

League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois  
Minutes for October 19, 1977

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:50 a.m. at Westminster Church by Karen Jensen, President. Those present were Mesdames Jensen, Loewen, Hasten, Cantoni, White, Oldweiler, Sorensen, Marshall, Langer and Jacobsen. Absent were Mesdames Brown, Staley, Ohlsen and Roma.

2. The minutes of the September 21 meeting were read and approved.

3. The Treasurer, Chris Langer, reported:

Balance Sept. 1	519.94
income Sept.	815.00
expenses Sept.	66.95
Balance Oct. 1	1267.89
income to Oct. 19	325.00
expenses to Oct. 19	98.15
Current balance	1494.74

Chris also gave us drops and new member names for our directories. She suggested that we should follow up very soon on no-pay "members;" there are 34 who have not paid. Future checks should be sent to Susan Marshall, who will be the new Treasurer. She was introduced, and the Board reluctantly said good-bye to Chris, who leaves this week-end.

4. Announcements:

Karen Jensen had attended a Coal Conference, where she heard suggested long-range plans for conservation of energy.

There is an Urban Crisis Meeting coming up Nov. 3 at the former Lincoln Hotel in Urbana; Karen Jensen has all the information. Reservations must be in by Oct. 28.

Government Agency Directory: Elaine Beals needs \$ 115.00 to cover 1250 copies. The bill was moved by Ellen Cantoni, seconded by Winnie Loewen, passed.

Karen Jensen displayed a Community Block and Grant application. LWV has been asked to present input on the use of these funds. No conclusions were reached, but interest was shown.

Karen Jensen read an announcement of a public series to be presented by the Decatur Mental Health Association. Since some of the programs contain subjects of interest to LWV, it was decided to list them in the Voter.

A request from the Decatur Mental Health Center was read by Betty Jacobsen. They need help in supplying Christmas gifts to inmates of nursing homes. This, too, will be put into the Voter.

Karen Jensen announced an Illinois Environmental Council workshop at Starved Rock State Park on Nov. 6-7.

The printed agenda contained an announcement that Karen Jensen and Bob Hasten will be speaking to and recruiting seniors from AARP and Senior Citizen Council for our Felony courts watching project.

Karen Jensen read an announcement of a follow-up workshop by the LWV regional conference. The local representative is Bonnie Rowley, a strong anti-ERA activist. Discussion was animated.

A letter from Illinois LWV was read by Chris Langer; it explained the difference in fiscal timing between national and local bookkeeping.

An announcement was circulated from Richland Community College. (Barbara Ohlsen was reported by Board members to be moderating a panel at the college today, using our new government directory.)

Elaine Beals arrived with copies of the directory. She will be our official distributor of the directories to schools, libraries, courts, government buildings, etc. There was a thanks vote to Elaine for all her work.

Karen Jensen reported that there was much ERA mail coming in. We are requested to support only ERA candidates-- Since we have only one local candidate who supports ERA, the feeling of the Board was that it might be best for individuals to work in support of him, but for the LWV to refrain from taking a stand in support of only one person out of the whole area.

Kathy Sorensen has a press release reaffirming the League's UN position.

### 5. Reports.

Membership. Ellen Cantoni is assembling new member kits, emphasizing avoidance of duplication. It was decided that a new member orientation meeting will be held at Winnie Loewen's home, on Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Betty Jacobsen will assist. Board members will describe their areas of responsibility and prospective members will be welcome.

Units. The Oct. 26 UN Day luncheon was discussed. There will be a potluck at Karen Jensen's. Sack lunch for children; followed by meeting at Caterpillar Tractor Company.

It was proposed that both November meetings be used to get energy consensus. The Board was in agreement.

In summary of the Oct. 12 meeting, it was felt that the program was good, but that we should have had a moderator.

Jane White reported that we are set up with Westminster church for the year's meeting dates; individual room placements may vary.

Ellen Cantoni will keep a file on numbers in attendance and give it to Jane. It was agreed that there should be a recorder at each unit meeting.

Finance. Beth Oldweiler said our profit on the luncheon for the regional conference was about \$100.00.

Bulletin. The deadline for the next Voter is Oct. 21. Articles go to Barbara Brawn, editor.

The Board decided that inclusion of a Decatur Area Arts Council representative on the Felony Court Watching project is a good one. So far we have representatives from YWCA, NAACP, and AAUW on the steering committee.

The utilization of Larry Klugman's Political Action Club at Richland College was mentioned but discussion was postponed.

Public Relations. Karen Jensen suggested that Kathy Sorensen might want to send meeting announcements to Foursquare Church for presentation on their cable TV channel.

Adjournment at 11:25

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen, secretary