

ILLINOIS LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
MACON COUNTY CHAPTER

Minutes
Board Meeting
April 16, 1946

The first Board meeting of the Macon County Chapter of The Illinois League of Women Voters, was held Tuesday night, April 16, 1946, at eight o'clock in #14 Lincoln Place, the home of the President, Blossom Redmon.

The meeting was called to order promptly at eight o'clock with the following members present- Treasurer Ann Kuhns, President Blossom Redmon, Vice-President Mrs. Paul Temple, League Representative Mrs. David Wood, and Secretary Mrs. Jesse B. Birks. Miss Redmon opened the meeting by reading the suggestions for the composition of the board with the duties of each.

Ann Kuhns made a brief report on the dues collected and after a discussion as to what percent of the dues collected should be forwarded to the State and National organizations, Mrs. Kuhns moved that we should write Mrs. Fisher, State President for clarification of the matter of payment of dues to these organizations for our first year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Temple. The motion carried.

The President then presented for discussion the names of the standing committees and their duties. As she read the names of each standing committee and its duties she called for discussion.

The Committee of Action and Program was discussed at some length and the decision was finally made to have a separate Chairman for each of these fields.

The discussion that followed the announcement of the Finance Committee led to the decision that the Treasurer should serve as Chairman of this committee until the group had attained a more representative size.

Discussion concerning the Chairman of the membership committee revealed that the board felt that this person should have wide acquaintance with the organized groups of the city in order that the membership of the League should be a true

cross-section of opinion.

As the Public Relations Chairman has great influence in attitudes formed by the public toward the League, much thought was given toward the selection of the Chairman for this committee. The question of the type of Newspaper publicity that we should desire was discussed in this connection. It was agreed that while the type of work carried on by the League is more nearly City Page news, that social publicity was not without its value.

Mrs. David Wood made a motion that the President appoint Mrs. A. H. Berg as chairman of Public Relations committee, Mrs. Paul Temple as chairman of Program Committee, and Mrs. David Wood as Chairman of Action Committee, with Mrs. Kuhns to act as Finance Chairman, leaving the appointment of the Membership Chairman open on this date. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kuhns and the vote was unanimously carried.

Miss. Redmon next called for discussion of the next large group meeting. It was the feeling of all present that the present enthusiasm concerning the League should be maintained by a large night meeting in the very near future. It was agreed that the business meeting should be as short as possible, allowing time for a social hour so that prospective members could meet those people already in the League and become acquainted with each other. The President instructed Mrs. Temple to call the Y. W. C. A. for an open date for a night meeting to be held there sometime during the first part of May. She was instructed to clear the night with the Board of Social Agencies. *Association of Commerce*

Discussion on the Bill-laws was called for and then dismissed as they seemed adequate for the time being. The discussion on the Budget was held over for the next meeting of the Board.

Miss. Redmon next called for suggestions for the program to be used until June 1, 1946. As many incoming members had mentioned their desire to study international relations, the Board felt that as this field had material available at once, some limited phase of this immense problem would be a good place for the discussion groups to start their study.

The British Loan, The Atomic Bomb as it affects inter-

national relations, and The U. N. O. Organization, were some of the possibilities suggested. Legislation concerning the control of the Atomic Bomb was finally chosen as a limited field with easily available study material.

The time most suitable for a regular Board meeting was discussed and Mrs. Wood moved with Mrs. Temple giving the second, that the first Tuesday of each month be selected as the date of our regular meeting. The motion carried.

Miss. Redmon adjourned the meeting, announcing the date for the next session as May 7, 1946, at seven- thirty o'clock.

Mary Lois Birks
Mrs. Lois Birks, Sec'y