

League of Women Voters of Decatur
Minutes for March 16, 1978

Call to
Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:12 by President Karen Jensen. Those present were the Meses Sorensen, Emery, Staley, White, Basten, Loewen, Cantoni, Brown, Marshall, Oldweiler, Jensen and Jacobsen.

Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as corrected.

Treas.
Report

Sue Marshall, Treasurer, reported as follows:

Balance 2-1-78		1394.45
February income	75.00	
March income	30.00	+ 105.00
		<u>1,499.45</u>
February expenses	691.57	
March expenses	19.25	- 710.92
Balance 3-16-78		<u>788.53</u>

Budget
Committee

Sue Marshall also reported for the Budget Committee.

Both the state LWV and national LWV are seeking increases in per member payment. Since our dues do not pay the total cost per member as it is, this means that we would be faced with an even larger deficit.

Sue read a letter from the LWV of Charleston, Illinois, inviting us to join them in objecting to the proposed increases. No action was taken at this time.

Pres.
announcements

1. Barbara Brown told of the details of the legislative seminar, April 12, 1978, which will include a cocktail party at Forum XXX with our legislators.

correspondence

2. Karen told of a proposed trip to China for LWV members.

3. The Board declined the invitation of the Macon County Retail Beverage Association to participate in tomorrow's St. Patrick's Day parade.

4. The Decatur Park District requests input from LWV.

5. Karen Jensen announced that she and Millie Protzman will go with Dan Moore of Common Cause to lobby U.S. Rep. Madigan on campaign financing over Easter break.

6. Newspaper clippings will be kept for a P.R. scrapbook. The most recent articles have dealt with court monitoring.

7. SUN-DAY. Barbara presented some of the thinking about local observation of this day emphasizing use of solar energy. Locally this is still in the very early planning stages, she said. Millikin University will be doing a display. Barb says funds are needed; she will be calling state officers to check on availability of funds. An informational article will be readied for the May Voter.

8. Plans for Interim Council - April 20- in Chicago. President Karen Jensen will go.

9. Plans for the National Convention; this is May 1-5 in Cincinnati. We may send a delegate and an alternate. No action was taken.

Reports

1. Membership Ellen Cantoni reported 2 new members. Names will be in next Voter She also checked out drops.

2. Finance One hundred letters are going out to community members (organizations, companies) seeking contributions. Pres. Jensen thanked Meses Hurst, Protzman and Brown for their help.

3. Units It was reported that Barb Ohlsen can do Home Rule and City Government on March 29, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For the Child Welfare meeting, there were 4 guests and 14 members present.

ERA caravan, potluck and meeting; there were 35 persons present. This was co-hosted by N.O.W., the Business and Professional Women, and LWV. Discussion of this event by those who attended showed their real appreciation of an excellent film, and their feeling of concern that many facets of the N.O.W. program and personnel (other than a Decatur level) tend to turn people away from rather than toward ERA support.

4. Publications It was decided that Debbie Staley would check on actual use of the Voter subscriptions by libraries before reviewing their subscriptions.

5. P.R. Kathy Sorensen reported that there was PR on the ERA caravan, albeit not exactly as LWV would have wished; there has been good PR for the court watching program.

6. Court Watchers Diane Basten reported that the strange case of the missing monitor's report sheets has been solved. An elderly lady had been pretending to be a court watcher and has been using them. She is known by court personnel and will not be considered by them as representing LWV. Otherwise, the project is running smoothly.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be April 26 at Sue Marshall's home, 155 S. Glencoe, 7:30 p.m. Kathy Sorensen led the Board through a step-by-step consideration of the possible by-law changes that could be recommended to the membership.

1. Date of Annual meeting to be in May.
2. Financial year to end April 30th.
3. Election of officers - use person rather than women; he/she must be a member.
4. Dues - will be due September 1.
5. Quorum - where needed, change to a percentage of membership - 20% of paid members?

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The board approved these as well as the continuation of support of former items on the yearly program.

Annual
Mtg.
Cont.

Budget

Sue Marshall presented copies of proposed budget and explanatory notes. There was careful discussion of this, which would include a dues increase to \$20.00.

Publications

Debbie Staley presented the Publications Account report as follows:

Balance as of March 1, 1977		78.52
Deposit from sales	50.00	
Deposit from LWV	50.00	
		<u>178.52</u>
checks and service charge drawn		
	135.38	
	total	42.54
cash box	3.98	
	+ 3 stamps	

Karen Jensen announced her decision not to run for a second term of the presidency of LWV since she will have a new baby to care for next year. The Board accepted her decision regretfully, with understanding.

The next Board meeting will be April 20, Thursday, 1:00 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen, secretary