

LWV BOARD MEETING
Decatur, Illinois
January 31, 1963

The meeting was held at Mrs. Bachrach's home at 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Carr, Allen, Tenney, Manuell, Verbanac, Smith, Dahlmann, Doubleday, Redford, Reeder, Hurst, Fuller, Jurgens, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Westenhaver.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 3, 1963 meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Carr reported COH as of December 31 was \$1,329.58. Receipts of \$31.00 and expenditures of \$282.83 leave a balance of \$1,077.75, as of January 31, 1963, with an additional \$1,041.68 in the savings account.

Budget Report: Mrs. Jurgens presented the report of the Budget Committee. Mrs. Carr asked if the budget should not provide for an annual audit. It was suggested that Mr. Leigh, who has been auditing the books as a contribution to our League, be paid in the future, if auditing fees were included in the budget. Mr. Leigh indicated he did not wish to be paid for this service, but wanted to continue the present arrangement. It was agreed there would be no auditing fund included in the budget at the present time.

Mrs. Jurgens suggested that the Board recommend at annual meetings, or all-member meetings, that appropriations be made from other funds when any fund is short, rather than go into deficit spending.

The question was raised whether the "Printing Local Publications" item in the budget should be increased because the "Know Your Schools" booklet will be ready for print soon. There is a surplus in the Macon County Booklet account which will not be used in the near future. Mrs. Jurgens suggested that the members vote on transferring the surplus to the current budget to cover printing of all publications and that the budget item be renamed, if this was thought desirable. Mrs. Doubleday moved that Mrs. Jurgens formulate an explanation for the members to accompany the budget report at the annual meeting. Mrs. Tenney seconded the motion and it CARRIED.

It was agreed that 185 copies of the Bulletin be printed in the future, instead of 175, and that the budget allotment was large enough to cover that number.

Mrs. Hurst moved that we pay 8¢ per mile ^{to the drivers of} ~~travelling expenses for~~ delegates attending regional and state meetings and that lunches be paid. Mrs. Doubleday seconded the motion and it CARRIED. _{for all delegates.}

Mrs. Jurgens asked if there were any further suggestions for the budget. There were none, and she then recommended that the Board accept the Budget for presentation to the members. Mrs. Verbanac moved acceptance of the recommendation and the motion CARRIED.

Nominating Committee Report: Mrs. Bachrach presented the slate of candidates for the committee. Candidates for three positions on the board are Marilyn Tenney, Linda McGowan, and Marilyn Miller; for Treasurer and Secretary, Dee Carr and Dee Meyerson. The Nominating Committee for 1963-64 has still to be presented.

It was pointed out that the election of some officers does not coincide with the suggested times for election in the by-laws and Barbara Redford was appointed to head a committee to make revisions in the by-laws and present suggestions to the board at the next meeting.

Report of the Sewer Committee: LaVerne Allen presented the report indicating the Committee felt the Decatur Sanitary District referendum on March 12 should have League support. A statement prepared by the committee listed the reasons for such support. Board members felt the statement should include a reminder of our League's successful efforts to secure improvement of sanitary facilities in Decatur in the past and should indicate that local leagues throughout the United States have worked to control pollution of rivers and streams since 1950. Mrs. Allen said, in answer to questions, that, if the referendum failed, the District could secure a court order permitting them to float bonds without a referendum, but by that time federal matching funds would be lost.

The Sewer Committee will continue to function in active support of the referendum until the vote is taken.

Local Agenda Committee Report: Mrs. Bachrach read Mrs. Kessinger's report suggesting the following items for study next year: continued study of the schools, sewers, recreation facilities in the area, urban renewal program. Mrs. Bachrach suggested a study of a "use" tax by the city government. Mrs. Hurst suggested a study of the financial operation of Macon County. It was decided that the school, urban renewal, and local tax studies would be presented to the membership as recommended items for the agenda; the suggestions for study of the sewers, recreation facilities, and county financial operations would be presented as non-recommended items.

The annual meeting will take place on April 3, 1963.

Mrs. Redford questioned whether we could carry three studies on the local agenda. It was thought that the work load would not be as heavy in the coming year, and three studies would not be too many.

Membership Report: Mrs. Hurst asked whether the Board thought it worthwhile to continue with orientation meetings, or whether a several-page orientation letter sent to new members upon their joining, and to prospective members when they indicate interest, might not serve our purpose better. It was agreed Mrs. Hurst should present such a letter for study and decision at the next board meeting.

February Units: Mrs. Smith reported that the Foreign Trade Workshop will have held six meetings before their report at the Unit Meetings in February. Mrs. Franzy Eakin will talk to the workshop on economic growth and a planned deficit vs. a balanced budget on February 1. Mr. Meyers will meet with them to discuss agricultural surpluses on February 8.

School Study: Mrs. Bachrach reported for Mrs. Westenhaver that the booklet on the schools will be ready for printing in March. It will be read by Superintendent Grant and Frances Doubleday before printing. The workshop will make a final report to the membership at the March Unit Meetings. Before that time, they will hear Mr. E. Lindsay, of the Herald and Review, talk on re-districting and consolidation of school districts in the state, and Miss Trueblood, Research Director for the public schools, on the drop-out problem in our schools.

Publications: Mrs. Redford reported approximately 725 copies of "This is Macon County" on hand. Requests for copies, at no cost, have exceeded the number on hand. She asked for the Board's advice on distribution of available copies. It was agreed that some should be reserved for new members and prospective contributors to the Finance Drive, and that requests of those groups who have purchased copies in the past be filled first and fully, if possible. A motion by Mrs. Doubleday that distribution be left to Mrs. Redford's discretion was CARRIED.

Mrs. Redford will prepare a letter to accompany the presentation of the booklets, ~~and submit it to the Board for approval at the next board meeting.~~

Mrs. Redford said addenda on Probate Courts, prepared by Mrs. Doubleday and Mrs. Gebhardt, are ready for all copies of the booklets, and will be available to members for their booklets.

She asked the Board's opinion on a Subscription Service, the amount paid and the publications included to be determined by the Board. It was decided that this not be added to the amount of dues; that it should cost approximately \$1.25 or \$1.50 per year; and that a notice would appear in the Bulletin indicating the Board is considering such a service.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

- A. It was decided that the following studies should be presented as recommended items for our local program: (1) A continuing study of the operations of the schools, (2) urban renewal, (3) local taxes, including all the taxing bodies in Macon County. The following suggestions were not recommended: (1) A study of the sanitary district, especially the feasibility of bringing the city sewers under the district's operation, (2) recreation facilities as provided by the Park Board, (3) a close scrutiny of the financial operations of Macon County.

Add: Candidates' Meeting: Mrs. Manuell reported that the meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 17, 1963, 3:00 P.M., in Albert Taylor Hall at Millikin University. Mr. J. D. Coleman of Station WDZ will be Moderator. The candidates for council and Mayor will appear.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Decatur, Illinois

JANUARY 11, 1963

Mr. R. J. Murphey,
Murphey, Jenne & Jones,
Decatur, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

THE DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WILL HAVE AN OUTSTANDING SPEAKER IN THE FIELD ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 30 AT 8 P.M. AT THE STUDENT CENTER OF MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY. MR. VIRGIL V. GRANT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF CATERPILLAR TRACTOR Co., WILL SPEAK ON "THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET - BIG FACTOR IN YOUR FUTURE". THIS EVENT PROMISES TO BE A MOST STIMULATING AND WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE.

BECAUSE OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM OF THE LEAGUE AND IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WE FELT THAT THIS SPEAKER WOULD BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO YOU. IF YOU FIND THAT YOU CAN BE WITH US THAT EVENING, PLEASE CALL YOUR RESERVATIONS TO MRS. B. C. DAHLMANN, 4183 LAKESHORE DRIVE, 423-0385.

THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL HOUR FOLLOWING THE LECTURE AT WHICH TIME YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MR. GRANT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MEETING.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

MRS. HENRY BACHRACH
PRESIDENT

March 7 - 1 PM at AWC.

Minutes

Treas report.

Evaluation of Candidates Meeting

Plans for March Units

Report of School Book.

Annual reports

Plans for Annual Meeting

Convention Delegates

Other Business

Please bring annual reports completed.
They were due March 1st.

Please remember that our March &
April Bulletins always contain short
reports of the various chairmen.
This gives our members a quick survey
of the year's work & eliminates the
need for oral reports at the annual
meeting - Please bring such
reports with you.

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