

BOARD MEETING  
June 8th, 1950

The Macon County League of Women Voters' Board of Directors held its June Board Meeting on June 8, 1950, following luncheon at the home of the President, Mrs. Floyd Birt. The following members were present: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Doubleday, Mrs. Hipsher, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Wallins, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Ruedi, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Catt, Mrs. Birt and Mrs. Lupton.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance to date of \$137.56, which report was accepted as read.

The President thanked Mrs. Ruedi for her excellent work on the Questionnaire on the School Board Election, and asked Mrs. Ruedi for her report. Mrs. Ruedi stated that all the persons contacted were willing to answer the questions. She stated that Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Beaumont were very cooperative.

Mrs. Hipsher, Membership Chairman, gave her report on the conference recently had at the Orlando concerning membership. She stated there were representatives there from Leagues in Pekin, Peoria, Bloomington, Lincoln and Champaign. Mrs. Hipsher felt the meeting very constructive and inspiring. She said one of the suggestions that she felt might be workable in Decatur was that of having neighborhood get-to-gethers, either informal coffees or teas held in the homes of each of the members for the purpose of talking Gateway and, also, stimulate interest in the League. She suggested having these parties during the summer, and then, if possible, to have a large membership party in January, using for an inducement the fact that they would have fourteen months membership the first year for the \$3.00 dues.

Mrs. Cox suggested that each member of the Board, or the active membership, have a "Blue Ballot Tea" or "Coffee" in the Fall and explain Gateway to them, and have the summer teas or coffees solely for membership.

Mrs. Cox gave a report on plans on Gateway, stating that Mr. McLaughlin, Senator Smith, Professor Stine, Mr. Lippert, and A.A.U.W. were vitally interested. She further stated that nothing much would be done before September, in order that it would not stagnate before election. Mrs. Cox stated that finances are needed and that she felt the Macon County League should contribute, due to the fact that it has backed Gateway so extensively. She felt that we should definitely give money to the Gateway big meeting along with other organizations. Mrs. Kuhns suggested that we give our service rather than money, and Mrs. Cox stated services as well as money are needed.

Discussion followed regarding the matter of contribution and the President asked for a motion. Mrs. Kuhns moved the League contribute \$15.00, which motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis, and carried.

The President asked Mrs. Catt concerning the number of paid members, and Mrs. Catt stated there were 70 members and 43 paid members.

Mrs. Birt and Mrs. Kuhns gave reports of their attendance at the Council meeting in Chicago, attended the previous week-end. She stated that the Inter-States Relationships Conference will be held in Springfield September 15th and 16th at the Leland Hotel, and requested that as many as possible attend, as it promises to be a most interested and inspiring conference.

Mrs. Birt appointed Mrs. Wallins to act as the representative of the League at the meetings of the Woman's Council.

Mrs. Cox discussed the proposed tax study to be conducted prior to the referendum on July 11th. In the discussion that followed, it was felt that the pamphlet should be gotten out on the tax study but that the League should not take a definite stand on the issue, but merely present the facts to the public. She asked that Mrs. Lewis help her on this work, together with the members of the committee who worked on the local city government study.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elizabeth Lepton*  
Secretary.

## Board Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of the League of Women Voters met on the porch of the Floyd Birt home, 429 N. Summit; June 23 at 10:30 A. M. Pot Luck luncheon was served at noon. Those present were: Mrs. Kuhns, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Birt, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Stauber, Mrs. Mc Evoy, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Cohen, and Mrs. Lewis.

The minutes were read. One correction was made to show that the F. E. P. C. representative asked that we support the bill on fair employment.

The Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$138.02 with 46 paid members for the new year, was read by Mrs. Akers, and approved by those present.

The treasurer was instructed to send \$75.00 to state headquarters before leaving for the summer.

Mrs. Stauber reported that nine members had subscribed to the full publications service and seven additional members had subscribed to Trends.

Mrs. Clifford Smith made a motion that the publications chairman order enough copies of the President's letters that each board member could be mailed a copy. The purpose was to save time in board meetings.

Mrs. Smith reported on her visit to U. N. headquarters while in N. Y. She visited the Flushing Meadow site and Lake Success where the Security Council meets.

Mrs. Kuhns reported that the N. Y. City League would assist any League member in getting tickets to attend U. N. sessions.

Mrs. Smith reported that an average of 18 people attended the series of Economic discussions led by Mr. Franzy Eakin on three Thursday nights during May.

Mrs. Mc Evoy, Local project chairman, reported that her committee held its first meeting at Mrs. Kenneth Flints. She and Mrs. Flint had interviewed Commissioner Albert to get background material for the project.

Mrs. Cox reported that WSOY was not planning to broadcast a transcription of a discussion on yellow margarine recommended by the National League. Board members decided to accept Mr. Johnson's invitation to come to the studio and hear it.

Monday, September 12, was tentatively set as the date for the membership party. Mrs. Reid was instructed to inquire about the availability of the Y. W. C. A. for that night.

Mrs. Kuhns reported that the Little Theatre Group had agreed to put on some skits concerning League growth for entertainment at the membership meeting.

Mrs. Kuhns suggested that Mr. A. E. Staley be invited to report to the League at an open meeting in September. Other plans for the fall

program were discussed by Mrs. Birt.

The secretary was instructed to write the state office requesting aid for a finance drive to start September 12.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P. M.

Florence W. Cox,  
Sec. pro tem