

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Date and Time:

August 20, 1969

12:45 P.M.

Place

: Home of Mrs. Robert Ohlsen, 111 S. Westdale

AGENDA

MINUTES.....Coberly
TREASURERS REPORT.....Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Schade
DECATUR VOTER.....Bowers
PROGRAM.....Beck
 A. LoGo.....Dakin
 B. Water Resources (Pesticide Study).....Tenney
 C. Con Con.....Crow
PUBLIC RELATIONS.....Mann
 A. Voters Service (Candidates Meeting).....Mann
PUBLICATIONS.....Weinman
ORGANIZATION.....Heilman
 A. Membership.....Heilman
 B. Units.....Moore
NEW BUSINESS.....Schade

***Bring material for Decatur Voter?

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July 17, 1969

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Protzman, 332 S. Linden with Mrs. Robert Schade presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Schade, Mann, Heilman, Coberly, Protzman, Weinman, Dakin, Ohlsen, Verbanak, Dumas, Moore, Westenhaver, Crow, and Mrs. Wm. Gingold, State Board Communicator.

ABSENT: Mesdames Beck, Johnson, Bowers, Day, and Colvis.

MINUTES: The minutes of the board meeting, May 28, 1969 were approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT: Year to Date Report

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Bal. on hand April 1, 1969	\$471.56	
April	696.20**	616.53*
May	63.00	161.79
June	35.70	265.05
July (to 8th)	33.50	102.87
Totals to date	\$1,299.96	\$1,146.24
Bal. on hand in checking account, July 2, 1969	\$153.72	
Bal. on hand in Mutual Home & Savings Account	\$1,095.50	

*Includes pledge payment to State LWV.

**Includes \$500.00 transferred from M.H.S. account.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. L. L. Colvis was approved by the board as an elected director to replace Mrs. Protzman who is moving to Columbus, Ohio. The board presented a token of appreciation to Mrs. Protzman since it was her last meeting before moving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Nine members attended the Regional Meeting in Springfield on July 10. They were: Mrs. Russell Walters, Mrs. David Mann, Mrs. H. W. Dakin, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. Clarence Crow, Mrs. Charles Hippler, Mrs. Robert Schade, Mrs. Thomas Hurst, and Mrs. Merlin Barber. 2) Mrs. Weinman distributed new Local League Handbooks to all board members. 3) Mrs. Schade distributed new material for board notebooks from State. A list of what should be in the notebooks was attached to see if anything is missing. 4) Mrs. Schade received a letter from the Lake County committee of inner league organization concerning a health service study we did in 1960-61. She wrote to them and offered to get them more information on services in Macon County if they should want it. 5) Mrs. Schade received a letter from Dr. Harmon Baldwin concerning the committee he was establishing for building suggestions in District 61. He is now leaving this up to the new superintendent of schools but will file his recommendations for the committee with him. 6) Mrs. Schade received a letter from the Home Economics Extension Advisor in Macon County making Macon County leaders aware of a nutrition education program available in Macon County. They will work with low income groups to help them plan buying etc. May get more information by contacting their office. 7) Discussed selling appointment calendars as a source of extra income. Mrs. Gingold said Springfield does this as a great money making project. The board decided not to sell them since other organizations in Decatur already do this. 8) Mrs. Schade received a letter advising her that League and Girl Scouts can work together. We

will keep them in mind for distributing literature, etc. 9) Mrs. Schade is pleased at the way people on inactive and active committees have responded to "Time for Actions". There have been several received and answered since the last board meeting. 10) A reply was received from Senator Robert McCarthy concerning Daycare Bills. He supported them, but one didn't pass. 11) A form was received from State asking for suggestions for State committee members. He suggested Mrs. Gerald Cox, Mrs. Walker Mills, and Mrs. Hat Kessler. The State chairmen will ask them to join their committees. 12) There is going to be a Regional Conference on structure and procedures of League on October 9 in Chicago at the O'Hare Motor Inn. It will be from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. In preparation for the conference it is suggested a special meeting be held to discuss League processes and ideas for change. The deadline for registration is October 3. We'll try to get as many as possible to attend. 13) A President's Letter was received emphasizing a move in League toward more action involving more members, and more voters service, etc. 14) League of Women Voters of Illinois was invited to make a statement to the McGovern Commission on party structure and delegate selection of the National Democratic Committee. Mrs. Robertson made the statement and was treated with respect and she felt that they genuinely wanted to hear the League's view. 15) Mrs. Schade received copies of "An Illinois Who's Who in Public Office - Federal, State, and Local" to distribute to the public. 16) The secretary will write a note expressing sympathy on behalf of the Board to Mrs. George Idnerick whose husband passed away.

PROGRAM: The suggested program schedule was discussed. A meeting was added March 3 and 4 for a school committee report. It was moved and seconded to accept the schedule as amended. Passed.

Mrs. Harold Tenney is taking over as chairman of the pesticide study of the Water Resources committee. They have done all their background reading and are finishing interviewing. They're getting ready to put material together for their report in September. Mrs. L. L. Colvis will then be chairman of the Water Resources Committee.

The LoGo committee is meeting July 25. They will review their presentation given a year ago. They will meet in August to go over consensus questions in preparation for Unit Meetings September 9 and 10. They're looking for new members.

It was suggested that prospective members be picked up by putting a short blurb in the newspaper concerning times of committee meetings. Mrs. Mann will take care of this.

Mrs. Crow held an organizational meeting of the Con Con committee that was well attended, but still needs additional members. At their first program in October they hope to bring our members up to date on League's work and stands taken on Con Con. At the regional meeting they were advised to come to consensus spontaneously. Suffrage consensus due date has been moved up to March 1st so the meeting on it will be in February.

Mrs. Ohlsen announced that League will not take an active part in the Associated Group for Better Education since it does not have a government function. Their project is enrichment for all Decatur's school children. She will write a letter to the editor of the Decatur Tribune answering a letter concerning our representation at Decatur School Board Meetings. She will advise them that we have observers at every meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Mann has been involved with mostly Voters Service this summer. League helped register people to vote at the rally for Hunger at Kitner Gym. League folders on voting eligibility requirements were passed out.

After the hunger march a coalition was formed. The top priority it was felt was voter registration. Mrs. Mann informed them of Con Con. She also received a request for help on voter registration from another contingent of the black community. This being the older, middle class blacks. The group decided to go into block clubs already organized. They hope to get resident interest by taking mobile registration units in in the evenings. Cut off date for registration is August 27

She said Block Clubs are looking for something to do. They would like some League posters and buttons (Voting is People Power). A motion was made that we pay for these buttons and posters. Seconded and passed. This will be charged to Voters Service. It is hoped that the cost will not exceed \$25.00.

It was decided to get some literature to the Open Door in Longview if possible.

ORGANIZATION: Mrs. Dumas questioned Mrs. Gingold about whether we may invite a Republican and Democratic delegate candidate for Con Con to our membership coffee. It would be difficult to decide who to invite and be fair so we decided to forego this, especially since we will sponsor a candidates meeting.

Mrs. Dumas would like to have committee chairmen submit a list of meeting dates for new and prospective members.

There will be displays of material at the coffee. Please notify Mrs. Dumas if you want a table for your committee. There will be a sign up sheet for prospective members at each table.

It was decided that twelve meetings were too many to have at Westminster. Another location will be found for some.

MRS. GINGOLD: She gave a talk about our Anniversary Drive. She brought up the possibility of returning to contributors and asking for more money for the Anniversary Fund Drive. The board discussed this and decided not to reopen our fund drive at this time.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Crow suggested sending a copy of the Illinois Constitution to all members. Mrs. Weiman will order 250 copies free from the state. They will be used in Voters Service and distributed at units to show the people how outdated the Illinois Constitution is.

"Con Con Comments", a convention timetable will go out on subscription service.

There has been no distribution of the Illinois Voters Handbook as yet. They will be publicized to start moving them in late August or early September.

The next board meeting will be August 20.

Meeting was adjourned 3:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Coberly

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Secretary