

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 1, 1959

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Minutes of previous meeting, read by Mrs. Dahlmann in absence of Mrs. Cresswell were approved.

Mrs. Booth reported on progress of Govts. in Macon County booklet. Revised first draft on county govts is being typed to send to school teachers for further rewriting. First draft of township govts is being revised. Mrs. Booth moved, seconded by Mrs. Dahlmann, the U.N. books not sold at unit meetings be given to Social Studies in schools. CARRIED.

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up to Sept. 30

The Treasurer reported \$867 received on Finance drive. There are about 106 members to date.

Members of the water committee will be present at the October unit meetings and will want to reach consensus on water. It was suggested that since the Tues. morning units are so large and Elise supplies all the coffee and the children play with her son's toys, we reimburse her in some way. Babysitter is taken care of by mothers. Sylvia suggested appointing two hostesses for each meeting who will purchase and make coffee and take care of all arrangements. Each mother bring toys to share. A special gift for Elise from the League is planned.

Moved we set board Oct 29 and units Nov 10 & 11. 2nd.

Mrs. Smith suggested November units be held the 2nd week due to Chicago meeting on 13th and Thanksgiving, November board meeting be held Oct. 29. League pays board expenses to Program conference in Chicago the 13th.

Mrs. Ater reported Mr. Schafgen (~~Ford~~ *represented Mr. Ford of the Planning Comm* Planning Comm) conducted a Go-See tour. The worst section is bordered by Greenwood, New, Decatur and Spring Sts, also Sangamon and Railroad. Need painting and remodelling. Jasper Housing being vacated gradually. 40% of taxes go to blighted areas for extra services (fire, police, health, etc); only 6% come from these sections. Should consider 1. prevent spread of blight, 2. rehabilitate and conserve, and 3. go into bad areas and completely raze. We need codes, re-housing and analysis of blighted areas. Definite need for Urban Renewal in Decatur. ~~Mrx~~

Mrs. McNeil is trying to keep bulletin to 3 pages to keep cost down so may condense items. Working on new format to get more bulletin for less money.

Mrs. Wilson had no report on revenue but Zonta announcement made at luncheon. Mrs. Smith urged keep eyes open for radar screen and world economics and Julia Boch Miller lecture. Should think about new foreign policy item for 1960 convention. Mrs. Dahlmann said there will be a workshop on Election Laws and Procedures after the first of the year, plan to reach agreement by fall 1960. Suggestions wanted to make this a most interesting topic. Mrs. Barnes moved, seconded by Mrs. Smith, we have printed 20,000 tags for school referendum vote Nov. 10 not to exceed \$75, she get bids and take lowest with these words added to the sample "A Voters' Service Project". CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Cresswell, Secretary

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The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

Mrs. Winn, Finance Chairman, reported \$1,095 collected to date. Mrs. Barnes moved, seconded by Mrs. Mills, that we spend up to \$30 to send League material to contributors. CARRIED.

A letter from Mrs. Colvis resigning as President as of April 1, 1960 was read. Mrs. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Barnes that we accept this with regret. CARRIED.

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