

LWV BOARD MEETING
Decatur, Illinois
January 9, 1964

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Bachrach at 12:45 P.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. McGowan, Miller, Manuell, Mann, Hurst, Redford, Sabey, Becker, Reeder, Smith, Doubleday, Tenney, Westenhaver, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Fuller, Young.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 12, 1963, meeting were approved with the following addition: Paragraph 10, listing recommendations for the National Current Agenda, should include the second choice items (1) Automation and its effect on the domestic economy, and (2) A study of the world population explosion.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Mann gave a combined report for the months of November and December. Total receipts were \$210, total disbursements \$343.25. In a general review of the budget, Mrs. Mann indicated expenditures of \$1,556.03 of the total allotment of \$1,900 for the year. The balances remaining in various budget accounts were given. Mrs. Mann presented seven bills for board approval. Mrs. Doubleday moved that the bills be paid. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Finance Drive: Mrs. Miller reported a total of \$1,278 was collected in the finance drive. There were 106 non-member contributions and 29 member contributions, with 19 new contributors this year.

Program Reports: School Workshop. Mrs. Westenhaver said the workshop wanted to delay their final report, which is scheduled for the February Unit Meetings. Much of the material which was to serve as the basis for the workshop study (PTA census, U of I area growth study, etc.) will not be available to the workshop until the middle of January at the earliest. Mrs. Westenhaver said workshop members will meet with Mr. Gore and Miss Charlotte Meyer at the Keil Administration Building on January 15 and 29. The meetings will take place in the evening, and board members are invited.

The board decided to cancel the February Unit Meetings. There will be an all-member meeting on February 11 to discuss local GRs and possible agenda items for next year, and the Decatur Town Meeting will be held during the month of February.

Mrs. Westenhaver then read a summary of the workshop reports and the discussions in the November Unit Meetings. The report covered two areas (1) the financial position of the Decatur public schools, and possible solutions, and (2) redistricting in Illinois, and possible local effects. She said the workshop would recommend a redistricting study for the State Agenda for 1965-67. Mrs. Reeder objected to a sentence in the summary which she felt indicated a consensus that federal aid was the only alternative if local and state agencies do not meet their financial responsibilities to the schools. She felt the subject had not been studied and discussed thoroughly enough to warrant such a conclusion at this time. The sentence was reworded and Mrs. Reeder moved acceptance of the summary, as revised. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Urban Renewal: Mrs. Mann reported for Mrs. Fuller concerning the January Unit Meetings on the Greenwood Urban Renewal Project. She gave an outline of material the workshop would present and the conclusions reached by the workshop members during the course of the study. The Board agreed that the fact sheet prepared by the workshop should be sent to all members before the Unit Meetings. Mrs. Smith made a motion that the Urban Renewal Fact Sheet and a Bulletin be sent in one mailing preceding the Unit Meetings. The motion was seconded and PASSED. Mrs. Reeder moved that the conclusions reached by the workshop members be presented to the membership at the Unit Meetings. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Evaluation of January Welfare Meeting: Mrs. Sabey said the meeting with Dr. Brieland of the State Department of Children and Family Services had been very helpful to the workshop. Thirty-eight League members had attended and 52 guests. Representatives had attended from all of the local welfare agencies.

Mrs. Sabey reported that questionnaires had been received from the State League to be used in interviewing local welfare people, and that the interviews would start next week. Judge McThland, Police Chief May, Sheriff Peters, and Miss Charlotte Meyer of the Welfare Services Committee of the Department of Public Aid are among those to be interviewed. Mrs. Becker indicated that the workshop members felt the three areas of study (financial aid, courts, and protective services) would be too much material for one presentation at Unit Meetings. The workshop will present their study of financial aid this year and the other two aspects of their study next year.

Mrs. Bachrach said there will be a meeting on welfare in Chicago on January 29 and asked if a delegate should be sent. Mrs. Doubleday moved that we allot \$20 for expenses of a representative from our Welfare Workshop. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

February 11 Meeting on Local CRs: Mrs. Doubleday reviewed present local Continuing Responsibilities and recommended that the items relating to sanitary facilities, development of water resources, the county Health Department, and council-manager government for the City of Decatur be retained. She felt the first CR, which indicates "support of measures designed to improve the structure and/or increase the efficiency and economical operation of governments in Macon County," is too broad. Our studies of various governmental units within Macon County were made some time ago, and Mrs. Doubleday recommended that this CR be dropped unless further study is undertaken.

Voters Service: Mrs. Manuell reported that Illinois Power Company policy does not allow distribution of our voters service pamphlets by the company. They will be distributed through the Association of Commerce, City welcoming services, and the NAACP. The cost is \$21.50 per thousand. Mrs. Redford made a motion that the board authorize the printing of 2,000 copies of the pamphlet. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

Mrs. Manuell asked if she should go ahead with plans for the Candidates' Meeting in April. The board agreed that she should contact the political party leaders for dates convenient for them, and that Stephen Decatur High School is satisfactory for the meeting place.

Respectfully submitted, Dee Meyerson

AGENDA FOR LWV BOARD MEETING

Association of Commerce

Citizens Building

February 6, 1964, 1:00 P.M.

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Budget Report

Discussion of poll reporting - to be explained

Discussion of consensus under ConGen for action
re bill on annual session of legislature

Voters Service Report

Program Report

Other business