

BOARD MEETING
October 4, 1951

The Board of Directors of the Macon County League of Women Voters met at the Association of Commerce Conference Room on October 4, 1951, at 2:00 P.M. with eight members present.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Birt, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance as of September 30, 1951, of \$673.83.

Mrs. Simmons, Finance Drive Chairman, gave a report on the Finance Drive. Total amount received from the Drive was \$737.00. Of this amount \$85.00 was contributed by members of the League, \$50.00 was received as the result of the letters sent, and expenses of the Drive were \$13.60. Mrs. Simmons thanked the members of the Board for their excellent work and full cooperation. Mrs. Simmons read the list of new members received from the Membership Chairman as follows: Mrs. Roy M. Black, ~~Mrs. Walter Flora, Sr.~~ Mrs. Robert Schuerman, Miss Katherine Patterson, Mrs. H. Owen, Mrs. John A. Wagner, Mrs. Wm. L. Shellabarger, Mrs. W. A. Kutsch and Mrs. A. G. Webber, Jr., Mrs. Simmons stated that it would be desirable to extend special invitations to these members to attend the next meeting.

Mrs. Birt reported that six members went to Bloomington to the conference on the Constitutional Item of the State Agenda held at the Illinois Wesleyan University. She stated the panels were excellent and that the members attending now have the background work on this item of the State Agenda and will begin studying for a full report later.

Mrs. Birt then read excerpts from the recent President's letter which stated that the National Convention will be held at the Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, on April 28th through May 2nd, 1952. The letter further stated that now is the time and opportunity to lay the ground work for the adoption of the 1952-54 National program. It was further suggested by Mrs. Lee that adequate arrangements should be made for discussion by members of the local Leagues as to the kind of program desired to have on the national agenda. Following such discussions, suggestions should be forwarded to the National Board not later than October 28th. She further requested that such proposals be sent to the State as well as to the National Board. In closing, Mrs. Lee stressed that we should, above all, bear in mind our League's purpose--not to back all good causes but to select items best suited to help us in carrying out our purpose of stimulating citizen growth and participation in our representative democracy.

Mrs. Smith, Program Chairman, reminded the Board of the discussion groups which will meet at Mrs. Merle Borden's, 1027 West Prairie, on October 11th, at 9:30 and 2:30. The subject will be: "The Pressing Problems of Inflation", and the participants will be Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Ruedi. Mrs. Smith will guide the discussion. On October 25th, 1951, there will be a night meeting at the

Decatur Public Library. Mrs. Gibson, International Relations Chairman, will lead the discussion on the subject: "A 50-50 Chance for Peace or War." We are invited to ask our husbands as guests, and members of the International Relations group of the Business and Professional Women will attend as guests.

Mrs. Wood, Local Project Chairman, gave the members of ~~her~~ her Committee as follows: Mrs. Wallins, Mrs. Melrose, Mrs. W. E. Watts, Mrs. Meredith Watts, Mrs. Ruedi, Mrs. Etheride, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Schlachter, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Lupton. Mrs. Wood stated that this subject of City Manager form of government should be of interest to the new members and she invited any one who is interested in this to contact her.

Mrs. Birt stated there will be a meeting at the Congress Hotel in Chicago on October 19th from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., The program is on the international and domestic economic issues that require particular stress in League work this year. It is to be the one big meeting on Program (National) this year and a large representation is particularly to be desired.

In the new Request for Action, it is stressed that the League definitely does not want cuts in ~~ex~~ economic aid to be at the expense of military aid in foreign countries. We are asked to contact our Legislators on this.

Mrs. Birt stated that at the next Board Meeting, Mrs. Karl, State Organization Chairman, ~~xxxx~~ and one other member of the State organization, will meet with our Board. It was suggested that our Local Project would be an excellent matter for us to discuss with them.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Lupton
Secretary.

October Activities, 1951.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Program</u>
October 11 (9:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.)	Mrs. Merle Borden's, 1027 West Prairie	"The Pressing Problems of Inflation" - Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Ruedi. Mrs. Smith, Leader.
October 25 7:30 P.M.	Decatur Public Library	"A 50-50 Chance for Peace or War". Mrs. Gibson. Husbands and B.&P.W. members as guests.
October 19 Congress Hotel, Chicago. 10:00 AmM. to 4:00 P.M.	Congress Hotel, Chicago.	One big meeting of the year on National Program.