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5-13-81*PROPOSED BUDGET 1981-82

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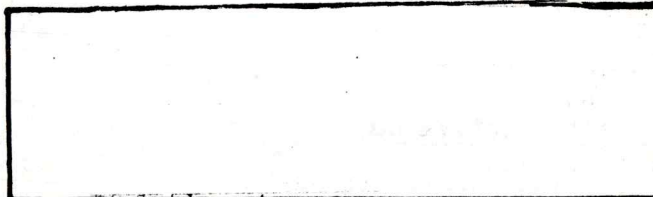
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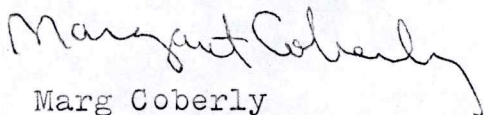
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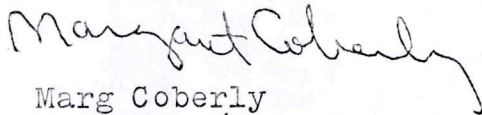
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1 Call to order

2 Report on disposition of last year's minutes (approved by committee:
Kathy Sorensen, Karen Jensen, and Dianne Baster)

Appointment of committee to approve this year's Annual Meeting (3)
minutes. Janet Karen Kathy

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3 Presidents Report on year

4 Budget presentation with Treasurer's report. Maggie Lauterjung
and Susan Marshall. Explanation and discussion-move for
adoption. Majority vote required.

4A Appoint committee to audit the books. - Mary M. Karen, Maggie
5 Bylaws- Report of committee

6 Program presentation- Dee Meyerson. Discussion. Recommended items
require majority vote. Non-recommended items require majority
vote for consideration and two-thirds for adoption.

7 ~~Rescess for 10 min (com. might fill election slate)~~
Nominations and election. Report of Committee- Barb Ohlsen.
Nominations from the floor.
Vote- paper ballots or chair entertains that nominating
ballot become elective ballot. Majority vote required.

~~8 Salute to the local league member~~
Announcements - Leadership workshops - Appld - 9:15 am 9:45 reg until 1 pm
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Report on Convention

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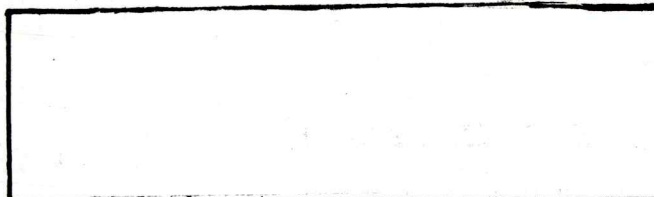
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TO: Local League and ILO Presidents
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FROM: Jean Peterson, HR Chair

RE: HB 366 - Illinois Domestic Violence Act

WHAT TO DO: Contact your representatives in the Illinois House in support of HB 366, the Illinois Domestic Violence Act.

This is a new bill, and its chief sponsors are: Greiman, Telcser, Catania, Alexander and Oblinger. Ninety-five other representatives have signed on as co-sponsors.

The bill expands the civil and criminal remedies available to victims of domestic violence and provides new tools for protection and prosecution by law enforcement officers and states' attorneys.

The major provisions of the bill are listed below:

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An Order of Protection is fashioned to protect victims from continued abuse by family or household members. Any person may initiate proceedings on behalf of domestic violence victims who are children or elderly parents incapacitated by age or illness.

The court may order any or a combination of the following ten remedies:

- *prohibiting the abuser from threatening or continuing the abuse
- *granting possession of the residence to the victim
- *awarding temporary custody or establishing visitation rights of children
- *prohibiting "child snatching"
- *requiring the abuser to undergo counseling
- *prohibiting destruction of the victim's property
- *requiring temporary support of the victim or the abuser's children
- *requiring compensation for medical and out-of-pocket expenses
- *requiring payment of court costs and attorney's fees
- *other injunctive relief that may be appropriate

Violation of the first two is a Class A misdemeanor, a criminal act which gives the police the right to arrest and thereby provide protection before the abuse is repeated.

Interspousal Tort Immunity. Under current law, spouses cannot sue one another in civil actions, whether the "tort" or civil wrong that was committed, was intentional or a result of negligence. House Bill 366 updates the law to allow a spouse who is the victim of an intentional tort, such as assault and battery (which is both a civil and criminal wrong), to recover from a spouse for medical expenses, loss of earnings, or other out-of-pocket losses for injuries sustained.

Law Enforcement Responsibilities. House Bill 366 provides new tools for immediate, effective assistance and law enforcement, placing police and sheriff personnel in the critical role of protecting victims of domestic violence before the abuse is repeated and escalated.

Illinois police and sheriffs are asked to perform a number of functions:

- *they may arrest without warrant a person who violates an existing Order of Protection or commits a violent act against a family or household member;
- *they are to make written police reports of every incident of domestic violence, so that statistical data on the incidence of domestic violence may be compiled;
- *they are to transport the victim of abuse to the nearest medical facility or place of safety, and are to accompany the victim to her or his residence to remove personal belongings;
- *they are to offer the victim a written pamphlet summarizing the legal options, procedures and social services available to victims of domestic violence; and
- *they are to offer information on the right to initiate criminal action, where they choose not to arrest the abuser, and the importance of preserving evidence.

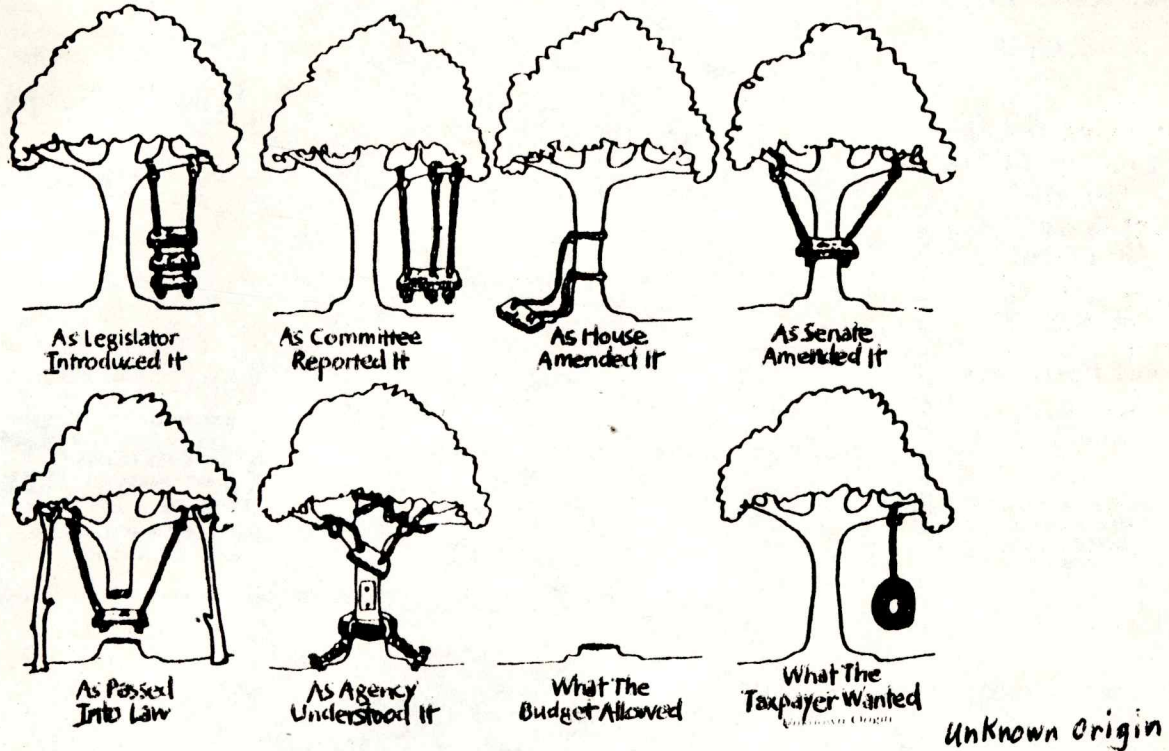
In addition, law enforcement officers cannot be sued for their good faith enforcement of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act.

The League's position is based on League principles (no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination); the Human Resources position (to promote social justice by securing equal rights for all and combating discrimination and poverty) and the ERA position (to eliminate or amend those laws that have the effect of discriminating on the basis of sex and to strengthen the enforcement of such existing laws).

Major opposition to the bill is expected to come from the "pro-family" conservative faction. This legislation, however, is not anti-family - it should help to promote healthy families.

The bill has been passed by the House Judiciary I Committee and is now on second reading. I urge you to contact all of your representatives and indicate your support for this necessary and long-over-due legislation.

How Laws Grow



BULLETIN..... DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The House Judiciary I Committee approved HB 366, sponsored by Representative Alan Greiman (D-Skokie-15th District). HB 366 creates the Illinois Domestic Violence Act which provides comprehensive remedies and provisions for abuse directed at any family or household member by any other family or household member. All Democratic members of the Judiciary I Committee overwhelmingly voted "Yes" to move the bill to the House floor. The only two dissenting votes were Representative Patrick Grossi (R-Glenwood-10th District) voting "No" and Representative Harry Leinenweber (R-Joliet-42nd District) voting "Present."

Readers are encouraged to contact their state legislators and ask for their "Yes" vote on HB 366. Also, urge Governor Thompson to support HB 366 as it moves through the legislative process and to sign it when it reaches his desk!

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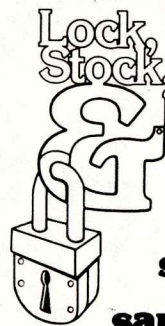
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From By-Laws Committee
Milli Protzman, Chair

In reviewing our League's by-laws for our Annual Meeting we find that some editorial changes are necessary. The first three articles must be consistent with the new INW/US By-Laws (1980).

Article II

PURPOSE AND POLICY

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Article III

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These are the changes which affect our local League. There are other changes in the INW/US By-laws which concern National Council Composition and Powers, Article I, Sec. 2 and Sec. 3. and Article XIV. Financial Support, Sec. 2. However, these do not need to be repeated directly in our League's Bylaws.

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Secretary



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur was called to order at 7:55 PM on May 13, 1981 in the home of Millie Protzman by President, Barbara Brown. A quorum was present.

MINUTES of the 1980 Annual Meeting were approved by committee. A committee consisting of Janet Beck, Karen Jensen, and Kathy Sorensen was appointed to review and approve the minutes of the 1981 meeting. Marg Coberly was recorder of the meeting.

Barbara discussed the involvement of our small League (67 members) in the past year. Laura Verbanac led the Single Member District campaign the past year; Dee Meyerson chaired the Juvenile Court Monitoring Project; Karen Jensen arranged the WAND televised candidates meeting as Voter's Service chairperson. There were active studies on Fiscal Policies - Barbara Ohlsen chr.; Referendum and Recall - Lucille Crow, chr.; Water in Decatur - Carol Campbell, chr. and Domestic Violence - Cluney John, chr.

To earn funds we held a book sale with the work being done by Kathy Sorensen and Karen Jensen. The Board helped Barbara hold the finance drive.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance on hand \$580.68. We will have no income until September. Discussion was held concerning PMP's due and an expected large contribution from ADM which has not been received this year.

BUDGET: The Budget was presented by Sue Marshall including a dues increase to \$25.00. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Sue and seconded by Kathy Sorensen to accept the budget as proposed. So accepted. A copy is filed with the minutes

~~A financial report for publica~~

A financial report for publications was not available. It will be included in the September Voter.

An audit of the books will be done by either Chuck Jensen or a committee of: Mary Monahan, Maggie Lauterjung, and Karen Jensen.

BY-LAW'S REPORT: Millie Protzman presented by-law's changes that were purely editorial and needed no vote. The changes were explained. Our local by-laws will now conform to LWV/U.S. By-laws. A copy is filed with the minutes.

PROGRAM: Dee Meyerson presented recommended Program Items and discussion on each followed. Continued support was voted for items under:

1. County & Township Governments - motion Dee
Second Carol Campbell
2. Decatur's Environmental Quality - motion Dee
second Emmy Lou Moore
3. Decatur Public Schools - motion Dee
second Sara Schwehn
4. City Government - motion Dee
second Kathy Sorensen
5. Family Violence - motion Dee
second Millie Protzman
6. Water in Decatur - motion Dee
second Marianne Erickson

Motion was made by Carol Campbell and seconded by Emmy Lou Moore to change the wording of the water item to read "Study of the quantity and quality of water in Decatur". Motion passed.

No non-recommended items were proposed.

There was a short adjournment before the nominating committee report.

ELECTIONS: Nominating Committee chairperson, Barbara Ohlsen presented the slate of officers as published in the May Voter plus Mary Monahan for secretary. Marianne Erickson nominated Carol Campbell for President. The slate, including Carol, was elected as presented.

President	1981-83	Carol Campbell
1st V-President	1981-83	Maggie Lauterjung
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Directors	1981-83	Marg Coberly
		Laura Verbanac
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		Barbara Brown

Nominating Committee 1982 - Cluney John (chairperson)
Dee Meyerson

ANNOUNCEMENTS: WDZ Call for Action needs more volunteers because they're expanding service. A flyer was passed with phone number to call to volunteer.

Kathy Sorenson thanked Barbara for her years spent as President of LWV of Decatur.

Carol Campbell made a report on State Convention. She felt it was extremely well run. There will be a new study item under Criminal Justice - sentencing and alternatives to incarceration.

Total State budget is \$134,475.00. P.M.P. for 1981-82 will be \$13.00. There were 315 delegates in attendance and 74 Leagues represented. Three Leagues disbanded in the past year. One of them was the Mattoon League.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Coberly

Marg Coberly
Secretary/recorder

PROPOSED BUDGET 1981-82EXPENDITURES

	Budget <u>1980-81</u>	Proposed <u>1981-82</u>
A. <u>Operating Costs</u>		
1. General Supplies	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00
2. Postage	40.00	40.00
3. Telephone	5.00	5.00
4. Bank Charge	5.00	5.00
B. <u>Board and Administrative Committees</u>		
1. President	25.00	25.00
2. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance (Annual Drive)	40.00	40.00
b. Membership	10.00	25.00
c. Yearbook	45.00	40.00
d. Unit Organization	60.00	60.00
e. Publicity	5.00	15.00
C. <u>Delegates, Travel & Affiliations</u>		
1. State Convention	300.00	
2. National Convention		400.00
3. Workshops	50.00	
4. Affiliations	25.00	25.00
D. <u>Financial Support</u>		
1. State at \$12.50 per member (3.00)	(\$11) (671.00)	837.00
2. National at \$11.00 per member	(\$10) (610.00)	715.00
E. <u>Bulletin</u>		
1. Supplies	400.00	400.00
2. Postage	100.00	125.00
F. <u>Education Activities</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>
1. Publications	150.00	150.00
2. Program Committees	10.00	10.00
3. Voter Service		
a. Voter Guides	10.00	
b. Candidates Meetings	25.00	
c. Voting Reference and Directory		
G. <u>Position Support</u>		
1. Publications	10.00	10.00
2. Action	<u>10.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,626.00	\$3,007.50

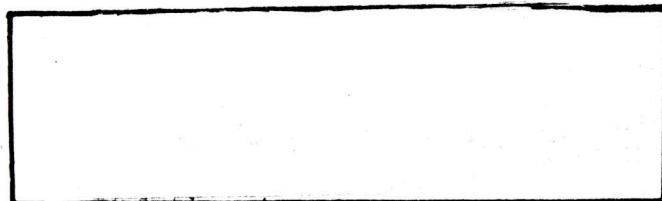
INCOME

A. Dues (65 at \$25)	(1,300.00)	1,625.00
B. Contributions - Members	300.00	200.00
C. Contributions - Non-Members	400.00	400.00
D. From Reserves (Cash on Hand)	306.00	222.50
E. Profit-making ventures	60.00	200.00
F. Voter Advertisements	<u>250.00</u>	<u>360.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,626.00	\$3,007.50

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CALENDAR

May 13, Wed. 7:30pm

ANNUAL MEETING! To be held at Milli Protzman's, 45 Allen Bend Place, Decatur, Illinois.

May 19, Tues. 7:30pm

COMBINED BOARD MEETING - both old and newly elected board members, held at 233 N. Woodlawn Ave. Board members should call Barb Brown if they cannot attend.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Annual meeting time is a good time for reflection on the past year. It is always astonishing to me that a league as small as ours can accomplish all that we do. This past year we have attended regional meetings, participated in two state consensus, begun a local water study, worked on the Single Member District campaign, organized televised candidates meetings, completed a six-month long juvenile court monitoring project, conducted a used book sale and finance drive. There are other things I haven't even mentioned!

It is also time to consider our future. The recommended proposed program for '81 - '82 appears in this Voter. Items for the local program submitted by voting members, but not recommended by the Board may be adopted by the annual meeting, provided that the annual meeting participants agree by a majority vote to consider the item. It may then adopt the item by a two-thirds vote. The issue must be one on which governmental action is needed and the issue must fall within the principles of the league.

You will notice that the recommended budget includes an increase in dues from twenty to twenty-five dollars. Per member payments for both LWV - US and LWV - IL will go up for '81 - '82.

Come, be a part of the quorum, help us make the decisions necessary to begin another successful year, and we'll see you May 13.

As ever,

Barbara

ANNUAL MEETING MATERIALS

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1981-82

County and Township Governments

Support for elimination of townships in Macon County with their functions transferred to general purpose governments, such as the county or municipalities. Support for Home Rule status for the county with establishment of an elected county executive. (If necessary, we would support appointment of an administrator by the County Board until an executive can be elected.) Support for elimination of as elected offices those at the county level which do not set policy, such as Auditor, Recorder of Deeds and Coroner.

Decatur's Environmental Quality

Support for improved surface drainage of the City of Decatur, as proposed by the Surface Drainage Task Force and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Improved Storm Drainage in 1975.

Decatur Public Schools

Position resulting from 1976-77 study (needs and goals of District #61 educationally, to include areas of responsibility of the school board and administration). The school district needs to make a continuing effort to determine the desires of the public concerning its schools. The Board of Education should present a "state of the schools" message at the end of each school year, and also describe plans for the next school year. The school district should continue to place a high priority on meeting the needs of individuals. The school district should increase its efforts to implement its goal of communications with the public.

Position resulting from 1977-78 study (of the financial resources and condition of District #61). When it is determined that projected revenues will not be sufficient to maintain and/or improve programs, the Board of Education of Decatur Public Schools should ask the voters to increase one or more of the tax rates making up the "operating tax rate" for state funding. Since there is a time lapse between voting an increase and receiving both local taxes and state funds based on the higher tax rates, referenda should be submitted before a crisis situation exists, that is, before cuts have to be made or a deficit exists in fund balances. An increase in the tax rate would be justified to maintain and/or improve programs if:

Decatur's "operating tax rate" was less than districts of similar size.
Decatur's "operating rax rate" was less than needed to get maximum state funds.

City Government

Position resulting from 1977-78 re-study of council-manager form of city government and a study of the Home Rule option in city government. After studying the several possible alternative forms of city government, consensus is that the Council-Manager form of government is the best for the city of Decatur. It provides the professionalism and administrative capabilities not

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as likely to be found under other forms. Decatur is in many ways similar to a big business; it needs to be governed in an economic and efficient way. By separating the policy-making body, the elected council, from the administrative body, the appointed manager and staff, Council-Manager government provides balance between leadership and management.

Home Rule power of the city of Decatur, granted by the 1970 Constitution of Illinois, has not been misused. The council has been cautious in use of the Home Rule power, and careful to seek the community's specific needs. The Home Rule power should be retained, in order that the local citizens can find the solutions to their own local problems, and not be dependent on the Illinois legislative action.

Family Violence (1980)

Support for local efforts to provide intervention services for victims of family violence. The League will monitor the implementation of HB 1560 and HB 1734 locally.

Water (1980)

Study of the quality of water in Decatur.

Report of the Nominating Committee
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*Karen Jensen - Action
Sarah - Vote*

submitted by:

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