

Absent - Jean Cook, Lola, Mary S.
Molly Johnson

BOARD MEETING

League of Women Voters, Decatur, Illinois

DATE & TIME: December 15, 1971 9:15 a.m.

PLACE : Home of Mrs. Frank Verbanac 12 Dakota Drive

AGENDA

MINUTES.....Coberly

TREASURER'S REPORT.....Butler

PUBLIC RELATIONS.....cyerson
Finance Drive recommendations
Budget items to consider

ORGANIZATION.....Verbanac
Membership

PROGRAM.....Weinman
Schools Consensus
January units
National Program suggestions

ACTION.....Redford

NEW BUSINESS.....Ohlsen

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Ohlsen

DECATUR VOTER.....Forbes

NOTICE: Voter Deadline is Board Day so Chris can have a nice Christmas too.

Please let Barb W. know if you can't attend board, but do try to be there.

equal opportunity report with letter to Sakalis?
fair employment practices ordinance - suggest P-R

New board member - Molly Johnson

Frank 4 056.43
MHS 4 304.05
- 87.50

Minutes to Board Meeting Held November 22, 1971

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. James McVay, 3021 Lynnwood Drive with President, Mrs. Robert Ohlsen presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Ohlsen, Weinman, Verbanac, Coberly, McVay, Forbes, Marshall, and Redford.

ABSENT: Mesdames Meyerson, Butler, Schade, Cook Smith, and Sensenig.

MINUTES: Approved as mailed. The secretary will have someone service the duplicating machine since it is not working right causing wastage of paper etc.

TREASURERS REPORT: None due to absence of treasurer.

PROGRAM: Read and discussed Day Care consensus taken at November unit meetings. Some slight changes were made and it was approved for submission to State as amended. A copy is filed with the minutes and will be printed in the Voter as the Local position

U. S. Congress: Mrs. Weinman will ask members through the Voter to look up their copies of a glossary of terms printed in the Voter for last year's U. S. Congress meeting. These would be helpful for the February U. S. Congress units. "Facts and Issues on U. S. Congress" went out on subscription service.

Schools: Consensus questions as drawn up by the school committee were read and discussed. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the questions as amended. They are as follows:

1. What should be considered in deciding grade organization?
2. Do we prefer a Middle School organization or a Junior High organization?
 - a. Definition of a Middle School.
 - b. Definition of a Junior High.
3. What action do you want the School Committee and League to take on this consensus?
4. What direction do you want the School Committee to go?

The School Consensus Units will be held on Dec. 7 at 9:15 a.m. at Westminster and Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Sara Kessler.

Election Laws: Mrs. Gerald Cox asked if funds were available for a member of her committee to go to a Chicago meeting. We have program funds that can be used for this purpose.

ACTION: We're still collecting glass for recycling through the G.R.I.P.E. program. Mrs. McVay will write a letter to the newspaper expressing our support of G.R.I.P.E. and explaining other possibilities for recycling.

A letter was requested by National asking our senators not to respond by cutting foreign aid as retaliation for the seating of Communist China in the U.N. Mrs. Smith will be asked to do this.

We have many positions on County Government that we could possibly stress with the new organization of the County Board. Mrs. Thomas Hurst wrote a summary of latest happenings in County Government for the Voter. She will be asked to elaborate on home rule for next month's Voter.

Mrs. McVay read a letter that was written by Mrs. Rome to Mr. Curry, the head of the Pollution Control Board. It was protesting the rules and regulations for environmental controls without holding hearings in the areas concerned. If a hearing is held locally, our League will be asked to testify.

We have been asked for responses and comments about the Legislative Newsletter. Mrs. Redford will take comments to State. It was suggested that the prince was a little high for this short session. Also, better identification of bills (by title rather than number only) would be helpful to distinguish them better.

ORGANIZATION: It is necessary to find a new Unit Chairman. Suggestions of possible people were given to Mrs. Verbanac.

Mrs. Charles Hippler will be asked to serve as publicity chairman until a permanent person can be found.

An invitation will be extended through the D.E.A. to teachers to attend the School Units on December 7 & 8.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Candidates meeting for Junior College Board Trustees election will be held on Dec. 2 at Eisenhower Auditorium. Warren Boldt will moderate and each candidate will have 2 minutes to discuss questions mailed to them previously. Good attendance is hoped for since the auditorium will cost us \$61. It will be broadcast live on WSOY Radio.

NEW BUSINESS: February Board Meeting was changed to Feb. 18 in order to get the Voter out with nomination, budget, proposed by-laws changes and local program suggestions in time for the Annual Meeting in March.

DECATUR VOTER: Deadline today as it must go out right away.

There was a short discussion of the possibility of a coupon in the Voter to get consensus from those members not in attendance at consensus meetings. The Board felt this was feasible only when a lot of material had been fed to the entire membership previous to the consensus.

A short discussion was held concerning use of advertisements in the Voter. Decided if Mrs. Meyerson wants to work up something to present to us on this we will consider it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) January Board Meeting will include Natl. Program suggestions, and the February meeting will be spent on budget, local by-laws, nominations, and U. S. Congress Consensus. 2) Mrs. Ohlsen will attend Pres. Council in Chicago on December 1. 3) Spring regionals will be held the 2nd or 3rd week in May. A mini-regional will be held sometime after the first of the year. 4) The Annual Program Conference will be October 11, 1972 at the O'Hara Inn. 5) The 1973 Illinois Convention will be held in Springfield on April 3, 4, and 5. 6) State League is offering the sale of a Hasty Lady Cookbook at \$2.00 (more than 50 at \$1.50) and League napkins at 30 for \$5.00. A list was passed at the units for those wishing to order either. We will order 1 box of each kind of napkin for use at membership coffees. 7) A notice about Project L.E.A.F. (Legal Elections in All Precincts) was received. This is an effort to assure a proper number of election judges is available in all precincts in every election. More about this will come later. 8) "Report From The Hill" was passed around. 9) A letter from H.E.S. as an answer to our letter in support of Welfare reform was passed. 10) Price of duplicate president's mailing is going up to \$20.00. 11) Spokenster news service will feature two up to date releases per week in the next few months. We will try calling a few times to check cost of the service. 12) National Board Report was passed around. 13) We received a copy of Taiwan and American Policy: The Dilemma In U.S. China Relations. An additional copy was ordered for Mrs. Smith's use on the Foreign Policy Committee. 14) "Constitutional Revision In Illinois - The League of Women Voter's Role" is available from Mrs. Ohlsen. 15) Archer Daniels Midland is to be solicited for National funds this year. We got a Local Contribution last year. 16) Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Schade and Mrs. Ohlsen will work on National Program suggestions. 17) A column will be added to the Voter to answer questions posed by members concerning government, League, Decatur, etc.

Next meeting will be December 15 at Mrs. Frank Verbanac's.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m.

Margaret Coberly
Secretary