MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, NOVEMBER 4, 1954.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:30 P.M. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Present: Katherine Donovan, President, presiding. Lola Smith, Cauline Martin, Dorothy Morris, Pauline Winn, Betty Nicholson, Virginia Gibson, Eileen Gebhardt.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

\$1594.23, The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of and was filed for audit.

The report on the finance drive was read, showing that we had met our goal of \$200.00 from members and \$700.00 from others. Mrs. Gebhardt reported that there were still some outstanding contributions which we had been told to expect.

The President reported that the League membership is now 111.

Mrs. Cohn not being present, Mrs. Donovan said that she had suggested that in the future we should make some effort to have a membership luncheon. The President read the names of those who had resigned from the League. Mrs. Gibson suggested that we keep two lists: active and inactive, and that the inactive members receive the bulletin only and not be called for anything. Mrs. Morris suggested that each member sponsor a new member. The President brought up the idea of having the luncheon in January and asked for discussion. Mrs. Smith suggested that in view of the fact that we did not have a membership luncheon that it would be a good thing to have it in January. Mrs. Gibson moved that we have the luncheon in January. Seconded by Mrs. Smith, and carried. The date for the luncheon was discussed. The President suggested that the date be fixed early in the month, as otherwise it would be too close to the Candidates' Meeting, and the date of January 13th was suggested. The subject of the speaker was brought up and Mr. Banton was suggested to talk on "Welfare." This subject vs. civil liberties was discussed. It was decided, after discussion, to hold the luncheon meeting on January 13, 1955, atothe Decatur Club, and that Mr. Banton be asked to speak. Mrs. Morris was instructed, as Welfare Chairman, to contact Mr. Banton.

It was announded that the November Unit Meetings would be on the 17th and 18th, with Elizabeth Lupton as Chairman, with the following committee serving as follows:

November 17,-at 9:30,A.M., Room 227, YMCA, Program - The present court structure in Illinois, and the proposed Judicial Article. Resource Committee: Elise Hurst and Eileen Gebhardt. -at 7:30 P.M., Library, Resource Committee: Elizabeth Lupton, and Rachel Hurley. -at 1:00 P.M., Home of Mrs. Forrest Martin, 235 Park Place, Resource Committee: Virginia Gibson and Martia McCracken. Mrs. Clifford Smith was asked for a report on Council-Manager progress. Mrs. Gibson said that it had been suggested that we have a house to house canvass. The city has been divided into four sections, and organizations being set up in the different sections, and that there would be 10 precincts; however, we will not be able to organize the entire city. Volunteers were asked for to help in the different precincts, prior to the referendum on November 30th.

Mrs. Winn discussed the Candidates' Meeting next spring; she has talked with the T.V. station and has begun to make preliminary plans.

Mrs. Donovan read a letter from the Red Gross about their need for help at any time, and that anyone who could give them some time were asked to please notify the Red Gross Office.

Mrs. Donovan announced that she has been asked to be on the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, for the "future of Decatur."

Mrs. Phillips' letter was read on Home Rule. She complimented Virginia Gibson and her committee on their report and asked for 25 copies of it.

The Secretary was requested to write a letter of thanks to the Editorial Department of the local newspaper for the editorials concerning the League which have appeared recently; and also to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Burks, of the Service Blue Print & Letter Shop, for making copies for us of the chart of the commission form of government, and also a letter of thanks to W.T.V.P. for running the slide.

The President listed the following groups before whom the League gave talks on the reapportionment ballot: Womans' Club, B'Nai Brith, Illiopolis Domestic Science Club, Federated Womens Clubs, Niantic; various P.T.A. groups.

Mrs. Donovan next suggested that we consider the future of the League, and saidxinatxinexhadxasked that Virginia Gibson's resignation to the Nominating Committee be accepted and that she be replaced by Elizabeth Lupton. Mrs. Morris moved that we accept Mrs. Gibson's resignation and Mrs. Smith seconded it. Motion carried.

Mrs. Morris gave a report on the Taxation Committee, and said that questions presented to the committee for consideration were whether or not township and city government could be combined? and, if so, what about the area on the fringe? The whole township is assessed a certain amount for bridge and road assessment/andxa greatxperzentagexofxthatxdoexx She said that it was felt the committee should back the Wheel and Cigarette tax, "but that the committee is not going to meet again until after the City Manager Referendum. \*as there was need for immediate funds,

Mrs. Gibson said that now that the reports are allowed, she would like the Board's permission to mail to the 3 representatives and to Senator Smith a copy of the reports. Mrs. Smith moved that the copies be sent; Mrs. Nicholson seconded it; carried.

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Mrs. Gibson asked to be allowed to comment on the fact that she had resigned from the Nominating Committee, and said that she felt that anyone who felt they could serve as President of the League should offer their name, and that the name of anyone that any member considered capable should be offered, as she felt we all had a joint responsibility in this respect.

Mrs. Winn moved that we adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Martin, carried; and the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vileen Lebhar

Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, - Secretary.