

First round recommendations, cont.

--A review of problem areas in the state.

--A review of existing regulations (national, state, local)

--Study of possible methods of control.

Mrs. Crow moved we accept the above first round suggestions. Seconded and passed.

Local Program for the coming year will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Crow is now accepting suggestions for new items or continuation of present items. She requested that those sending in suggestions please put them in writing and give to Mrs. Crow or Mrs. Westenhaver.

The Electoral College Committee had their first meeting Jan. 8. The next one will be January 23. They need more members. After some discussion, the board agreed that this committee's report meeting should be in the form of an All-member meeting rather than Unit meetings.

The local nominating committee wants suggestions for officers and directors.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE: Mrs. Dakin announced an All Member meeting for January 29. She would like to send invitations to interested people from the community.

The February Unit Meetings were changed to the 18th and the 19th due to a School Holiday on February 12.

SCHOOL STUDY: Mrs. Schade, speaking for Mrs. Panetti, asked if the School Fact Sheet should not be sent to contributors. It was decided that time would not permit.

WATER RESOURCES: Mrs. Protzman announced that a brief has been filed in Cook County Circuit Court contesting the Water Resources Development Bond defeat, citing the 1 man 1 vote rule as their basis for complaint.

FINANCE: Mrs. Robert Mee announced that January and February are the months for member solicitation for the 50th Anniversary Finance Drive. Late in January a letter will be sent to each member explaining the drive. Each member will be contacted by a board member early in February.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Weinman has sent THE UN TODAY and THE SCHOOL on Subscription Service. She will send NEEDED: SIX MILLION HOMES.

VOTER: Mrs. Butler thanked Mrs. Charles Myerson for doing the January Bulletin. The VOTER deadline has been set for January 31.

Mrs. Beck moved that Mrs. Westenhaver, Mrs. Heilman and Mrs. Schade pick the place for the Annual Meeting. Seconded and passed.

Next meeting: A special meeting will be called at the end of January to consider School Study Business. Next regular meeting at home of Mrs. John Weinman, 382 Delmar. Date to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:10 P.M.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

January 30, 1969

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. David Mann, 222 S. Dennis, with Mrs. Keith Westenhaver presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Westenhaver, Barber, Schade, Crow, Hippler, Johnson, Protzman, Mann, Weinman, Dakin, Dumas, Heilman, Beck and Mee

ABSENT: Mesdames Butler, Miller and Homan.

MINUTES: Approved as corrected. Under the School Study Report on page two, the word "not" was removed from the second line so that the sentence would end, "asked if the School Fact Sheet would be sent to contributors."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash on hand, 1-1-69, \$453.97. Total receipts, \$48.50. Total expenditures, \$397.17. Cash on hand, 1-31-69, \$105.30. Total amount in the Mutual Home and Savings account, \$595.28.

Mrs. Johnson moved that when the Special Account is set up for the 50th Anniversary Fund Drive, the treasurer be authorized to transfer funds from the Mutual Home and Savings Account to the Anniversary Fund Account. Seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Mrs. Doris Bower will do the Voter for February. 2) Mrs. Mann asked for Budget requests so she can complete her report.

FINANCE: Mrs. Mee distributed to the Board lists of members to be contacted for the 50th Anniversary Fund Drive.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Mrs. Dakin reported on the first consensus meeting held by her committee. A full report will be in the minutes of the next Board meeting, to be held after the February Units, which will complete the LOGO consensus. Mrs. Dakin moved we accept the first half of the report. Seconded and passed.

SCHOOL STUDY: Mrs. Schade, reporting for Mrs. Panetti, presented a statement for the news media concerning the Committee on Community Integration report. The statement as revised by the Board is as follows:

"The League of Women Voters of Decatur supports the Board of Education's commitment to the philosophy of racial and socio-economic integration of the public schools. The Decatur League has been actively concerned with equality of opportunity for education.

We applaud the Board of Education's action in their efforts to comply with the Armstrong Act, enacted by the 1963 session of the Illinois General Assembly, which requires school boards 'from time to time' to change or revise attendance units within a district in a manner which will prevent segregation and eliminate the separation of children in public schools because of color or race. The question is not shall we, but how shall we.

We are confident that the School Board and the administration will adopt a plan which will be educationally sound for all children."

Mrs. Schade moved we adopt the above statement with its amendments. Seconded and passed. The School committee recommended we release the statement to the News Media, the Board of Education, the VOTER and to selected League Members to read at all five of the public hearings on the GCI Report. Mrs. Schade moved we accept the recommendation of the School Study Committee. Seconded and passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Mrs. Beck read the Human Resources National Consensus report on Fair Housing. The Board agreed that the National Report concurred with the consensus of the Decatur LTV, which was arrived at in November. The report is as follows:

"A set of criteria was drawn up to be applied to programs and policies to provide equal opportunity in access to housing. Availability of mediation and legal redress were included, along with funding in sufficient amounts to enforce legislation. Prompt resolution of complaints in housing cases was stressed, as well as educational programs to inform citizens of the provisions in housing legislation.

The League has arrived at a position which states that responsibility for providing equality of opportunity in housing is shared by the federal government and the other governmental levels.

Our Decatur League was in agreement with the majority of the other Leagues. The National Board reported a minority opinion for some exemptions on coverage in fair housing legislation and there were qualifications as to the withholding of federal funds. Our League called for comprehensive legislation, restating earlier positions and stressing the need for enforcement provisions to be incorporated into such legislation. Our consensus stated that federal housing funds should be withheld from communities discriminating in access to housing, but withholding of other funds should be selective and not limited to funds benefiting the poor and/or minority groups.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: Janet Hellman presented information and prices on restaurants in which to hold the Annual Meeting. Shirmel's was the place agreed on. Meeting time will be announced in the VOTER.

There was some discussion as to the method of informing the voters in regard to the upcoming City Council elections. It was agreed that a committee be formed to devise questionnaires to be presented to the news media after the candidates had filled them out and returned them.

FOREIGN POLICY: Mrs. Miller suggested that we could prepare ourselves for month's Unit Meetings by obtaining a copy of "Mainland China and her Asian Neighbors", available from the League Publications suitcase for 25¢.

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