

Ex. Board Meeting

January 6, 1948

The Ex. Bd. meeting of LWV was held Jan. 6, 1948. Members present were Goldman, Redman, Kuhns, Berg. Minutes read and accepted as corrected. Mrs. Goldman reported having written to Mrs. Olive Goldman of Champaign concerning radio exchange programs and to Mrs. Armstrong of C. in response to the letter offering to help our Macon Co. League at the request of the State League. To date no answer had been received.

The Treas. reported \$79.70 as a balance in the Treas. Jan. 1, '48

Editor.

The Decatur Sunday Herald and Review of Nov. 23, 1947 carried an Editorial on "Issues of City County Utilities stalemated" and called for citizen action. The Assoc. of Commerce and League of Women Voters were named as unidentified with political activity and the possible groups to start the organization of a study comm. on the problem.

Mrs. Goldman issued the following statement to the Decatur Newspaper under date of Dec. 10, '48 "The LWV will be glad to work with the Assoc. of Comm. and any other interested groups on formation of a citizen's comm. to consider city, township and county problems. These problems are of continuing interest to the League since, study of and participation in local government forms a large part of the League's program."

Letter

Under date of Jan. 3, 1948 a letter was sent to 101 organizations of Decatur asking them to send representatives to a meeting Jan. 26 at 7:30 PM in the Salvation Army Citadel to form a Civic Development League or Council of Public Affairs, functions and procedures of the League to be determined by the League. The purpose of the League is to inform the member organizations and the general public of the pros and cons concerning the major community problems. Copy of this letter follows these minutes.

This letter was signed by Carl Miller, Vice-Pres. of Assoc. Comm. temporary Chr. and Mrs. Jean Goldman, Pres. of The League of Women Voters. as temporary Secretary.

Mrs. Goldman gave a report to the Board on formation of Citizen's Comm. Mrs. Goldman met with Mr. Boltz and Mr. Miller to discuss the matter. Decision was made to select representatives from every possible civic group. This should be an informative group with action mainly to recommend. For this meeting Mrs. Robt. Wood was appointed the LWV representative and Mrs. Kuhns, Alternate.

Miss Redman, as Chr. of Educ. Comm. asked that the Civic Development League be approached on the matter of selecting Qualified candidates for the school boards.

A letter from the Assoc. of Comm. was read urging participation in Comm. activity and after discussion, a reply was authorized to the effect that the Board assumed interest on the part of its members in the following committees. See next page

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1. Civic Improvements
2. Construction and Industry
3. Education and Recreation
4. Labor Relations
5. National Affairs
6. State Legislature
7. Taxation

A letter from the Jr. A. of Comm. was read, on the organization of a Civic Exchange. This would have to do with groups who have dates for money making affairs. After discussion it was agreed by the Board that the invitation to become a member not be accepted at this time.

Proposed amendments to the By Laws of LWV of United States were read and it was decided to appoint a comm. to study and compare with present by-laws and make a written report with recommendations, copies to be distributed to membership before general meeting in Feb. at which proposed amendments will be voted on.

An invitation from Delta Kappa Gamma to be a member of a panel to discuss the subject "Economics of our Age" as they affect Women" was read and discussed. The Board took the matter under consideration but reached no decision.

Mrs. Goldman reported that she has accepted an invitation for Jan. 7 to speak to the Teen-agers at the YWCA on the subject of what they can do in local gov. or civic betterment.

Meeting adjourned

Mrs. Berg ---Sec.Pro-Tem

P.S. The Sec. sent the minutes of Dec. 8 meeting which were read and corrected.

GENERAL MEETING

January 22, 1948

The regular monthly meeting of the League of Women Voters was held Jan. 22 in the Rec. Bldg. at 8 o'clock. Nine members were present. Miss Redman presided in the absence of the President who was attending a meeting in Chicago in interest of the League.

The minutes of the Nov. meeting were read and approved. No meeting was held in Dec.

The Treas. reported a balance of \$64.15 in the Treas.

A motion was made by Miss P. Simer that Betty Pat Leach and Nellie Jo Sager be commended by letter for their splendid work on the local League Letter. Motion seconded and carried.

The suggestion was made that the GIO Comm. furnish postals to the members for use in reporting back to her on visits to local governing boards.

An excellent program followed in charge of the Education Comm.. Mrs. Andrews, former Public Relations Director of the Decatur Public Schools, and Miss Redman Chr. of ED. Comm. divided the time.

Mrs. Andrews spoke on the subject; "What Constitutes a good School Board". She gave to each present, a list of helpful data for comparison in City school districts --population 30,000 to 100,000 and also gave us check lists of questions for appraising our School Board in terms of national trends.

Miss Redman gave to each, a copy of the special charter of the Decatur School District granted in 1865 when Decatur had a population of 10,000. It was enlightening to discover what powers this gave to our board. Miss Redman pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of functioning under this charter; and again under the general School Law.

A quotation from Mrs. Andrews opening remarks is worth a statement in the Minutes. She said " I have a very large library on Public Relations. The printed material sent from the National League Office in Washington is the best I ever receive, and I receive much. I have been in Wash. and have sat in their fact finding group and marvel at how they do it. It excels in brevity, analysis, clearness and fund of information.

Meeting adjourned

Lyla J. Melrose - Sec.

*Andrews - Redman - P. Simer - Greenfield - Lyla J. Melrose
Cat - Ward - 1 visitor?*