

BOARD MEETING  
January 2, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters met on January 2, 1953, at 1:30 P.M. in the Association of Commerce Conference Room, with nine members present.

Mrs. Clifford Smith, President, called the meeting to order and the minutes of the December Board meeting were read and approved, with one correction. Mrs. Smith announced that the Treasurer, Mrs. Brock, being ill, there would be no Treasurer's report. Mrs. Smith stated she had received a letter from Mrs. Follack, State President, which said State Board members desired to attend local Board meetings during January and February, and that some one would visit our Board at our February meeting.

Mrs. John Donovan, Unit Organization Chairman, advised the Board the Unit meetings would be on January 8, 1953, at 9:30 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. in the home of Mrs. Fred Leach, 238 South Crea, the program to be on Civil Liberties. The Discussion leader will be Mrs. Floyd Birt, and the Resource Committee is composed of Mrs. Neal Doubleday, Chairman, Mrs. Merle Borden, Mrs. Emanuel Rosenberg, Mrs. F. A. MacKay, Mrs. R. E. Harroun, Mrs. Irvin Melnik, Mrs. G. F. Meyer, Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs. John Donovan. Mrs. Donovan further stated the night meeting will be in the library on Wednesday night, January 21st, at 7:30 P.M. It is felt Wednesday would be a better night than Thursday, which has always been the meeting night. The program will be composed of all Board members, officers, committee chairmen, etc., giving a short report of what their duties consist of in the League. This should be a most informative meeting for the new members particularly, Mrs. Donovan feels.

Mrs. Robert Wood, Local Project Chairman, in reporting on City-Manager study, stated the study is complete and there will be a final summing up by the Resource Committee before the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Wood states she will attempt to have this meeting in January. In advising the Board of what this summing up will likely consist of, Mrs. Wood said the Committee would likely recommend that no action on the Council-Manager Form of Government be taken by the League at this time, and that it be taken from the Current Agenda but left on the Platform, thus enabling the League to take any action it desires at any future time.

Mrs. Smith reported she had a letter from Congressman Springer, in reply to a letter from the League asking him if he would be in Decatur at any time in order to meet with the League here in order to discuss his views, and he stated he was unable to be here other than on December 27th when he would speak at an Association of Commerce Luncheon. The League was invited to attend this luncheon and Mrs. Gerald Cox and Mrs. Neal Double day attended. Mrs. Doubleday, in giving some of the highlights of his talk, said Mr. Springer felt there would likely be no tax reduction this year and that attempts would be made to balance the budget; that Reciprocal Trade Agreements would be renewed; that he felt the President would keep personal control of Foreign Policy, etc., to mention only a few.

Mrs. Ayrilie Morris, Economics Policy Chairman, reported on her attendance at the State League meeting in Chicago on November 13.

~~In~~ commenting on this, her first visit to a State League, Mrs. Morris stated she enjoyed it so thoroughly and found it intensely interesting.   
× Mrs. Marion Daugherty, lecturer at Loyola University, spoke and on Friday Dr. John K. Langum, formerly rpresent of the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago discussed in much detail the budgetary processes. Mrs. Daugherty talked on inflation. This information will form basis for Economics workshop in February, but Mrs. Morris has nothing to say about it at this time.

Mrs. Smith reports the history on the League compiled by Mrs. Walter Fisher: "30 Years of Faith and Works" is now out, and asks whether the Board desires to order a supply. It was moved Mrs. Doubleday, seconded by Mrs. Donovan, carried, that we order 50 copies.

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, Constitutional Revision Chairman, asks that we, as Board members, discuss the Sewer problem and make an effort to learn as much about it as possible. A letter will be sent to the membership during this moth, giving as much material as it is possible, and the matter will come up for discussion in the February Units.

✕ Mrs. Donovan, in giving tentative plans for program, said in February Unit meetings will be on the Local Project; March units on the Budget; Annual meeting in March, and it is being considered asking Mrs. Sebel, Civil Liberties State Chairman, to speak; also in March come the visits to the Legislature; April Units will have International Trade subjects; and in May State Convention reports. February Units will meet at the home of Mrs. William Hipsher.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Lepton*  
Secretary.

✕ Mrs. Smith reminded the Board that two very important committees are coming up for appointment. Mrs. Gerald Cox will be asked to head a committee to consider the local current Agenda Items for next year, and suggested committee members to assist her are Mrs. Oliver Etheridge, Mrs. Sam Loeb, Mrs. Harold Brintlinger. Mrs. John Kühns is Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. William Hipsher, and from the Board Mrs. Charles Ruedi and Mrs. Neal Doubleday, and a third members is to be chosen from the membership at large, not a Board member. The Budget Committee composed of Mrs. Floyd Birt, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Mrs. Frank Shchroeder and Mrs. E. L. Simmons, has no Chairman as yet.

January Activities, 1953.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Program</u>
January 8 9:30 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	Home of Mrs. Fred Leach, 238 South Jree	Civil Liberties:  Discussion Leader - Mrs. Floyd Birt. Resource Committee: Mrs. N. Doubleday, Chairman, Mrs. Merle Borden, Mrs. J. A. Melrose, Mrs. E. Rosenberg, Mrs. G.F. Meyer, Mrs. C.M. Nicholson, Mrs. F. A. MacKay, Mrs. J. Donovan, Mrs. Irving Melnik, Mrs. R.E. Harroun
January 21st 7:30 P.M.	Decatur Public Library	"What do you Want to Know about the League?"  All Board members, Com- mittee Chairmen, will speak on what their work is.