MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS April 4, 1963

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1. Support of measures designed to improve the structure and/or increase the efficiency and economical operation of governments in Macon County. Mrs. Hurst moved that we retain CR#1. CARRIED.

2. Support of a sewer system which will provide all citizens of the Decatur area with adequate senitary facilities.

Mrs. Gill moved that we retain CR#2. CARRIED.

3. Support of sound development of Decatur's water resources.
Mrs. Doubleday moved that we retain GR#3. CARRIED.

4. Support for the establishment and efficient operation of a county-wide Health Department. Mrs. Miller moved that we retain CR#4. CARRIED.

Mrs. Hurst moved, and the motion CARRIED, that we add as a CR:

5. Support of council-manager form of government for the City of Decatur.

Budget: Mrs. Carr presented the budget for 1963-64. Mrs. Gill moved the budget be accepted. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Nominating Committee Report: Mrs. Welson presented the following slate:

Secretary (two years) Dee Meyerson
Directors (two years) Marilyn Tenney, Linda McGowan, Marilyn Miller
Director (one year) Shirley Puller

Mrs. Doubleday moved the slate be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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LWV BOARD MEETING Decatur, Illinois April 25, 1963

The meeting was held in the Association of Commerce Board Room at 1:00 F.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Redford, Carr, Fuller, Manuell, Hurst, Westenhaver, Tenney, Dahlmann, Smith, Doubleday, Reeder, Meyerson, McGowan, Miller.

Absent: Mrs. Verbanac.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 28, 1963, meeting were approved with the following corrections: Fage 1, paragraph 6, line 2, add after Councilmen " and two members to the Board of Education". Page 1, paragraph 10, line 1, add after Hurst "and Mrs. Bachrach".

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Cerr gave a copy of Mr. Leigh's audit for 1962-63 to Mrs. Bachrach. She reported COH as of March 29 of \$834.67, receipts of \$225.35, expenditures of \$609.18, with a balance on hand of \$450.84. She explained that there should be a transfer of funds from the budget allotment for sending delegates to regional meetings to the allotment for sending delegates to conventions. After discussion, Mrs. Garr moved that we transfer any necessary funds from the delegates-regional to the delegates-convention fund. Mrs. Redford seconded the motion and it PASSED.

Flyers: Mrs. Carr reported the flyers had cost approximately \$40.00, and that she had sent letters to store managers to thank them for their help in distribution.

School Booklet: Mrs. Redford reported 331 booklets have been sold, his complimentary copies given away, 729 given to League members for sale and the Association of Commerce for distribution, 100 copies were sold to the Citizens National Bank. There are 289 on hand. Letters will be sent to PTAs, the NAACP, all States, local industries, unions, and the AAUW to let them know the booklet is available.

Consensus Report on the UN: Mrs. Reeder read excerpts from the workshop's annual report for State and National. She indicated there had been no change in our league's position in a re-statement of majority opinion, and included a statement of dissenting minority opinion.

Reorganization: Mrs. Redford presented the committee's suggestions item by item. After discussion, Mrs. Westenhaver moved the Board accept the committee's report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Doubleday and PASSED.

Plans for May Meeting: Mrs. Bachrach will report on the State Convention, and there will be a review of national GRs. Mrs. Doubleday moved that we have one Unit Meeting in May on the evening of May 14. Mrs. Garr seconded the motion and it PASSED.

June 5 Training Meeting: Mrs. Bachrach said the Decatur League will be hostesses for this meeting at the Hotel Orlando.

Council-Manager Referendum: Mrs. Bachrach said Mr. Dwight Nelson of the All Decatur Committee had asked for League help in a campaign in support of the present formof city government. The Board agreed everything possible should be dene. Mrs. Tenney and Mrs. Fuller will be in charge of League efforts. Mrs. Bachrach read a letter she had written for the letters-to-the-editor column indicating the results of the League's recent study of the accomplishments of the council- anager government in Decatur. There will be a notice in the Bulletin urging members to work against the referendum.

Recommendations for City Advisory Commissions: Mrs. Bachrach read the list of commissions which need additional members, and board members suggested League members who might be able to serve on some of them.

Membership: Mrs. Hurst reported one new member: Mrs. K. D. LaRowe.

Foreign Aid: Mrs. Smith said it was "Time for Action" on foreign aid and asked that we remind our members to write their representatives and senators in support of the foreign economic aid program.

The next board meeting will be held on June 5.

Respectfully submitted, Dec Meverson