

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
BOARD MEETING
December 15, 1981

The meeting was called to order in the home of Sue Marshall at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Campbell, presiding, Barbara Brown, Millie Protzman, Sue Marshall, Maggie Lanterjung, Karen Jensen, Janet Beck, Dee Meyerson.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Marshall reported that 51 members have paid their dues. We have received \$500 from the Teamsters' Union for the vote tally, and have a balance of \$1,981.71. State and national per-member payments have been made through the third quarter.

New member: Deborah Melnik, 1909 West Sunset, 62522, telephone, 423-5192.

Communications: Carol Campbell said that she had received a letter from Leslie Allen, City Manager, indicating that the city has selected a bonding company for for the 1982-86 bond issue. The council has approved a referendum for other projects which will be ready for bidding in late spring, 1982.

Maggie Lanterjung presented a questionnaire received from State LWV with regard to the concurrence procedure on Fiscal Policy. Those present indicated their reaction to the questions. The position on Fiscal Policy was noted and will be filed.

Carol, in an up-date on the national Health Care study, said no funding has been secured. Since some leagues now have committees, national has issued some guidelines for the committees. The focus should be on educating league members and others about the mechanisms for delivery of health care, the reimbursement systems, and options. National will focus on financing the study.

Consensus questions for the sentencing study have been received and will go to Marg Cobenly.

We received a letter from District #61 saying board members are available to attend meetings to discuss the upcoming school closings.

The Decatur Arts Council has asked for our mailing list. Request denied.

The Legislative Seminar will be held on April 21-22 this year.

We have received responses to action letters from Senators Percy and Dixon.

A letter from the Humanities Council asked for recommendations or requests for projects.

We received a thank you note from DARE for contributions and food for their food bank.

Reports from Board Members:

Barbara Brown suggested that the separate publications account be closed, and the balance returned to the Treasurer to be added to our regular League account. The bank charges on the separate small account make this seem sensible at this time. Checks for publications will be written by the Treasurer in the future. The board approved taking this action. Barb will order a duplicate president's mailing for Program VP, Maggie Lauterjung, and 2 additional copies of Prospectus. Also, publications catalogs for all board members. There was a discussion of sale items listed in the new catalogs - tote bags, polo shirts, calendars, etc., and some orders were placed. The \$40 renewal of our Voter postal permit is due.

Milli Protzman reported on the tally of the teamsters' election. She had prepared a report and evaluation as coordinator and had asked the union secretary-treasurer for an evaluation by the union. The union said they were satisfied with the way the tally had been handled. Milli had some suggestions for the procedure if we were asked to do this again. Barb Brown said a Coordinator's Guide for conducting elections and vote counting is now available from the IWW/Hawaii. She will order one for future use.

Carol Campbell presented the questions prepared for consensus by the Water Committee. There was a discussion of the questions, and a vote taken on the question about tax rate structure. It was agreed to eliminate the question at this time.

OLD BUSINESS Ann Fellis, of Housewives for ERA, is not able to be here for our January meeting. She can come in April, which is now open. The board discussed devoting the January meeting to the Water study consensus, and Carol said that the committee is prepared to do this. There will be background material for the January Voter. The Women's Political Caucus can come in February.

NEW BUSINESS Planning for Annual Meeting in May. Barb Emery will check costs at the Oglesby House.

The chairwoman of the nominating committee has dropped her membership. It will be necessary to appoint a new chairman and make the additional appointments to bring the committee to full strength. Ellen Cantoni and Sarah Kessler were suggested as appointments from the membership.

The January Board meeting will be held on the 19th at Karen Jensen's home. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Evaluation of performance tallying ballots for Teamsters Union officers election December 10, 1981 held at the union office, 2210 E. Hickory.

Carol Campbell, our president, accompanied Charles Austin, union secretary-treasurer and a candidate to pick up ballots which were mailed to a post office box. The ballot itself was enclosed in a ballot envelope and put into a return envelope with the voters name and address on the outside. Carol and I removed the envelopes from the mail bag and counted the pieces of mail. The envelopes were checked by union office workers to determine eligibility. They used their computer print-out lists. Union dues were to have been paid by October. Those voters ruled ineligible had N.E. marked on the outside envelope near the name and address sticker. These envelopes were kept separate and not opened. The eligible voters envelopes went on to the counting room, were opened by a League member, Carol Campbell, inner ballot envelopes were opened and ballots tallied by hand. Four people -Dee Meyerson, Laura Verbanac, Margaret Campbell and Barbara Brown did this part. Milli Protzman observed the eligibility check and passed on the outer enveloped to Carol.

Counting started about 10:15 A.M. and was completed about 1:45 P.M. Empty envelopes (outside ones) were recounted ballots were counted. Tallyed votes were given to the candidates who were observing and to Charles Austin, union Sec. Treas. Candidates and Union officials were asked if all was satisfactory. The count was off by three. at that point. Mr. Haynes, a candidate for trustee had some question about the count and the determination of eligibility. Mr. Austin explained that the discrepancy between his total number of votes and the top three candidates would not have elected him anyway. The eligibility determination was explained to him. Our total was as follows:

Vice President	Walters	<u>335</u>		
	Wilcote	180		
	Conley	146		
Trustees:	Redding	<u>473</u>	CRASTREE	<u>411</u>
	Ritter	<u>431</u>	MOREY	<u>317</u>
				HAYNES 299

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All the envelopes and ballots were put into a large metal box to be locked up for a year. All LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS workers signed the tally sheets.

On 12-11-81 I talked with Mr. Charles Austin and asked the following questions

Were they satisfied with our performance? Yes

Do they have any suggestions for improvement?

Yes. Handle the eligibility lists in a better way if possible(Them). He reminded me that we are completely responsible for the counting.

Would they recommend us to another union for the same purpose? Yes.

My recommendations- Do the eligibilikty checking in the same room as the ballot counting to cut down on handling (This is possible)

Use a better counting method for paper ballots and envelopes to insure accuracy.

Sign out any envelopes which require a special decision as to eligibility when they are removed. Sign them back in when they are returned.

Handle the job seriously and professionally. Keeping personal conversation to a minimum. The candidates are very interested in the outcome of the election and want accurate results as soon as possible.

Mildred Protzman
Voters Service Chairperson

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
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January 19, 1982

The meeting was called to order in the home of Karen Jensen at 7:45 p.m.

Present: Marianne Erickson, Milli Protzman, Laura Verbano, Barbara Brown, Sue Marshall, Maggie Lanterjung, Barbara Emery, Dee Meyerson.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 17 meeting were approved. Minutes of the December 15 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Anne Pollis represented Homeowners for ERA, and she will come to Decatur in February. The Womens Political Caucus will come in April.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Marshall reported a balance of \$1,826.97. She asked for information about the printing bills for October, and will check with Nancy Slack, circulation, to determine what they cover. The fourth quarter of per-member payments will be due at the end of the month. We have 52 paid members. New Member: Barbara French, 13 North Country Club Road, 62521, 429-3211. Carol Campbell asked that Joanne Skaffington be added to our prospective member list.

Communications: Carol reported that an answer had been received from Representative Madigan with regard to the Surface Mining bill.

The Historical Society of Macon County will have a referendum on the ballot to raise their tax levy from 2 mills to 4 mills.

We will ask members for suggestions for local programs in the Voter since we cannot devote a meeting to the subject.

The board responded to a questionnaire on water issues from the Education Fund.

Reports from Board Members: Barbara Emery, Membership, said the room we usually use at Westminster Presbyterian Church has been turned into an office. She checked with First Presbyterian Church for space for the February, March, and April meetings. We will make a donation to the church. She will check with the Oglesby House committee about holding the Annual Meeting there.

The February meeting will be Water Study consensus. Carol Campbell asked committee members to have written reports of their research for the file.

Marg Coberly's committee is ready for the March meeting on Criminal Justice consensus.

Marianne Erickson reported on the ERA Task Force meetings coming up in Decatur, and action in other states where the amendment will be voted upon soon.

Milli Protzman, Voters Service, reported that she had talked to the County Clerk, and voters will not need to re-register to vote in their new districts. A new pamphlet is available "Poll Watch Your Own Vote" for 25¢.

Barbara Brown, Publications, reported that the tote bags and calendars ordered have arrived, and "Conducting Elections and Vote Counting" for Milli Protzman. The Duplicate President's Mailing and League Action Services have been ordered for Program VP and Action chairs and should start soon. She said Charles Hale, Millikin University librarian, had been given a copy of the Juvenile Court Monitoring report, and suggested that the Public Library might be interested in having a copy.

There was discussion of appointments to be made to the nominating committee in preparation for the Annual Meeting. Cluny John, who was elected as chairman of the committee last year, has resigned from league, so a new chairman will have to be appointed. Florence Cox and Kathy Sorensen were suggested. Marianne Erickson and Dee Meyerson will serve on the committee and Dee Meyerson will call those suggested as additional members. Barb Ohlsen was suggested for the Budget Committee.

There was discussion of the Finance Drive for this year. We have 45 contacts, and last year raised \$512. Per member payments will go to \$12 for national and \$13 for state league, which is the amount of our present dues, so we will be relying on contributions again for local activities.

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Annual reports for national were distributed. They are to be back by March 15.

Barb Emery has received notice of a hearing concerning the Clean Air Act to be held in Chicago. The LWV of Champaign has prepared a statement to be presented at the hearing supporting the Clean Air Act as is, and asked for our support. We agreed

The next meeting will be held on February 16 at the home of Dee Meyerson.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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CALL TO ORDER: *Sarah S, Marg C & Janet Beck absent*

MINUTES: Dee Meyerson Nov & Dec minutes *OK*

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue Marshall *-1826.47*
hasn't pd 4^B gt mail on State.

COMMUNICATIONS: Madigan's letter; Macon Cty Historical Society refer. to increase tax levy; LWVEE grant to Natural Resources (water). *12th Pg on Parrie Feb, Mar, April*

REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Barb Emery on meeting places; Maggie L on Program; Marianne on ERA; Voter Service on Primary; Marg C on Mar Mtg. Distribute state & Nat'l material ; Publication? Should names of unpaid members be published? *no*

OLD BUSINESS: *to Feb* Annual Meeting; nominating committee; Official Directory; Local League ER survey; How many to go to Nat'l Convention? *1 Delg.*

NEW BUSINESS: *Barb Brown* Budget committee for 82-83; Finance Drive; Nat'l dues \$12; State dues \$13. Discussion on local dues. Feb. 15th Last day to register for primary Board recommended Nat'l program ? Projects to raise money?
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