

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR  
BOARD MEETING  
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A G E N D A

November 15, 1983  
7:00-9:00  
45 Allen Bend Drive

7:10 Call To Order

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Organization: Appointment of 2 board members to complete  
Nominating Committee

Reports

Program: Holiday Brunch - Milli Protzman

National Program Planning

January meeting - Marital Rights

Membership: Slide show at Holiday Brunch

Update - Barb Emery

Voters Service: Letters to newspaper - Laura Verbanac

Action: Family Violence - Margaret Campbell

Finance: Book Sale - Barb Brown

Voter: Deadline, Friday, November 18

Old business - Minute for evaluation

New business - LWV/US Long range planning - see enclosed materials.  
Long range planning committee wants direct input.  
Please be prepared to talk over at board meeting the  
enclosed materials.

Announcements: Next board meeting, Tuesday, January 17 at \_\_\_\_\_  
Agenda Planning, Friday, January 6.

Adjourn promptly at 9 p.m.

## SECTION II

In its work to date, the Committee has studied an extensive amount of information and statistical data about the League, its members, and broad societal or demographic trends. Conclusions from this rigorous analysis have been summarized as "Planning Assumptions." These Planning Assumptions, then, present conclusions which the Committee has drawn from its research and provide a rationale for the development of the draft LWVUS Mission Statement and General Objectives (which you evaluated in Section I).

AGREE			DISAGREE			NO OPINION
STRONGLY	MODER- ATELY	SOME- WHAT	SOME- WHAT	MODER- ATELY	STRONGLY	

### PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

1. Major socio-demographic and life-style changes among women in American society (e.g., more women in paid employment and/or as heads of households, etc.) decrease drastically the prospects of recruiting large numbers of "traditional League members." NOTE: The "traditional" League member has been: female; "upscale" in educational achievement and household income; married with children; not employed outside the home; 35 to 54 years old; and interested in government and politics.
2. The general "involvement" or "participation" level of the overall League membership has decreased somewhat in recent years since most members have less time to devote to League activities (e.g., because of paid employment and competition for their volunteer time).
3. Members are capable of greater financial support to the League if such payments were viewed as necessary to ensure that the League achieves its objectives.
4. At present, however, many members of the League seem unwilling to pay more for their membership.
5. Aggressive marketing programs designed to attract potential members from relatively untapped target groups (e.g., minorities) and population growth areas (e.g., the Southwest) can increase this overall size of League membership.
6. The League's basic structures and the relationships among its three levels -- national, state, and local -- are satisfactory as currently designed and are operating effectively.
7. In the future all organizational levels in the League will increasingly need to rely on paid staff if the League's objectives are to be achieved.
8. The League needs to improve the overall effectiveness of its internal communications (e.g., lessening the reliance on channeling materials through the local League presidents).
9. In order to increase efficiency, the national office should perform many administrative functions (e.g., list maintenance and membership renewals) for local and state Leagues at an appropriate service charge.
10. The League should remain a multi-issue organization. Leagues should be encouraged to select program issues that are most important and relevant to the members.
11. Flexible methods of determining member agreement should be widely applied throughout the League.
12. The effectiveness of local and state Leagues and their ability to achieve program goals varies greatly, depending on the number of members, the quality of leadership, the financial base, etc.
13. In most local Leagues a relatively few leaders have to assume a disproportionately large share of responsibilities.
14. Filling League leadership positions is constrained by time demands placed on the volunteer, weekday meetings, etc.
15. Building a strong grass roots membership base is as important as strengthening the financial base of the League.
16. The present PMP system does not provide an incentive for planning and implementing membership growth programs in most local Leagues.

SECTION III

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. LWVUS should shift toward more direct communication with individual members so that LL presidents are less burdened with this task.
2. The standards for forming and maintaining Leagues should be revised and flexible administrative models developed.
3. State Leagues should offer substantive support to existing local Leagues and should increase their activity in forming strong local Leagues.
4. LWVUS and state Leagues should consider pilot programs for regional cooperation (e.g., forming new Leagues).
5. The primary opportunity and responsibility for recruitment of members is at the local level.
6. Members should be more directly involved in advocacy.
7. The program making and member agreement process must be streamlined.
8. To serve individual members and relieve LL administrative burdens, LWVUS must make, in the near-term, a choice between three major publication strategies:
  - a. Substantive consolidation publication complemented by a newsletter, newsletter containing organization news and report from the Hill/Advocacy Agenda info.
  - b. Utilize a single major publication to provide coverage of all LWV activities, issues, and studies. NOTE: Either a. or b. strategy could include LWV study material and could generate revenue.
  - c. Periodic newsletter (organizational news and Report from Hill/Advocacy Agenda info) supplemented by mailing study material directly to members.
9. In the near-term the LWVUS should develop a pilot video-cassette presentation for a national (or state) study item. This presentation could provide a model and test for streamlined unit presentation.
10. LWVUS should pursue strategies at all League levels to achieve a net membership growth of 10% per year over the next five years.
11. Members should be able to join any local League they choose or to become a state or national MAL.
12. Individual donors to LWVUS or LWVEF should have the opportunity to become members.
13. The use of radio and cable-TV should be increased in LWVUS communication activities.
14. LWVUS should examine the cost benefits of expanding incoming telephone communication (e.g., WATS line) beyond national board usage.
15. Organizations like LWVUS can base their membership dues on four types of structures. Which one of these approaches can best provide all levels of the League with the financial resources needed to achieve its objectives? Please read all alternatives and, then, record your answer in the appropriate box.

	<u>Best Approach</u>	<u>2nd Best Approach</u>	<u>3rd Best Approach</u>	<u>4th Best Approach</u>
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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. League dues should be shared across Local League, State League, and LWVUS levels on an appropriate allocation formula basis.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. LWVUS should establish an appropriate national dues level for all of its members and, then, each State and Local League can "add-on" additional dues requirements to finance their activities. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. LWVUS should establish a "minimum flat fee" which is paid by all Local Leagues and, then, collect a small, variable assessment based on the Local League's membership size.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. The present PMP system continues to be the best membership dues system for LWVUS, Local Leagues, and State Leagues.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Decatur League of Women Voters

Financial Worksheet

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>10-31-83</u>
<u>A. Operating Costs</u>		
1. General Supplies	30	13.21
2. Postage	40	26.40
3. Telephone	10	-0-
4. Bank Charge	05	-0-
<u>B. Board and Adm. Committees</u>		
1. President	25	25.00
2. a. Finance (annual drive)	40	26.18
b. Membership	25	5.50
c. Yearbook	50	-0-
d. Unit Organ.	50	4.19
e. Publicity	15	-0-
<u>C. Delegates, Travel &amp; Affil.</u>		
1. State Convention	-0-	31.00
2. National Convention	300	-0-
3. Workshops	20	20.00 *
4. Affiliations	25	5.00
<u>D. Financial Support</u>		
1. State PMP	598.	295.75
2. National PMP	552	273.00
<u>E. Bulletin</u>		
1. Supplies & Printing	250	143.79
2. Postage	160	71.20
<u>F. Educational Activities</u>		
1. Publications	175	121.54
2. Program Committees	10	20.00
3. Voter Service	50	8.00
<u>G. Position Support</u>		
1. Publications	10	-0-
2. Action	40	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2480</u>	<u>1082.86</u>

<u>INCOME</u>		
A. Dues	1380	960.00
B. Contributions- Members	150	194.00
C. Contributions- Non-Mem.	400	390.00
D. <del>From Reserves</del> (cash on hand) <i>Other</i>	200	78.85
E. Profit-making Ventures <i>from Reserves</i>	306	-0-
F. Voter Advertisements	-0-	81.00
G. Publications	44	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>2480</u>	<u>1733.85</u>

Checking Account Balance \$1873.05  
 LWV Ill Ed. F. Balance 45.00

P.M.P. due in November - LWV-US - \$273. - (final)  
 LWV-ILL 147.87 (3rd qtr)

\* Budgeted figure has been reached

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Act Report

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A. Operating Costs

- 1. General Supplies
- 2. Postage
- 3. Telephone
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Budget 83-84

Actual 10-1-83

30	0
40	20.40
10	0
5	0

B. Board and Adm. Committees

- 1. President
- 2. a. Finance (annual drive)
- b. Membership
- c. Yearbook
- d. Unit Organ.
- e. Publicity

25	25.00
40	18.80
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50	0
50	0
15	0

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10	0
40	0

TOTAL

2480	1008.63
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INCOME

- A. Dues
- B.1 Contributions- Members
- B.2 Contributions- Non- Mem.
- D. From Reserves (cash on hand) alter
- E. Profit-making Ventures cashout
- F. Voter Advertisements
- C. Publications

1380	720.00
150	168.00
400	365.00
200	-0-
306	1463.86 *
-0-	81.00
44	26.00
TOTAL	2817.86

\* Cash on Hand includes 2 checking accounts:

M.N.B. \$639.74  
 M.L.V.L. 824.12  
 \$1463.86

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EXPENDITURES:

83-84  
Budget

To date

A. <u>Operating Costs</u>		
1. General Supplies	30-	-0-
2. Postage	46-	-0-
3. Telephone	10-	-0-
4. Bank Charge	5-	-0-
B. <u>Board and Adm. Committees</u>		
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checkbook balance May 1, 1983 -  
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988.04  
868.47



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