

AGENDA
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING
Association of Commerce Conference Room
1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 1964

If not able to come, please call Barbara Redford, 429-6239. Program people call Shirley Fuller, 422-0778.

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Finance Drive

Voters Service

Candidates Meeting - Pretzman

Program

Leaflets distributed at door

Publications available on table

Other plans and/or problems

Distribution of voters service leaflets - Ruth Smith

Total number ordered and cost of each publication

Total number on hand now

How distribution is being made

Further order?

Program - Shirley Fuller

Action items

Sewer Referendum - Lola Smith, Frances Doubleday (AofG committee)

Annual Sessions - Laura Verbanac

Interviews

Distribution of flyer

Coming meetings

Water units - Mary Kay Shell

Human Resources, November 10 - Jane Dilley

Evaluation of past meetings

Child Welfare dinner and speaker, October 6

Sewer meeting, September 30

Other workshop reports

Urban renewal - Margaret Wolf

Schools - Janet Westenhaver

Report from local agenda school workshop in Highland Park

Library - Lucille Crow

Township - Marge Unger

UN Day, October 24

Other business

Duplicator - Meyerson

Publications - Smith

Membership - Cordes

Public Relations - Wuedi

Bulletin - Redford

Report from Regionals - Doubleday, Meyerson, Mann, Becker, Ritter

Note: Please bring written bulletin notices about Water units, Human Resources speaker, annual sessions action, new publications, new members, UN Day and any workshop meetings up to Thanksgiving.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
BOARD MEETING
September 16, 1964

The meeting was held in the Grand Jury Room of the County Building at 1:00 p.m. with Mrs. Hurst presiding.

Present: Mrs. Shell, Doubleday, Mann, Livergood, Fuller, Ritter, Redford, Cordes, Protzman, Dilley, Carroll Smith, Tenney, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Bachrach, Becker, Huedi, Westenhaver, Unger, Clifford Smith.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 19, 1964, meeting were approved with the following corrections: Page 1, paragraph 5, line 3, "\$938" should be "\$872.98"; page 1, paragraph 9, line 4, take out "Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Nominating Committee Chairman"; page 3, paragraph 4, line 2, "Mrs. Jerry Meyer" should read "Mrs. Lewis Meyers"; line 2, after "Mrs. John Homan, Secretary" insert "Tuesday night, Mrs. Gerald Cox, Chairman, and Mrs. J. P. Foster, Secretary".

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Mann gave each board member a monthly summary sheet. She reported receipts of \$1,048, disbursements of \$45.42, and cash on hand of \$1,875.56.

Finance Drive: Mrs. Livergood reported member and non-member contributions to date of \$1,116.50. Contributors will be invited to attend the Candidates Meeting on October 21. After a discussion of voters service information which might be sent with the invitations, it was decided that the Finance, Voters Service and Publications Chairmen would choose something suitable.

Hats Off to Women Voters: Mrs. Fuller told of preparations completed for tours of the County Building on September 17. Coffee will be served in the Grand Jury Room and the tours will start at 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. Voters Service, Membership and workshop chairmen will have display tables set up in the Grand Jury Room. Each person will receive a booklet from the county which will include a description of county government and a list of officers and their duties in Macon County. The tours will end in the office of the County Clerk. Tour members who have not registered will be encouraged to do so. Publicity for the event has included a radio interview, a television interview and a picture in the newspaper. Mrs. Protzman said "Your Vote Speaks for You" and "To Help You When You Vote" will be distributed at the Voters Service table.

Sewer Bond Referendum: Mrs. Doubleday suggested that we reach consensus on the coming referendum after the meeting at the Sanitary District office on September 30. A statement of our position will be prepared for the newspaper, and included in the bulletin.

Candidates Meeting: Mrs. Protzman gave to and members copies of the questions to be sent to the Congressman and Senators prior to the Candidates Meeting. After discussion, and changes, the questions were approved. Mrs. Tenney said four sample ballots will be prepared for distribution at the meeting. There will be a sample ballot for officers, a blue ballot for the two amendments to the State Constitution, an orange ballot for candidates in the at-large election of state representatives, and a green ballot for judicial candidates. The eight judicial candidates have been invited to speak at the Candidates Meeting. County

candidates will be introduced and will have an opportunity to answer questions from the audience. The meeting will be held October 21 in the Hotel Orlando Ballroom. Mrs. Hurst will be Chairman and Mr. Edward Lindsay of the Herald and Review will act as moderator. Posters announcing the meeting will be done by Millikin art classes or Barn Colony members. A Boy Scout troop will present the flag at the beginning of the meeting.

Other Plans: Mrs. Fretzman said there will be a display in the Public Library for Women Veterans Week. The October issue of the Illinois Voter, containing biographical sketches and the candidates' answers to questions submitted by the League, will be ordered in quantity for local distribution if the Herald and Review does not wish to use the information.

Annual Sessions: Mrs. Fuller outlined plans for distributing information on the annual sessions amendment. PTAs will be asked to distribute the League material received from their Legislative Chairman to all their members, and to make them aware that the PTA has endorsed the amendment. Flyers will be distributed to service clubs. There will be a table with information on the amendment at the County Building tour. If the League takes part in radio and television interviews prior to the November election, Mrs. Verbanc will talk about our endorsement of the annual sessions amendment.

Child Welfare: Mrs. Fuller reported for the Welfare workshop. An all-member dinner meeting has been arranged for October 6 at the Redwood Restaurant. Mrs. Gotbaum of the state League's Welfare Committee will speak. "AFDC in Focus" will be the first item sent to members of the subscription service. Consensus questions on the welfare study have arrived and will be sent to all members before the November unit meetings.

Water Resources: Mrs. Shell presented a memorandum to board members which outlined possible areas of study for the workshop. Unit meetings for this study had been scheduled for November and then changed to October because the Welfare Workshop, scheduled to report in October, had not received their consensus questions in time to report as planned. The board discussed whether the presentation on water resources should be postponed until Spring, presented to an all-member meeting instead of at units, and whether the workshop is large enough to cover at least part of the material before the October Unit Meetings. It was decided to go ahead with the presentation in October and that the workshop could present a phase of the study.

Membership: Mrs. Cordes had new yearbooks for board members. They will be made available to all League members at the tour of the County Building. The covers were done by hand by Mrs. Cordes, and she said the total expenditure for the yearbooks was \$15.00. She reported one new member, Mrs. R. T. (Zelda) Van Alstine. Mrs. Cordes urged that visitors be brought to our meetings - 50% of our visitors join League.

Subscription Service: "AFDC in Focus" and "Prospects for Education and Employment" will be the first selections for the subscription service this year. Seven cents paid by subscribers last year and not used will be refunded.

Regional Meetings: Mrs. Hurst said at least two cars will be going to the Regional Meeting in Charleston on October 1. Reservations should be made with Janet Mann.

Confer: Mrs. Doubleday said a letter had been received from the LWV of Highland Park asking for an opinion on circulating a petition for a constitutional convention. The board felt that there is not enough support for a convention at this time to justify the effort.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE LWV
September 30, 1964
Sanitary District Plant

Present: Redford, Doubleday, Meyerson, Ruedi, Ritter, Protsman, Mann, Cordes, Dilley, Smith.

Absent: Mrs. Bachrach, Becker, Westenhaver, Unger, Carroll Smith, Shell, Livergood, Fuller, Tenney.

The board and members met at the office of the Sanitary District and heard Superintendent Hughes the planned expansion of the facilities of the Sanitary District in the event the coming referendum is approved. After Mr. Hughes had answered questions from the group, the board met to decide if the League would support the referendum.

The decision to support the referendum was unanimous, and a statement was prepared for the newspaper. The statement includes the background of League interest and action on water resources and sanitary facilities.

The board also decided that the committee on Annual Sessions would meet after the regional meeting in Charleston and prepare a flyer giving our local League's reasons for support of annual sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

Consensus of Decatur League
on Aid to Families with Dependent Children

1. Do you feel that services provided by the existing AFDC program in Illinois are adequate?
No.
2. Do you believe that any modifications in state services are needed?
For example:
 - a. Reduction of Caseloads? Yes. Caseworkers should have lower caseloads in order to be more effective in helping AFDC families.
 - b. Day Center Care? Yes. But not just baby-sitting services. This appears to be a golden opportunity to help the disadvantaged child, by providing a stimulating environment, cultural enrichment, etc.
 - c. More qualified caseworkers? Yes. Should try to upgrade the workers. Need more social workers.
 - d. Home-making services? Yes. Favor classes and direction from the caseworkers on home-making for the recipients.
 - e. Other services? Yes. Some preventive medicine, such as provided by "well baby clinics"
3. Are present grants adequate for basic family living? Yes, but strictly minimum.
Barely adequate.
4. Are you willing to support appropriation requests that provide rehabilitation programs?
Yes. Need more and better rehabilitation services. Group felt strongly that this is the area of greatest possibility and hope.
- Are you willing to support appropriation requests that provide grants that may be larger than the earnings of a marginal worker? Yes. Although group recognized a dilemma here. With grants now cut to minimum, nothing would be gained by reducing grants further. Concern was expressed over supplemental aid for the marginal worker where the man is working full time and the family is living in need. Would favor more "surplus food" type aid. Group not in favor of lowering AFDC families to marginal worker.
6. Are you willing to support appropriation requests that provide other needs? Yes. Group favored providing both family planning information and supplies to all AFDC families regardless of marital status. Felt caseworkers should not be restricted by the legal prohibitions now in effect. (Requests only, and married and living with spouse.)
7. Do you believe there should be greater or lesser control over the spending of grants provided to families? Should be left to the discretion of the caseworker, and handled on a county level.
 - a. Food stamps?
 - b.c. and d. Direct payments to landlords, grocer and use of voucher? Only after recipients prove inability to spend money properly after receiving guidance from the caseworkers.
8. Do you believe a family should be eligible for public aid regardless of:
 - a. Residence? Some felt one year was reasonable, some felt it should be less. But none indicated it should be more.
 - b. Legitimacy of the children? This question stimulated a great deal of discussion. Most agreed that children should be given aid without regard to the legitimacy of their parents. Some pointed out that it costs less to keep the child in his own home than in foster home or institution.