

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 6, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, in the Association of Commerce room at 1:45 P.M., with the following members present:

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President, presiding	
Mrs. Charles Griffin	Mrs. Wm. Gardner
Mrs. James Leigh	Mrs. Forrest Martin
Mrs. Wm. Winn	Mrs. G. R. Cohn
Mrs. James Hurley	Mrs. Fritz Woyne

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was received and filed for the 6 month period ending September 30, 1955. A copy is attached. Cash on hand October 1, 1955 was \$1,555.69. There are 25 new members, 94 renewals, and 1 renewal for the 1956-57 period by error.

Mrs. Leigh reported on the Finance Drive that \$613 of the budgeted \$975 has been received. 31 members and 33 non-members have contributed. She also reported that for the first time a check was received from the Mueller Co., besides the usual checks from individual employees, and wondered if it should be accepted. Mrs. Winn wondered if a company check might discourage individuals from giving. Mrs. Cohn suggested that the Mueller Co. might not know that a contribution to us is not tax deductible. Mrs. Hurley felt Mrs. Leigh should see individuals and explain our situation so they would not feel we are soliciting firm as well as individuals. Mrs. Gibson said we have received and accepted checks on firms where it was mainly an individual or only one member of firm was solicited. She also said we must realize that if we start accepting firm checks, we may be cutting ourselves off from soliciting individuals. After Mrs. Leigh explained that Mrs. Hipscher was not unhappy, Mrs. Gibson took a hand vote which favored forgetting the matter and not doing anything about it. If there is any comment from individuals, do something then. If circumstances permit, Mrs. Hurley or Mrs. Leigh may explain to Frank Mueller. In the future we will accept firm check with no comment.

Mrs. Leigh then mentioned she had cards on 61 former members who still live in Decatur and might be an additional source of money. She had already called one former member who is going to send a check. The names were divided among Board members to be called for contributions.

Mrs. Gardner reported the U.N. workshops were doing well. Members will participate at both unit meetings. Continuing responsibilities will automatically be included in the discussion. The discussion will be kept within the 40 minutes time limit. A notice will go into the bulletin of the community meeting on Oct. 27 at Johns Hill. There will be a panel to answer any questions as well as a film.

Mrs. Martin asked if members should be telephoned for unit meetings and asked if they want to be called again. Mrs. Gibson said there is some evidence that some members of the phone committee are not functioning. It was agreed to call for this first unit meeting and ask if a ride was needed. Mrs. Martin said to put in the bulletin that members should call if they want a ride. Mrs. Winn suggested that all calls be made over a weekend.

Mrs. Winn said the Voters Service Workshop will begin Thursday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 A.M., and continue for 5 consecutive weeks. The study is to cover responsibility of the citizen, responsibility of the county clerk, duty of poll workers, elections, difference between primary and general elections, etc. She would like to present a skit showing wrong things to do at the polls. This is the first time a Voters Service Workshop has been done in this state.

Mrs. Gibson asked how many Board members are going to workshops. Her reason for bringing up the subject was that Mrs. Phillips was amazed at how much we are trying to do. Mrs. Winn feels more members would ease load on the board members. Getting a member to be chairman would be the ideal set-up according to Mrs. Gardner. Mrs. Gibson feels that perhaps Board members are specializing in their own fields and so don't see the whole picture and might thus be unable to make good policy decisions.

Mrs. Gibson then brought up the matter of the National Agenda. National definitely wants suggestions. There are 500 Leagues working on Trade Survey and they want those items on the Agenda that will get even more Leagues to participate. Mrs. Hurley read her suggestions -- relations between individual liberty and public relations to continue to be studied. She wants them to take action in some form. Mrs. Winn was interested in individual liberty too and suggested an item on conservation - emphasis on preservation and distribution of water resources. Mrs. Gardner felt that the U.N. should stay on the Current Agenda. She also asked if the question of farm surpluses and distribution was too political. Mrs. Gibson asked her to write it out with reasons why it should be considered. Mrs. Gibson had several suggestions: review national economy as to whether there should be tighter credit controls; are we forcing people in the income bracket between \$3000 and \$6000 through the medium of low down payments and easy credit terms into buying homes they could not possibly hang onto in a recession; consumer resistance to prices, forcing retailers to offer stamp plans and easier credit terms; and are the Federal Reserve Board's actions adequate to slow down rising credit. The suggestions are to be mimeographed for Unit Meetings for members' approval. Then they will come back to the Board for its official recommendation to National as to what we want on the National Agenda.

In view of the United Fund Drive a time limit of October 15th was set for the Finance Drive.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marian Woyna

Mrs. Fritz Woyna, Secretary

Miss. Loyna

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF
SEPT. 30 - 1955

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>To Date</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Dues	\$ 405.00	\$ 360.00
Contributions		
Member	225.00	185.00
Other	<u>750.00</u>	<u>343.00</u>
Total	1 375.00	888.00
Cash on Hand 4/1		<u>1 361.46</u>

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EXPENDITURES

State & National	515.00	265.00
Equipment & Supplies	25.00	27.88
Postage (not Bulletin)	15.00	4.00
Telephone & Telegraph	10.00	6.59
President's Expense	25.00	25.00*
Convention Expense	200.00	107.15
Delegates to Conf.	150.00	20.82
Bank Charges	5.00	.09
Committee Expense	25.00	25.97
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Meetings	55.00	18.18***
Publications - Nat'l	65.00	65.94
Local	25.00	9.94***
Bulletin	100.00	79.85*
Action in Community	150.00	5.00
Miscellaneous	<u>10.00</u>	<u>12.36</u>
Total	1 375.00	673.77

CASH ON HAND 10/1

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