

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
BOARD MEETING  
April 15, 1964

The meeting was held at the Association of Commerce offices at 1:00 p.m. with the President, Mrs. Thomas Hurst, presiding.

Those present were: Mrs. Bachrach, McGowan, Hurst, Wilson, Fuller, Redford, L. Smith, Miller, Ritter, Tenney, Reeder, Ruedi, Becker, Protzman, Dilley, Mann, and Young.

Those absent were: Mrs. Westenhaver, Doubleday, Manuall.

The minutes of the March 17, 1964 meeting were approved with the addition: Amy Bridgman's name to the Nominating Committee for 1965-66.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting, April 8, 1964, were approved and copies will be sent to the National and State offices.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. David Mann reported cash on hand as of March 31, 1964 to be \$990.86.

Child Welfare: Mrs. Morton Becker, co-chairman, reported that the committee had found that in medical expenses for Aid to Dependent Children, Macon County cases are nearly double the average of other Illinois counties. The committee made telephone calls about this situation to the state welfare department officials but have not found the reason for it. Contacting the County Medical Society was discussed, but no decision reached. Mrs. Becker asked the Board for a decision on giving out this information. It was decided by a show of hands to put on the Fact Sheet only that medical expenses are provided according to need and are not included in monthly allowances. Further investigation will be made, and the membership then informed.

Program: The May 12 All-Member meeting will feature a National Convention Report by our Delegate, Mrs. Hurst.

Schools: In the absence of Mrs. Westenhaver, School Study Chairman, Mrs. Redford, Program Coordinator, presented the Consensus Report on the School Study. Mrs. Bachrach moved that the report be accepted. CARRIED. Mrs. Wilson read a letter from Mr. Lester Grant, Decatur Superintendent of Schools, to Mrs. Hurst, stating that encouraging news concerning building needs would be forthcoming. After some discussion concerning action on schools, it was decided to wait for a little while longer to see what the Board of Education decides to do.

Welfare Seminar: It was announced that there would be a Welfare Seminar in Chicago on May 18. It was decided by a show of hands to allow up to \$25.00 for one or more members to attend this Seminar.

Mrs. Mann called attention to the fact that at the last board meeting it was decided that if there was sufficient money in the treasury at the end of the year, the five members who attended the Program Conference in Chicago in November would be reimbursed \$5.00 each for registration and luncheon. Mrs. Redford moved "that this should not establish a precedent and that \$25.00 should be the total allowed." No vote.

National Convention: Mrs. Bachrach moved that "Mrs. Hurst should be the Decatur League's official delegate to the National Convention in Pittsburgh, April 20-24." CARRIED.

Discussions only

Public Relations: Mrs. Tenney presented the problem of competition among the news media for discussion. In the future, we should probably release our news to newspaper, both radio stations, and TV station at the same time.

Unit Meetings: Mrs. Redford suggested that we keep the unit meetings the fourth week of the month as they have been the past year.

Voters Service: Mrs. Protzman, new chairman, announced that the leaflets on voting had not been distributed yet. It was suggested that these leaflets be distributed to Mr. Gude, Mr. Elmer Walton of Caterpillar Tractor Co., and the Decatur welcome services. There will also be displays at the Public Library, banks, and department stores.

All-Day Board Meeting: Plans for an All-Day meeting with a state board member were discussed. It was felt that a salad lunch might be better than a sack lunch. Consideration was also given to having an evening and partial day meeting rather than the All-Day meeting.

Bulletin: Mrs. Redford announced that the May bulletin would include Annual Reports, dues reminder, and a notice on the finance drive.

Mrs. Fuller announced that she would pass around a paper at Unit Meetings for Workshop signups.

Mrs. McGowan announced that she would get sets of new Illinois Continuing Responsibilities for the Board.

The Board compiled a list of Decatur League members on elected and appointed government boards for the state office. This list is as follows:

Mrs. C. E. Barnes  
Decatur Board of Education (elected)

Mrs. Robert L. Cole  
~~Parking and Traffic Commission~~ (appointed)  
Zoning Board of Appeals

Mrs. Paul Raber  
Assistant Township Supervisor (elected)

Mrs. Dwight L. Nelson  
Decatur Library Board (appointed)

Mrs. Keith Westenhaver  
Member of Nominating Committee for  
School Citizens' Advisory Comm. (appointed)

Mrs. Henry Bachrach  
City Plan Commission (appointed)

It was decided to have the next board meeting in June after the Program Committee has met and made tentative plans for next year for board approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kim Wilson*

Mrs. George Wilson  
Secretary

Joint meeting of "old" and "new" board members.  
If unable to attend please inform Elise Hurst, 487-4795, if possible at least the day before, and make arrangements for your report to be given at the meeting.

"Old" members compile a list of all of those persons who worked with you the past year and what they did. Also try to estimate how many hours you and each of those who worked with you spent on this League activity (did you see in Illinois Voters how the state board estimated such?). Also, will all of you except workshop chairman write out a new Job Description in duplicate, one for general file and one for your portfolio, explaining what your job has entailed the past year, how you have done this, and suggestions for easier and/or better ways of doing it, and additional things which should be considered in the future.

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- ↓ Minutes of last (March) board meeting - Wilson
- ↓ Minutes of Annual Meeting, April 8, 1964 - Wilson
- ↓ Treasurer's Report of 1963-64 expenditures compared with budget - Mann
- ↓ Membership Report - Young  
Attendance at March 10 All Member <sup>19</sup> meeting, attendance at March unit meetings on Schools, <sup>3</sup> attendance at Annual Meeting, Membership for 1963 - 1964 (Calendar 1963), <sup>9</sup> new members since Jan. 1, <sup>14</sup> guests since September, number of these who have joined.
- ↓ Program - Redford
  - ↓ Plans for April Units on Welfare - Becker &/or Sabey
  - ↓ Plans for May 12 All Member meeting - Redford  
(What to have besides National Convention Report? June Roby tell about getting County Health Dept. going, Betty Bachrach tell about recommendations of Sewer Advisory Committee? Lou Gole tell about Planning Commission work?) *Zoning Board of Appeals*
  - ↓ Consensus Report on School Study - Redford for Westenhaver  
What do we do next?
  - ↓ Evaluation of Program for past year - Redford  
All member and Unit meetings most months?  
Units meet 3rd or 4th week best? (Run into Thanksgiving when 4th week) - Other
- ↓ Units Coordinator - Hurst and Ritter  
What announcements should be made at April units?  
Discuss a different time than Monday afternoon for 4th unit (we might discuss this at a future meeting but think about it for this meeting.)
- ↓ Public Relations - Tenney and Ruedi  
Handling of news release of news about League stand on schools after March units, unit meetings on Welfare in April, May 12 All Member meeting
- ↓ Bulletin - Redford  
What needs to be in May bulletin? (Welfare fact sheet will be sent those not at unit meetings in April.) When should members receive May bulletin? *May?*
- ↓ Voters Service - Manuall  
Leaflets - how many given out and to whom?
- ↓ Publications - McGowan  
Subscription Service? New Publications?
- ↓ Board Training Meeting - Hurst  
An All-Day meeting with state board member. When? May (3rd or June (2nd week) Where? What: Salad or Sack Lunch?

League of Women Voters Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 15, 1964  
Association of Commerce Conference Room, 3rd floor Citizens Bldg, 1:00 p.m.

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