

League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois

Minutes

The Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on June 16, 1977, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1360 West Main Street, Decatur, Illinois. Karen Jensen, President, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present: Mesdames Jensen, Brown, Oldweiler, Loewen, Jacobsen, Sorenson, White, Cantoni

Absent : Staley, Langer, Basten, Ohlsen, Boyer

Minutes: Approved as mailed

Treasurer's report: This was reported by Karen Jensen from a telephone report by Chris Langer:

Balance May 1	\$1,077.48
Expenditures	320.67
Balance June 1	756.81
Balance June 16	752.81

Regional Workshop: The meeting will be held in Decatur on September 28. There is a conflict that makes Westminster Church almost an impossibility as a meeting place. Several other possible places were discussed. Beth Oldweiler suggested that she and a committee could serve the luncheon as a profit-making plan (this was discussed more thoroughly later under financial situation).

Women's Fair. The Women's Day committee of N.O.W. would like the LWV to have a booth at the Fair. The event will probably be held in Fairview Park. Dates are August 26-27. More specifics will be available next month.

State Calendar: Under "Action Biennium"; (1) Child Welfare: Dee Meyerson will chair a committee to make a directory of local services. (2) Election Laws: We will do a survey on the elective process in our town. No chairperson as yet. (3) School Finance: Elise Hurst was very favorably recommended as chairperson. The appointment of Becky Roma as an on-board member was moved by Winnie Loewen, seconded, and approved. Becky will go into the schools to do voter education programs.

Membership Recruitment: The need to try for new members as well as renewals was emphasized. Barbara Brown recommends that a letter be sent out early in August, to include information about LWV and plans for local program. Various social-business-recruitment type meetings were discussed. The need for Public Relations as well as personal invitation was stressed.

Review of non-partisan policy: Copies had been distributed last meeting. Kathy Sorenson moved their acceptance; seconded; passed.

How our Finances Stand: The per-member payment of \$12.70 to state adds to our fiscal problems. Currently it seems that we will have a \$315.00 difference between budgeted money and expenses. The group decided that there is a need for money-raising activities if the local chapter is to continue to subsidize memberships.

Money-raising ideas: (a) Ad campaign for the Voter: Barbara Brown reported on printer's estimates. The cost would be about \$40.00-\$50.00 per sheet of ads, planning on 1,000 copies. We would need member solicitors. Charge would be about \$30.00 per ad; customer would get exposure ten times yearly to about 100 people each time. List was made of possible customers, with plans for solicitors going in pairs. The plan was moved by Kathy Sorenson, seconded, passed.

(b) Barbara Brown brought a brochure of "Nature Notes" - note paper that was sold by and to members last year, with a profit of \$26.00. A two-year planning secretary was also mentioned as a good seller. Kathy Sorenson moved that if the state of the treasury allows, we order some of each for sale. The motion was seconded and passed.

(c) A rummage sale was discussed-perhaps for April.

(d) A Cocktail party was mentioned also, and a wine-tasting party, and/or white elephant sale.

Thank You's: Kathy Sorenson will write to thank the Forum Participants. Karen Jensen will write to thank Judy Head, national LWV Board member for her presence and help with the May wine-tasting party; she will also thank Sue Crateau, from ERA Illinois who also was there.

Rewording of School Consensus: The group felt that this should be read aloud at the school board meeting when it is presented. Beth Oldweiler moved that we present the School Consensus and Position Statement at the July School Board Meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Court Monitoring: There was a brief report. Negotiations are going well.

Publications: Members' Handbooks will cost about \$65.00. (Board members could help our fiscal problems by paying their dues early.) Karen Jensen distributed state program material. It was decided that we would order state calendars. Debbie Staley will order President's duplicate mailing to go to Beth Oldweiler.

Local Calendars: Possible dates for Board Training were discussed. The final choice on this will depend in part on when the trainer can come. The next board meeting will be July 20, Wednesday. It was decided to return to the 3rd Wednesday of each month for board meetings, with the second and fourth Wednesdays for unit meetings. There will be no babysitting available during the summer board meetings.

Adjournment at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen, secretary