

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Decatur League of Women Voters was held in the home of Lee Staley, 1714 Bobolink, March 11, 1975, beginning at 8:15 p.m. President, Mrs. Dee Meyerson reported a quorum in attendance and presided over the proceedings. Mrs. Christine Forbes was appointed recorder and Mrs. Elise Hurst was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting.

MINUTES: In accordance with the direction of last year's Annual meeting, the minutes of last year's meeting were approved by a committee made up of Barbara Ohlsen, Milli Protzman and Margaret Coberly. Minutes were read to the members at the meeting. A committee consisting of Karla Weinman, Margaret Coberly and Christine Forbes was appointed to approve the minutes of this meeting.

BUDGET: Mrs. Maggie Lauterjung, budget committee chairman, presented the proposed budget as it appeared in the March Voter along with discussion on each item. It was moved for adoption, seconded and carried by a majority vote. Expenditures for 1974-75 were discussed item by item. Dee Meyerson explained the new Publications account and the Cash Box.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Cash on hand March 1974	\$ 537.95
Mutual Home & Savings Acct. March 1974	349.28
Income 1974-1975	2,108.36
Expenditures 1974-1975	2,101.47
Cash on hand March 1975	347.55
Mutual Home & Savings Acct. March 1975	368.11
Publications Account March 1975	34.11
Cash Box March 1975	5.14

At this time Dee Meyerson appointed an audit committee consisting of, Florence Cox, Agnita Wright and Betty Dyar to audit the books for the last three year period. This is to be done before the next Annual meeting.

BYLAWS: The proposed bylaws changes were read and discussed as they appeared in the March Voter.

It was moved and seconded to accept the change in Article VII, Sec. 2. Passed by a 2/3 vote.

It was moved and seconded to accept the change in Article VII, Sec. 4. Defeated by the lack of a 2/3 vote.

It was moved and seconded to accept the changes in Article V, Sections 1, 2 & 3. Passed by a 2/3 vote.

PROGRAM: Milli Protzman, Program chairman, presented the local program as recommended by the board. Each item was discussed and voted on individually.

County and Township Governments- item approved as proposed.

Decatur's Environmental Quality- item approved as proposed.

Council-Manager Form of City Government-item approved as proposed.

Decatur Public Schools- item approved as proposed.

Human Resources & Civil Rights- item approved as proposed.

The two suggested items, not-recommended by the board were also presented by Milli Protzman. There was no movement for consideration, therefore no action was taken on these items.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: Mrs. Margaret Coberly, nominating committee chairman, presented the slate of officers as presented in the March Voter by the nominating committee with the following change: Barbara Brown was nominated President by the committee instead of 1st Vice President, thereby leaving the 1st Vice Presidency vacant. Mrs. Meyerson asked if there were any nominations from the floor, there being none, she entertained a motion that the nominating ballot become the elective ballot: it was seconded and carried. New board members were then introduced to the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pat McVay, chairman of Decatur's Environmental Quality item, informed members about the new emergency mini-study (authorized at the Feb. board meeting) on the proposed storm sewer drainage program for Decatur. She reminded members to attend the March 19 meeting at which time she and Carol Campbell will give a complete report on the proposed program, and consensus taken.

Finance Drive; Marg Coberly announced we have received \$415 from 23 contributors thus far in the finance drive. She asked for anyone who was willing to make finance calls to contact her.

Dee Meyerson reminded members there was still time left to obtain signatures in favor of ERA to be sent to Senator Robert McCarthy, and Representatives John Dunn and Rolland Tipsworth. She also announced an ERA rally in Springfield on March 12.

Other announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Christine Forbes  
Recorder

APPROVED BY: Karla Weinman  
Margaret Coberly

Quorum - 22 members  
26 attended meeting



AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to order

Reading of last year's minutes and approval.

(Committee approval by Marg Coberly, Milli Protzman, Barb Ohlson)

Appointment of committee to approve this year's Annual Meeting minutes.

Budget presentation with Treasurer's report. Maggie Lauterjung and Margaret Campbell. Explanation and discussion - adoption.

Majority vote required. Appointment of League audit committee (3).

By-Law changes presented. Dee Meyerson. Vote on each separately.

Vote on by-laws, with changes, as a whole. Two-thirds vote required.

Program presentation. Milli Protzman. Will move adoption of each.

Second required. (If not-recommended items are presented, a majority vote is required for consideration)

Program adoption. Debate on items and individual vote on each.

Majority vote for recommended items and 2/3 vote for not-recommended.

Nominations and election

Report of committee. Marg Coberly, Chairman

Nominations from the floor.

Vote - paper ballots or chair entertains motion that the nominating ballot become the elective ballot. Majority vote required.

Announcements and Committee Reports

Pat McVay - Storm Sewer Drainage Committee and LWV meeting, March 19th.

Lee Staley - Members (new and drops)

ERA Rally - Springfield - March 12th.

Candidates' Meeting, School Board - March 26th - Thomas Jefferson School

STATE CONVENTION - April 25-27th - O'Hare Inn, Rosemont, Illinois

800  
7:30  
Housing in Decatur  
how cost + med.

Finance drive  
4/5 to 4/6

PROPOSED BUDGET 1975-76

EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures IUV & Publications	Proposed 1975-76
<b>A. Operating Costs</b>		
1. General Supplies	5-	\$ 40.00
2. Postage	21	30.00
3. Telephone and Telegraph	-	5.00
4. Bank Charge	7-	10.00
<b>B. Board and Administrative Committees</b>		
1. President	25-	25.00
2. Board Tools and Expenses	45-	45.00
3. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance		
1. Annual drive	20-	40.00
2. Profit making ventures	20-	
b. Membership	-	
c. Yearbook	2-	15.00
d. Unit Organization	47-	50.00
e. Publicity	15-	40.00
	-	5.00
<b>C. Delegates, Travel, and Affiliations</b>		
1. State Convention		350.00
2. National Convention	47- (313.)	
3. Workshops (Regional Meetings)	70-	50.00
<b>D. Financial Support for IUV</b>		
1. State (\$10 per member payment)	878-	810.00
2. National (\$4.25 per member)	387-	344.25
<b>E. Bulletin</b>		
1. Supplies	151-	135.00
2. Postage	102-	110.00
<b>F. Educational Activities</b>		
1. Publications, Purchase or production (for sale)	169-	30.00
2. Program Committees - cost of impartial research and community activities	48.12	
3. Voters Service	14.05	30.00
a. Voters Guides	24.00	35.00
b. Candidates' Meetings	34-	40.00
c. Voting Reference & Directory	65-	80.00
<b>G. Position Support (Action)</b>		
1. Publications on IUV Positions	11-	20.00
2. Action Activities - lobbying, campaigns, public meetings.	9-	
	15.00	
	2101-	\$2,354.25
	#	
	\$132.99	
<b>INCOME</b>		
A. Dues (11.00)		
B. Contributions - Member	902-	891.00
C. Contributions - Non-Member	414-	400.00
D. From Reserves	750-	950.00
E. Publications	-	113.25
F. Other (profit making ventures)	14-	
	28-	
	2108-	\$2,354.25



BUDGET EXPLANATION

EXPENDITURES

- A. Operating Costs
  - 1. General Supplies: stationery, envelopes, ditto paper, etc.
  - 2. Postage. (Except for Voter, finance drive, membership.)
  - 3. Telephone and telegraph. League business calls.
  - 4. Bank charges. Service charge for handling checking account.
- B. Board and Administrative Committees
  - 1. President. To cover miscellaneous expenses.
  - 2. Board tools and expenses. Duplicate President's Mailing, National Board Reports, Local League Handbooks, publications for portfolios.
  - 3. Administrative Committees.
    - a. Finance. All supplies for Finance Drive; publications for contributors, postage.
    - b. Membership. Kits for new members, publications, orientations, supplies; any expense incurred encouraging membership; postage.
    - c. Yearbook. Publishing costs of Membership Book.
    - d. Unit organization. Babysitter, room rentals, refreshments, etc.
    - e. Public relations. Publicity notices to news media; expenses incurred in promoting activities that do not come under Membership, Finance, Voters Service, Educational activities or Position support.
- C. Delegates, Travel, and Affiliations.  
 National Conventions - even years, State Conventions - odd years.  
 Regional workshops are held every year by the State League. Covers travel expense for those attending and baby-sitting fees.
- D. Financial Support for ILW Organization.
  - 1. Support for state and national services. Paid to State League. A part of the amount is sent to National by the State League.
  - 2. National per member payment. Based on the number of members as of January 1st of each year. Amount per member is decided by each National Convention. (Supports such services as State and National Voters, preparation of program and leadership materials, conferences, promoting League program, legislative activity and coordination of action on a statewide or nationwide basis, and developing new leagues.
- E. Bulletin. Includes stencils, mimeograph paper, postage, printing.
- F. Educational Activities.
  - 1. Publications. Purchase or production of fact sheets by committees.
  - 2. Program Committees. Costs of impartial study and impartial community activities budgeted here. The cost of committee research, including impartial published material, may be budgeted here if arrangement is made to distribute such material to the public as well as to members.
  - 3. Voters Service.
    - a. Voters Guides. All publications giving information to voters, including candidates questionnaires and programs for meetings.
    - b. Candidates Meetings. Costs of room rentals and other expenses.
    - c. Voters Directory. Cost of publishing and distribution.
- G. Position Support. (Action)
  - 1. Publications. Purchase, production, distribution.
  - 2. Expenses of all League activities which touch upon League positions: travel to legislature, entertainment for officials, campaigns, newspaper ads, public meetings, committee expenses.