

MINUTES OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING
DECATUR, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 20, 1965

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Glenn Fuller, 1636 Home Park Ave. at 12:45 with Mrs. Thomas Hurst, President presiding.

Present: Board Members: Mesdames Thomas Hurst, Harold Tenny, Glenn Fuller, Kingsley Larzenberg, Edward Frost, George Limerick, Richard Ruedi, Clifford Smith, Clarence Crow, George Dorner, Nat Kessler, Daniel Moore, W.H. Tilley, Absent: Mesdames L. B. Ritter, David Mann.

Minutes of Sept. 22 meeting were approved after Mrs. Smith suggested that an explanatory note be added that 8 women had moved out of the city as the reason they had dropped LWV membership, from the 18 mentioned as dropping in the Sept. Membership report-Line 3, Page 1.

Treasurer's Report: The Sept. 22 balance was \$745.21, receipts were \$447.00, expenditures of \$245.27, leaving cash on hand as of Oct. 20 of \$946.94. It was decided the next board meeting will be Nov. 17 at Ann Limerick's home.

United Nations: Mrs. Smith reported that the arrangements for the UN Community Program, Oct. 26, had been completed.

County Nursing Home: Mrs. Kessler asked for a discussion on questions to be considered by the study group. The two questions she presented were "Does Macon County need a county nursing home or can private homes answer the need?" and "If it is felt that a county nursing home is needed should the county run such a home or contract for its operation?" The Board decided that a third question should be added, "What will be done about the disposition of funds realized from the sale of Macon Acres?"

Human Resources: Mrs. Frost reported that the committee will have Mr. C. Philip Ross, who is Director of Decatur and Macon County Opportunities Corp. speak at a coming meeting. The Board suggested that when a speaker of general interest is to speak before a study group, announcement should be made in the bulletin so that all interested LWV members might attend.

Unit Meetings: It was reported that there were 43 LWV members (including 8 committee members) and 4 guests at the three Oct. Unit Meetings on Apportionment. Mrs. Hurst stressed the importance of Board members attending the November meetings because the Board will have to determine consensus. The location of where unit meetings are held was discussed, also the baby sitting fees. The board decided that in spite of possible conflict with school visitation, there should be a fourth unit meeting on Tuesday morning. Nov. unit meeting will remain the second week. The Apportionment Committee will have to agree to do the Tues. morning meeting.

Revenue: Mrs. Kessler moved and it was seconded that Mrs. Frank Verbanac, Revenue Chairman, be authorized to attend the state meeting on Revenue in Chicago on Nov. 10. Carried.

District of Columbia Home Rule: Mrs. Hurst reported receiving a letter from Rep. Springer in reply to our Time for Action letters urging his support. He voted for the Sisk bill rather than the one LWV supported.

Local Agenda Meeting: Peoria, Nov. 9. Several members are likely to be able to go. Budget Committee Chr. Mrs. J. R. Miller cannot attend. Board decided to authorize Mrs. Mann to go if she can.

Urban Renewal: Go-See-Tour is Oct. 23, 1:30. Champaign publication on Urban Renewal and Housing has been ordered.

Foreign Economic Policy: Mrs. Smith moved and it was seconded that the LWV of Decatur become a sponsor along with Milliken University and other groups of a Dept. of State Community Meeting on Foreign Policy in the spring. We would be responsible for some of the arrangements, not the actual program. Carried.

Finance Drive report was read by Mrs. Hurst stating that \$281.30 was contributed by members and \$889.00 by non-members giving a total of \$1170.30 thus far collected. In November a complete report will be made.

Membership: Mrs. Fuller reported that since Jan. 1. 1965 we have 26 new members, making a total of 157 members. Mrs. Robert R. Patterson is our newest member. Mrs. Fuller had 50 copies of "Forty Years of Faith and Works", a history of the Illinois LWV obtained for only postage. These were distributed to board members present and will be given to new members. She is also trying to make arrangements for an orientation meeting hopefully to be held in a member's home who has not attended an orientation meeting. A discussion followed on "how to get and keep members" and the possibility of a leaflet describing the principles and position on local, state and national items of LWV so that prospective members will know these before joining, also an application blank for membership might be considered. Mrs. Fuller showed a pamphlet already in print, "Facts about LWV" explaining the national items, and membership recruiting pamphlets that could be used for distribution at the library, YWCA and other places.

Public Relations: Mrs. Tenney reported that radio publicity will be given for the UN Community Program and that she has an appointment with the newspaper about the possibility of "National Citizenship Test" on CBS Nov. 9 being published in the paper.

Publications: Mrs. Ruedi reported that "UN Peacekeeping" has gone out as first publication on Publication Service. No orders resulted from Subscription Service coupon in Decatur Voter but coupon for "New Member Kit" for \$1.00 will be put in next Voter.

Voters Service: Mrs. Moore passed around a draft of our voting and officials reference. Mrs. Ruedi made a motion and it was seconded that \$35 be allowed for 5,000 copies. Carried.

Nominating Committee: The board decided that if a person nominated for president would be willing to serve 2 years, she would be asked to do so according to that provision in the By-laws rather than the provision that President be elected in even numbered years since we are off schedule for following both.

Other Business: Mrs. Hurst announced that there will have to be an afternoon board meeting on Dec. 1. following the All-Member meeting for the purpose of determining our suggestions for national program which must be postmarked Dec. 2. As last year bring a sack lunch to morning meeting.

Decatur Voter: Mrs. Dorner announced that there will be a Dec. issue. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Langenberg,
Secretary

Minutes of September meeting - Langenburg
Treasurer's Report - Mann
Finance Drive Report - Tenney
Membership - Fuller
Attendance, New members, Orientation
Recruiting posters? Leaflet with principles?
Public Relations - Tenney
Publicity, past & future
Publications - Rusdi
Sub. Serv. "UN Peacekeeping",
Community organization letter, flyer for schools
"Selling" LWV publications
New Member Kit of publications - promote with
coupon in Decatur Voter?

READ BEFORE BOARD MEETING!

12:45

Call Hurst if unable to attend.
Take Local League Handbook, Yearbook,
recent Voters, and other references
to all board meetings.
Make reports complete but concise.
If you need board help or approval before
making a decision, suggest one or more
possible solutions for consideration.
Make items for Voter in triplicate -
one for Editor, one for Publicity, &
one for your file.

"Forty Years of Faith & Work" (Nat'l LWV History) free now from National, give to whom?
Voters Service

"National Citizenship Test", Tues., Nov. 9, 9-10 pm (Nat'l office suggests we have copies
of test form made for wide distribution - get other groups to help us)

Progress on preparation of voting and officials guide

Non-League publications obtained at Regional meeting

Program - Kessler

Coming Meetings

UN Community Program, Oct. 26 - Smith

Arrangements

Publicity - Tenney

Invitations to contributors

Telephone Committee call members

Units on Apportionment Consensus, Nov. 9 & 10 - Ritter

Should they be changed to 3rd week because of Local Agenda Workshop in Peoria Nov. 9,
9:30 - 3:00 and Nat'l Citizenship Test that night, American Education Week visitation
at schools, and vacation (Nov. 11)? Next meeting (all member) is not scheduled until
Dec. 1, 9:15 (week after Thanksgiving).

Plans for arriving at consensus - Kessler

(Board will determine consensus from recorders' reports at Nov. Bd. meeting)

All-Member meeting on Nat'l Prog. suggestions, etc. Dec. 1, 9:15

Letter from Indiana members asking for Population Control as a study

Do all board members have copy of Nat'l By-laws in order to suggest amendments?

Board meeting on afternoon of Dec. 1 to determine our suggested nat'l program, due Dec. 2

(Bring sack lunch to morning meeting!)

National Program

Home Rule for DC - letter from Rep. Springer

Foreign Economic Policy - Smith

Invitation to be one of sponsors of Dept. of State Community meeting in spring

Human Resources - Frost

United Nations - Program Conference, Chicago, Oct. 27, Local Chr. to be hostess to consult

4th in TV series on UN by Xerox "Poppies are also Flowers, mid-December

State Program

Revenue - State meeting, Chicago, Nov. 10

Equal Housing Opportunities - Tilley

Election Laws - look into election practices in Decatur? (problem - chr. is wife of/

Child Welfare - Limerick

Local Program

State Meeting on Local Agenda - Nov. 2 Chicago or Nov. 9 Peoria (Who should go?)

Budget Chairman - State meeting, Chicago, Nov. 4 (Authorize M. Miller or sub. to go)

Nominating Committee - Elect Pres. for one year to come out even with By-laws or two years according to that provision of By-laws? We're off schedule - what to do? Should Nom. Com informally seek persons to fill specific positions such as Finance, Prog. Coord, Pub. Rel, Memb. instead of 1st & 2nd VP and directors with portfolios assigned after election?

Other Business - Evaluation of Regional Meeting, Letter from Sheriff Peters to attend Bd. of

Sup. meeting about Civil Service for Deputies, Help for "small" Leagues

The Decatur Voter - Dorner (have material ready to hand in at board meeting!)