

BOARD MEETING
June 5, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters met at 1:30 P.M. on June 5, 1952, in the Association of Commerce Conference Room with eight members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Clifford Smith, and the minutes of the May meeting were read and approved with one correction. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$565.66. Mrs. Brock, treasurer, reported that during May dues were received from 14 members and \$4.00 was received in contributions. Half the membership have paid dues since January first. Mrs. Smith requested Mrs. Brock to read the itemization of the president's expenses as delegate to the National Convention in Cincinnati, which was done. Bill for \$2.12 for expense incurred by Mrs. Robert Wood in mailing the report of the Local Project Committee was presented for payment. It was moved by Mrs. Lupton, seconded by Mrs. Etheridge that this bill be allowed; carried.

Mrs. Smith reported the resignations of Mrs. Fred G. Leach, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. W. E. Watts, Jr., Constitutional Revision Chairman, and asked the Board for action on these resignations. It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mrs. Cox that these resignations be accepted; carried. The secretary was requested to write notes of regret to both Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Watts.

Mrs. Smith called the Board's attention to the list of the new Board members. It was moved by Mrs. Watts and seconded by Mrs. Donovan that Mrs. Doubleday be considered an elected director, taking Mrs. Watts' place. Carried. Mrs. Smith further called attention to the fact that two members of the Nominating Committee now being Board members, and it being necessary for the Board to elect two of its members to the nominating committee, that some action be taken at this time to fill the Nominating Committee. It was moved by Mrs. Lupton, seconded by Mrs. Cox and carried, that Mrs. Ruedi and Mrs. Doubleday be the elected members from the Board to the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Smith stated that still leaves one place on the Nominating Committee to be filled from the General membership, which will be taken care of after more consideration. The Nominating Committee now stands as follows: Mrs. John Kuhns, Chairman, Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. Charles Ruedi and Mrs. Neal Doubleday (from the Board), leaving one vacancy to be filled. Mrs. Smith called attention to the fact that two places on the Board remain to be filled: Economics Chairman and Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Smith suggests these appointments not be made for a while, since there is no pressing need at this time.

Mrs. Smith called attention to a Membership Conference to be held in Chicago on June 18th, and asked that some one make an effort to attend this meeting.

Mrs. Smith stated that at the Convention in the "Proposed By-laws", she noted that it was stated that Leagues being named "County" Leagues should change their names to "City". Mrs. Smith further reported that that particular By-law was never brought up on the Conven-

tion floor, but further said that the National and State League urges individual Leagues to do that, Mrs. Pollack saying that the "change should be encouraged." The reason for the change is that if county leagues held strictly to the rules, they would not be able to take action ~~below~~^{below} the county level. Mrs. Smith reminded the Board that official action could not be taken until the Annual Meeting, but suggested that we might go ahead and change the name of our League and have it ratified at the Annual Meeting, inasmuch as new stationary is needed at this time. Mrs. Smith asked for discussion, which followed, and Mrs. Brock made the following motion: "I move that the League of Women Voters of Macou County change their name to the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, and that this change be ratified at the Annual Meeting". Mrs. Gibson seconded this motion, and the motion carried. Mrs. Lupton was requested to use the new name when having the stationary printed.

It was suggested that we have Mrs. Foreman, Voters Service Chairman of the National Board, talk to our League at our first meeting in September. Discussion followed, and it was suggested that this be made a luncheon meeting and that prospective members be asked as guests, the date to be the third Thursday in September, September 13th. Mrs. Smith asked for a motion, and it was moved by Mrs. Donovan, seconded by Mrs. Etheridge and carried that this be done.

Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Ruedi will be particularly involved in conducting workshops on constitutional the Revenue Amendment ~~xxxxxxx~~^{being first} this fall. Mrs. Smith suggests that Mrs. Gibson, as Chairman, have the responsibility of collaborating with other groups with whom the League might work to study the matter, that Mrs. Gibson be the teacher of the group who will later go out to the various organizations to speak on the matter. Mrs. Cox, Publicity Chairman, to have charge of making the arrangements with any groups who would be interested in having members of the League speak to their organizations on this matter, and Mrs. Ruedi to take charge of any community-wide projects as might be in the fall. Mrs. Gibson said she would like to have workshops meet during August, if possible, briefly giving her ideas to the Board as to ways these workshops might be conducted. It was moved by Mrs. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Lupton and carried, that Mrs. Gibson be permitted to organize such groups, if possible.

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A letter ~~written~~^{was read} by Mrs. Cox to the American Legion, asking that they reconsider being against the United Nations, which letter ~~was~~^{to be} sent to the Commanders of both Posts. It was moved and seconded that this letter be sent to our two Posts. Carried.

Mrs. Smith will attend the State Council meeting next week at which time she will state the League's position on the various changes in the Constitution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Lupton
Secretary.

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