Minutes of Board Meeting League of Women Voters, Decatur, Illinois December 1, 1955

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. W. Gibson, in the Association of Commerce room at 1:30 P.M., with the following members present:

Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President, presiding

Mrs. Clifford Smith

Mrs. G. R. Cosh

Mrs. Chas. Griffin

Mrs. Forrest Martin

Mrs. James Hurley

Mrs. Arthur Adelman

Mrs. James Leigh

Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, visiting

The Secretary's minutes were approved as read. Mrs. Smith asked about the letter to Senator Smith. It was not sent.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. A copy is attached.

Mrs. Lee's reply to attacks on the League was read. Mrs. Smith read David Felts' editorial in the Decatur Herald of last Friday and her letters to Felts and the Editor. Mrs. Leighmoved both letters be mailed, seconded and carried.

January unit meetings were discussed. Since Voter's Service may not be ready, Mrs. Gibson suggested we might secure someone to discuss Welfare. Mrs. Leigh will assist Mrs. Winn with the Candidates' Meeting.

Lack of attendance at night unit meetings was discussed. It was felt we are obligated to have night meeting available so will continue as planned for the rest of the year.

The January General Membership meeting was discussed. The man for the City analysis is still not here and nothing is known of him. Mrs. Smith thought welfare hight be a good subject. Mrs. Cohn moved we postpone discussion till January Board meeting, seconded and carried.

We have been asked to have a speaker on fluoridaion at our meetings - probably the general meeting. We might have it in connection with Mental Health either at general or unit meetings. Mrs. Cohn moved that we have a speaker in January, seconded and carried.

Mrs. Griffin discussed the Local Government workshops. Little current material is available. Mrs. Gibson suggested that when all the material is accumulated, we will have enough for a publication if it is something we wish to tackle.

Mrs. Gibson asked about continuing attendance at the City Council meetings. The information was good for September and October. It was decided to continue and Board members will be assigned dates in January and February.

The Farm Survey is 40% complete. It may run into February and March, depending on the weather.

The advisory committee on the school issue met last night. Mrs. Gibson asked Board to think about the school issue in conjunction with bond issue, taxes, etc. We will pool questions and ask Mr. Grant for answers. The League is in no position now to take part in a decision.

Mrs. Smith asked that we decide in January what, if anything, further is to be done in connection with the Freedom Agenda.

Respectfully submitted by:

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

Marian Wogna-Sear