



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR  
BOARD MEETING  
November 15, 1983

The meeting was called to order at the home of Milli Protzman at 7:00 p.m. with Andrea Bowen presiding.

PRESENT: Barbara Emery, Barbara Brown, Milli Protzman, Laura Verbanac, Margaret Campbell, Dee Meyerson.  
Absent: Lucille Crow, Janet Beck, Kathleen Owen (Spomer).

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Andrea said that Margaret Campbell was present to discuss possible action under our local Family Violence position. Several articles have appeared in the Herald and Review concerning the way in which the Police Department will handle domestic violence cases in the future. Previously, the men had been locked up overnight. In the future they will be given a "notice to appear" because the Police Department is worried about charges of false arrest. There have been some problems, with the State's Attorney's office delaying or not bringing charges against the men. Pat Morey of the Dove Domestic Violence Committee called Margaret to discuss the situation. (Dove refers to Disciples of Volunteer Enlistment, a local church-sponsored social service agency.) Pat would like to set up a task force to do research on domestic violence cases, monitoring the handling of such cases from the police station through the State's Attorney's office and the courts. Margaret recommended, and the board agreed, that one league member serve on the task force.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported income of \$351.79, expenses of \$90.45. Per-member payments of \$273 to LWV/US and \$147.87 to LWV/IL are due in November. We have a new member: Linda C. Hughes, 2125 Claremont, 62526, telephone 429-9871. The treasurer's report was filed for audit. Barbara asked about preparing an article for the Voter about contributions to the LWV/IL Education Fund for our member's information. The suggestion was approved. We have reached our budgeted amount for workshops.

ORGANIZATION: Board members Barbara Brown and Barbara Emery agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1983-84 along with Marg Coberly, Sarah Schwehn and Karen Jensen from the membership.

REPORTS:

PROGRAM. Final plans were made for the Holiday Brunch on December 13 at the Millikin Homestead. The program will include the Membership tape from LWV/IL and a discussion of national program. LWV/IL has indicated that they will support a new study of tax policies. The December Voter will carry an article asking members to read the national Voter article on national program, and return a questionnaire to Milli if they cannot attend the meeting.

The January 10 meeting will be devoted to a presentation for the Marital Rights study. *Co. Chair* Committee members Kathleen Owen and Milli Protzman have arranged for two speakers from Springfield. They will discuss credit and marital property. Other organizations (AAUW, etc.) will be invited to attend. The consensus for this study will take place at our March meeting. Milli said that the consensus questions have been received. They will be carried in the March Voter.

MEMBERSHIP. Barbara Emery reported that we have 35 paid members. Eleven members have not yet paid their dues. We have two new members: Laurie Thornton and Linda Hughes.

VOTERS SERVICE. Laura Verbanac reported on the November Candidates Meeting held at the Public Library. "Thank You" letters have been received and sent, and the board agreed that it had been a good meeting. Mr. Seidl of the library staff said that any of our educational meetings may be held at the library.

BOOK SALE. Barbara Brown reported that some books remain unsold after our book sales of the last few years. It was MSC (Brown, Protzman) THAT WE DISPOSE OF ALL LEFTOVER BOOKS NOW.

LONG RANGE PLANNING. Milli Protzman presented for discussion a Long Range Planning survey received from national LWV. The questions were discussed by the board and the answers, recorded by Milli, will be sent to LWV/US.

VOTER. The deadline is Friday, November 18, for the December Voter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois IL128

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*Attached Note to National League Program Making*  
January 1984

1984-1986 National Program Making Notes

Note #1

- Part I Current Program
- C. Natural Resources-Water Resources

The Missouri League letter suggested a new study to cover "support planning and management of water resources to meet regional needs and the national interest". Our League <sup>suggests</sup> ~~felt~~ that a ~~recommendation~~ <sup>suggestion</sup> to the National Board <sup>might</sup> to make a decision as to the clarification of the item and defining the scope of "such development should meet the particular needs of the region but not be in conflict with the National interest" It was felt that a new study should not be necessary.

Note #2

Part II New Study

- 1. National Security
- Most members felt that this study was very important. There was a minority opinion voiced that domestic issues are more important at this time.  
(2 members)

Note #3

Non-Recommended Item

Proposal of a study and evaluation of federal revenue sources alternative taxes and tax and spending limitation.

There were suggestions to reword this item to read: Study and evaluation of federal revenue resources and federal spending, alternative taxes and tax and spending limitations.

There was a strong minority opinion that ~~this~~ <sup>the</sup> item ~~should~~ should be recommended. However, after discussion the group felt that because of limitations of women power and money a second new national study item could not be recommended.

*Dear Bee - In case you need this for your notes.*

*Melli.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
January 17, 1984

The meeting was called to order at the home of Laura Verbanac at 7:00 p.m. by Andrea Bowen.

PRESENT: Milli Protzman, Barbara Brown, Janet Beck, Laura Verbanac, Dee Meyerson.  
Absent: Lucille Crow, Kathleen Owen, Barbara Emery,

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 15, 1983, meeting were approved with the following change: Under PROGRAM, second paragraph, second sentence, should read "Co-Chairs, Kathleen Owen and Milli Protzman", instead of "Committee members Kathleen Owen and Milli Protzman".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported an approximate balance on hand of \$1,362.99. Members who have not paid their dues and have been dropped from membership are: Lois Boyer, Dixie Kennedy, Otta Key, Mary Lou Schlachter, Sarah Schwehn, Nancy Slack, Debbie Staley, Frona Tick. Our new members are Laurie Thornton and Linda Hughes.

REPORTS:

Program, Milli Protzman said that the Marital Rights Consensus meeting on February 15th will include Part I of the questions, and A and B of Part II. Part II C, D, E, F, G, and H will be covered at our March meeting. The February 15 meeting will include a Susan B. Anthony skit and birthday cake. Karen Jensen will present the skit as Susan. Barbara Brown agreed to be discussion leader for the consensus, and Janet Beck will be the recorder.

Milli presented the results of our National program-making discussion at the December Brunch. The recommendations were that the National Security study be continued and that, although the federal revenue study suggested was important, we should not undertake two studies.

Janet Beck presented the consensus from the National Security, Part II, meeting in November. She also read the position statement received from LWV/US for Part I of the study. It was agreed to include the position in our next Voter. National LWV reported that 76% of local leagues had taken part in the study.

Action. Andrea said that we have been asked to contact Representative Durbin with regard to the Clean Air Act. She has called his office and will write indicating our League support. Rep. Durbin will hold a town meeting in Decatur on February 14.

The FCC has re-interpreted a section of the Federal Communications Act in a manner which would allow broadcasters to sponsor presidential debates. The LWV/US has petitioned the Court of Appeals to overturn the ruling. The LWV will sponsor debates in Manchester, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Dallas-Fort Worth.

The emphasis for action for National LWV for 1984 will be on the D.C. Amendment, Voting Rights enforcement, Arms Control, Clean Air and Water Acts, and Equal Rights (expanding employment opportunities).

Andrea had checked with our State LWV with regard to the utility tax. The League has no position, and local leagues may take no action as leagues.

Voters Service. Laura Verbanac reported on some plans for pre-primary voters service activity and asked for board direction for some of the plans. It was decided that we not hold a primary candidates meeting. Andrea said that Bob Billman of WSOY has offered us time for various subjects on his interview program. Laura could cover primary rules and procedures for one program. (Other topics for ~~subsequent interviews~~ could be National Security, Marital Rights, the Jail Survey, Acid Rain, Karen on Susan B. Anthony.)

Laura had talked to County Clerk, William Tangney, about deputizing League members as registrars, and he is willing to do this. We have been asked to help register employees of Illinois Power Company. IT WAS MSC (Protzman, Beck) THAT WE SEND A LETTER TO INDUSTRIES IN DECATUR OFFERING LEAGUE SERVICE AS REGISTRARS BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

Voter. Deadline this coming Friday.

The next board meeting will be held on February 31, 7:00 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary

LWV/DECATUR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, January 17, 1984, 7-9 p.m  
Home of Laura Verbanac  
12 Dakota Drive

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES *OK'd from Nov. 15, 1983*

TREASURER'S REPORT *1,362.99*

ORGANIZATION Appoint a budget committee/chairman *L. Hughes,*  
Appoint a by-laws committee/chairman

*Susan B. Anthony by Lutz*

REPORTS  
Program *mon. Feb 6 Mental Rights Study Consensus #1, 2, 3, 4 march -*  
Feb. 15, Marital Rights and Susan B. Anthony Birthday party) *Recorder - Janet B. Disc. leader - Barb*  
\* National program recommendations - *By laws recommend. )* Milli  
\* National Security Part II consensus Janet

Membership *Did we call drop? 37 sent - officially (actually 38) to PR officers*

*Not Ambassador-type Prefer Orlando-type*

Voters Service Candidates Meeting for March 20 Primary *U send letter to ind. of our services to reg. voters. - packed* Laura  
Voter Registration Drive *Recommend - yes Cathy Mack for Ill. Power PAC*

Action (and PR) Income Assistance Survey  
WSOY Interviews *Nail Sec., Marital Rights, Income & Jail Surveys Mary L.*

Voter Deadline for February issue, January Fri., 20. *w/ phone # Primary Laura V.*

*of Dee's  
Cin. Plk.  
Shirley  
Audit  
Reps. Durr/Vote  
Jy Colby  
Susan B. Row*

OLD BUSINESS Evaluations: Holiday Brunch, Women's Rights & Credit, December and January Voters *on masthead address on membership form*

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board Meeting February 21, 7:00 p.m., at *Bob Emery or Milli*  
(Agenda planning, February 10, at Dee's at 10:00 a.m.)

*Telephone Surveys*

\* Our emphasis and time will be spent here.