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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 12, 1969

The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, 450 E. Pershing Rd., with Mrs. Keith Westenhaver presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Westenhaver, Barber, Mann, Butler, Lee, Rippler, Protzman, Beck, Crow, Schade and Lucas.

ABSENT: Mesdames Dakin, Reinman, Johnson, Miller, Neilman and Romas.

SCHOOL STUDY: The following questions were distributed to the board for approval:

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION...BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

1. What motivated you to run for the Board of Education?
2. What is your educational background and what are your qualifications for the Board of Education?
3. In what ways have you previously shown an active interest in education?
4. In what ways could the educational program and other aspects of the school system be improved?
5. If there is an increase in school revenue from either state funds or local taxes what course of action should be taken?

Mrs. Beck moved we accept the questions as presented. (Once answers are received from the candidates they will be compiled and distributed to all news media.) Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Westenhaver read a letter from the Decatur Education Association inviting LAV members to attend a School Board Candidate's meeting at Mountair High School Thursday, March 27.

WILMA SCHADE: Mrs. Mann read a covering letter and proposed questionnaire to City Council Candidates. Once answers are received from the candidates, they will be compiled and distributed to all news media. The questions are as follows:

1. How would you approach our street and sewer problems?
2. How would you encourage the building of housing for people of limited incomes?
3. Would you support increased funds for the Community Relations program?
4. What tax sources would be fairest to provide needed services?
5. What other pressing needs must be met by the city?

Mrs. Lee moved we accept the questions. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Crow reported on a conversation with Mr. Lee Zimmerman, speaking on behalf of City Council Candidate Frank Grossman. Mr. Zimmerman had communicated with WJOY and WAND, and both stations had expressed interest in cooperating with League in producing a candidates meeting. It was decided we would not be able to cooperate due to a lack of time and manpower.

Adjourned at: 12:35 p.m.

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League of Women Voters

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Annual Meeting

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Certificates of Deposit. \$500.00 - to Millikin account
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(\$8.40 interest)

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\$211.87 - to Millikin account
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(\$189.50 is the amount of contributions received up to Jan. 30 of this fiscal year.)

The treasurer recommended that an official audit be made of the treasurer's books.

BUDGET: Mrs. Maan presented the proposed budget for 1969-1970, giving each member a copy. Mrs. Lois Smith suggested we add an explanation of C2, the increase in Local Publications, on the proposed budget.

Mrs. Maan moved we adopt the proposed budget with the inclusion of the above mentioned explanation. Seconded and passed.

LOCAL PROGRAMS: Mrs. Clarence Crow presented 5 items for the proposed local program, as recommended by the Board. (See board minutes 2/20/69) Mrs. Westenhaver called for additional items to be presented. There were none. Mrs. Crow briefly explained each item.

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