

Board Meeting
of
League of Women Voters

March 1, 1949

A luncheon meeting of the Board of L.W.V. was held at the Decatur Club on March 1, 1949, at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Kuhns, president, presided.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on February 1, were read and approved.

Mrs. Clifford Smith, chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, reported that it was recommended that the committee give a discussion of defense pacts at the March discussion groups.

Mrs. Kate McLaughlin reported that Mr. Eakin conducted a discussion on the fiscal budget on February 24, and suggested a forum with LWV at a later date.

Mrs. Betty Simmons reported that the Education committee will continue until its project is completed this spring.

Mrs. Jean Goldman, program chairman, announced that Mrs. McLaughlin would lead the discussion on world government.

Mrs. McEvoy reported on suggested local projects. The following were considered: (a) parking problem; (b) annexation of adjacent territory to the city; (c) housing; (d) swimming pools; (e) precinct map; (f) municipal problems and remedial legislation; and (g) use of local tax money. She further reported that her committee recommended that the last named project - a study of the use of local tax moneys - be adopted as the local project. There was some discussion on methods and means of bringing the information resulting from the study before the public and the probable cost.

Mrs. Harriett ^{BIRT} ~~Burke~~ moved and Mrs. Reid seconded the motion that the above recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kuhns announced that the Decatur Club had been reserved for the annual meeting, and after some discussion it was decided that it should be a dinner meeting. The calling committee was appointed to take charge of the annual meeting.

Mrs. Kuhns also reported that the JC's had asked for a joint meeting with LWV on Con-Con, with speakers for both sides. It was moved by Mrs. Goldman, seconded by Mrs. Burke, that LWV join the JC's in such meeting. Motion carried.

The new current agenda was read.

The president announced that the legislation school for Macon County would be held on March 15 and 16.

A questionnaire on annual report was read and, with the Board concurring, answered.

A letter from Mrs. Katherine Fisher, state president, was read, telling of her resignation because of Mr. Fisher's appointment as chairman of Illinois Commerce Commission. The secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Fisher that we had enjoyed the privilege of working with her and, though we deeply regretted her resignation, we heartily approved their decision that as good citizens Mr. Fisher should accept this opportunity to serve the public.

Copies of our proposed budget for 1949-50 were distributed; Mrs. Cope of the state finance committee introduced, and the meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Cope. Mrs. Cope talked at length on state and national budgets, how they had been financed since the inception of the organization, and how the growth of the organization required a change. This year local league must assume the burden. Mrs. Cope spoke of the one-third, one-third, one-third formula, but said it had been inadequate and not too successful. This year contributions from local leagues are asked on the basis of (a) membership; (b) wealth of the community; and (c) size and strength of the league. There was considerable discussion following the talk and a number of questions.

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Our/budget was read; charges were suggested; and ways for better showing of the true picture were suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Blossom Redmon
Secretary pro tem.

March Activities

March 8, 1949
1949

Luncheon ---- Decatur Club
Subject -- ---World Government
Leader ----- Mrs. David Wood

March 10, 1949
8 P. M.

Evening --- Library
Subject --- World Government
Leader --- Mrs. David Wood

March 24, 1949

Annual Meeting
Dinner 6:30 Decatur Club

Legislation School ----

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 24, 1949

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters was held in the Decatur Club on March 24, 1949, preceded by dinner at 6:30 P.M. There were twenty five members present.

The president, Mrs. Kuhns, called the meeting to order at 7:30. The minutes of the last annual meeting of March 25, 1948, were read and approved. The treasurer's report, given by Mrs. Greider, showed a balance of \$135.63.

Mrs. Robert Wood, new chairman of the budget committee, read the proposed budget for 1949-1950. Mrs. Moore moved that it be accepted. It was seconded and carried. A copy of the budget is filed with the secretary's minutes.

The president said that a letter had been received, asking for support of the Bill to license practical nurses.

Informal reports from committee chairmen followed:

Program - Mrs. Goldman reviewed subjects studied in our monthly group meetings and said we had covered two of the three recommended by the National office; United Nations and The Fiscal Policy of the Government.

Action - Mrs. Cox said she felt the finest thing about the League was the fact that Knowledge followed through to Action. Through the year we have tried to co-operate in all Calls for Action. She reported a recent letter from the National President, Miss Strauss, which said that the National Comm. was not recommending a stand on Pacts at this time.

Finance - Mrs. Stauber reported an advance in financial policy maturity this year. Because of service to the community, the League felt it could ask for gifts from both men and women in the city who were interested in our work. About \$150 has been received. Members of the League also contributed above the amount of their dues.

Foreign Relations - Mrs. Clifford Smith reported working in harmony with the United Nations Workshop Comm. and giving the study group program on the Atlantic Pact as well as other information on Pacts.

Government in Operation - Mrs. Birt acknowledged the excellent work of her committee members and named them. She reviewed briefly their activities during the Election fall months. She reported that recently 8 members constituted a Legislative School and visited the Legislature in Springfield for a day. The president added that they were proud of our Representative and Senator.

Economics - The president reported that the comm. had conducted three meetings and sponsored one with Mr. Eakin as speaker. She then reported the challenging offer of Mr. Eakin to meet with the League members for three, two hour sessions, on the subject of the Fiscal Policy. It was left to the Board to decide on arrangements.

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Education - The president said that nothing had been done this year except conversations with officers on the subject.

Membership - Miss P'Simer reported two membership meetings last spring. After that it was decided to concentrate on present membership the rest of the year.

United Nations Workshop - Mrs. Reid told of three meetings with her comm. in preparation for the discussion groups; two talks to PTA groups; and other public talks since, by her comm. members.

Publicity - The president said that we had had the same excellent press relations with our local paper as last year. At state meetings she has attended in Chicago, Decatur is always mentioned as having the best publicity of all the state leagues.

Bulletin - Mrs. Doubleday, Chr. reported the publishing of three bulletins during the year.

Constitutional Convention - The president said that the League is actively interested and has had two representatives from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce at the Springfield hearings. Mr. Ray, of the Union Organization, had been interviewed, as well as others.

The president asked that letters of appreciation be written to the local press, the Library, and to our Senator for his vote on the Broyles Bill, which was negative.

It was the consensus of opinion that any change of meeting days be left to Board decision.

Mrs. McEvoy, new local projects chairman, and her comm. recommended that our League make an evaluation of the revenue, in the city of Decatur, available to the public and do this in booklet form and any other way deemed advisable.

The By Laws comm. recommended the following change in the By Laws;

Article 4- Section 1--- to read as follows:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, two elected Directors, not more than two appointed Directors, and all appointed chairmen of committees. Mrs. Stauber made the motion that this amendment be adopted. It was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Kuhns announced with regret that Mrs. Goldman was moving to St. Louis, and expressed appreciation for her services to the League.

The report of the Nominating comm. was given as follows:

President - Mrs. John Kuhns
1st. Vice Pres. - Mrs. Gerald Cox
2nd. " " - Mrs. Floyd Birt
3rd. " " - Mrs. Lee Reid
Secretary ----- Mrs. John Donovan
Treasurer ----- Mrs. Howard Akers
Directors ----- Mrs. J.W. McEvoy--- Mrs. Martin Cohen
Nominating Comm. Mrs. J.K. Flint-Miss Margaret Wood- Miss Perry

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Miss P'Simer moved that the Nominating comm. report be accepted. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss P'Simer moved that the National By Laws of the League be accepted; seconded and carried.

The delegate to the State convention in May will be elected by the Board.

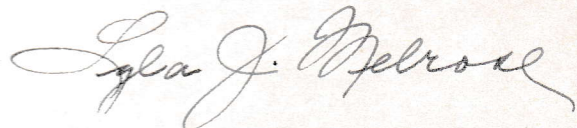
The proposed Current Agenda as recommended by the Board of Directors, to be acted upon at the State Convention May 18-20 was read. In an informal discussion it was decided that our delegate to the State convention report our choices of the proposed items to be in the following order:

- 1 - A Constitutional Convention.
- 2 - A comprehensive study of state government.
- 3 - Unit school districts. State support to equalize educational opportunities to a foundation level.
- 4 - Improved organization of welfare services at the state and local levels. Development of local services in the field of mental health.

The fifth item: State fair employment practices --- was to be reported as a subject, the local League did not feel equal to undertake in Decatur.

The meeting adjourned.

Lyla J. Melrose - Secretary



BOARD MEETING

The Board of the League of Women Voters met March 29, 1949, in the Association of Commerce conference room, at 9:30 A. M. Mrs. Kuhns, president, presided. Those present were: Mrs. Kuhns, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Birt, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Acers, Mrs. Mc Evoy, Mrs. Cohen, and Mrs. Donovan. The committee Chairman chosen for 1949-1950 are as follows:

Action and Program-----Mrs. Birt
Publicity-----Mrs. Cox
Membership-----Mrs. Reid
Bulletin-----Mrs. Doubleday
Economics-----Mrs. Clifford Smith
International Relations-----Mrs. Cohen
Local Project-----Mrs. Mc Evoy
Finance-----Mrs. Catherine Wood
State Item-----Mrs. Ruedi
Structure of Gov.-----Mrs. Lewis
Publications-----Mrs. Stauber

Mrs. Cox discussed the program for April. It was decided to cancel the discussion group for April at the Decatur Club because of the joint meeting with the Junior Chamber of Commerce on the Constitutional Convention Forum being held Monday, April 11, at 8 P. M. in the Decatur High School auditorium.

The general meeting on April 28, will be held at 7:30 in the Library. Mrs. Cox will lead the discussion on International Trade Organization. It is hoped Mrs. Julia Bock Miller will be able to attend and may answer questions on the attitude of people in other countries toward America.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

Mrs. John J. Donovan
Secretary