

League of Women Voters of Decatur
Minutes of Board Meeting of Nov. 16, 1978

Regular Business

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Jensen. Those present were the MSes Jensen, Easten, Winter, Sorensen, Meyerson, Brown, Minich, Loewen, Campbell, Marshall and Jacobsen.

1. The report of the non-meeting(no quorum) of last month was accepted.
2. The Treasurer, Sue Marshall, reported a balance of \$1373.78. She urged us not to be complacent because of apparent affluence, reminding us that the Voter is costing \$50.00 monthly. There was concerned discussion about this.

Sue also mentioned that any board members who sign for billed material should have the bill itemized. This includes postage.

Sue also again questioned about those who are in arrears with dues. It was decided that callers will remind delinquents when calling about the Holiday Brunch.

3. Correspondence and Announcements.

- A. Karen Jensen reported that she had given State LWV permission to call on Staley's for contributions.
- B. Karen called attention to and thanked Beth Oldweiler for a fine job at the candidate's meeting.
- C. She also thanked Kathy Sorensen for PR work on LWV week, Oct. 15-22 (radio show, library display, proclamation).
- D. Karen also expressed dismay over lack of quorum at last month's Board meeting.
- E. Karen also reported from her correspondence that the Young Republican organization is alive and healthy and wanted us to know.
- F. Kathy Sorensen gave Beth Oldweiler's Voter's Service report. Two "times for action" have come up. One involves Senate Bill #2118 on Coastal Management. LWV's stand is for. LWV also supports House Bill 3319 to raise welfare base amounts. Letters could go to Representatives and Senators. Karen Jensen will send "letter to the editor" of Decatur papers about the difficulties involved in living on current amount.
- G. There was discussion of the good qualities of the Legislative Newsletter, and it was decided to "advertise" it in the Voter.
- H. There were announcements of various workshops which will be printed in the Voter.

Continuing Business

1. Karen Jensen told of the difficulties involved in responding to a letter from the local YWCA requesting help in their efforts to begin a program giving aid in occurrences of violence in the home. There has been much corresponding and telephoning on this, and although the feeling of the Board toward the Y's efforts is very favorable, there is no LWV position on this, so our possibilities of action are limited. Karen suggested a letter to the Y stopping short of giving our name, but being supportive of their aims. The letter could state that this is consistent with our stand on ERA. Dee Meyerson will write the letter.

2. There was extended discussion of our problems of attendance at unit meetings and the lack of leadership for studies.

Kathy Sorensen suggested dropping the school enactment study since there is no leadership available and it could not be well done. There was tacit agreement on this.

Suggestions were made for ways to spark interest in activities. Meanwhile, the groups seemed in agreement that one evening meeting per unit should be held, with an attempt to raise attendance to that one. It was suggested that more material on local league activity should appear in the Voter.

New Business

1. At the December Brunch, Bill Grieve will speak on Taiwan. The meeting will be held at Millie Protzman's home with Board members bring food. There will be no baby-sitting.

2. Barb Minich will tell us later about more complete plans for court watching in small claims court. Bob Bastn's help with the court watching projects of past years is much appreciated and will be missed.

3. Debbie Staley reported that Impact on Issues has been ordered for the Board. Copies of In League and Meaningful Meetings were distributed.

4. The next Board meeting will be held after the Brunch on December 13, from 1 to 2 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,