

LEAGUE BOARD MEETING JULY 15 at 7:30 PM!!!
AT THE HOME OF: Barbara Brown

Board Minutes June 18, 1980

Meeting was called to order 7:45 PM. Those present: Barbara Emery, Kathy Sorensen, Barbara Brown, Marg Coberly, Susan Marshall, Dee Meyerson, Sarah Schwen, Marianne Erickson, Mary Monahan, Pat Gathers, and Karen Jensen.

Everyone introduced themselves and the job they would be doing for 1980-81 year.

MINUTES: Under publications, meeting was in Springfield rather than Chicago. Otherwise approved as written.

TREASURERS REPORT: No change in balance since Annual Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: 1) LHVUS is trying to raise \$500,000 for election debates. 2) Convention Report LHVUS - Change in dues structure. PIP will go up 50¢ for each of the next 2 years. PIP for a couple living at same address will be 1½ times rather than double. 3) Board Orientation - Discussed whether we want it this year. Will decide at next meeting. 4) Shared a letter from Rockford League voicing concern about litigation to force a public hearing by the Byron Nuclear Power Station authorities concerning public safety on their license to operate. Trying to raise money for that litigation. 5) State Calendar: Regionals Friday Sept. 19 in Lincoln Saturday, Sept. 20 in Alton. State Convention April 24-26 in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Legislative Seminar May 18-19 No Quadrants or triads next year.

BUSINESS: Need to begin formulating a calendar for next year. In order to do so, need chairpersons for all committees. On agenda for next meeting.

Child Welfare: Dee presented a request from Tony Stahl of Youth Advocate for a letter of support for status offender services to the County Board. He needs local match to go along with federal funds for S.C.S. Board approved action and Dee will write the letter.

NON-PARTISANSHIP POLICY STATEMENT: A copy was distributed, read aloud and discussed. A few changes made. A copy is filed with the minutes.

ORIENTATION DISCUSSION: Barbara discussed responsibilities of all League Board Members. Discussed getting new members involved so don't lose them. Membership chairperson should call on new members, letting them know what's going on and what committees are available. To perpetuate League, must cultivate new people.

PUBLICITY: Discussed using talk show on WSCY to promote League in fall for recruitment. Also, on recycling project. Schedule of all recycling in Decatur to WSOY for Crv Graham to read in A.M.

Discussed problems with newspaper news coverage which has worsened since new owners took over.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Suggestions were given for program chairpersons for new Water Quality Study.

Tangney's office asked League to monitor verification of signatures for petition to reduce . of House of Rep. We did have people in attendance during most of the work.

It was suggested that a big get out to vote push be promoted this fall. Begin registering voters again with Tangney's Office.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM

Next Meeting 7-15-80

NON-PARTISAN POLICY FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE DECATUR, ILLINOIS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

1980

1. The LNV is a nonpartisan organization and it shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.
2. The Decatur LNV Board of Directors shall abide by a nonpartisan policy that allows the Board Members, (except the President, Vice Presidents, and Voters' Service Chairman, and other publicly sensitive positions) to support candidates.
3. A Board Member may serve on local appointed boards where service would not be detrimental to LNV programs.
4. The political activities of a spouse or relative of a Board Member will be considered separate and distinct from the activities of the Board Member.
5. Public notices released by the LNV announcing the resignation of a Board Member to run for a political office are to be carefully worded in order to avoid the appearance of endorsing the resigning board member's candidacy.
6. The LNV's non-partisan reputation is sufficiently strong to ensure that personal contributions from office holders and candidates, as well as other community contributions, can be accepted without being misconstrued as endorsements of those donors.
7. The public views of board members who are asked to be members of appointed public commissions and committees either as individuals or representatives of the League, must be consistent with stated League positions.

Board members may have party affiliations and should certainly carry out the responsibilities of every voter in exercising the franchise, including the responsibility to become informed about candidates and to attend precinct meetings and caucuses. While the Board develops guidelines on what Board Members may do, a general policy can never cover every situation and the Board will need to deal with specific cases as these arise, on an individual basis.

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