

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Decatur, Illinois

Annual Meeting

March 13, 1968

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur was held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1360 W. Main St., March 13, 1968, beginning at 12:45 PM. Thirty-six persons were in attendance for the meeting that followed the luncheon. Mrs. W. H. Tilley presided.

MINUTES: It was agreed to dispense with the reading of the 3/15/67 annual meeting minutes.

TREASURERS REPORT: As of 3/12/68 the Decatur League assets were as follows:

Cash on Hand	\$ 324.76
Mutual Savings & Loan	500.00
Certificate of Deposit dated 12/15/67	1000.00

The treasurer recommended that an official audit be made of the books. It was so ordered by the President.

BUDGET: Mrs. David Mann presented the proposed budget. She then moved that it be adopted as presented. Seconded and passed. (attached to minutes.)

LOCAL PROGRAM: Mrs. Thomas Protzman presented 5 items for the proposed local program, noting that the Proposed Local Program as printed in the February Voter had only included 4 items but that circumstances indicate that the item on Council-Manager Form of Government should be retained this year. She recommended that the Macon County Nursing Home item of last year be dropped.

Mrs. Stahl moved that we consider the following additional item: "Evaluation of the use of voting machines in Macon County." Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Dakin moved that we consider the following item: "Study and evaluation of assessment practices in Macon County." Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Protzman moved that the 7 proposed items be acted upon. Seconded and passed.

Item 1. Human Resources. Mrs. Mee moved to amend the title by adding the words, "Civil Rights." Seconded and passed. Under the scope of the item, Mrs. Hurst moved that the last sentence be deleted. It read, "This local item will be dropped if adopted at the National Convention." Seconded and passed. The amended item was adopted by a two-third majority vote of the members present.

Item 2. Decatur Public Library. Adopted by a ^{vote of the}majority of the members present.

Item 3. Decatur Public Schools. Adopted by a ^{vote of the}majority of the members present.

Item 4. Decatur Water Resources. Mrs. Mee moved to amend the title by adding the words, "Sewer Systems." Seconded and passed. Mrs. Hurst moved that the words, "supply, use and treatment," be deleted and replaced by the words, "and sewer systems." Seconded and passed. The amended item was adopted by a two-third majority vote of the members present.

Item 5. Council-Manager Form of City Government. Mrs. Lola Smith moved that the item be amended by adding the words, "for continuation." The item would then read, "Support for continuation of the Council-Manager form of government for the city of Decatur." The amended item was adopted by a two-third majority vote of the members present.

Item 6. Voting Machines. In the discussion it was pointed out that the state study item on Structure of Illinois Government included a "study of improved... election... procedures." It was also pointed out that the League could support any measure that corresponded with their stated principles of "efficient and economical government." The item was not adopted.

Item 7. Assessment Practices in Macon County. This is an item of current concern that has recently been identified by the committee studying the state item on Illinois Government. The item was adopted by over a two-third majority of those present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Redford read the slate of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were called for. In the absence of any, Mrs. Redford moved that the nominations be closed and that the slate of officers be elected. Seconded and passed unanimously. (See list of nominees in the Board Minutes of 1/31/68.)

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver, the new president, accepted the president's notebook from the out-going president, Mrs. W. H. Tilley.

Mrs. Lola Smith then commended the service of the out-going president and members of the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. Tilley made the following announcements:

- 1) The Decatur League of Women Voters will again work with Radio Station WDZ to produce another all-day Community Conversation Program on May 18, 1968.
- 2) The National Convention will be held in Chicago this year from April 29 to May 3. Members are urged to attend any or all of the meetings.
- 3) Mrs. Dakin announced that the annual Town Meeting will be held in a number of local townships on April 2, 1968. She urged League members to attend and participate.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Persis Mary Hamilton

Persis Mary Hamilton, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEMBERS - 1968 - 1969

OFFICERS

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver (Janet) 3420 N. University 62526	877-5498	President
Mrs. Merlin Barber (Geneva) 934 N. William 62522	428 9349	1st Vice President Public relations
Mrs. H.C. Schade (Ruth)- 143 Point Bluff Dr. 62521	428-4897	2nd Vice President Organization
Mrs. Clarence Crow (Lucille) 76 Colorado Drive 62526	877-2070	3rd Vice President Program and Action
Mrs. J.L. Hippler (Mary Jane) 536 N. William 62522	429-1644	Secretary
Mrs. William Johnson (Charlene) 444 Hackberry Drive 62521	423-8090	Treasurer

ELECTED DIRECTORS

Mrs. Thomas Protzman (Millie) 332 S. Linden 62522	422-4511	Water resources
<i>Mrs. David S. Mann</i> Mrs. Wesley Filley (Barbara) <i>2976 Dennis</i> 1421 N. Riverview 62522	428-1329	Civil Rights
Mrs. John Weinman (Karla) 382 Delmar 62522	428-1158	Publications
Mrs. Robert Butler (Kay) 38 Sandcreek Dr. 62521	423-8193	Editor, DECATUR VOTER
Mrs. H.W. Dakin (Alice) 151 Lake Shore Drive 62521	422-4601	Local Government Structure
Mrs. J. Roger Miller (Marilyn) 1830 W. Riverview 62522	428-1748	Foreign Policy

APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Mrs. Robert H. Dumas (Barbara) 1346 W. Macon 62522	428-0529	Membership
Mrs. William Heilman (Janet) 304 N. Summit 62522	428-5403	Unit Organization and Meetings
Mrs. Edward Beck (Janet) 4021 Newcastle Dr. 62526	877-2249	Human Resources
Mrs. Hilmer Landholt (Shirley) 216 S. Linden 62522	423-0410	Structure of Illinois Government
Mrs. Robert Mee (Fran) 279 Victoria Ct. 62522	429-1923	Finance
Mrs. John Homan (Irene) 46 Larry Dr. 62526	877-2815	Voters Service

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (Non-board Members)

Mrs. Dennie J. Panetti (Martha) 291 W. Imboden 62521	423-6587	Decatur Pub. Sch. Chairman
Mrs. Clifford E. Smith (Lola) 1684 W. Riverview Ave. 62522	422-1764	Council Manager Government
Mrs. David S. Mann (Janet) 222 S. Dennis 62522	422-2324	Budget
Mrs. Elbert S. Smith (Pauline) 510 S. Seigel 62522	422-5506	Natl. C. R. Chairman
Mrs. Thomas Hurst (Elise) 2095 W. Sunset 62522	428-4795	Nominating Chairman
Mrs. Gerald D. Cox (Florence) 834 W. Division 62526	877-8892	Child Welfare
Mrs. Wm. Butler (Marge) 2307 S. Baker R. R. 4 62521	423 6665	Telephone

Barbara Redman

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Local Program for 1968-1969

1. Human Resources and Civil Rights:
 - Study and evaluation of the programs in Decatur and Macon County to provide for all persons equality of opportunity in education, employment and housing.
 - Study and evaluation of the need for funds by the Decatur Human Relations Commission.
 - Evaluation of the fair housing ordinance in Decatur.
2. Decatur Public Library:
 - Support for a new main library building.
3. Decatur Public Schools:
 - Support of increased funds to provide quality education and adequate space.
 - Study of ways to improve public education in Decatur.
4. Decatur Water Resources and Sewer Systems:
 - Study of Decatur's Water resources and sewer systems.
5. Council-Manager Form of City Government:
 - Support for the continuation of council-manager form of government for the city of Decatur.
6. Assessment practices in Macon County:
 - Study and evaluation of assessment practices in Macon County.