

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters met for a regular meeting on February 18, 1976 at 9:30 a.m. with President Barb Brown calling the meeting to order at the Decatur Community Church, 903 West Decatur Street, Decatur, Illinois

Present: Mesdames: Brown, Staley, Jensen, Protzman, Smith, Lantz, Campbell, Oldweiler, Lauterjung, Weinman.

Absent: Mesdames: Langer, Moore and Cantoni.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Maggie Lauterjung reported a balance of \$655.71.

Communications:

A. World Affairs Conferences are being conducted by the University of Illinois Extension Division of the Foreign Affairs Department. The conferences will be held around the state during the months of March and April.

B. A Child Welfare Seminar will be held in Alton, Ill. on February 20, 1976.

C. First Woman Legislator- A ceremony was held in Springfield to honor Lottie H. O'Neil, who was Illinois's first woman legislator. A bust of Mrs. O'Neil was unveiled in the Illinois Capitol Building on the first day of the current legislative session.

D. Last minute national program proposals - the proposal is for a new study item on energy.

E. Bill S-1. Senators Percy and Stevenson have replied to a letter sent by the state LWV on the Senate bill S-1 which deals with the codification of national criminal laws. Both senators have stated that because of certain amendments currently attached to the bill they are unable to support the bill.

F. ERA -It is felt on the national level of LWV that there should be established a new national organization to be called ERAMERICA to help meet the great need for unification of ERA groups.

G. LWVEF- The LWVEF will conduct a series of 5 forums each being devoted to a single issue or a cluster of issues, to coincide with primary dates around the country. PBS has stated an interest in broadcasting the series during prime-time.

Organization:

A. Membership: the membership committee in conjunction with the President will hold a new member orientation meeting during the beginning of March.

B. New Member: Marjorie Sangster - 2267 N. Wilder-62526

C. Transfer Member: Diane Basten-1535 W. Garfield
429-9591

D. March Unit Meeting - March 10, 1976- Registration by Mail. Morning -9:30 at Westminster Church
Evening - 7:30 at Millie Protzman's home.

E. March Board Meeting - March 17, 1976 at 9:30

F. Public Relations: Karla Weinman read our proposed proclamation which will be submitted to Mayor Rupp for his approval of March 1-7, 1976 being "League of Women Voters Week."

Program:

A. Child Welfare: Karen Jensen reported on the progress of her committee. The child welfare committee will not hold a March meeting.

B. Registration by Mail: Karla Weinman reported on her meeting with Bill Tangney and her proposed meeting with Jim Bottorf.

C. Voters Service: Karla Weinman led the discussion on having a pre-primary candidates meeting. The board decided not have a pre-primary candidates meeting.

D. Publications: 1. Women's Year Conference pamphlet will be given to the LWV membership at the next few meetings instead of mailing with the Decatur Voter because of the extra expense of the added postage. 2. Catalogue - Election 1976. The catalogue is a list of available publications concerned with Voters Service.

Annual Meeting: Board Recommendations of Local Programs

1. County and Township government
Support #1 - recommend to continue this support position
Support #2 - recommend to continue this support position.
2. Decatur Environmental Quality
Support #1 - recommend to drop
Support #2 - recommend to continue this support position
3. Council-Mayor Form of Government
recommend to drop
4. Decatur Public Schools
Support #1 - recommend to drop
Support #2 - recommend to drop
Support #3 - recommend to drop
5. Human Resources and Civil Rights
Support #1 - recommend to drop
Support #2 - recommend to drop

The Board of Directors will submit to the membership of LWV the following local program item: Decatur Public Schools - the study of the needs and goals of the public schools in Decatur. The scope of the study will be: To study the needs and goals of the Decatur school district #61, both educationally and financially to include the areas of responsibilities of the school board and the school administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Next Board Meeting: March 17, 1976 - Decatur Community Church at 9:30 a.m.

Secretary

Beth Oldweiler