

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

Minutes of Board Meeting held January 19, 1972

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Meyerson, 175 Park Place, with President, Mrs. Robert Ohlsen presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Ohlsen, Meyerson, Verbanac, Coberly, Butler, McVay, Forbes, Schade, Marshall, Redford, and Sensenig.

ABSENT: Mesdames Weinman, Cook, Smith, and Johnson.

MINUTES: Approved as mailed. Mrs. Coberly reported that the duplicating machine is in for repair and if parts are needed, they can no longer be obtained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash on hand \$137.76. U.S. Acct. \$304.05.

Lots of dues have not been received. Long time members are waiting until the second or third notice to pay their dues. The Board was asked to encourage members to pay their dues promptly.

PROGRAM: U. S. Congress Consensus from Unit Meetings held January 11 & 12 was read and discussed. One addition was made and it was approved as amended. A copy was filed with the minutes.

The Election Laws Committee still hasn't received materials. It was moved, seconded, and passed to change the date of the Election Laws Consensus to May 9 & 10.

May 9 & 10 was supposed to have been consensus on Council-Manager Form of Government. Mrs. Unger has resigned as a co-chairman and Mrs. Gasser will stay on as chairwoman of the study. It was moved, seconded, and passed to postpone this item until fall since the committee hasn't started work yet. It will be recommended that Mr. Sample be interviewed before he leaves his present post as Decatur City Manager.

Mrs. Thomas Hurst will prepare an informal presentation on Local Government. It will be a refresher course for all of us on LoGo. It was moved, seconded, and passed to have this presentation on Tuesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.

National Program: Discussion of committee recommendations on present items.

- A. Environmental Quality: Continue as is and expand to include land use.
- B. U. S. Congress: Work to implement new consensus.
- C. Human Resources: Continue action on present consensus.
- D. Foreign Policy: Continue as is except update our view on international policy.
- E. Representative Government: Continue as is.

A new item: Administration of Justice was suggested by the committee. Discussion followed.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adopt the committee's recommendations on the present National Program with no new items added.

ANNUAL MEETING: Mrs. Ralph Bruce will have the Annual Meeting in her home on March 8. Reservations will be taken by the telephone committee. Someone not on the Board will be asked to organize a committee to provide the dessert.

ORGANIZATION: Orientation was held Monday, January 17. A small attendance was reported. Over 35 people had been called as an invitation to the meeting. An evening orientation will be held in the near future for those who are working. Membership was discussed. We need active members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Finance Drive: Volunteers are needed to help with typing and follow-up calls. Mrs. Dodge is enclosing the Voter's Guide with the letters and not buying any other new materials this year. Anyone who might know a new prospect for a contributor please call Lorge Dodge.

New stationary that says "League of Women Voters Thanks You" on the front will be used for thank you's to contributors.

Budget Report: The budget committee met and drew up a proposed budget for the 1972-73 year. Mrs. Butler reported the breakdown of cost for each member:

7.70 State and Natl. dues
.50 yearbook
3.45 Voter
11.65 Total

It's obvious that the \$8.00 dues doesn't pay for costs to League for each member.

The budget was read and much discussion followed. A copy is enclosed. It was not approved at this meeting so look it over closely as it will be brought up for approval at the February meeting.

ACTION: The School Committee is meeting with the District 61 Facilities Committee on Saturday, January 29 to discuss our consensus with them.

The Fair Employment Ordinance was passed by the City Council with very little discussion. Surprise! No further comment from League will be made on this at the present time.

Mrs. Redford gave maps of new legislative districts to Mrs. Heyerson as representative of the Election Laws Committee.

Our 1970 report on desegregation was sent to Mr. Bakalis and a thank you was received.

The State Legislative Action Committee will start observing committee meetings in Springfield one day each week for this session of the General Assembly. Anyone interested in going with Mrs. Redford please call her.

A new report on Home Rule from Mrs. Hurst will go into the Voter.

Larry Meitkamp of G.R.I.P.E. has invited League to attend a meeting on January 25 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is to decide what direction G.R.I.P.E. will go with ecology in the community. Mrs. McVay will attend.

Mrs. Robinson of the Council of Community Services has called because they want to do something about the drop out problem in Decatur. She will be calling again when they get started.

Mrs. Ihrig called wanting a Decatur League member to serve on a task force to work on financing of public schools. Mrs. Hurst will serve on this task force. She will not be committed to League positions.

NEW BUSINESS: Resignations were reluctantly accepted from President, Mrs. Ohlsen and Voter Editor, Mrs. Dennis Forbes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The Human Relations Commission is again asking for suggestions for its Citizen of the Year Award. We will again suggest Mrs. Waters for this award. 2) Regionals will be in Springfield on Friday, January 21. Reservations taken today. 3) Mrs. Ohlsen made note for State of Decatur League members running for office this year. 4) A thank you was received from the G.R.I.P.E. committee for our support of the glass recycling project. 5) Two new publications on Environmental quality have been received. "Who Pays for Urban Transportation" and "How Shall We Use Our Land" were passed around. 6) The Day Care Consensus has been received from State. It will be printed in the I.L. Voter.

A new dues statement form was discussed. It was decided that subscription service will only be collected in the fall and started then. A separate coupon will go into the Voter at that time. A new form was approved stating that a contribution meets additional costs of being members and allows us to be more active in the community.

DECATUR VOTER: A coupon will go into the next Voter suggesting giving a membership as a gift to 13 year olds and men.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p. .

Next meeting will be February 18, 9:15 a. . at the home of Mrs. Robert Schade.

Margaret Coberly
Secretary

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BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

RECEIPTS	1971-72	Proposed 1972-73
Dues (130 members @ 8.00 @)	1,048.00	1,040.00
Contributions - Members	400.00	400.00
Non-members	900.00	900.00
*From Reserves	142.00	262.00
TOTAL	2,490.00	2,602.00
EXPENDITURES		
General Administration		
Presidents Expense	25.00	25.00
Board Expense	55.00	45.00
Committees		
Resources	50.00	50.00
Public Relations - Publicity	20.00	20.00
Membership	35.00	35.00
Yearbook	65.00	65.00
Finance Drive	25.00	35.00 **
Delegates		
Convention	300.00	300.00
Other meetings	150.00	100.00 (decrease)
Operating Costs		
Supplies	60.00	60.00
Postage	50.00	65.00 **
Telephone and Telegraph	5.00	5.00
Bank Charges	12.00	12.00
Publications		
Local	50.00	50.00
Bulletins	300.00	450.00 **
Activities		
Meetings	50.00	50.00
Voter Service	175.00	175.00
Action in Community	35.00	50.00 (decrease)
Pledge to State and National	95.00	1,000.00 ***
TOTAL	2,190.00	2,602.00

* To balance the budget

** Increase due to increase in postal rates

*** Figured on 1972 Finance Formula suggested by state