

LWV BOARD MEETING
Decatur, Illinois
August 30, 1962

The meeting was held in the Association of Commerce Board Room at 1100 with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Hurst, Westenhaver, Smith, Doubleday, Carr, Fuller, Manuell, Landholt, Tenney, Reeder, Dahlmann, Redford, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Verbanac, Ater.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 25, 1962, meeting were approved with the following correction: page 1, paragraph 9, change "Mrs. Smith" to "Mrs. Hurst"; and "Mrs. Colvis" to "Mrs. Mills".

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Carr reported COH as of July 25, 1962, of \$421.20, receipts of \$245.00, expenditures of \$36.69, leaving COH as of August 30, 1962, of \$629.51. Interest received from the savings account was \$18.75. Receipts include member contributions to the Finance Drive of \$20.00, and non-member contributions of \$170 to date. Mrs. Carr gave each board member a copy of the Treasurer's Quarterly Budget Report.

Finance Drive: Mrs. Bachrach said the Finance Drive has collected \$312. Member contributions, with a goal of \$150, have reached \$77. She asked that board members give the names of any prospective contributors to Sylvia Cohn.

Stationery: Mrs. Carr reported on prices received through Allied Office Services for two types of paper carrying the letterhead "League of Women Voters, Decatur, Illinois". Mrs. Doubleday moved that 2,000 sheets of bond paper be bought. CARRIED.

Judicial Campaign: Mrs. Landholt gave a report on the Judicial Campaign. She said a Citizens' Committee has been formed with co-chairmen, Mr. Hostetler and Mr. Lloyd. The chairmen of the Democratic and Republican parties in the county are honorary members of the committee. The Decatur Herald and Review has supported judicial reform in the past and Mr. Santon of the paper has written a number of articles on court reform in surrounding states which, hopefully, have created a more receptive climate. The committee asked what the League could do to help, and had some suggestions. Mrs. Landholt said a survey had been started of the precinct vote 4 years ago and it was hoped the League could concentrate on education in the weak precincts in which "NO" votes, failure to vote, or mismarking of ballots had occurred. It was agreed that Mrs. Manuell, Voter's Service chairman, would work with Mrs. Landholt and the Citizens' Committee on a door-to-door campaign to distribute literature provided by the Modern Courts Committee, Chicago, before Election Day. A film will be shown prior to Election Day in downtown Decatur and it was hoped that a League staff would be available for the showing and to answer questions. It was felt by Mrs. Landholt, and the Board, that any pamphlets distributed on Election Day pertaining to the Judicial Amendment should be as short and simple as possible - a "Don't forget to vote the blue ballot" - or something similar. The Committee would also like to have League speakers for 5 and 10 minute speeches, prepared by the Committee, for PTA meetings.

Mrs. Landholt also asked that it be stressed in Unit Meetings that the Illinois Voter for July and August is a source of information for distribution by each League member. Mrs. Manuell will attend future meetings of the Citizens' Committee with Mrs. Landholt.

Mrs. Smith suggested that, since we will need workers for the Judicial campaign, the County Health Unit, and the school referendum, possibly, an item be included in the Bulletin, and that there be a request for help at the September Unit Meetings. It was agreed that a list be presented to members at the Unit Meetings on which they could indicate their preference as to when, where and on what they would like to work, and that a section of the Bulletin be set aside for members to indicate preferences and return to Mrs. Manuell.

Mrs. Landholt recommended that Mr. Carl Miller, an attorney, speak on the Judicial Amendment at the League's luncheon meeting on October 24. Mrs. Hurst moved that the recommendation be accepted. CARRIED.

Regional Meeting, Sept. 26, Normal: Mrs. Bachrach asked how many board members planned to attend, and it was decided several cars would be needed for transportation. A notice of the meeting will appear in the Bulletin.

UN: Mrs. Reader reported that she had received "Leader's Guide - United Nations" and had checked it for material of value to her workshop and the general membership. Mrs. Redford will order the "Pocket Reference on the UN" for distribution to all members. The UN workshop will start their regular meetings earlier this year.

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Hurst reported five new members: Myra Becker, Mrs. Edgar Bachrach, Mrs. Harold Smith (Ruth), Mrs. F. Glen Irwin, Mrs. Walter DuBridg. Mrs. Hurst said she had received four phone calls, in addition, in response to an excellent article on League and its purposes in the Herald and Review. Mrs. Smith had received two calls.

Orientation Meeting: It was suggested that there be three orientation meetings each year. The next will be held on September 25 or October 3, exact date to be decided upon by the Orientation Committee, Irene Mills, chairman.

School Study: Mrs. Westenhaver reported that the workshop had held five meetings and would meet two more times before reporting at the Unit Meetings. They have had an interview with Mr. Grant, Superintendent of Schools, and with Mr. Ned Freeman, a past president of the American Federation of Teachers, who had suggestions which he felt would enable savings to be made on staff and buildings in the school system. The workshop will present both sides of the question to the Unit Meetings. If consensus on the October School Referendum cannot be reached, the League will publicize our reasons for not taking a stand. Mrs. Tenney said there will be a story and picture of the School Study Workshop in the paper on September 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR BOARD MEETING
Association of Commerce
September 27, 1:00 P.M.

Minutes of August Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Report of Finance Drive

Discussion of Regionals

Discussion of School Study

Discussion of October Unit Meetings

Plans for luncheon on October 24

Report of meeting on Health Unit

Report on Judicial Campaign

Report on membership

Other business