

*Dee Meyerson*

League of Women Voters of Decatur

BOARD AGENDA

January 15, 1985 7:00

Call to order

Minutes

Treasurer's report and Annual Membership Report

Organization-Annual Meeting Committees: Budget, By-laws, Local Program, Arrangements

Program-Marital Law Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mar.

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Publications-Directory of Gov't Officials

final editing so it can be reprinted and distributed soon

VOTER - deadline for copy

mailing by Feb. 1

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Agenda planning on Fri., Feb 8

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Financial Report for 12-31-84

Estimated

INCOME

- A. Dues
- B. I. Contributions - Members
- 2. Contributions - Non Members
- C. Publications
- D. Interest Income
- E. Other Income
- F. Cash on hand

Receipts	Disbursed	Year to Date	Budget 84-85
240.00		1230.00	1200
10.00		275.00	250
0		225.00	525
0		0	50
4.79		21.79	-
0		202.06	275
0		0	127
		1953.85	2427

EXPENDITURES

- A. Operating Costs
  - 1. General Supplies
  - 2. Postage
  - 3. Telephone
  - 4. Bank Charges
- B. Board and Administration
  - 1. President
  - 2. a. Finance Drive
  - b. Membership
  - c. Yearbook
  - d. Unit Meetings
  - e. Publicity
- C. Delegates
  - 1. State Convention
  - 2. National Convention
  - 3. Workshops
- D. Financial Support
  - 1. State PMP
  - 2. National PMP
- E. Bulletin
  - 1. Supplies & Printing
  - 2. Postage
- F. Educational Activities
  - 1. Publications
  - 2. Program Committees
  - 3. Voter Service
- G. Position Support
  - 1. Publications
  - 2. Action

	0	26.65	30
	0	0	40
	0	0	10
	0	0	5
	-	-	-
	0	0	50
	0	29.25	40
	6.67	9.17	25
	0	0	30
	0	7.77	50
	0	0	15
	-	-	-
	0	0	300
	0	25.00	-
	0	0	40
	-	-	-
	0	485.45	511
	0	474.50	481
	-	-	-
	15.96	188.38	275
	20.00	60.00	200
	-	-	-
	29.00	106.00	200
	10.06	10.06	25
	0	15.50	50
	-	-	-
	0	0	10
	0	0	40
254.79	81.69	1437.73	2427

37.50

188.38  
- 37.50  
150.88  
+ 25.96  
+ 127.00  
303.84

TOTALS

Cash on Hand 11-16-84 \$ 1115.14  
 Total Receipts \$ 254.79  
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*do. Laura's vs/progs. 1/2 Send Proposal to State for review - passed \**

*Barb Ohlsen - assisting Laura Registrar - give voter help*

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*do Feb. 21, Mon*

*Local program. ante. mtg. School mtg. - open to membership - Feb. 20, 1985*

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\*proposal: Nat'l Primary Elections to determine uniform nat'l policy; examine regional difficulties differences effects of early primaries on late ones

\* Electoral College

Dividing according to % of votes won; a state in East does this.

costs of elections length & cost of campaigns fairness to candidates media coverage of cand. & of elections length of time between primaries & nat'l election