

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, July 15, 1970

12:45 P.M.

PLACE : Home of Mrs. Edward Beck, 4021 Newcastle Drive

AGENDA

- MINUTES.....Coberly
- TREASURERS REPORT.....Butler
- ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Schade
- NEW BUSINESS.....Schade
Appt. of Mrs. Verbanac & Lantz as Board Directors
- PUBLIC RELATIONS.....Meyerson
Voters Service.....Meyerson
Finance Drive.....Hughes
Publications.....Grieve
- ORGANIZATION.....Dumas
Membership.....Lauterjung
Units.....Hardy
- PROGRAM.....Beck
Consideration of Program for 1970-71
- Schools.....Ohlsen
Environmental.....Weinman
Human Resources.....Verbanac

**Please come, we need a quorum to make decisions!! Call Mrs. Schade if you can't make it.

BOARD MEETING

May 20, 1970

Meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Marvin Lauterjung, 208 Brownlow Drive, with President, Mrs. Robert Schade presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Schade, Beck, Meyerson, Coberly, Butler, Dakin, Ohlsen, Hughes, Weinman, Panetti, Hippler, Lauterjung, Hardy, and Grieve.

ABSENT: Mesdame Dumas.

MINUTES: Approved as corrected. Correction was made to read that Mrs. Clifford Smith rather than Mrs. Clifford is chairman of the nominating committee.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cash on hand 4-22-70 \$353.38
 Total receipts 485.50
 Total expenditures 193.50
 Cash on hand 5-18-70 \$645.29 NBS Acct. \$289.22

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Reservations are due May 22 for the State Regional to be held in Springfield on May 26. Several board members expressed a desire to attend. 2) Delegates from Illinois Leagues will meet on September 1 to discuss what action will be taken on the proposed constitution, whether we will support all or part of it or do only voters service. The meeting will be held in Arlington Heights, Illinois. 3) Mrs. Schade has received a tentative State & National schedule for next year. 4) There will be Times for Action on the executive, revenue and judicial articles when the time is right. 5) A film on Con Con is available for use by local Leagues. 6) Another request for nominations for state officers was received from State. 7) National Convention: A non-recommended item, U.S. Congress, was adopted at the National Convention. Mrs. Dakin will be chairman of this item. Population will now be more strongly emphasized in the environmental item. A by-law change was approved which allows 18 year olds to be members of League. Non-recommended items may now pass by a majority vote. Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen was also added to the by-laws. National League will go on fiscal year July this year. Fiftieth Anniversary Drive will continue another year with all soliciting being done by National Board. 8) Excerpts from Convention banquet speeches were passed around for those interested to read. 9) A letter was passed around from Senator Ralph Tyler Smith which was his response to the Electoral College Line for Action. 10) Mrs. Beck attended a luncheon sponsored by WIZ for promotion of Project 70. We distributed pamphlets to all members promoting the week long program. 11) A thank you note was received from Janet Heilman for the gift given to her when she moved. 12) Mrs. Gerald Cox attended the Day Care meeting May 6 in East St. Louis. Her report was read. Twelve copies of a flyer on starting day care centers will be ordered and distributed to large churches in Decatur. Mrs. Kessler will decide who gets the flyers. 13) Springfield Voter was passed around. It included an article on college protests.

PROGRAM: Mrs. Kessler may come at a later date to present an idea concerning child welfare.

Schools: A statement was made at the May 7 School Board Meeting. A copy is filed with the minutes.

The School Committee is drawing up a fact sheet to point out changes in schools over the past few years because of plans. It will include a statement of goals, etc. made for the school system in June, 1967. It will also state enrollment figures (total enrollment, no. of black) for '69, '70, & '71 school year; number being transferred between schools (no. of black) and no. of children making two and three changes in past three years. Would like to include achievement rate with what per cent of the total school population is in low achieving schools and what per cent of black in low achieving schools. It was moved, seconded, and passed to proceed with the fact sheet for members and media.

Mrs. Schade spoke to Preston Ering, Regional Director of NAACP. He says precedent for court action concerning Decatur's redistricting plan will be Denver, Colorado. All that must be done is to prove that the new plan is not promoting integration.

Human Resources: Printed material was sent to all members not attending the all member meeting. The committee will continue working through the summer since they will have a Fall consensus.

Con Con: Ten members went to Con Con, Tues. May 19. One problem is Mr. Dove and Mrs. Smith cancel each other's vote on judicial items.

A request was received from State that we hold an open meeting with both Con Con delegates in the Fall. This is being considered for an open evening meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Voted to send a senior high school girl to Con Con South Observers Day, June 24 - 25. Cost will be \$20.00 and transportation. High School Social Studies Depts. will be contacted for names of interested and qualified girls. One will be chosen by drawing name from a hat.

Finance: Mrs. Hughes reported on funds received for the drive:

Membership	Received	\$312.81	Non-Member	Received	\$555.00
	Goal	\$396.00		Goal	\$1150.00

We are desperately in need of solicitors.

Suggestions were made for next year: 1) Hold drive earlier - perhaps Feb., 2) Consult a men's advisory board, 3) Have an assistant chairman who would be chairman next year, 4) print list of contributors in yearbook.

Next meeting will be July 15 at the Home of Mrs. Edward Beck, 4021 Newcastle Drive.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Coberly
Margaret Coberly, Secretary