

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 5, 1959

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The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as read. There was no Treasurer's report.

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Mrs. Cole moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnes that the annual meeting be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1959. CARRIED.

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Mrs. Auby reported good response to the candidate's meeting to be held on February 25th. Dr. Daniel Gage will be the moderator.

Mrs. Hipsher attended the meeting on the national water item and Mrs. Colvis the meeting on Foreign Policy recently in Chicago.

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Mrs. Barnes said the newspaper was cooperating with publicity for the Candidate's meeting.

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LOCAL AGENDA

After our first meeting, the members of the Committee agreed to discuss with Board members and other league members any suggestions we might receive. The only suggestion we have had in the meantime is that we limit the local agenda to one item and that it must therefore be the Urban Renewal item, inasmuch as the League is still working on it. We have, however, changed the wording somewhat in order to broaden the possible scope of study, as follows:

1. Urban Renewal and Area Planning: Study of urban renewal and area planning and analysis of Decatur's need for an effective urban renewal program, with action where indicated.

We have added to Local Continuing Responsibilities the other two 1958 local agenda items, and the list is now as follows:

Local Continuing Responsibilities:

1. Continued support of school financial and organizational needs where such support is deemed in the best interests of the community.
2. That the Council Manager form of government is preferable to the commission form of government.
3. That we will continue to support a sewer system which provides all citizens of the Decatur Sanitary District with adequate sanitary facilities.
4. Township and Council Manager study and analysis of governments within Macon County with action where indicated.
5. Decatur's water resources, with special reference to the proposed Big Creek Development, and allowing action if consensus is reached.

We suggest that Items 2 and 4 be combined as follows:

"That the Council Manager form of government is preferable to the commission form of government and that we will support the Council Manager form of government; that we will continue our interest in Township governments within Macon County."

The Committee feels a responsibility to include in this report the fact that we considered putting a school item on the agenda, in view of possible changes coming up affecting School District 61. We did not do this because we feel that the work-load involved in the Urban Renewal item is so big that nothing else should be considered. We feel that the community may expect the League to work on any school problem arising, and we want to point out that it will be impossible without further study, which we cannot do this year unless a school item is on the local agenda. We simply want to create an awareness of the situation as we think it exists at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Leigh	Jane Auby
Mary Barnes	Mildred Protzman
Bonnie Livergood	Marian Fredrickson
	Eileen Gebhardt, Chairman

Local Agenda Committee, 1959