

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
April 4, 1956

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Pres., presiding. Present were: Mrs. James, Hurley, Mrs. Thos. McCracken, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. Arthur Adelman, Mrs. John Fairs, Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. Loring Unger, Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Mrs. G.ⁿ. Cohn, Mrs. Chas. Griffin, Mrs. Fritz Woyna. Visitors from the membership were Mrs. ~~Pfife~~, Mrs. Landholt, and Mrs. French.

The secretary's minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report stands as of the Annual Meeting.

A letter from Mrs. Phillips complimenting us on the Bulletin was read as was an invitation to Peoria's annual meeting.

Mrs. Gibson stated that Pauline Winn and Rachel Hurley "outdid themselves" in setting up the Candidates' Meeting for the School Board and that Pauline went out of office in a "blaze of glory."

The April units will be on the 18th. On motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Hurley, discussion will be on "Illinois Traders" and OTC.

It was suggested that the May units be a luncheon meeting with one report on the National Convention. The luncheon to be at 1:00 on May 15, in the Decatur Club. Mrs. Cohn so moved, Mrs. Smith seconded; motion carried. It was decided to postpone May board meeting till 11:00 May 15 before the luncheon unless something comes up which requires an earlier meeting.

The National Agenda items were discussed. There has been a great demand for international item to replace conservation item. Most international fields are already covered by Continuing Responsibilities. By show of hands the Board indicated its preference for conservation and individual liberties items over international item. Also by show of hands Board indicated its desire to limit national agenda to 2 items. The wording of the 2 items was accepted. The secretary was instructed to mail filled out form immediately.

Material on the Bricker Amendment alert and letter of State Board to Amarillo, Texas League is to be sent to all members of the Board. The 1st proposal of the Amarillo League was discussed: National make it mandatory that we study as well as respond to call for action. Also make it mandatory that the consensus of opinion arrived at be definitely tabulated by National and results returned to local Leagues. Discussion was generally against the proposal as it was felt this would leave the League without a voice for action. On motion by Mrs. Cohn, seconded by Mrs. Unger, it was moved we oppose Amarillo's proposal #1 with the stipulation that our delegate be permitted to act under her own discretion. In discussion Mrs. Gebhardt suggested we let members know consequences of passage of this proposal. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hurley moved a letter be sent to the general membership explaining Amarillo proposal, our opposition to it, and its possible consequences. Seconded by Mrs. Gebhardt, motion carried.

Mrs. Gibson asked for volunteers to do clipping job. Mrs. Hurley will do local, Mrs. Gebhardt state, and Mrs. Adelman national. The reorganization of the Board was brought up. Members have choice of assignment by seniority. While choices were made, Policies were read aloud.

The decision as to having a delegate on the Decatur Women's Council was brought up. Mrs. Hurley felt that as a matter of courtesy and public relations, we should have a representative. Mrs. Smith felt that they do not deal in the same field we do. However, they do not require action of any kind. On motion by Mrs. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Cohn, it was decided to send a delegate to the Council. Motion carried. Mrs. Adelman moved, and Mrs. Hurley seconded the motion that Mrs. Shirley Landholt be our official representative. Motion carried. The secretary was instructed to write a letter to the Council informing them of our decision.

How to get the By-Law amendment to the membership was discussed. Mrs. McCracken moved we mimeograph the by-laws with amendment and mail copies to all members, seconded by Mrs. Hurley. In discussion Mrs. Cohn suggested we could save some expense by carrying amendment in Bulletin so it could be clipped to original By-laws. Motion defeated. Mrs. Cohn moved amendment be printed in Bulletin and membership urged to clip it and attach it to By-Laws. Mrs. Martin seconded, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Marian Woyna

Mrs. Fritz Woyna, Secretary