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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
BOARD MEETING
November 17, 1981

The meeting was called to order in the home of Carol Campbell at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Barbara Brown, Milli Protzman, Barbara Emery, Sarah Schwehn, Laura Verbanac, Sue Marshall, Marianne Erickson, Maggie Lauterjung, Marg Coberly, Karen Jensen, Dee Meyerson, and Carol Campbell, presiding.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand \$1120.89. Third Quarter state and national per-member payments have been made. Sue presented information on a Mutual NOW account and moved that we transfer our account from the Millikin Bank to Mutual. Barbara Brown seconded the motion and it passed. The savings account will be consolidated with the checking account. Sue will check with State about our identification number. The treasurer's report was accepted for filing.

Thirty-eight members have not yet paid their dues. Barb Emery will send one more notice, and the December Voter will carry a reminder. Maggie Lauterjung suggested that we now send the membership handbooks through the mail with receipts for those who have paid and reminders for those who have not. The motion passed.

Sue Marshall reported that Edith McNabb has dropped her membership. We have one new member: Barbara French (Franklin), 13 North Country Club Road, 62521, telephone 429-3211.

Janet Beck's phone number should be corrected to 428-6074 in the handbook.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Legislative Newsletter (State LWV) now costs \$6.00. Carol Campbell and Karen Jensen (Action Chair) should get copies. Barbara Brown will check our subscriptions and order if necessary.

Carol Campbell reported on responses from legislators to action letters. State LWV letters to legislators re Merit Selection of Judges and to sustain the governor's Day Care veto were passed for reading by board members. There was also a letter urging legislators to override the amendatory veto of the Human Services appropriation bill.

Carol reported that the National LWV does not support Representative Madigan's bill (Broyhill amendments) concerning the Clean Air Act. This will go to the Senate after the first of the year.

We have been asked for our suggestions for the National LWV by-laws in preparation for National Convention next year.

OLD BUSINESS: Dee Meyerson reported receiving copies of the summaries of the monitoring project in Juvenile Court. There is a summary for Macon County and for the state-wide project, which includes Macon County data. Copies of both were given to Barbara Brown for the publications file, and will be available for board members to borrow. Other copies have been given to Judge Davis, Judge Sappington, Thomas Yockey, the Assistant State's Attorney for Juveniles, and Milo See, Juvenile Public Defender, and the Juvenile Probation Department.

Jan Otwell and Sue Hub, state coordinators of the project, will be in Decatur on November 19 for a conference with the Judges and other court personnel about the recommendations made as a result of the monitoring.

December Brunch. There was a final discussion of the arrangements for the brunch to be held at the Millikin Homestead on December 11. The Voter will ask for reservations by December 1. The program will be a review of national program items.

January meeting. Marianne Erickson asked if the meeting scheduled for the 13th could be moved to the 14th. Ann Follis of Homemakers for Equal Rights will be the speaker and this will be a joint meeting of the ERA Task Force and the League. The meeting will be held at the Grace Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Sue Marshall moved that we change the date, and the motion passed.

The February meeting topic is Water, and consensus questions will be in the January Voter. They must be ready for the December Board Meeting approval.

Marianne has received a letter from the Illinois Womens' Political Caucus indicating that they cannot come in April for a program. The April topic was to be Health Care. Maggie Lauterjung said the April meeting date is now open. The board decided to defer decision, and that Marianne will write to the Political Caucus again asking them to clarify dates available.

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Voters Service. Milli Protzman reported that the local Teamsters Union has asked the League to tally votes in their election of a Vice-president and three trustees. The tally will take place on December 10 at the Union Hall. Seven league members will tally a possible 2,000 votes, and the Union has agreed to pay \$500.

Milli showed board members a "Voter Information and Election Calendar". She is investigating costs and distribution of a local pamphlet of this kind, but this will wait for re-districting to go into effect. County Clerk, Bill Tangney, said that the Kiwanis Club might fund \$40 of the cost and there has been a request for 500 copies from the Chamber of Commerce.

ERA. Marianne Erickson reported that the meeting with Susan Catania had been very well attended. The December 17 meeting of the ERA Task Force will feature Margaret Sutton, a Decatur attorney, as the speaker. Her topic will be "Local Avenues for Fighting Sex Discrimination". The committee is trying to reach and involve more local labor and professional women.

The draft of the proposed ERA survey has not been received.

The next board meeting will be held on December 15, 7:30 p.m., at Sue Marshall's.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson