

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,  
DECEMBER 2, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:30 P.M. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. \*

Present: Katherine Donovan, President, presiding.  
Lola Smith,  
Rachel Hurley, Betty Nicholson,  
Pauline Winn, Dorothy Morris,  
Sylvia Cohn, Evelyn McKay,  
Eileen Gebhardt.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of \$1679.03, and placed on file.

The President announced that our membership now totals 116. \*\*

Plans for the luncheon meeting on January 13, 1955, were discussed. Mrs. McKay's committee suggested that we have a speaker on World Trade. Mrs. McKay has two speakers in mind. She was requested to contact someone from the list of speakers on World Trade which she has, as it was felt that it would be better to have this subject discussed rather than the talk previously suggested by Mr. Banton, inasmuch as the unit meetings on World Trade will begin soon. Mrs. Smith suggested that if we could get a local man to speak that it might be more effective, and the name of Mr. A. E. Staley, Jr., was suggested. Mrs. McKay was asked to first contact Mr. Staley before asking someone from out of town. Mrs. Gibson moved that we have the World Trade subject for the luncheon; seconded by Mrs. Cohn; carried. Mrs. Winn suggested that each League member be asked to bring a potential member as guest.

The President then discussed the lack of attendance at unit meetings. Discussion followed as to whether or not we should dispense with the Thursday afternoon meeting. 1:30 was suggested as a better time and it was decided to say 1:15 in the next Bulletin. It was also suggested that the entire membership be called, and that perhaps we need a meeting of the Telephone Committee. It was decided to ask Mrs. Martin to enlarge the Telephone Committee, and that everyone be called for the next unit meeting. It was suggested by Mrs. Gibson that we ask them if they want to be picked up, and also if they want to be called in the future.

Mrs. Winn reported on the Candidates' Meeting. She said that she intended to write Mrs. Brown and ask for the names of towns where such meetings had been televised. February 17th has been set for the Candidates' Meeting; it has been cleared with the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Winn was asked to check the date because of its nearness to the Primary.

The President announced that the meeting for Chairmen on World Trade will be on January 7th in Chicago. Mrs. Anderson said that she had attended a meeting of the League in Danville and that

Prof. Dangerfield from Champaign had talked on World Trade. He is head of the Institute of Government, and gave a fine talk on World Trade. She said she was particularly interested in the fact that the husbands were very interested and asked questions after the talk. Mrs. McKay said that if Mrs. Staley could not talk, then she would like to ask Prof. Dangerfield.

Mrs. Smith read a letter concerning Council-Manager that she has in mind sending to the City Council, and directed especially to the Commissioners who directed the opposition, touching particularly on comments concerning the League which we feel to be untrue. Mrs. Gibson brought out the fact that we still have commissioners and have to work with City Hall. Mrs. Winn said that she felt we should not send such a letter, as the Council would feel that we were irked at losing the proposal. The "un-American" comments were the things Mrs. Smith mentioned that the League should not let pass without correction. The President asked for a motion as to whether or not we wanted to send a letter to the Council or to the Editor of the paper. A motion was made by Mrs. Gibson to send a letter. Mrs. Smith asked for discussion and the comments of the President. On the local level this situation has not appeared before. Mrs. Anderson commented on the letter, at Mrs. Smith's suggestion, and said that she felt that we knew our own community and would know better than she whether to publish such a letter or to remain silent. Mrs. Smith then suggested that since we would be working on the current agenda in the spring we might be able to make corrective statements at that time to take care of the situation. Mrs. ~~Gibson~~ *Smith* withdrew her motion.

The President then stated that Mrs. Carlston, from Champaign, would be here sometime this month to talk to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Schudel, and to any other chairmen would be interested in talking to her.

The President further stated that Mrs. Phillips has suggested that the Home Rule Report be put in the newspaper. She feels that there is a chance for Home Rule to come up in the next Legislature, and for that reason it might be desirable to publish it now. It was agreeable to everyone to give it to the paper.

The President then discussed what is meant by a "call for action," and stated that we will need to know exactly what is meant.

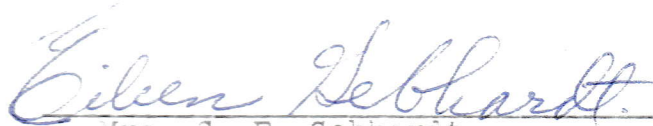
The President stated that the Bar Association has worked out a preliminary report concerning changes in the Judicial Article. and there is still a chance of having judges selected through the nominating committee. If we want to send in any items, we are asked to do so, as we are supposed to be familiar with housing, child labor and permanent registration. It is felt we should cut down our current agenda items; that it might be a good idea for us to settle down to the study of the structure of government. There will be no calls for action on welfare at the next session of the Legislature. Mrs. Morris asked what direction she should take on welfare, as she has both the state and local items, and she wants to know what to consider, and asked for direction from the Board. It was mentioned by Mrs. Donovan and Mrs. Gibson that revenue would

not come up because of the large amount of work to be done before it could be ready for unit meetings. Mrs. Smith suggested that as far as our state work is concerned that the mental health problem is one which would be very valuable to work on. Mrs. Morris said that she could handle two units, and give it on the local level so that we could better understand the state problems. Mrs. Gibson asked if it would be possible for a policy to be formulated out of the local workshops, if the committee could come up with anything. General discussion followed.

Mrs. Schudel, as Publicity <sup>tion</sup> Chairman, was authorized to order publications for display and sale at the Membership Luncheon, - 15 copies of each.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mrs. J. F. Gebhardt,  
- Secretary.

\* Mrs. Anderson, of the Champaign League, was a visitor.

\*\* The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to WTVP for inviting us to their Studio Party.