

CONSENSUS
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

1. When injuries to a child appear to have been inflicted by parents or others responsible for his care, what should the individual or institution do? The injuries should be reported.
2. Should there be a law requiring that a report be made? Yes. If yes, to whom should such a requirement apply? To hospitals, doctors and schools (as an institution, not as individual represented by principal).
3. Should the law provide immunity from charges of liability to persons and institutions making such reports? Yes.
4. What means, in addition to a mandatory law, would you suggest as a step toward resolving the "battered child" problem? Making the services of social agencies more available.

THE CHILD AND THE COURT

1. Do you support a court system for handling juveniles which has different goals and techniques than those of the criminal court? If so, what goals should be included? Majority of group supported this above mentioned type of court system, believing its goals to be rehabilitation and protection of the child and the public. A minority group believed that the principle goal of the criminal court also was rehabilitation, but that the techniques used in reaching the goals of the two courts were different.
2. Should safeguards for the legal rights of the child and his parents in court proceedings under the Family Court Act be stated in the law? If so, which of the following should be included?
 - a. notice to parents should be sent. No consensus on specific content of petition.
 - b. child should have right to be represented by attorney.
 - c. court should provide attorney when family is unable to pay for one.
 - d. no consensus on separate hearings; some thought yes, some no, some didn't feel they really understood the matter.
 - e. child should have right to appeal.
 - f. law should state that stenographic record proceeding should be available as basis for possible appeal.
3. Do you think juvenile probation services in Illinois need to be improved? Yes. If so, would you support:
 - a. Provision in statute as to qualifications for education and training of probation personnel? Yes, and with commensurate salary increases.
 - b. A state program to assist the staff training and development of probation services for juveniles? Yes.
4. Which of these sources of financing probation services for juveniles would you approve? Please indicate order of your preference. Group varied between thinking D (counties with financial aid for the state predicated on state standards for personnel) their first choice and a suggestion that instead of individual counties, the circuit district should be the basis for operation. There was no consensus of the whole group on order of preference of B and C. A, financing on a county basis, came at the bottom of the list.

RESOURCE COMMITTEE NEWS

HUMAN RESOURCES--This committee will meet at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 14, in the home of Mrs. Frank Dilley, chairman, 1417 W. Macon St. There will be baby-sitting available for 50 cents per mother at the Decatur Art Center (upstairs).

LIBRARY--The library committee will meet every Thursday in January at 9:30 a.m. in the home of the chairman, Lucille Crow, 76 Colorado Dr. In addition, separate interviews have been scheduled with the Library Board and the city manager, John Dever.

URBAN RENEWAL--The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., January 19, in the home of Mrs. John J. Molloy, 2671 W. Macon.

CITY OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP--This group will be meeting throughout January to prepare for the January unit presentation and then at regular intervals after that, so new members are always welcome. Call Marge Unger, 877-6379, or Lou Cole, 428-8703, if you are interested.

WITH APOLOGIES. . .

In the list in the November bulletin of League members serving on various government boards or commissions, one member's name was inadvertently missed. Mrs. Verne Roby is serving as secretary of the Macon County Board of Health.

NEW LEAGUES?

There is considerable interest in Macomb and Westchester for organizing provisional LWV. If you know any women in these areas who might be interested, please contact Elise Hurst.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY ITEM
ON APPORTIONMENT PROPOSED

Apportionment is receiving considerable attention and concern throughout the nation. Under present League procedures we are unable to take action nationally on this subject because the League, as a whole, has no position. However, the LWV of Tennessee is urging that an emergency item be adopted at the National Council Meeting in May: "A study of apportionment in state legislatures and the U.S. Congress including the protection of each citizen's constitutional right to equitable representation."

Two delegates from the state board will be representing all Illinois Leagues at this meeting and the Decatur LWV needs to decide if we want this proposal added to the national agenda at this time. Therefore, we will be discussing this at the January units.

CONSENSUS REPORT ON CHILD WELFARE, PART 2

The report on the next page is the consensus reached by the Decatur League at the November unit meetings and approved by the local board. This report with the one on Aid to Families with Dependent Children has been sent to the state League for evaluation with similar reports from all other Leagues in Illinois to determine state consensus.

Members of the resource committee participating in the child welfare study last fall included: Myra Becker and Ann Limerick, co-chairmen, Irene Homan, Sara Kessler, Ann Pettee, Ann Martin, Ruth Ritter, Marilyn Tenney and Pat Turner.

Changed (see March 31, 1965 minutes)

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Reimbursement Policy

In recognition of the advantages of having as many League members as possible attend state-sponsored meetings, it is the feeling of this board that as much financial help and other encouragement as possible should be offered. The following guidelines are recommended for state-sponsored meetings other than conventions and legislative schools.

1. Representatives should be named by the board prior to the date of the meeting. In case no regular board meeting is scheduled, the president and the treasurer may name the representatives and allow the expenses, using this policy as a guide. Itemized accounts should be submitted before reimbursement.

In general, committee chairmen on the topics to be discussed are eligible for reimbursement. However, committee members as well as committee chairmen should be reimbursed for regional meetings, and the board has the discretion of allowing reimbursement for committee members attending other meetings, subject to budget considerations.

2. The local League will reimburse for the following expenses for all meetings covered by this policy:
 - a. Transportation.
 1. Drivers of cars shall receive five cents per mile and all parking fees shall be paid.
 2. If public transportation is used, reimbursement for expenses shall be no more than the cost of driving (including taxi, bus fares, etc.).
 - b. Any registration fees, luncheon expense and up to \$2 for dinner en route (if necessary).
 - c. Baby-sitting allowance of not more than \$2.50 per person.
3. If an overnight stay is necessary, reimbursement shall also be made for all meals, tips and hotel room in addition to the expenses listed above.
4. Attention is called to the fact that the state League pays all but \$3.50 of railroad coach fare or five cents per mile travel allowance to official delegates to most meetings. This amount is paid directly to the delegate but must be turned over to the local treasurer.
5. \$25 shall be the maximum allowed for any one representative, regardless of whether the state League reimburses for travel expense.
6. The figures on the most economical way for the greatest number of members to attend meetings in Chicago may be obtained from the Treasurer.
7. A committee chairman may wish to share her expense money with other committee members who attend, but she is not expected nor required to.