

LWV BOARD MEETING
Decatur, Illinois

November 1, 1966

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Tenney, 257 S. Glencoe, at 12:45 p.m. with the President, Mrs. Clifford Smith, presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Smith, Tenney, Tilley, Limerick, Schade, Westenhaver, Hurst, Jurgens, Dilley, Butler, Redford, Calhoun (and Maginn, not a board member)

ABSENT: Mesdames Crow, Bowers, Miller, Moore

MINUTES: The duplicated minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- (1) add at the end of paragraph two "not a board member"
- (2) change first and second sentences under Telephone Committee to read "Mrs. Hurst reported that this committee is functioning in advance of the Candidate's Meeting. Mrs. Homan is serving as Chairman".
- (3) in Meetings paragraph, line 6, after "All-member" add "daytime"
- (4) change Publications paragraph to read "Mrs. Butler announced that 34 members have signed up for Subscription Service. She discussed publications that might be included in the Subscription Service. It was moved and seconded in separate motions that: 1. The Revenue Blue Ballot Questions and Answers be sent to all members with the next Decatur Voter. 2. The Youth Correction publication "Illinois: Pattern, Problems, Potential" recommended by the Welfare Chairman be sent on subscription service. 3. The Consensus sheets be sent on subscription service but not charged for.
- (5) in the Welfare paragraph, line 3, change "fact sheet" to "a local fact sheet"
- (6) in Water paragraph change Protzman to Redford and "next" to "first"
- (7) under Equal Housing paragraph delete the second sentence;
- (8) delete "Nominating Chairman" and ~~following~~ ^{delete sentence first} sentence of this paragraph.

Mrs. Hurst moved and Mrs. Dilley seconded that from now on corrections and additions to minutes be made in red on the secretary's copy so that anyone referring to minutes will be able to see the approved minutes. Carried. See corrections to this paragraph under "Minutes" in Nov. 29, 1966 minutes and in January 3, 1967 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Schade reported for Mrs. Moore. Cash on Hand, Oct. 1, 1966 was \$919.75 (this is a correction in Sept. 30 balance), total receipts were \$207.00, total disbursements were \$388.64, leaving Cash on Hand Oct. 31, 1966 of \$738.11.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: After a discussion of change in date of next board meeting, Mrs. Dilley moved and it was seconded that the next board meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Mrs. Dilley invited the board to have the meeting at her home, 1417 W. Macon. The Decatur Voter will need to go to print before the board meeting so as to reach members by the first of December since the All-Member meeting is December 7.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Butler reported that there are now 41 members on Subscription Service. Mrs. Tilley, Equal Housing Chairman, recommended state LWV's Equal Housing publication entitled "Minority Group Housing: The Problem" be sent on Subscription Service. Mrs. Redford moved and it was seconded that this be done. Carried. It was agreed to distribute to new members, the library, YMCA and YWCA the left-over "November 1966 Election Candidates' Replies to LWV Questionnaire" published by the state League, "Meet the Candidates" programs containing information about local and state candidates. It was agreed that the "UN Pocket Reference" be sent on Subscription Service without charge and the remainder be given to the high schools, and to the library.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE: Our League has received a certificate from People to People in recognition for valuable contribution to the cause of international understanding for our President's letter to our sister city on the first anniversary.

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PUBLICITY: Mrs. Tenney reported that there will be a front page article on the Women's Page Nov. 4 featuring women in politics with pictures of County Republican and Democratic Women's groups and our League's China-US relations study group.

FINANCE DRIVE: Mrs. Tenney reported for Mrs. Meyerson, Finance Chairman who is not on the board, that to date \$945.50 has been received. Of this \$745 has come from non-members and \$200 from members. There have not been as many League members making calls this year and the businessmen seem less inclined to give. After the election a concerted effort will be made to finish up the calls.

REVENUE: Mrs. Smith reported for Mrs. Verbanac, Revenue Chairman, who is not on the board and could not attend, that the Decatur LWV committee had prepared flyers in opposition to the Revenue Amendment to be voted on Nov. 8 and League members will be handing them out Saturday before the election from 10 to 4 downtown and at the Brettwood, South Shores and Fairview Plaza Shopping Centers. Mrs. Verbanac and Mrs. Doubleday will be on the WSOY Mid-Day program, Oct. 28, 1:15-2:00, answering questions on the Revenue Amendment posed by Frank Bowman and the radio listening audience. We did not receive time on WDZ because a representative from the Illinois Municipal League will be appearing in opposition.

CHILD WELFARE: Mrs. Maginn distributed rough draft copies of material prepared by the committee on the Department of Children and Family Service and The Illinois Youth Commission to be sent to members in the Decatur Voter in preparation for the unit meetings Nov. 15 and 16. Also consensus questions will be sent in the Voter. Mrs. Redford, Program Coordinator, said that it was decided that we will follow the state League recommendation that there be a discussion leader to handle the discussion rather than have the resource committee chairman do this. The resource committee will be called upon to supply needed information. The President and the Vice Presidents will serve as Discussion Leaders as well as being in charge of the unit meetings. Consensus is due Dec. 1 in the state office. Mrs. Axon reported that unit meetings will be Tuesday Nov. 15, 7:30 at Janet Mann's; Nov. 16, 9:15 a.m. (Wednesday) at Joyce Maginn's; Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. at Eve Spencer's.

STATE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: Mrs. Redford pointed out that since State Program Suggestions are not due until Jan. 1 they could be made at the December All-Member meeting instead of at the November units. There is likely to be more time at the December meeting. After discussion Mrs. Redford moved and it was seconded that state program suggestions be made at the December 7 meeting. Carried.

MACON COUNTY HANDBOOK: Mrs. Redford reported it will be impossible to get the revision of the handbook made very soon if she remains editor because of her also being program coordinator. Therefore she has asked Mrs. Doubleday and Mrs. Stafford to be co-editors so that work may go ahead before information obtained is outdated.

EQUAL HOUSING: Mrs. Tilley reported that the committee met Oct. 23 with Mr. James Gude, Decatur Chapter of NAACP Chairman and Mr. G. R. Cohn, Decatur Human Relations Commission Chairman. On Nov. 3, they will meet with the President of the Decatur Real Estate Board, Mr. Henry L. Cameron, and Mr. Ed Drobisch, a realtor. The first meeting was for all League members and the second also will be.

US-CHINA RELATIONS: No report. Next committee meeting Nov. 30.

PLANNING AGENCIES: Mrs. Jurgens reported that the next meeting will be Nov. 9 and they will be accumulating statutes on the planning agencies.

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CANDIDATES MEETING: Appearing at the meeting, Oct. 27, were all candidates for county office, both for circuit judge, all state representatives, only one for state senator because of death in one family, and one for U.S. Representative. Mrs. Limerick reported there was attendance of about 275. It appeared that more remained after the meeting for coffee and doughnuts and visiting than previously. The only problem which arose was with the amount of coffee and doughnuts to be provided by the hotel and the charge. In the report for the files for use of future chairman, attention will be called to this so it will not happen again.

ABC ELECTION REPORTING: The state Voters Service chairman suggested that a Decatur member and her husband be recruited to cover the key precinct in Shelbyville assigned to Decatur League when she was told we could not find any League members to do this reporting because of the distance from Decatur. Mrs. Smith asked the Hursts to consider doing so and they accepted. Information as to availability of telephone, procedures, and credentials has to be obtained a week or more before the election. A telephone call has to be made to New York at about 3:00 p.m. on voter turnout in comparison to past and as soon as results are obtained on U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative vote. Every second counts. ABC will give the League \$15.00 for each precinct covered and pay expenses of reporters.

SCHOOLS: Mrs. Calhoun reported that although it was intended that this be an inactive item this year, some members are interested. With the current teachers' walkout (professional study day) because of dissatisfaction by the teachers on salary index approved by the Board of Education this committee might gather information on what the teachers want and why the Board feels it cannot meet the demands. Mrs. Smith mentioned that the Association of Commerce Education Committee brought up the question of getting good people to run for the Board of Education and thought we might consider changes which might be made to encourage good candidates to run.

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Schade reported five new members since last board meeting. The "Let's get acquainted with League and Local Government" meetings on Oct. 11 and 12 were well attended and real interest shown by those attending. There will be another such meeting soon for those not able to attend the last one and for members who have joined since.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Hurst reported that Mrs. Homan's committee when calling to remind members of the Candidates meeting also told them of the Equal Housing Committee meeting to which Mr. Gude and Mr. Cohn were invited, asked if members who were not on Subscription Service if they would like to be, and asked for help in distribution of Revenue Amendment opposition flyers. The committee will call members before the unit meetings Nov. 15 and 16. Board members had no other communications they wanted the telephone committee to give members this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Hurst, Secretary Pro Tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING

Time: Tuesday, November 1, 1966 at 12:45 p.m.

Place: Home of Mrs. Harold F. Tenney (Marilyn), 257 South Glencoe

Your presence is important, but call 422-1764 (Lola Smith) if you must be absent.

Notice: On Tuesday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. the Equal Housing Resource Committee is holding a meeting at the home of Mrs. Sara Eicker, 3030 Lynwood Drive (near Muffley School). The two speakers for the evening will be Mr. James Gude, Pres. of NAACP and Mr. Gershwin Cohn, Chairman of the Human Relations Commission.

THE AGENDA

Approval or correction of October minutes as mailed to you.

The Treasurer's Report including reminder to members to report changes of address promptly.

Discussion of time and place for December Board Meeting - I recommend November 29th. The Welfare Consensus is due Dec. 1st; this date is four weeks after the Nov. 1st meeting and would help avoid complications in December.

A Recognition Certificate to Decatur League from People-to-People Headquarters-Smith

Recent Activities of our Public Relations Chairman - Tenney

How we stand on the Finance Drive - Meyerson

The Candidate's Meeting Chairman leads a hectic life - Limerick

What is happening in opposing the Revenue Amendment - Verbanac

We will participate in ABC Election Reporting after all - Hurst and husband.

General Plans for Units - Axon

The Program Co-ordinator goes 'round and 'round - Redford

Fact sheet and final plans for November Units on Welfare - Maginn

Plans for Dec. 7th meeting on "Clean Water" - Shell

Equal Housing Committee may need extra meeting in January - Tilley

The latest from these committees: China-U.S. - Miller; Library - Crow;

Planning Agencies - Jurgens

Election Laws and Judicial (?)

The Telephone Committee can be more useful. Have you a message for their calls in November? - Hurst

An evaluation of being "At Home" to new and prospective members - Schade and Butler

(Don't neglect our Decatur Voter Editor, Janet Westenhaver. She needs your prompt cooperation.)

N.B. We must soon give thought to what we want on the State Program for 1967-68.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING

Time: Tuesday, November 29, 1966 at 12:45 p.m.

Place: Home of Mrs. Frank B. Dilley (Jane), 1417 West Macon

As usual, your help in making decisions is necessary. To make them, increase your knowledge of "what is and what will be going on" in our League work.

If you must be absent, call Lola Smith (422-1764).

THE AGENDA

The November minutes - approval, correction (?) - Bowers

The Treasurer's Report. How many members now enrolled? - Moore

Finance Chairman's Report - Tenney, Meyerson

Board Meeting Place January 3rd (?) A look ahead to board meeting dates in 1967.

Views on the Unit Meeting Arrangements - Axon, Schade, Hurst

The Welfare Consensus Report - Redford, Maginn

Evaluation of Discussion Leader Plan - Redford

Plans for December 7th meeting - "Clean Water"; Discussion of State Program Items for 1967-1969 - see your November issue of Illinois Voter.

Equal Housing Opportunities meeting plans for January need our attention now - Tilley

Announcements from other Resource Committee Chairmen:

Planning Agencies - Jurgens

China - U.S. Relations - Miller

Library - Crow

Report on meetings of Citizens to Advance Public Education (C.A.P.E.) resulting from Decatur's school crisis - Calhoun, Hurst

Outlook for School Committee work - Redford, Calhoun

Important Assignment in Voters Service Area - Limerick

What Happened to our November Decatur Voter - Westenhaver