

Minutes of Women Voters

Decatur, Illinois

Annual Meeting

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MINUTES: The minutes of the 3/13/68 annual meeting were approved as read by Mrs. Charles Dippler, secretary. Mrs. Westenhaver asked if should appoint a committee to approve the minutes of this year's annual meeting so they won't have to be read at next year's meeting. There was no objection. Those appointed are: Mrs. Gerald Redford, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. Clarence Crow.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. William Johnson presented the financial statement as of March 12, 1969:

Cash on hand - \$548.66 in Millikin Bank checking account. (This figure remains after payment of all bills and deposit of receipts as of this date.)

Because of the fact that our annual fund drive was not held in the Fall:

On October 22, 1968 - Opened Mutual Home & Savings \$1,000.00

Certificate of Deposit. \$500.00 - to Millikin account

\$508.40 - to MHS Savings Account

(\$8.40 interest)

On February 21, 1969 - Closed MHS savings account which after dividends and withdrawals made prior to Feb. 21 amounted to \$401.37.

\$211.87 - to Millikin account

\$189.50 - to new MHS account opened

2-21-69 as LWV 50th Anniversary Campaign account.

(\$189.50 is the amount of contributions received up to Jan. 30 of this fiscal year.)

The treasurer recommended that an official audit be made of the treasurer's books.

BUDGET: Mrs. Mann presented the proposed budget for 1969-1970, giving each member a copy. Mrs. Lois Smith suggested we add an explanation of 02, the increase in Local Publications, on the proposed budget.

Mrs. Mann moved we adopt the proposed budget with the inclusion of the above mentioned explanation. Seconded and passed.

LOCAL PROGRAMS: Mrs. Clarence Crow presented 5 items for the proposed local program, as recommended by the Board. (See board minutes 2/20/69) Mrs. Westenhaver called for additional items to be presented. There were none. Mrs. Crow briefly explained each item.

Item 1. Human Resources and Civil Rights. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed. Mrs. Redford moved to amend by adding "Support for funds for the Decatur Human Relations Commission." seconded and passed.

Item 2. Decatur Public Schools. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 3. Decatur Water Resources and Sewer Systems. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 4. Study and Evaluation of Assessment Practices in Jackson County. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 5. Council-Manager Form of City Government. Mrs. Crow moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Dumas read the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were called for. In the absence of any, Mrs. Dumas moved the nominating ballot become the elective ballot. Seconded and passed unanimously. (See list of nominees in the Board minutes of 2-20-69.)

FINANCE: Mrs. Robert Mee reported that our membership has contributed \$1,055, which is half the amount of our goal for the 50th Anniversary Finance Drive. We are in the second phase, non-member portion, of the drive. She asked for more solicitors to help with follow-up calls to prospective contributors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The State Convention will be held in Florida April 22-24. Members are urged to attend. 2) LNV of Illinois has designated March 25 and 26 as Decatur Days at the State Legislature in Springfield. March 25 is also the Decatur Area Green Delegation Day - an effort by concerned citizens to persuade the legislature to raise the per pupil foundation level from \$400 to \$600. There will be a League briefing session March 25 at 12:30 in the LNV office in downtown Springfield. Mrs. Thomas Hurst invited LNV members to a PTA-sponsored meeting with our legislators at 12 PM on the 2nd floor of the Capitol. 3) The ADA Community Conversation program will be Saturday, May 17. They hope to have telephone lines to state and national legislators and other prominent people. 4) The PTA-DA sponsored School Board Candidates meeting will be Thursday March 27 at McArthur High School at 7:30 PM. 5) The Farm Bureau is sponsoring a Defensive Driving course to be held in two sessions at the Farm Bureau Building March 27 and April 3 in the evening. There is a \$1.00 fee. 6) Mrs. Clifford Smith announced the Foreign Policy Units to be held April 1 and 2. This is the final study on China and Southeast Asia. 7) Mrs. Robert Butler announced that the date of the next Board meeting had not been included in this month's Voter. It will be March 31 at the home of Mrs. Gerlin Barber and incoming board members are invited. 8) Mrs. Hurst urged we attend the Town Meeting April 1 in the County Building. 9) Mrs. Westenhaver extended best wishes and congratulations to the new officers and especially to Mrs. Robert Schade, our incoming president. 10) Mrs. Schade commended the services of Mrs. Westenhaver as outgoing president.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Hippler

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Item 5. Council-Manager Form of City Government. Adopted by over a two-third majority vote of the members present.

Election of Officers: Mrs. Dumas read the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor were called for. In the absence of any, Mrs. Dumas moved we accept the slate of officers as presented. Seconded and passed unanimously. (See list of nominees in the Board Minutes of 2-20-69.)

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BUDGET: Mrs. Mann presented the proposed budget for 1969-1970, giving each member a copy. Mrs. Lola Smith suggested we add an explanation of Q2 on the proposed budget.

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LOCAL PROGRAM: Mrs. Clarence Crow presented 5 items for the proposed local program.

Item 1. Human Resources and Civil Rights. Under the scope of the item, Mrs. Redford moved we add "support for funds for the Decatur Human Relations Commission. Seconded and passed. The amended item was adopted by ^{over} two-third majority vote of the members present. (~~Mrs. Crow moved we adopt ...~~)

Item 2. Decatur Public Schools. Adopted by ^{over} a ^{2/3} vote of the majority of the members present.

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