

BOARD MEETING
March 5, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters met on March 5, 1953, at 1:30 P.M. in the Association of Commerce Conference Room with nine members present.

Mrs. Clifford Smith, President, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the February meeting were dispensed with at the request of the secretary. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance on hand of \$1,059.46.

Mrs. Perley Lupton, Chairman of the Budget Committee, gave the Budget report with explanatory remarks. Mrs. F. Hanly Brock made a motion that the dues be raised to cover the raise in State Dues, seconded by Mrs. Otis Chumbley, which vote did not carry. The Budget was accepted by the Board upon motion of Mrs. Lupton, seconded by Mrs. Doubleday.

Mrs. Smith called attention to the Annual Meeting on March 26, with Mrs. Seibel as guest speaker. Mrs. Chumbley is in charge of luncheon reservations.

Mrs. Ivan J. Hutchens will be a member on "A Citizens Committee for Judicial Amendment," a State-wide layman's committee.

The following slate of officers are presented by the Nominating Committee: composed of Mrs. John Kuhns, Chairman, Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. Charles Ruedi and Mrs. Neal Doubleday:

President, Mrs. John Donovan; First Vice-President, Mrs. Perley Lupton, Second Vice-President, Mrs. George Meyer, Third Vice-President, Mrs. Ayrle Morris, Secretary, Mrs. F. A. MacKay, Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. John, Elected Directors, Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. William Winn, Nominating Committee: Mrs. Otis Chumbley, Chairman, Mrs. J. MacKechnie, Mrs. James Moore.

Unit Meetings: Home of Mrs. R. E. Greenfield, 288 South Westlawn, March 12th, 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. "1921 Tools for a 1953 Job!" Chairman: Mrs. Ayrle Morris; Discussion Leader: Mrs. R. E. Harroun, Resource Committee: Mrs. F. Hanly Brock, Mrs. Charles Griffin, Mrs. William Winn.

Following report given by Mrs. Gerald Cox, Chairman of Committee to suggest items for the current Agenda for coming year:

Continued active support and interest in sewer problem.
Study of budgetary procedure and tax structure of Decatur Public School System.

These items will be submitted to the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Lupton
Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters was held on March 26, 1953, in the Decatur Club following luncheon at one o'clock. Members and guests attended.

Immediately following luncheon, Mrs. John J. Donovan, First Vice-President, presiding in the absence of Mrs. Clifford Smith, President, gave a short welcoming talk in which she expressed pleasure at the presence of ~~xxx~~ so many guests. She then introduced the officers of the past year, as well as Board members, expressing on behalf of Mrs. Smith her appreciation for the loyal and faithful service of the officers and Board. She then introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. G. E. Seibel of Chicago, State Board member and Chairman of State Civil Liberties Committee, who gave a most interesting and factual talk on: "How Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Legislation Affect You."

The business meeting followed. The minutes of the Annual Meeting for 1952 were read and approved. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,048.53. It was moved by Mrs. Lupton and seconded by Mrs. Birt that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Charles Ruedi requested the adoption of the following Amendment: "Article I, Section I of our By-Laws which now reads 'The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Macon County', shall be changed to: "The League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois."

It was moved this Amendment be adopted by Mrs. Ruedi and seconded by Mrs. Gerald Cox. Carried.

Mrs. F. Hanly Brock in discussing the local By-Laws expressed her opinion that they were too specific and should be made more flexible. It was, accordingly, moved by Mrs. John Kuhns, seconded Mrs. Ferley-Lupton and carried, that a committee be appointed to revise the local By-Laws.

It was moved by Mrs. Gersham John that the study of the Council-Manager form of Government be removed from the Agenda for the coming year, seconded by Mrs. Brock and carried. The following Agenda was adopted for the coming year:

Continuance of action on the Sewer Problem in Decatur.
Budgetary procedure; tax structure; Decatur school system.

It was moved by Mrs. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Floyd Birt that the proposed Agenda be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. John Kuhns, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, said committee being composed of the following persons: Mrs. William Hipsher, Mrs. Charles Ruedi, Mrs. Neal Doubleday, presented the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President	Mrs. John J. Donovan
First Vice-President	Mrs. Perley Lupton
Second Vice-President	Mrs. George F. Meyer
Third Vice-President	Mrs. Ayrle Morris
Secretary	Mrs. F. A. MacKay
Treasurer	Mrs. G. R. Cohn
Elected Directors	Mrs. Clifford Smith
	Mrs. William R. Winn

Nominating Committee for coming year: Mrs. Otis Chumbley, Chairman: Mrs. J. MacKechnie, Mrs. James Moore.

It was moved by Mrs. Kuhns that the nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as presented, seconded by Mrs. Ruedi, carried.

Annual reports were not given by Committee Chairmen, inasmuch as their written summary of the past year's work appeared in the March bulletin.

Mrs. Donovan, in closing the meeting, expressed her appreciation at being selected as President of the League, saying among other things that she could only hope to serve in a measure as successfully as Mrs. Smith. She then introduced the new officers after which the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Lupton
Secretary.

The Annual Budget was read by Mrs. Perley Lupton, Ch. Budget Committee. Discussion followed, after which Mrs. Lupton moved Budget be adopted. Mrs. John Kuhns seconded the motion. Carried.