

LWV/DECATUR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 21, 1984
Home of Lucille Crow
76 Colorado Drive

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

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Local program - Chair _____ Committee _____

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Marital Rights Consensus

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Voters Service

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Voter - deadline Friday, March 23 for April Voter

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New Business - Consideration of proposals for national convention, especially mission statement, by-laws, program.

Announcements - Deadline for sign up for March 26 Legislative Seminar

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 21, 1984

The meeting was called to order at the home of Barbara Emery at 7:00 p.m. by Andrea Bowen.

PRESENT: Barbara Emery, Laura Verbanac, Barbara Brown, Barbara Ohlsen, Lucille Crow, Milli Protzman, Dee Meyerson.
Absent: Kathleen Owen, Janet Beck.

MINUTES: It was MSC (Emery, Verbanac) that the minutes of the meeting of January 17 be approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported a bank balance of \$1,324.28, with \$26.51 in interest to date since changing to the new account. She received a bill of \$147.88 for a per-member payment.

ORGANIZATION: Finance Chair, Barbara Ohlsen, discussed the Finance Drive which will take place in April-May of this year. She will do the letters to prospects. The letter will include highlights of activities during the past year. The board discussed sending the letters to former members and making personal calls on prospects. Other methods of raising funds were also discussed such as house tours, dinner parties, theater seats. It was suggested that it would be good to have our local Directory of Government Officials ready to go out with the Finance Drive letters. Barbara Brown asked if she should put our per-member payment into our Education Fund account at this time. It was agreed that she should do so. We will ask for prospects for the Finance Drive in a coming Voter.

Annual Meeting Plans. It was agreed that we have a salad supper at the Annual Meeting. The Budget Committee members are Barb Brown, Maggie Lauterjung, Sue Marshall, and Andrea. Lucille Crow agreed to chair the By-laws Committee. We must have committee reports ready to go to members in the May Voter.

REPORTS:

Membership. Barbara Emery reported on the survey taken by the Calling Committee about meeting time preferences. Our membership seems to like both evening and luncheon meetings so we will try to plan a variety of meetings. Barb asked whether she should plan for an orientation meeting for new members. It was agreed that it was a good time, and that prospective members might also be invited. Barb reported that Otta Key had paid her dues at the February meeting. The First Methodist Church has been reserved for our meetings in March and April. They said that in the future there will be a charge for meetings held there. They are working on a rate schedule now and it will take effect next year.

Program. It was agreed that the Marital Rights meeting was very interesting. Barb Brown will serve as discussion leader for the March consensus meeting.

Voters service. Laura Verbanac reported that she and Karen Jensen had registered voters at Illinois Power Company on the Friday before registration closed. 40 people were served, including changes of name and address. They took along some League flyers, and some interest in League membership was shown. Laura said that Mr. TAngney, County Clerk, said he had deputized about 500 people as registrars this year. We have agreed to cooperate with AAUW on a meeting for Supreme Court Judgeship candidates, and Joy Greive of AAUW is in charge of the arrangements. Notice of the meeting will be carried in our Voter.

Publications. It was agreed that we order the new Pick a candidate, and a new membership flyer available from LWV/US.

Action. Andrea listed the dates and outlets for debates. We will include this information in the Voter. She said that local airing of some of the public broadcasting debate programs had been checked out with WAND , and the response was that they don't carry public programs. Action on Foster Child Care will be included in the Voter.

Andrea explained a request from the Chicago League with regard to the World's Fair of 1992. It was MSC (Emery, Crow) THAT WE SUPPORT CHICAGO LEAGUE IN ACTION UNDER LEAGUE POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO PLANS FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR IN CHICAGO IN 1992.

Community Strategic Plan Guidelines - this newly formed group wishes to educate and solicit cooperation in the community for plans for development of the Decatur Community. It was MSC (Emery, Verbanac) THAT ANDREA LOOK INTO HOW WE MIGHT HELP.

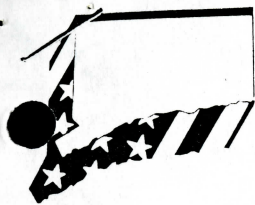
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Legislative Seminar will be held in Springfield on April 3 and 4. Registration fee of \$25 will cover breakfast and lunch. Interim Council meeting will be held at this time, and a briefing for National Convention.

VOTER. The Criminal Justice committee will prepare an update of material for the Voter. We will include the results of the jail survey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary



The League of Women Voters of Connecticut

60 Connolly Parkway/Hamden, Connecticut 06514/(203) 288-7996

To: Local League Presidents
From: LOCAL LEAGUES IN CONNECTICUT
Date: February 1984
Re: Mission Statement

Suggest we put in Bulletin

Local Leagues throughout the State of Connecticut and the League of Women Voters of Connecticut State Board wish to draw your attention to the Long Range Planning Committee's "Mission Statement," which LWVUS will propose for consideration as an amendment to our national Bylaws at Convention '84.

"The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that influences public policy through education and advocacy."

If adopted, this language will be a replacement for our long-standing Statement of Purpose:

"The purpose of the League of Women Voters of the United States is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

"The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate."

Replacing our stated purpose will not accomplish the goal of creating a more influential League of Women Voters. Acting effectively under our current purpose is the key to success.

A great deal of discussion has been generated among Connecticut local League members. The concern is that the proposed language represents a fundamental change in the philosophy of the LWV: from an organization which encourages citizen participation in government and takes stands on issues -- to an organization whose only stated purpose would be advocacy.

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February 24, 1984

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
DECATUR ILLINOIS BRANCH
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

This is to confirm our earlier communication inviting you to participate in a candidates' meeting on Monday, March 5, 1984, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Decatur Public Library, 247 East North Street. The meeting is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Decatur and The American Association of University Women (Decatur Branch).

The purpose of the meeting is to honor National Women's History Week and to provide candidates for the Illinois Supreme Court Fourth District to state their views briefly and to respond to questions from the audience. The candidates and the audience will be requested to keep the discussion on issues rather than personalities. We feel that there have been many decisions regarding women's issues in the past 22 years and should the next judge be in office for the same period, there may be many more. If you should care to address this aspect of your campaign, please do so. We realize that there are many issues in addition to women's issues and anticipate participation by a number of facets of the community.

The format of the meeting:

1. Candidates for the Fourth District of the Illinois Supreme Court including one unopposed in the primary will be seated on the platform.
2. Welcome and introduction by the Moderator from WSOY.
3. Candidates's statements (3 minutes each).
4. Questions from the audience directed to one or all of the candidates. (All candidates will be granted the opportunity to reply.)
5. Closing by the Moderator.

The briefing with the Moderator and the Timekeeper will start at 7:00. The presentation will begin at 7:15.

No candidate campaign material may be displayed or distributed. Please return the enclosed biographical sheet in the return envelop by February 28 so that it may be included in the program for the meeting.

The League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women are non-partisan organizations and do not support or oppose candidates for office.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn L. Greive, President
AAUW, Decatur Branch

Enclosed: Biographical Sheet
Return envelope



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
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CANDIDATES MEETING

March 5, 1985, 7:00 - 9:00pm
Decatur Public Library Auditorium

The following biographical information will be printed on the program that will be handed out at the candidates' meeting.

Name:

Education:

Resume:

_____ I will attend the meeting

_____ I will not attend the meeting.

Please complete the above and return by February 29, 1984, in the enclosed envelop.

For time considerations: Please confirm by phone - collect:
(217) 429-6658

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Present: Milli Protzman, Barbara Brown, Lucille Crow, Laura Verbanac, Barbara Emery, Dee Meyerson.
Absent: Kathleen Owen, Janet Beck.

MINUTES: With the correction under Voters Service, first page, last paragraph, second sentence, that 50 people were served at the Illinois Power registration, it was MSC (Brown. Crow) that the minutes be approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported cash on hand of \$1,128.42. We have received \$32.13 in interest since changing our account. The Holiday Brunch took in \$74.50 and expenditures were \$62. The report was filed for audit.

ORGANIZATION: Andrea reviewed all Annual Reports to National LWV with the board members. There were suggestions for procedures and services, particularly with regard to the National Security study, but these may be included under that report.

Annual Meeting. This will be held at Milli Protzman's home, with a salad supper at 6:00 p.m and the meeting at 7:15 p.m. All committee reports must be ready for board approval at the April board meeting so that they can be included in the May Voter. We will ask again in the April Voter for suggestions for local program studies.

Lucille Crow, By Laws Chair, had some suggestions and questions from her committee. She will call state LWV to clarify a questions with regard to at-large members. There was discussion of a reorganization of the board under a new board plan suitable for smaller leagues. It was decided that this could await further study. The by-laws committee questioned whether it was necessary to keep the by law requiring 5 members on the Nominating Committee. It seemed 3 members, 1 from the board and 2 off-board members, could function as effectively. It was suggested that we add a reduction in dues if there are two league members in one household for state LWV dues, as we do for national at present. The By Laws Committee will make a for report at the next board meeting.

REPORTS:

Program. Carol Campbell has indicated that the City of Decatur Citizens' Committee formed to study water problems is not far enough along with their work to have anything to report as yet. Milli suggested that we devote the meeting to the completion of the Marital Rights Consensus and a report on Acid Rain by Barb Emery. It was decided that we would not have time to include even a brief talk on the Community Strategic Plan by Richard Lutovsky from the Metropolitan-Decatur Chamber of Commerce. We will include the talk at a meeting in the future. Milli pointed out that the Marital Rights Consensus is due in the state LWV office on April 16, and our board meeting for final approval falls on April 17. We will ask for several days grace to send it in.

Voters Service. Laura Verbanac reported receiving a letter from Kathy Mack, Illinois Power Legislative Coordinator, thanking the League for help in making registrars available to the employees of Illinois Power. We will send her a precinct list and sample ballots for the Fall election.

The candidates meeting for Supreme Court judges was cancelled because only one judge had indicated he would attend by the deadline set by Joy Greive of AAUW. The meeting was to have been cosponsored by AAUW and the League. The letter which Joy had sent to the judges in the name of the League and AAUW mentioned that the meeting was being scheduled to commemorate Women's History Week, and asked the judges to comment on women's issues during the meeting. AAUW has indicated an interest in cosponsoring candidates meetings in the Fall. Andrea will write to Joy Greive to make clear the conditions under which we may be involved in cosponsorship.

VOTER: The deadline is March 25. Milli asked that the next Voter carry an article from Margaret Campbell about the manner in which the State's Attorney intended to handle domestic violence cases in the future, and a notice of a public meeting to be held by the Coalition Against Domestic Violence on April 11. It was agreed to include these in the Voter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary

The next board meeting will be held on April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Barb Brown.

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② Acid Rain @ Marital Rights

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*M/2 run own candidates mtg.
M/2 # AAWW cosponsors under our rules*

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Kathleen or

By-laws -

50 yr. members - LWVUS member

Smaller ~~members~~ nominat. crite

Election of officers

~~Program - must have 2 weeks~~

Dues for 2 in household