

League of Women Voters of Decatur - Minutes of meeting of June 15, 1978

The regular meeting of the board of directors was called to order at 1:15 by President Karen Jensen. Present were the Mss. Minich, Oldweiler, Cantoni, Meyerson, Brown, Basten, Marshall, Sorensen, Jensen, Jacobsen and Margaret Campbell.

The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer, Sue Marshall, gave her report as follows:

Balance May 1		\$1,314.05
May income	\$50.00	<u>50.00</u>
		1,364.05
May expenses	77.27	<u>77.27</u>
Balance June 15		\$1,286.78

Announcements:

1. Radio Station W.S.O.Y. has asked Karen Jensen to be one of their commentators on a regular basis. She will do 2-minute scripts on a "Spectrum" series. Her first one was on ERA last week. Board members will try to help with gathering subject matter and preparing scripts. She does not appear on the program as a representative of LWV.
2. LWV member Lee Staley, in her capacity as President of Churchwomen United, wants someone from LWV to go on ERA talk show June 20. The feeling seemed to be that most aware Decatur citizens know that LWV is pro-ERA. What might have greater impact would be public appearances by representative from organizations whose leanings are not generally known. Names will be forwarded to Lee.
3. As a response to a registered letter from C.U.R.B. soliciting our sympathy and cooperation in their campaign against pornography, Beth Oldweiler suggested that a letter be sent in return refusing compliance, stating simply that LWV does not have a position on pornography and we see no plans for such a study in the near future.
4. Political accountability ratings have been reinstated.
5. There are three new state committees: lobbying, observer corps, and development (ways and means).

Beth Oldweiler reported that she and Karen Jensen had attended a workshop in Springfield, where among other things she was encouraged to get busy with plans for candidate meetings for fall. She described the prices and facilities that are available locally, and possible times when these candidate meetings might be held.

The group seemed to favor October 13, with time span of 5-7:30. Arrangement of this was left to her discretion.

The question of bulk mailing of invitations was discussed. Kathy Sorensen will check into it.

Beth Oldweiler also described an available publication from the Chicago Tribune which presents candidates for offices throughout the state. A list of those running locally and some pertinent information about them can be inserted into the first and the whole distributed at the candidates' meeting, for example. The feeling was favorable to this idea.

Kathy Sorensen moved that we order 25 gold-colored stick pins saying VOTE for use at the candidates' party. Seconded and passed.

The summer handbook will be handled by Elise Hurst and Dee Meyerson.

There was animated discussion of the planned summer coffee. It was decided to bring prospective members to socialize and hear a program which may be presented by Elise Hurst and/or Kathy Sorensen, depending upon the date, which has yet to be set with the possible hostess. Ellen Cantoni, Winnie Loewen and Barbara Brown will make arrangements.

Members went through the State Calendar month by month with a view to setting tentative local programs to mesh with it. Kathy Sorensen will present this plan for the board's approval at the next meeting. She solicited suggestions for speakers for planned programs and ideas of areas for study on open dates.

The next board meeting will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on August 3rd at Westminster Church, with baby-sitting provided.

Adjournment at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Jacobsen

*Aug 9-11-2:00  
Westminster  
at home*