

Decatur League of Women Voters  
Minutes of Board Meeting of January 18, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at Westminster Church, President Karen Jensen presiding. Present were the Meses Jensen, Brown, Sorensen, Basten, Minich, Oldweiler, Emory, Loewen, Marshall, Meyerson and Cantoni. Dee Meyerson acted as Secretary until Betty Jacobsen arrived, late.

1. The minutes of the 12/12 meeting were approved as distributed to members.
2. Sue Marshall, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,229.28. She and Winnie Marshall discussed membership count. We have gained 17 members as of Jan. 1, but have lost 11. High dues were cited by older members (one plans to join every other year to stay in touch).
3. Communications. The board members received copies of the letter sent by Karen Jensen in support of the Parents Anonymous (United Way) Chapter in Decatur.
4. Reports of Standing Committees:
  - A. February 14 Corrections General Meeting: Kathy Sorensen announced a panel for the single evening meeting. Subject will be probation practices in Macon County.
  - B. March Urban Crisis: Kathy also reported that there will be consensus questions and that all materials are gathered and ready for morning and evening units.
5. Recommendations for LWVILL program. Kathy Sorensen reported that it had been decided to ask for 2 things: A study and/or position on Domestic Violence and Disposal of Hazardous Waste. This group wanted to keep the handgun study and to extend the study on corrections to include prison reform. Also discussed: our possible representation at the Illinois Convention. An article in the Voter may help determine this.
6. New Business:
  - A. Small Claims Court Watching: Barbara Minich wants LWV people involved in project. Millie Protzman, Margaret Campbell and Sue Marshall have volunteered.
  - B. Oil Recycling: Barb Emory reported that Bob Lindquist, who is the local man in charge, can talk to us on April 11. She suggested an informational meeting, to include such interested groups as the Area Vocational Center, Richland College, etc. She also reported that the "Bottle Bill" is coming up again; none of our legislators support it.
  - C. Karen Jensen reminded us of time for action on ERA. Since the 2/3 limit in Illinois is questionable under Federal Law, we might try writing our legislators from this viewpoint. Karen also reported that our help is sought by area NOW to raise funds for ERA Illinois. There may be a craft fair; there is to be a January 24th planning meeting.

Group feeling seemed to be that LWV has done a lot as it is. Kathy Sorensen will try to attend the planning meeting and will indicate our disinterest in the Craft Fair.

D. Finance Drive. Karen Jensen reported that Carol Campbell had resigned as Chairperson. Dee Meyerson and Barbara Brown volunteered to help Karen with this.

7. Paperwork. The annual reports papers were distributed. These are due to Karen at the February board meeting.

8. Pertinent Remarks

A. Karen reported that Ginny Farrar (former board member) says that the Illinois Times offers a \$2.00 donation to local LWV for \$10.00 subscription by a League member. This will go into the Voter.

B. Kathy Sorensen announced a meeting on Water Quality Management Plan on February 8th, 7:00-9:30 at the Masonic Temple.

C. Printed Agenda for board members included a list of those who did legislative interviews. They were Maggie Lauterjung, who interviewed Rep. Dunn; Diane Basten and Marian Winter; Donovan; Florence Cox; Borchers; and Barb Ohlsen and Millie Protzman ; Rupp.

D. The next board meeting will be on February 15th at Westminster from 1:00 - 3:00; the March board meeting will also be on the 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen, secretary