

Item 3. Decatur Water Resources and Sewer Systems. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 4. Study and Evaluation of Assessment Practices in Madison County. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 5. Council-Manager Form of City Government. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Dumas read the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were called for. In the absence of any, Mrs. Dumas moved the nominating ballot become the elective ballot. Seconded and passed unanimously. (See list of nominees in the Board minutes of 2-20-69.)

FINANCE: Mrs. Robert Lee reported that our membership has contributed \$1,055, which is half the amount of our goal for the 50th Anniversary Finance Drive. We are in the second phase, non-member portion, of the drive. She asked for more solicitors to help with follow-up calls to prospective contributors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The State Convention will be held in Peoria April 22-24. Members are urged to attend. 2) LWV of Illinois has designated March 25 and 26 as Decatur Days at the State Legislature in Springfield. March 25 is also the Decatur area Green Delegation Day - an effort by concerned citizens to persuade the legislature to raise the per pupil foundation level from \$400 to \$600. There will be a League briefing session March 25 at 12:30 in the LWV office in downtown Springfield. Mrs. Thomas Hurst invited LWV members to a PTA-sponsored meeting with our legislators at 12 PM on the 2nd floor of the Capitol. 3) The ADA Community Conversation program will be Saturday, May 17. They hope to have telephone lines to State and National legislators and other prominent people. 4) The PTA-DEA sponsored School Board Candidates meeting will be Thursday March 27 at Mountair High School at 7:30 PM. 5) The Farm Bureau is sponsoring a Defensive Driving course to be held in two sessions at the Farm Bureau Building March 27 and April 3 in the evening. There is a \$15.00 fee. 6) Mrs. Clifford Smith announced the Foreign Policy Units to be held April 1 and 2. This is the final study on China and Southeast Asia. 7) Mrs. Robert Butler announced that the date of the next Board meeting had not been included in this month's Voter. It will be March 31 at the home of Mrs. Merlin Barber and incoming board members are invited. 8) Mrs. Hurst urged we attend the Town Meeting April 1 in the County Building. 9) Mrs. Westenhaver extended best wishes and congratulations to the new officers and especially to Mrs. Robert Schade, our incoming president. 10) Mrs. Schade commended the services of Mrs. Westenhaver as outgoing president.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Hippler

Mary Jane Hippler, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 12, 1969

The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, 450 E. Pershing Rd., with Mrs. Keith Westenhaver presiding.

PRESIDENT: Mesdames Westenhaver, Barber, Mann, Butler, Lee, Rippler, Protzman, Beck, Crow, Schade and Lomas.

ADJUNCT: Mesdames Dakin, Weinman, Johnson, Miller, Neilman and Romagosa.

SCHOOL STUDY: The following questions were distributed to the board for approval:

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION...BY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

1. What motivated you to run for the Board of Education?
2. What is your educational background and what are your qualifications for the Board of Education?
3. In what ways have you previously shown an active interest in education?
4. In what ways could the educational program and other aspects of the school system be improved?
5. If there is no increase in school revenue from either state funds or local taxes what course of action should be taken?

Mrs. Beck moved we accept the questions as present. (Once answers are received from the candidates they will be compiled and distributed to all news media.) Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Westenhaver read a letter from the Decatur Education Association inviting LWV members to attend a School Board Candidate's meeting at McArthur High School Thursday, March 27.

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Mann read a covering letter and proposed questionnaire to City Council Candidates. Once answers are received from the candidates, they will be compiled and distributed to all news media. The questions are as follows:

1. How would you approach our street and sewer problems?
2. How would you encourage the building of housing for people of limited incomes?
3. Would you support increased funds for the Community relations program?
4. What tax sources would be fairest to provide needed services?
5. What other pressing needs must be met by the city?

Mrs. Lee moved we accept the questions. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Crow reported on a conversation with Mr. Lee Zimmerman, speaking on behalf of City Council Candidate Frank Grossman. Mr. Zimmerman had communicated with WJOY and WAND, and both stations had expressed interest in cooperating with League in producing a candidates meeting. It was decided we would not be able to cooperate due to a lack of time and manpower.

Adjournment: 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Rippler

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOICES

March Board Meeting

Date and Time:

March 11, 1969

12:45 p.m.

ADENDA

- MINUTES.....Tippler
 - Treasurer's Report.....Johnson
 - ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Westenover
 - PROGRAM.....GROW
 - A. Foreign Policy - April Units.....Miller
 - B. Electoral College.....Stenl
 - COMING MEETINGS.....GROW
 - ORGANIZATION.....Schnade
 - Units.....Neilman
 - VOICES SERVICE.....Kann
 - FINANCES.....Gee
 - DEPARTUR VOICES.....Butler
- Please bring announcements and articles to board meeting.
- A.B. Chairmen: Please have a written copy of your report for the secretary.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

March 31, 1969

The combined meeting of the outgoing and incoming boards was held at the home of Mrs. Merlin Barber, 934 W. William, with Mrs. Janet Westenhaver presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Westenhaver, Barber, Schade Crow, Hippler, Johnson, Frotzman, Mann, Weiman, Miller, Heilman, Beck, Lee, Coberly, Ohlsen, Deffenbaugh and Bowers.

ABSENT: Mesdames Butler, D-kin, Dumas and Roman.

MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting, February 20, 1969, were approved as read. The minutes of the March 21 special board meeting were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash on hand, 3-1-69, \$449.43. Total Receipts, \$549.70. Expenditures, \$27.57. Cash on hand, 3-31-69, \$471.56. As of 3-31-69, the 50th Anniversary Finance Drive total in the Mutual Home and Savings account amounted to \$1,188.50.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Mrs. Schade announced that 8 Decatur LWV members attended the briefing at the League office in Springfield during our March 25 visit to the Legislature. 2) Mrs. Schade said we will have 7 delegates attending the LWV State Convention in Peoria April 22, 23, and 24. There is a visitor's pass for those wishing to attend for one day. Anyone wishing to be an alternate delegate should contact Mrs. Schade. 3) Mrs. Westenhaver read the state summary of school consensus questions, attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes. 4) Copies of THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT, a book that has been hard to obtain, will be on sale at the Convention for \$2.00 a copy. It is on the recommended reading list for the Electoral College study. 5) NBC will present a series of TV programs dealing with poverty starting Easter Sunday. The title is Challenge of a Closer Moon. 6) Mrs. Miller announced a Tuesday evening TV program presenting former Ambassador Reichauer on Japan. 7) Mrs. Westenhaver read a communication from the Decatur Education Association concerning a speech by a former National Education Association president to be held April 11, at 7:30 under DEA sponsorship. 8) The Governor's Conference on Youth will be May 15 & 16 at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago. 9) A communication from Decatur School Superintendent Harmon Baldwin asked for the names of three LWV members as candidates to work on a committee to develop a long range plan for building or replacing school buildings. 10) A communication from the National LWV office states that April 17 is the kickoff for the 50th Anniversary Fund Drive. 11) A statement from State Human Resources Chairman Janet Otwell agreed that we were within League position in supporting the Decatur Fair Housing Ordinances when a Decatur LWV member testified before the Feb. 24 City Council Meeting. The City Corporation Council had questioned the legality of the measures we were supporting. 12) Mrs. Schade had been asked by Mr. Lindley Hurt of the Macon County Heritage Committee to ask our members to write letters to the Macon County Conservation District supporting the purchase of the Ogelsby Mansion. This is not a League position, but the board agreed to consider asking the membership (in the WFLR) to do this as individuals if they so desire. If the idea is controversial, we may want to present both sides as a voters service. 13) Mrs. Westenhaver announced that at an invitation from the Champaign LWV, several of our State Convention Delegates had agreed to meet with Champaign delegates to work on a Water and Air Pollution item for presentation at the convention.

FOREIGN POLICY: Mrs. Miller presented the program for the April 1 and 2 units. It will cover: 1. China Today, 2. Chinese Foreign Policy Goals, 3. U.S. Interest in Asia and 4. Communism vs. Democracy in Asia, 5. The Korean War, 6. Asian Countries, The Government and the People, 7. Chinese Relations with Asian Countries, 8. U.S. Relations with Asian Countries, 9. Outlook for Peaceful Settlement in Vietnam and 10. The Role of the U.S. in Asia.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: Mrs. Crow presented a study guide for the Electoral College for use as a general outline for the April 16 meeting. The study guide was accepted by the board. (Copy attached to Secretary's minutes.)

SCHOOL STUDY: Mrs. Schade said the School Study committee has received more information than can be used by the local news media, and the committee would like to cut some of it before distribution to the media. However, they would like to publish the complete information in the VOTER. The board agreed to this. Mrs. Bowers moved we authorize the distribution of 10,000 copies of the School Board Candidates and the City Council Candidates Fact Sheets to be distributed through Voters Service. Seconded and passed. Mrs. Mee asked for 150 copies of each fact sheet to be sent to contributors.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Beck announced that the Community Housing Survey her committee recently completed is due in the National Office by May 1 to be used in drafting consensus questions for next Fall. She presented questions to be included as part 8 of the survey and moved that the questions be accepted by the board. Seconded and passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Barber said she is sending letters to the State and national people we hope to have speaking on the special telephone lines during the Community Conversations program with WDZ.

ORGANIZATION: Mrs. Heilman said information on the April 1 units will be in the Voter.

FINANCE: Mrs. Mee read letters from a couple of our contributors commending our Local League. We have now received \$1,221.50 from our members. The usual member contribution is around \$200.00 Non-members have contributed \$695. She has half the cards in from the solicitors and would like to send a follow-up letter to contributors who have not yet donated.

Mrs. Westenhaver presented the following letter to be sent to the Mayor with copies to Corporation Council Landholt and members of the City Council concerning our stand on proposals to the Human Relations Commission. The amended letter follows:

"Dear Mayor Rupp:

On February 24, 1969, a statement supporting certain sections of the Human Relations Commission proposal was read by Mrs. Robert C. Schade as Decatur League Representative. Mr. Landholt indicated that he felt the League was acting irresponsibly to support passage of ordinances which had not been proved constitutional.

We have submitted copies of the League statement along with the proposals of the Human Relations Commission to the State Board of the League. They concur with the Decatur League in the following:

'Determining constitutionality is not the function of the League, but rather the function of the courts.'