

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Minutes of Board Meeting 11-18-80

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Minutes approved as mailed.

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Fiscal Policy Consensus - Read & discussed report submitted by Barbara Ohlson. Approved as submitted. She will type and submit to State.

Barbara shared response to a letter to the Editor by Mrs. Wilbur that was false in its understanding of League.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary*

Marg Coberly  
Secretary

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 20, 1981

1. Would the property tax be improved by:
  - Reducing the number of exemption programs?
  - Adding exemption programs?
  - Increasing reliance on the circuit breaker?
  - Reducing reliance on the circuit breaker?
  - Providing adequate support for assessment tools?
  - Other?
  
2. Would the sales tax be improved by:
  - Continuing the phase out of the tax on food and medicines?
  - Exempting other items?
  - Extending the tax to services? (specify which services)
  - Continuing, increasing or decreasing use of selective sales taxes?
  - Other?
  
3. Would the income tax be improved by:
  - Increasing the standard exemption?
  - Indexing the tax?
  - Other?

4. Revenue growth for local governments should come from:
  - Property tax.
  - Sales tax.
  - Income tax.
  - Other.

Revenue growth for state government should come from:

- Sales tax.
- Income tax.
- Other.

5. Could the Illinois tax structure be made more fair by shifting tax burdens
  - Relieve the local property tax by:
    - Increasing the state sales tax?
    - Increasing the local sales tax?
    - Increasing the income tax?
    - Allowing local governments to levy an income tax?
    - Expanding the use of fees charged directly to users of public services?
    - Other?

Relieve the sales tax by:

- Increasing reliance on the property tax?
- Other?

Relieve the state income tax by:

- Increasing reliance on the property tax?
- Increasing the sales tax?
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M. Campbell  
Marianne E.  
B. Emery  
Pat McKay

L.W.V. Board Meeting - 11-18-80  
1329 W. Macow

Waters Carl  
Starr John

City C  
Environmental  
Issues Committee  
Consolidation of  
Sanitary District  
& City

(Interim to  
Final  
PT Jim  
adallase  
assists  
Committee  
& public  
Groups  
Gullon Report  
next week

Call to Order: Agenda

Minutes:  
Communications:

Wash. phone call - we can write senators  
State Pres. letter - public funding of abortions

Reports

Finance

Memberships

Meetings

Return

Handbooks mailed - Membership cards

11:00-1:00

Wired eggs  
Print - DM

Call Dec. 3rd  
DM  
Yes  
B. & will call  
Bar  
Emery

New Member  
Pam Collins

Dec. Brunch at Millie's - new? reservations?  
Jan. Meeting - where?  
Dec. Board? - Program Report deadline Dec. 24.

Program

1) Fiscal policies - Consensus

2) Water Study - Does the board want to offer any  
guidance to com. Ch.?

Publications

Public Relations

Voter - items? - deadline

Call circulation changed to Nancy Slack  
at 875-7250

Program  
Suggestions  
Deadline  
Dec. 10th

Voter  
Deadline  
Dec. 23rd

Dec. 28th

Meet  
YWCA

The December brunch is a good time for  
guests and prospectives. Be sure they are  
included in the reservation lists. Call  
reservations in to Bart Emery (875-2506)

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