

Human Resources: A request to write letters was given to the Torrence Park Citizens Committee, O.E.O. and Welfare Rights Organization.

Mrs. Verbanas brought to the attention of the Board that the committee has need of a local consensus. League has been asked to act by signing petitions for local action. The committee feels it imperative that last year's report be updated with consensus taken on a) urban renewal areas, b) public housing sites, and c) neighborhood redevelopment projects. The Board authorized the committee to write consensus questions concerning the listed housing areas.

A reminder was made to the Board to ask for local consensus more often so that action where necessary on the local level would be possible.

A letter was received from Mrs. Thomas Protzman. She's working on a proposed constitution for Ohio. Our material, especially examples of promotional materials used in the Illinois campaign has been quite helpful.

The Ad Hoc Committee for A Juvenile Detention Center has asked League to join. A \$5.00 fee will be paid from the treasury and Mrs. Coberly will represent League on the committee.

Environmental Quality: A letter from State suggested that we oppose an extension of variance by the Pollution Control Board to the Decatur Sanitary District according to National consensus. We prefer not to do this since we feel the Decatur District is trying with funds available.

#### ORGANIZATION:

Membership: We have two new members, Mrs. Shirley Millard and Mrs. Eleanor Stollard.

A suggestion was made to emphasize to new members that League is not a social organization and welcomes members of all economic status.

Next meeting April 21, 9:15 A.M. at Mrs. Robert Olson's.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 P.M.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur was held in the Decatur Club, 150 W. Prairie, March 10, 1971, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Robert Dumas reported that there was a quorum in attendance for the meeting following the luncheon. President, Mrs. Robert Schade presided.

MINUTES: In accordance with the directions of last year's Annual Meeting, the minutes of last year's meeting were approved by a committee made up of Mrs. Gerald Bedford, Mrs. Robert Butler and Mrs. James Balonger. Mrs. Schade asked if there were objections to having the minutes of this year's meeting approved by committee. There were no objections. The committee appointed consists of Mrs. Charles Meyerson, Mrs. Gerald Bedford, and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. William Butler presented the financial statement as of March 10, 1971. Cash on hand - Allikin Dana checking account - \$451.24  
Balance in Mutual Home & Savings Account - \$289.22

As a matter of information: \$17.90 in member contributions has been received since January 1.

As a reminder: Mrs. Butler asked that changes of address be sent to her promptly as a returned Voter costs 10¢. Mrs. Butler's address will be changing soon and her new one will be in the Voter.

An audit of the treasurer's books was recommended since this was not done last year.

BUDGET: Mrs. William Johnson presented and explained the proposed budget for 1971-'72 as prepared by her committee. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the proposed budget as presented. See attached copy.

BYLAWS: Mrs. Schade conducted discussion on proposed bylaw changes that were printed and explained in the Voter. Each proposed change was then read with a vote taken.

Article III Sec. 2 Types of Membership - Moved, seconded and passed to accept the change.

Article IX Sec. 3 Adoption of Local Program - Moved, seconded and not passed for change by the membership.

Article XI Sec. 1 Amendments - No Motion.

Article VIII Sec. 2 Program - Moved, seconded and passed to accept the change.

A complete copy of the changes is filed with the minutes.



PROGRAM: Mrs. Schade called for any further non-recom ended items to be presented from the floor in writing. There were no others presented. A motion was made to consider the previously submitted non-recom ended item, Structure and Procedures of Local Governmental Units in Bacon County. Seconded and passed for discussion with recommended items.

Since we have no Program Chairman at this time, Mrs. Charles Moyerson agreed to present the recommended program. She presented the entire local program for 1971-72 as recommended by the board and the non-recom ended item. Discussion followed on each item.

Item 1. Human Resources and Civil Rights. Mrs. Moyerson moved for adoption. Seconded and passed.

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

Item 3. Junior College. Mrs. Moyerson moved for adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 4. Decatur's Environmental Quality. Mrs. Moyerson moved for adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 5. Evaluation of Support for Decatur Council Manager Form of Government. Mrs. Moyerson moved for adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 6. Structures and Procedures of Local Governmental Units in Bacon County. Mrs. Moyerson moved for adoption. Seconded but did not pass for lack of 2/3 majority.

Mrs. Schade read the program as adopted. Complete list is attached.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Clifford Smith, chairman, presented the amended slate of officers as drawn up by the nominating committee. Those candidates that were present stood for introduction. Nominations from the floor were called for. In the absence of any, Mrs. Smith moved that the nominating ballot become the elective ballot. Seconded and passed. See attached copy.

The new officers take office April 1.

Board members present who will be serving their second year of the elected term were introduced.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Consensus was taken as requested by State Board on a recommendation that commercial and professional real estate be included in the equal opportunity of housing position under the State Civil Rights and Liberties item. The Human Resources committee with Mrs. Frank Verbanac, chairman, as spokesman recommended consensus in favor of this item. It was considered that the consensus of those present was favorable.

Membership: Mrs. Marvin Lauterjung, membership chairman, introduced new members that were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The State Convention will be in Chicago, at the Rick Congress Hotel, April 27-29. It is hoped that four delegates will go. Mrs. Heyerson, Mrs. Vorbanac and Mrs. Ohlsen are going. They would like to have feelings of members about the proposed State program. 2) Mrs. Schade displayed a certificate the Decatur League received from Governor Ogilvie in recognition for service the League gave toward adoption of the new Illinois Constitution. 3) This week, March 8-12 is Bacon County Government week. Hopefully as many as possible will take the tour of the County Building, 9:30 and 1:30 daily. Those who do will receive a good kit of materials on county government. 4) Election Laws consensus meetings will be held Tuesday, March 16, 9:15 A.M. at Westminster Church and Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Paul Baber. 5) A PTA sponsored School Board Candidates Meeting will be held on March 31 at Eisenhower High School at 7:30 P.M. 6) Combined Board meeting will be Friday, March 26 at the home of Mrs. Schade, 143 Point Bluff Drive.

Mrs. Schade spoke a few farewell words and presented the gavel to Mrs. Robert Ohlsen, the new President.

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