

Eunice Danahy - Board of Education.
Shirley Moore - member City Council.
Barbara Olsen - Library Board.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR

BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 1989

12 Dakota Drive

7:30 p.m.

A G E N D A

HAND OUTS.

CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Rec Membership

Action

Laura Voters Service

Pub. Publications

~~Solid Waste~~
Voter

Betty Melville - Finance Dr.

Political Activity Policy.

Plans for Annual Meeting.

Reunions sale. June 22-24.

Voter

Natl Issues Forum.

Burns Museum.

League members

Post Board - U.S.

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March 15 - Concerns

April 11-

Legislative Interviews.

Letter / Lee Staley

Candidates meeting / Questionnaire -
April 1, 1989. to Park Bd.

Voter deadline is

As soon as possible.

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
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Present: Agnita Dupree, Lauri Thornton, Barbara Brown, Lucille Crow, Milli Protzman, Sue Marshall, Laura Verbanac, Lee Staley, Dee Meyerson.
Absent: Betty Melville, Andrea Bowen.

The meeting was called to order by Agnita at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Laura Verbanac. The minutes of the meeting of January 18, 1989, were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT Barbara Brown reported Cash on Hand of \$1,920.74. She said that the last half of our LWV/IL per-member payment had been paid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS from Agnita Dupree

Carol (Ballinger) Gibson, assistant Librarian at the Decatur Public Library, invited League members to attend the National Issues Forum in Washington, D.C. She will not be able to attend, and, if League members attend, it would be at our own expense.

The state LWV has asked for the names of local League members serving on local government boards. The names of Eunice Dansby, school board; Shirley Moore, City Council; and Barbara Ohlsen, library board, will be reported.

A circular announcing Millikin University exhibits was received.

A Post Board Summary was received from LWV/US. Because of financial deficits, the national office will reduce staff by 6, and reduce salaries. Top priority for action will be advocacy for the voter. A letter from Nancy Neuman, national President, emphasized action to increase voter participation in the election process, and to bring about campaign finance reform. Other top issues for the legislative session will be comprehensive child care legislation, affordable housing, arms control agreements, and clean air legislation.

We will not receive a 1988-90 edition of Impact on Issues. Inserts will be provided to bring 1986-88 up to date. Our new position on Federal Agriculture Policy will be included, along with a revised statement of our positions on Social Policy. Social Policy now includes the new consensus on Meeting Basic Human Needs.

National LWV is considering printing letterhead and envelopes with the new League logo for sale to local Leagues. We are to indicate if we would be interested in having such letterheads available.

REPORTS

Program. Milli Protzman reported that legislative interviews have been completed with Michael Tate, John Dunn, and Penny Severns. Florence Cox, Laura Verbanac, Milli and Agnita met with the legislators.

The March 15th meeting will be a consensus meeting for the Mental Health study. Milli will invite Councilman Steve John to speak to us on Decatur's Neighborhoods on April 11. The Annual Meeting will be a salad supper on May 16th. A skit, Three Women Speak, portraying Susan B. Anthony, Abigail Adams, and Eleanor Roosevelt, will be presented.

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