

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, MAY 5, 1955.

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

Present: Mr. H. W. Gibson, President, presiding,
Mrs. Fred Schudel, Mrs. J. W. Hurley,
Mrs. William Winn, Mrs. James Leigh,
Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. Arthur Adelman,
Mrs. Thomas McCracken, Mrs. Forrest Martin,
Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There was no Treasurer's Report, as the books were in the hands of the auditors. The President stated, however, that there were now 85 paid members.

The Action Chairman was instructed to write a letter on HB 17, which is the bill to permit absentee voting to persons who because of physical incapacity will be unable to be present at the polls. The League opposes this bill because of its open door to fraudulent voting.

The President read a letter from Representative Springer requesting a League membership list for the purpose of mailing copies of bills and information on legislation in which the League is interested. It was moved by Mrs. Leigh, seconded by Mrs. Hurley, and carried, that the Secretary mail Mr. Springer a membership list and state to him the League's policy of not giving out membership lists.

Mrs. Adelman reported on the present status of the trade survey, stating that she has received most of the cards back.

Mrs. Smith reported on the Freedom Agenda Project. She said that she is working on a panel for TV to be given at 3 P.M. on May 15th, which is on Sunday afternoon.

The President then discussed the City Council meetings. She suggested that Board members attend two consecutive meetings as it would make for better continuity. Board members attending are to keep in mind that we are there simply to observe and to learn about city government; we are not to use an outsider as a substitute if the Board member scheduled to attend is unable to go that day, but must find our own substitute within the League.

Delegates to the State Convention were named as follows: Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Thomas McCracken, Mrs. Fred Schudel, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, ~~Mrs. Ayrle Morris~~, Mrs. Forrest Martin, Mrs. J. W. Hurley.

On motion by Mrs. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Martin, and carried, it was decided to have a luncheon meeting on May 19th, instead of May Unit Meetings, for the purpose of reporting to the membership on the Convention.

The question of Membership was then brought up by Mrs. Martin. She discussed the cards, and said that the Committee wants to keep it up to the best of their ability and keep a running record of the individual member's activities. We are asked to submit names to Mrs. Martin of people we think might be interested in the League. Whether or not to have a summer coffee meeting was discussed. The 28th of July was suggested and decided upon, and it was agreed to have it in a home.

The President stated that the June Board Meeting would be devoted principally to planning the work for the year. Mrs. Gibson said that she would mail to each Board member the fixed dates of things that will be coming up.

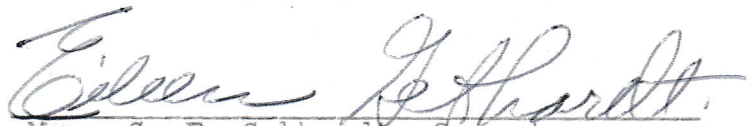
The President stated that we have a letter from State in regard to a representative coming to Decatur to sit in on one of our Board meetings. It was decided to invite her to come on June 2 and that we meet for luncheon and resume our meeting again after lunch, and the Secretary was asked to so advise Mrs. Phillips.

The President said that we are asked to notify the Chamber of Commerce if we wish to sit in on any committee meetings we might be interested in, and that we will be attending such meetings solely for the purpose of bringing back to the League any information we might be concerned with. We will not be sitting in on such meetings as a representative, but simply for information.

Mrs. Smith read a letter on the State School Code Amendment from Mrs. Andrews, of the State Civil Liberties Chairman. This has to do with the Text Book Censorship Bill, and has been defeated in two previous sessions.

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Secretary.