

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

January 31, 1968

PROPOSED BUDGET 1968-69

	Adopted 1967-68	YTD 1967-68	Proposed 1968-69
INCOME			
Dues (150 members @ \$8.00) (145 members)	\$1,160.00	\$1,1104.00	\$1,200.00
Contributions - member	200.00	467.33	350.00
non-member	1,160.00	1,157.00	1,150.00
Other - Sub. Service & Suitcase		56.06	
Macon County Booklet (Anticipated sales - 400 copies)		302.60	240.00
From Reserves		294.33	
	<u>\$2,520.00</u>	<u>\$3,381.32</u>	<u>\$2,940.00</u>
EXPENDITURES			
A. General Administration			
1. President's expense	25.00	25.00	25.00
2. Board expense	75.00	72.84	100.00
3. Committees			
a. Resource	40.00	9.00	60.00
b. Public Relations	5.00		5.00
c. Membership	25.00	21.47	50.00
d. Yearbook	45.00	37.07	50.00
e. Finance	60.00	39.84	100.00
4. Delegates			
a. Convention	350.00	349.50	400.00
b. Other Meetings (State & Regional)	100.00	58.45	200.00
B. Operating Costs			
1. Supplies	75.00	57.89	75.00
2. Postage	85.00	61.73	85.00
3. Telephone & Telegraph	5.00	3.04	5.00
4. Bank Charges	15.00	8.37	15.00
5. Audit	---	---	---
C. Publications			
1. State & National (Suitcase & Sub. Service)	---	---	---
2. Local (Fact Sheets on Study Items)	60.00	39.25	60.00
3. Bulletins (postage incld.)	275.00	283.16	300.00
4. Other - Macon County Booklet		1,347.25	
D. Activities			
1. Meetings (Room rental, etc.)	30.00	5.00	35.00
2. Voters Service	200.00	5.60	200.00
3. Action in Community	200.00	119.61	200.00
4. Other			
E. State & National Services			
(Pledge \$955. - \$20. gift)	850.00	850.00	975.00
To Reserves			
	<u>\$2,520.00</u>	<u>\$3,394.07</u>	<u>\$2,940.00</u>

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

- A. 2. Board tools. It is important that the Board be adequately supplied with all needed publications. And because of rising costs the budgeted amount was increased.
3. a. Publications needed by each member of a committee in order for that committee to function and do complete research. (Does not include factsheets or other publications that might be printed as a result of committee reports. These items are budgeted under Local Publications and Action in Community - which ever applies.)
It seems evident that committee members have been apprehensive about submitting bills for payment of expenses incurred. Funds are available and should be used. (\$10. per committee is suggested as an equitable division of the \$60. budgeted amount. However, some committees may need more, some less - this should be taken into consideration.)
- c. Expansion is apparent in this area. Funds must be available to encourage inventive approaches to getting new members and retaining present members.
- d. Rising costs of materials and printing make it necessary to increase this amount. It is hoped that a budget page can be included in the Yearbook.
- e. All costs
4. a. National Convention is in Chicago this year. This is a convenient location for our League members and it is hoped that by increasing the budgeted amount a full delegation will attend.
- b. State League strongly urges local Leagues to subsidize babysitting expenses. (We recommend a maximum of \$5.00 per day - see Travel Reimbursement Policy.)
- B. 2. This amount should remain the same only if the Treasurer is allowed to use the Bulletin to notify members when their dues are due. Second notices (if necessary) will be mailed out to the individuals.
- C. 3. Rising costs in materials and printing and advancing postal rates make this increase necessary.
- D. 1. Rising costs make this increase necessary.
- E. Due to increases in spending in most areas, the State League recommends raising the Finance Formula. December 1967 the President's Council approved raising the base of the formula from \$4.50 to \$5.00. This will produce one half of the money the State League needs over and above their last years budget. Individual Leagues are given 3 options on figuring the rest of their formula. We chose option No. 7. This figures \$955.00. a little less than the State League recommended. We recommend a \$20.00 gift to compensate and also because last year \$20.00 less was sent than the year before.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

March Board Meeting

DATE AND TIME: March 20, 1968. Wednesday, ^{9:15 AM} ~~12:45 P.M.~~

PLACE: Home of Mrs. M. E. Barber, (Geneva), 934 West William

This will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming boards. Don't forget, the official year is from April 1st to April 1st. Those who are leaving the board, or changing jobs must be sure to arrange to transfer your material, and expert knowledge sometime before April 1st.

AGENDA

- MINUTES Hamilton
- TREASURERS REPORT Jurgens
- ANNOUNCEMENTS Tilley
- PROGRAM AND ACTION Protzman
 - Reports of Committee chairmen
- PUBLIC RELATIONS Butler
 - Voter Service Homan
 - Publications Butler
 - Publicity Barber
- ORGANIZATION Hurst
 - Membership Schade
 - Unit Organization Axon
- VOTER SUGGESTIONS Green
- TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING
- ADJOURNMENT

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Decatur, Illinois
March 20, 1968

A joint meeting of the out-going and in-coming boards was held in the home of Mrs. M. E. Barber, 934 W. William Street, with Mrs. W. H. Tilley presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Tilley, Westenhaver, Protzman, Jurgens, Axon, Butler, Dakin, Homan, McGaugh, Schade, Crow, Mee, Miller, Harris, Barber, Hippler, Johnson, Weinman and Hamilton.

ABSENT: Mesdames Green, Hurst, Calhoun, Landholt.

MINUTES: Approved as mailed with the addition of the number "8" in the dates given under announcements: "May 18, 1968."

Mrs. Protzman moved that the consensus report given by Mrs. Miller at the 2/22/68 board meeting be accepted. Seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash on hand 2/21/68: \$289.00, Receipts: \$218.35, Disbursements: \$93.30, Cash on hand 3/20/68: \$414.05. Mrs. Butler moved that Mrs. Westenhaver's father be requested to audit the books and that if he could not do them that the audit be deferred until after April 15, 1968. Seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Information about attendance at the National Convention of the League of Women Voters to be held in Chicago on April 29 to May 3, 1968, has been received by the president. 2) Community Conversation planning is proceeding with frequent meetings with W.D.Z. and League personnel. The all-day radio program is scheduled for May 18, 1968. 4) Nominees for the State Board of LWV of Illinois have been requested by June 1, 1968. Give suggested names to the president. 5) There will be a forum entitled, "What's Ahead for Youth Corrections?" sponsored by the Illinois LWV on March 21, 1968, in Chicago. Mrs. G. D. Cox will be attending.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: There was some question about the current status of Mrs. Robert Butler (Kay) on the Board. The following clarifying information was given to the Board: At the annual meeting of March 15, 1967, Mrs. Butler was elected to the Board of the LWV of Decatur as a director for the 2-year term from 1967 to 1969. On October 18, 1967, at the resignation of the First Vice President, Mrs. Butler was appointed by the President to take over the duties of the First Vice President and to continue her responsibilities as publications chairman. On March 13, 1968, another person was elected to fill the First Vice President's office and Mrs. Butler will resume her position as an elected director. Mrs. Butler never resigned from the Board and never stopped functioning as an active Board member. Mrs. Dakin moved that the Board accept the above clarification that Mrs. Butler has been duly elected as a Board member. Seconded and passed unanimously.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Butler recommended that the Board read the "National Board Reports" published ~~once~~ ³ times a year and available from the President's file or Publications chairman. She moved that the pamphlet, "Join the Party," be sent out on subscription service.

TIME FOR ACTION: Mrs. Miller, chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee, has received a notification of a Time for Action.

PUBLICITY: Mrs. M. E. Barber announced that newspaper releases must be given 10 days in advance for week-day editions and 14 days for Sunday editions.

VOTER SERVICE: Mrs. Homan moved that the League of Women Voters assist the county clerk

in demonstrating the Votomatic voting machines. Seconded and passed.

Television station WAND is considering a televised candidate's meeting prior to the June 11th primary election. Mrs. Butler moved that the LWV participate and work with the station if this public service is provided. Seconded and passed.

PROGRAM AND ACTION: Committee chairmen gave the following reports:

Mrs. Crow, chairman of the Library Committee reported that the committee will present a speaker, Mr. Robert Dumas, at the April 10th all-member meeting.

Mrs. Dakin, chairman of the Structure of Illinois Government committee, reported that her committee will give an illustrated presentation of the 3 types of government at the April 23 and 24th unit meetings. There will be a "quiz" for those who attend to stimulate audience involvement.

Mrs. McGaugh, chairman of the Civil Rights study committee reported that the committee is working toward presentation of sufficient information to ask for consensus regarding the local open occupancy ordinance and the Human Relations Commission at the May 15, all-member meeting.

Mrs. Harris, chairman of the Human Resources committee, reported that the committee was preparing a "Fact Sheet" on school integration in Decatur to be presented at the joint meeting with the Civil Rights committee on May 15, 1968. Consensus questions will be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting. Mrs. Harris recommended the booklet, "Crisis: The Condition of the American City," and suggested that Mayor Rupp and Miss Charlotte Meyer be presented a copy.

Mrs. Harris read a proposed letter addressed to the Board of Education of Decatur that she recommended the Board of the LWV send. The letter recommended that the Board of Education consider the needs of the poor in their budget cutting; and it specified programs that should not be cut, including kindergarten, home economics, shop, study halls and instrumental music in Jr. High. The Board generally objected to the specifics because: 1) no League study had been made of these items by the school committee, 2) the school committee had not been consulted nor was it joint-sponsor of the letter, 3) some felt that serious cuts in these programs were needed to prove the need for funds to the community. Mrs. Hamilton moved that a non-specific version of the letter be sent to the effect that the League recommended consideration of the poor in the budget cuts to be made by the Board of Education. Seconded and defeated by a show of hands vote.

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Schade reported four new members. The name and address of each new member not presently listed in the current handbook will be published in a forthcoming Voter to be appended to the Handbook. Mrs. Schade commended the newly formed committee on Illinois Government Structure for seeking out new members to work in that group.

DECATUR VOTER: The deadline for the April Voter is March 26, 1968. Mrs. Robert Green will edit the issue.

NEXT MEETING: The new slate of officers will begin their duties on April 1, 1968. Mrs. Westenhaver announced that the next board meeting will be held on April 17, 1968, at 9:15 A. M. with the place to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pessie Hamilton