttrell, Pres. Millikin Bank
- Wayne Krows, Budget Admin., Millikin Univ.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING

Decatur, Illinois

April 5, 1967

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Tenney, 257 S. Glencoe, at 1:00 P.M. with President Smith informally introducing the newly elected president, Mrs. Wesley (Barbara) Tilley, who then presided over the meeting.

PRESENT: Mesdames Tilley, Bowers, Smith, Maginn, Hurst, Moore, Besterhaver, Crow, Butler, Redford, Dilley, Schade, McGaugh, Miller, Axon, Tenney, Jurgens, Hamilton and Protzman.

ABSENT: Mesdames Limerick, Calhoun, Roman, Ritter, Dakin.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual Meeting held March 15, 1967 were read. Formal approval of these minutes will be called for at the Annual Meeting in 1968. The minutes of February 28, 1967, were approved as mailed.

CHANGES IN NEW OFFICERS: Pres. Tilley notified the Board of the resignation of Mrs. L.E. Ritter as Secretary for the coming year. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Pres. Tilley then recommended that Mrs. R.H. Hamilton (Persis) be appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Hurst moved that the Board accept the President's recommendation that Mrs. Hamilton serve as Secretary. Seconded. Approved. Also, Pres. Tilley announced that since Mrs. Dilley will be moving out of the city in the fall, she had also turned in her resignation. Mrs. Tilley recommended that Mrs. Thomas (Millie) Protzman fill this position of Second Vice President for the coming year. Mrs. Tenney moved that we accept the President's recommendation of Mrs. Protzman for Second Vice President for the coming year. Seconded. Approved.

ADDITIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Pres. Tilley announced that Mrs. Crow had agreed to continue on the Library item, and that Mrs. Miller had agreed to continue with the U.S.-China Relations. She then announced that Mrs. Donald (Janet) Kastner had been appointed as Chairman of the Human Resources Committee to replace Mrs. Dilley.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Smith read a letter from the State Finance Chairman expressing concern that we had not met our financial goal. Mrs. Smith also read letters from the St. Charles League concerning matters to be brought up at the State Convention regarding the proposal that the Non-Recommended item "Study and Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Crime Prevention, Law Enforcement, and the Administration of Justice in Illinois" be adopted in the State program. Pres. Smith informed the convention delegates present to study up on this so that they will be prepared to take a stand. Our Board expressed the feeling that if this item were included in the state program, the program would be too lengthy. Mrs. Smith then read correspondence regarding a Call for Action regarding State Apportionment (HJR 45), the calling of a State Constitutional Convention (SJR 2), and the new Loyalty Oath (HB 384). Letters on these matters should be sent as individuals and not as members of the League. Mrs. Smith announced that another Legislative Tour would be held for League members on May 9 and 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Moore reported Cash on Hand March 1, 1967 of \$368.64, receipts: \$8.00, Disbursements: \$39.74, leaving a balance of Cash on Hand March 31 of \$367.90. April 1, she deposited \$561.00 (dues payments) which covers approximately one-half of payments which are due at this time. She reported 141 members, with 5 continuances, 1 transfer out of the city, and 3 new members.

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Schade reported 4 new members this past month; 9 members attended the Legislative Tour in Springfield.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: Mrs. Maginn reported that she, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Tilley have been meeting with the W.D.Z. staff and with their assistance a preliminary draft of the program had been prepared. The Decatur Council of Churches representative has not yet met with the planning committee and since Mr. Bellinger has been out of town the plans are now at a stand-still. They all hope to meet together within the next week to form a firm idea of the agenda to be followed. The financial backing for this program is yet unsolved.

CANDIDATES MEETING: Mrs. Tenney reported in the absence of Mrs. Homan that 30 candidates for City Council, Park Board, Mayor, and Board of Supervisors were invited to participate, that 24 were in attendance for the televised program. Mrs. Smith represented the League and 6 members of the League worked behind the scenes. Various comments had been received, but it was Mrs. Homan's recommendation that we consider running an ad in the newspaper next time to bring the program to the attention of more people, and also, that we might possibly want to eliminate inviting the Township Candidates as participants in any future meetings of this nature.

MEN'S ADVISORY GROUP: Mrs. Tenney referred to the list of names included on the Agenda for this meeting and advised that she and her committee would choose 6 persons from the list to serve. She then asked for corrections, objections, or additions to the list. It was noted that Mr. Deunells is leaving the city and that Mr. Luttrell is the President of the National Bank instead of the Millikin Bank. The listing received no other objections or corrections and Mrs. Tenney's committee will proceed to contact individuals from the list and make their final appointment to the Group.

UNIT MEETING Mrs. Axon reported that the April units on Planning are set for Tues. morning at Mrs. Maginn's, the Tues. evening unit at Mrs. Geneva Barbar's, and she has yet to arrange for the Wednesday morning unit. The May 16 All-member Meeting was discussed. It was decided that it would be a dessert and coffee type meeting and that if it is held in a member's home, the League will bear the expense of the refreshments. Mrs. Axon will proceed with the arrangements.

SCHOOLS: Mrs. Redford reported in the absence of Mrs. Calhoun that a questionnaire had been prepared and sent to all school board candidates. Replies have been tabulated and 1,000 copies of the questions and answers are being printed and will be ready for distribution at the library, banks, and grocery stores within the city. She asked for volunteers to handle this distribution. Originally, the questions and answers were to appear in the newspaper; however, the paper did not use the information and the committee decided to handle it in this way. The newspaper has agreed to give publicity to the League questions and answer sheet distribution.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Butler reported that she has taken an inventory of the suitcase materials amounting to \$38.54 (which includes 8 copies of the Illinois Voters Handbook a total of \$12.00). This is \$17 higher inventory than last year. She strongly recommended that detailed records continue to be kept by the Publications Chairman in future years.

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE: Mrs. Butler reported that she plans to include "Guide to the Illinois Legislature" and "In a Nutshell" if discounts can be obtained on these items, leaving a 2¢ balance. This met with the approval of the Board.

STATE CONVENTION: Pres. Tilley announced that Mesdames Smith, Tilley, Butler, Maginn, Hurst, and Crow would attend. Our budget allows \$350.00 for State Convention expense which would be \$58.25 per delegate. Minimum cost per person will be \$62.00, so the delegates must cover this difference themselves. They are willing to do this; however, since our League is entitled to 7 delegates Pres. Tilley suggested that in the future serious consideration be given to raising the budgeted amount.

It is noted that \$22.25 per delegate has already been taken from the treasury. Mrs. Bowers moved that the Treasurer be authorized to write individual checks to each delegate in the amount of \$36.00 each (covering the balance of the \$58.25) in advance. Mrs. Westerhaven seconded. Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Dilley reported that interviews and meetings have been held with the Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corporation. Her committee has sent out 80 questionnaires to Corporation members (past and present), at a cost of \$10.00 from last year's postage allotment. ~~The Opportunities Corp. has sent out questionnaires to the participants in the program.~~ *^{Reference} Mrs. Dilley wanted Board opinion as to whether or not a questionnaire should be sent for the purpose of evaluation and analysis. Although a vote was not taken, it was evident that the Board felt this would be worthwhile. Mrs. Dilley does not want to merely use the Fact Sheet at the Unit meetings and is considering using visual materials. She can also use a taped debate on the question of the value of the OEO program. Mrs. Dilley feels that an assessment of local community agencies should be made to see if efforts could not be more co-ordinated. She has received a directive from the National Office urging local support for community action programs.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be held May 2, 1967, at the home of Mrs. J. Roger Miller.

PLANNING AGENCIES: Mrs. Jurgens announced that she has prepared a Fact Sheet for use at the April Unit Meetings that is informational as well as factual. For the presentation her committee will take a sub-division through the various agencies involved in Planning and will use the Fact Sheet for reference.

LIBRARY: The Planning Department's Cultural Center study has been received by her committee; she reports that it differs greatly from the private proposal in last week's paper. The Planning Department's study provides for a 2-building grouping (library and small theater) in the downtown area south of the Post Office and adjacent to the site of the new Sears store. Public Meetings will be held on this matter in May and all interested parties are invited to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

* To those who have been affected by the program. (revised, May 2, 1967)

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Bowers, Secretary

by Patsy Hamilton