

LWV BOARD MEETING  
Decatur, Illinois  
September 27, 1962

The meeting was held in the Association of Commerce Board Room at 1:00 P.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Verbanac, Hurst, Westenhaver, Doubleday, Smith, Manuell, Carr, Fuller, Redford, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Tenney, Ater, Reeder, Dahlmann.

Minutes: The Minutes for August were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Carr reported COH as of August 30, 1962, of \$629.51, receipts of \$627.00, expenditures of \$77.71, leaving COH as of September 27, 1962, of \$1,178.80. There is \$1,018.75 in the account at Mutual Home and Savings.

Finance Drive: Mrs. Bachrach reported the collection of \$834.00 of our \$1,500 goal to date.

Health Unit: A pamphlet concerning the proposed County Health Unit will be distributed with the October Bulletin. Mrs. Smith moved that a letter be sent to the Editor of the Herald and Review indicating that the LWV is in favor of the County Health Unit and encouraging citizens to support it at the November elections. Mrs. Doubleday seconded the motion. CARRIED. It was suggested the letter be sent two weeks prior to the election.

Membership: Mrs. Hurst reported new members: Mrs. David Thomalla, Mrs. K.E. Langenberg, Mrs. Harry D. Brown, Mrs. John Wolf, and Mrs. Earl N. Ulbrich.

Association of Commerce Course: Mrs. Doubleday moved that Mrs. Carr be sent as a representative of the LWV to join the discussion group on "Freedom vs. Communism" and that the admission fee of \$5.00 be paid. CARRIED.

School Study: While the School Board referendum had asked the voters to increase the school tax rate and allow issuance of bonds to construct three new junior highs, the workshop had found that only one junior high and additional elementary classrooms were the immediate needs in the areas in which the building program would take place. They had not had sufficient time to study the need for a tax rate increase and make a recommendation. Mrs. Westenhaver reported that, after presentation of the workshop's findings to the membership at the Unit Meetings and consensus had been taken, the workshop had talked with the School Board, the Association of Commerce, the Editor of the Herald and Review, and had presented their findings to an AAUW study group. They had been asked to prepare a tape for station WDE's "Editor's Desk". The workshop will continue their study of the operation of School District 61 and will obtain a statement of basic educational philosophy from Superintendent of Schools Grant for use in their study of Curriculum. If the present referendum fails, the workshop will urge the School Board to hold another at an early date covering what



they have found to be "immediate needs". There will be a resume of workshop activities and a report on consensus in the October Bulletin.

Council-Manager Workshop: Mrs. Fuller said her workshop had started meetings with eight members. They plan to interview Mr. Dever, present City Manager, opponents of the council-manager form of city government, people who have worked under both the commission form and the council-manager form of government in Decatur, and, if possible, people in cities changing from council-manager to commission form again. Mrs. Fuller said petitions are being circulated in Decatur requesting a referendum on return to the commission form of government here.

Unit Meetings: The October Unit Meetings will cover State CRs. The "Pocket Reference on the UN" will be available at these <sup>luncheon</sup> meetings.

Judicial Amendment: Mrs. Doubleday reported that the Citizen's Committee has available for distribution balloons, place mats, posters, stickers for cars, etc., urging, or reminding, people to vote on the amendment. Any action the League wishes to take should be checked with the Citizen's Committee to prevent duplication of efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

SPECIAL MEETING LWV BOARD MEMBERS  
October 4, 1962

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hurst at 9:30 A.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Hurst, Reeder, Manuell, Verbanac, Smith, Carr, Doubleday, Westenhaver, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Tenney, Redford, Ater, Fuller, Dahlmann.

The meeting was called to consider the request of station WDZ that the League help them prepare interviews with candidates for the November election.

It was decided that Mrs. Manuell, Voters' Service Chairman, meet with Mr. Coleman, WDZ's news director, and consider the following suggestions:

Candidates to be interviewed: County Judges, Probate Judges, Sheriffs, County Treasurers, Superintendants of Schools, State Representatives.

WDZ would make the initial contact with the candidates and they would receive the questions to be asked before the interview.

Both candidates for an office would appear on the same program, if possible.

In spite of a ten minute format, the LWV would prefer fewer, but deeper, questions; not yes and no questions.

Question: If the LWV provides an interviewer and the questions, would WDZ have questions of its own?

Questions to be asked of the candidates were suggested and Mrs. Manuell will meet with Mr. Coleman to work out details.

There will be a notice in the October Bulletin of the Program Conference in Chicago on October 25.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 30.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson



SPECIAL MEETING LWV BOARD MEMBERS

October 11, 1962

The Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Hurst at 9:30 A.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Doubleday, Westenhaver, Smith, Manuell, Hurst, Carr, Redford, Dahlmenn, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller, Tenney, Verbanac, Ater, Reeder.

The meeting was called because the School Referendum had failed and future action of the LWV school study workshop was to be considered.

Mrs. Westenhaver reported on workshop activities since the last board meeting and outlined the future course of study. The workshop had been told by the School Board that they will give material to the workshop to assist in their study.

The workshop had prepared two letters, which Mrs. Westenhaver read, to be sent to the School Board and the Herald and Review. The letter to the School Board urged a new referendum at an early date which would be consistent with "immediate needs". Mrs. Doubleday read a letter which she had prepared <sup>in preparation</sup> indicating the League felt that "school enrollments should not be projected very far into the future at a time when the economic conditions and population growth of Decatur are unclear", and in which the School Board was assured of the League's "very real concern for the education of our children." It was agreed that Mrs. Doubleday's letter be sent to the School Board. The letter to the Herald and Review prepared by the workshop was discussed, and revised, and it was agreed that the letter to the School Board would be prepared and sent on Thursday afternoon. The statement to the newspaper would be held until Saturday afternoon so that it would appear in the Sunday edition, giving the School Board time to receive and consider their letter before any publicity appeared.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR LWV BOARD MEETING  
Association of Commerce Board Room  
October 30, 1962, 1:00 P.M.

Minutes of September meeting and Special Meetings

Treasurer's Report

Report of Finance Drive

Report of School Study Workshop

Report on Program Conference

Plans for November Unit Meetings

Discussion of replacement of Barbara Ater on Board

Veters' Service Report

Discussion of State C.Rs.

Discussion of first round recommendations for State C.A.

Other business