

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
NOVEMBER 7, 1957.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. with the 1st Vice-President Mrs. Unger, presiding. Present were Mrs. French, Colvis, Booth, Cole, Gebhardt, Leigh, Smith, Fairs, Frederickson, Cresswell and Unger.

The minutes were approved with the suggestion from Mrs. Smith that when a motion is made to send a letter that the contents of same be indicated so that subject matter can be identified and the verbatim letter can be found in the file. Mrs. Leigh moved, seconded by Mrs. Colvis, that this information be incorporated in future minutes. Carried.

The November unit meetings will be held at Mrs. French's in the morning, the evening meeting place will be in the bulletin.

It was decided to send the letter on a council-manager campaign to H. K. Williams, Pres. of the Assoc. of Commerce and Mr. Lindsay, Editor of the Herald-Review with some changes in wording and omission of some material (reserved for future use). See files for verbatim letter. Do not send to other civic minded citizens.

After much discussion it was decided to table to the December board meeting any decision on a January luncheon meeting as to subject matter and speaker. The reasons for same, in order of consensus of board preference, were that later this month the State Board will make their decision on the court reform bill, await any action from Decatur Citizens on a council-manager campaign, or the possibility that our new State President, Mrs. Harper Andrews would be available to speak on Federal-Loyalty-Security.

Mrs. Leigh moved, seconded by Mrs. Cole, that we recommend for National Current Agenda Item III (Further Study of Water Resources and reimbursement policies) and Item II a review of inflationary budgetary procedures broad enough for federal finance. CARRIED. SEE FILE FOR CORRECT WORDING.

Our members are invited to a meeting Wed. Nov. 13 at 8 P.M. at the Champaign Country Club to hear Sen. Douglas speak on water conservation.

Mrs. Gebhardt reported on a conference recently held at state level on the Judicial item. The state board will take a stand soon on SJR 47 as to whether they will support it, do Voters Service work on it, or be against it. SJR47 will be voted on in the fall of '58.

Mrs. Colvis reported on a most informative and enjoyable state meeting in Chicago on water conservation handled by the state chairman, Our Mrs. Donovan.

Mrs. Leigh, reported that our finance goal was \$1460 and we raised \$1569. Mrs. Frederickson moved, seconded by Mrs. Colvis, that we spend approximately 30% per outside donor in sending thru the year 3 pieces of literature (national, state and local) to them, chosen by the finance committee. CARRIED.

Mrs. Colvis moved, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, that the membership list, with names of 4 officers, be published in booklet form. CARRIED.

Mrs. Colvis moved, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, that some library copies of the Illinois Voters Handbook are available to new members. CARRIED.

The bulletin calendar as presented by Mrs. Unger was approved and will be printed in the bulletin.

Those attending the board discussion meeting at the President's home last month recommended the idea strongly, especially for new board members. The only comment from new board members - "When do we have time???"

Mrs. Colvis moved, seconded by Mrs. Cresswell, that we accept with regret Mrs. Bolton's resignation from the board and a letter be sent her thanking her for her help to this League. CARRIED.

Mrs. Gibson will attend the study of township held by the Association of Commerce and report to the League.

The idea of question and answer interviews on U. M. questions to be published was turned down by the newspaper.

Mrs. Leigh moved, seconded by Mrs. Cole that board meetings this year start at 1 p.m. due to a change in school hours. CARRIED.

Mrs. Cole reported that the Elections Procedures committee will develop a unit meeting for January and hold the workshop afterwards.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Cresswell
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