

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

Board meeting place: The home of Mrs. Robert Butler, 38 Sandcreek Dr.

November 21, 1967, Tuesday, 12:45 PM.

Please note: The date as shown in the calendar in the Voter is incorrect.

AGENDA

MINUTES Hamilton

TREASURER'S REPORT. Jurgens

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National Program Selection

Plans for December All-member meeting

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PUBLIC RELATIONS. Butler

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PLACE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
Decatur, Illinois

November 21, 1967

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Butler, 38 Sandcreek Drive with Mrs. W.H. Tilley presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Tilley, Miller, Barber, Mee, Homan, McGaugh, Green, Crow Calhoun, Butler, Hurst, Protzman, Hamilton.

ABSENT: Mesdames Landholt, Jurgens, Dakin, Schede, Aron.

MINUTES: Approved as mailed after the deletion of the words, "with over 900 requested to date." from the paragraph entitled "Publications."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash on hand October 18, 1967: \$1715.34, Receipts: \$274.85 Disbursements: \$1746.80, Cash on hand November 21, 1967: \$243.39. Savings: \$1762.30. The booklet, "This is Macon County," cost \$1344.00, and has been paid.

LEAGUE STATEMENT ON INTEGRATION: In light of the fact that there is a local citizens study committee of integration in education currently in progress, the Board of the L.W.V. of Decatur agreed that a public statement of the League position should be made. The text of the statement is as follows:

"The League of Women Voters of Decatur supports the Board of Education's commitment to the philosophy of racial and socio-economic integration of the public schools. All Leagues of the United States have been actively concerned with equality of opportunity for education. We applaud the Board of Education's action in this direction and look forward to the implementation of a plan for integration of the Decatur School District."

PROGRAM AND ACTION: National program changes were discussed by the Board and after discussion/^{and} consideration of the expressions of the membership at three unit meetings, the following "first round" recommendations were made by the Board by vote: *(Roman numeral headings are those of national's form) and were sent to national!*
Proposed Current Agenda

- I. 1. Development of Human Resources. Support of policies and programs in the United States to provide for all persons equality of opportunity for education, employment (and housing.) Words in brackets were added to the present item by motion of Butler and vote of Board.
2. Foreign Policy. Evaluation of the United States relations with the People's Republic of China, (including a study of the United States policy in South-east Asia.) Support of the United States policies to enhance the peace keeping and peace building capacities of the U.N. system and to promote world trade and development while maintaining a sound U.S. economy. Words in brackets were added to the present item by motion of Hamilton and vote of the Board.
3. Water Resources. Support of policies and procedures (in the United States) which promote comprehensive long range planning for conservation and development of water resources and improvement of water quality. Words in brackets were added to the item and the word "national" was deleted from before "policies" in the first phrase, by motion of Crow and vote of the Board.

4. Apportionment of State Legislatures. Keep same wording.
5. District of Columbia. Keep same wording.
6. Loyalty-Security. Keep same wording.
7. Tax Rates. Keep same wording.
8. Treaty Making. Keep same wording.

II. Issues, emphasis and type of action foreseen for each item proposed:

1. "and housing" to determine whether national, state or local legislation would help non-white home buyers or renters live where their purse would allow.
2. "to include a study of U.S. policy in Southeast Asia." Problems of the Peoples Republic of China and of Southeast Asia really cannot be separated in the total picture.
3. "Support of policies and procedures in the U.S." This wording was easier to understand. Some of our new members thought that national policies meant National League of Women Voters policies.

III. Chief reason for choices:

Item number 1. Member interest and to support possible legislation.

2. Member interest.

3. Member interest at this time because of state bond issues coming up. If present categories are kept, members thought this water item could go on as a "CR" next time.

4. (It was felt that the single agenda was a more easily
 5. managed grouping. Some of the older "CR's" might need
 6. to be restudied with in the next two years.
 7.)
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VI. If there was a close "runner-up" in your League for the items you propose for the 1968-70 national Current Agenda, please state title and general subject matter for that runner-up.

There was much discussion about a possible addition to the Water Resources item to include Air Pollution--how it affects safety and health. Some of our newer members would like to see water take a back-seat and air come to the front.

VII. Program Making

We held three Unit Meetings and one Board meeting. Total members attending was 38. Good participation at all meetings, lively discussion. New members are confused about "CR's". They seem so long ago and far away to them. Apportionment still seemed timely. Some members felt that they could not support certain positions without a re-evaluation. Perhaps National Voter could bring new members up to date or refresh memories of older members by printing special easy-to-read reviews on long standing items.

DECEMBER ALL-MEMBER MEETING: The date has been changed to December 11, 1967 Monday, at 7:30 PM. Mr. Kenley Wade, Director of the Opportunities Corp. of Decatur, Macon County, will be the speaker. The meeting will be held at the Rolling Prairie Library building.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Hamilton moved and it was seconded and passed by the Board that the School Resource Committee should be authorized to spend \$16.00 for printing and postage of public education information which they are compiling about various "Funds" within the school budget. Mrs. Mee recommended that this publication be mailed to all non-member contributors to the League.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Mee, 279 Victoria Court, on December 14, 1967, Thursday, at 9:15 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Persis Mary Hamilton, Secretary