

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

Board Meeting, January 19, 1972

9:15 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Charles Meyerson, 175 Park Place

AGENDA

- Minutes.....Joborly
- Treasurer's Report.....Butler
- Program.....Join an
U. S. Congress Consensus
February Units
National Program: airing
Annual Meeting Plans
- Organization.....Verbanac
New member orientation
- Public Relations.....Meyerson
Finance Drive
Budget Report
- Action.....Redford
- New Business.....Wilson
- Announcements.....Allen
- Decatur Voter.....Forbes

Call Barb if you can't attend Board Meeting!!

Reservations for mini-regional by January 17.

Springfield on Jan. 21, 9:30 - 3:00

Reservation & lunch \$1.75

Call Barb by Jan. 17

Minutes to Board Meeting held December 15, 1971

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Frank Verbanac, 12 Dakota Drive, with President, Mrs. Robert Ohlsen, presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Ohlsen, Meyerson, Verbanac, Coberly, McVay, Forbes, Schade, Marshall, Redford, and Sensenig.

ABSENT: Mesdames Butler, Cook, and Smith.

MINUTES: Approved as mailed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cash on hand \$256.43. U. S. Acct. \$304.05.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Discussion of Budget. The budget committee will meet January 13 to set up a budget for 1972. Suggestions were given to Mrs. Meyerson for the committee to consider.

Finance Drive recommendations: Discussed a membership drive for contributions. A statement of clarification of a contribution will be added to dues statements. Whether a membership drive will coincide with a non-member drive will be left up to Large Dodge. If she can find solicitors for the non-member drive, then the Board will do the member drive.

A pamphlet explaining League was passed and discussed for use in the finance drive. It was felt that it pertained more to a National finance drive so will not use it.

A big thanks was given to Dee Meyerson for her work on the excellent candidates meeting. The budget for Voter's Service is now exhausted until April. A meeting for each election should be evaluated on basis of how many people we will reach. Whether we should allow candidates to distribute literature at meetings was discussed. It was decided that the manner of distribution should be spelled out in a letter to candidates.

A dues increase was discussed and decided against. We will have Large Butler break down the cost for each member for analysis.

It was decided to drop one duplicate President's mailing. It was announced at President's Council that legislative newsletters should be furnished by League to some board members. It was decided to buy one for each the Action chairman and the program vice-president. If the Action chairman is on the State Legislative Committee, she will get one free.

League Action Service includes Times for Action and Reports from the Hill. We are adding one subscription at a cost of \$5.00 for the Action Chairman.

ORGANIZATION: Membership: An orientation for new members will be held if possible before the Annual Meeting.

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It was moved, seconded and passed to change the Election Laws Units to February and have U. S. Congress Units on January 11 & 12. If Election Laws has no consensus questions by February, they will hold informational units.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Mrs. James Johnson as Unit Chairman and a Board Director for the rest of this year.

Discussion of Annual Meeting: Hopefully we can have a dessert in a private home with us furnishing the dessert. The telephone committee will be asked to take reservations.

Address changes: Nancy Roucher, 473 Shoreline Drive, 62521. Agnita Wright, Box 34, same R. D. as zip.

PROGRAM: Local Program Recommendations: No response was received to Voter request. Local chairman will be asked to decide if changes are necessary in their items or if they should be deleted. A possibility of a county government study item was discussed. Mrs. Hurst will be contacted concerning this.

A fact sheet for U. S. Congress will go into the Voter. Hopefully the consensus questions will fit on the bottom. Since the questions are long and involved, parts will be left out in the Voter but discussed in the meetings.

School Consensus: Read and discussed consensus taken at December 7 & 8 Unit Meetings. Approved as written. 4 copy is filed with the minutes.

The school committee will try to talk with the facilities committee with consensus suggestions. No newspaper publicity now, but the consensus will be in the Voter.

Mrs. Cook would like to plan subscription service for the rest of the year. Any chairman having suggestions for materials, please contact her.

Civil Liberties: Brenda Sensenig received some very good information that the State suggests we supply copies of to libraries. We will order 10 at the cost of \$3.00. They will be for the committee to use and a copy will be given to each the Millikin Library and the Decatur Public Library. Ones that are distributed will be charged to Action in the Community - the rest to Committee Expense.

National Program Suggestions: Discussion of continuance and expansion or updating present items was held. A new item was suggested: Administration of Justice. We will consider these and decide on what to send to National at the January Board Meeting.

ACTION: Judy Pathan and Janet Beck are serving on the Employment subcommittee of the Decatur Human Relations Commission. In looking at the guidelines of the National position, we should be able to support the request to the City Council for adoption of a fair employment ordinance. A good turnout of people is requested when the Council discusses this after the 20th of December. It can't be voted on the first time it's discussed. Judy will be there the 20th. It was left to the discretion of the President and the Action Chairman as to when a public statement will be made. We will use the telephone committee to alert members to attend the council meeting and contact councilmen concerning this.

We prepared a report on school integration efforts in Decatur for National League to use in testimony. It is pertinent to the State situation now. It was moved, seconded and passed to submit a copy of this report to State Superintendent Bakalis now.

The City Council has asked for citizen comments on what should be in the budget. We have a position that funds be allocated to the Human Relations Commission for a full or part-time executive. This recommendation will be made to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) We were requested to send a representative to the Friends of Welfare Rights Organization. We will have more information from them later. 2) A mini-regional will be Friday, January 21 in Springfield. Topics will be voter's service, finance and understanding the Illinois General Assembly. 3) State found a good publication "Who Should Pay for Public Schools?". It's 35¢ from the U. S. Government printing office. The school committee will look it over and decide if Jean should order some for the suitcase. 4) A publication, "Governing Illinois Under the 1970 Constitution" was received from the Center for Governmental Studies at Northern University, DeKalb. One copy at \$2.00 will be ordered for the chairman. 5) A Welfare Reform Packet is available at a cost of \$2.00. We will order one to give to the Friends of Welfare Rights Organization. 6) An open letter to President Nixon about Day Care from L.V. Illinois was passed. 7) Report from the Hill was passed.

DECATUR VOTER: No questions were submitted as response to Voter request for a question and answer column. Mrs. Hurst will provide some.

Next meeting: January 19, 1972 at Mrs. Charles Meyerson's.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Margaret Coberly, Secretary