

MINUTES OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILL.

March 31, 1966

A noon luncheon preceded the business meeting at the Hotel Orlando and was attended by 40 persons. Guest speakers following the luncheon were three State Department officials, Mr. Finn, Mr. Walter Mueller, and Mr. John Roach. Their talks were followed by a question and answer period. The business meeting began at 2:00 p.m. with Mrs. Thomas Hurst presiding.

Mrs. Hurst announced that the Annual Meeting will be held in two parts again this year. The first part will take care of the election of new officers and change in the by-laws. The second part in May will be for the adoption of local program and budget for 1966-67. The National Convention report will be given at the second half of the meeting also.

Minutes: The secretary, Mrs. Kingsley Langenberg, read the first half of the Annual Meeting minutes of March 9, 1965. They were approved as read.

By-law Changes: Mrs. Hurst read the following by-law changes recommended by the Board which provide for creating a third Vice President and setting dues at \$8.00.

ARTICLE V, Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office the 1st day of April. The President, the First Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Second Vice President, Third Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

ARTICLE V, Sec. 3. The Vice President. The three Vice Presidents in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Mrs. Neal Doubleday made a motion that ARTICLE V, Sections 1 and 3 be adopted, seconded by Mrs. G. R. Cohn. Carried.

ARTICLE VI, Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) shall be payable on the first day of the month in which a member originally joined. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after they become payable forfeits membership.

(Mrs. J.R. Miller, Budget Committee Chairman, gave an explanation of the dues change. She said that each member costs our League \$8.10 for contribution for state and national League services, bulletins, yearbook and fact sheets, and there are many other items in our budget. Both state and national boards recommend that dues be at least \$7.50.)

Mrs. G.R. Cohn made a motion that ARTICLE VI, Sec. 2 be adopted, seconded by Mrs. George Limerick. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report: Mrs. James Manuell, Nominating Committee Chairman, presented the members of her committee, Mrs. Dwight Nelson, Mrs. George Limerick, Mrs. L. B. Ritter and Mrs. L. L. Colvis, and thanked them for their work. Mrs. Manuell then presented the following slate of officers: President, Mrs. Clifford Smith, 1 year; First Vice Pres., Mrs. Harold Tenney, 1 year; Second Vice Pres., Mrs. Gerald Redford, 2 years; Third Vice Pres., Mrs. Thomas Hurst, 2 years; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Bowers, 1 year; Treasurer, Mrs. David Mann, 2 years. Directors: Mrs. Wesley Tilley, 2 years; Mrs. Gordon Axon, 2 years; Mrs. Robert Schade, 2 years; Mrs. Robert Butler, 1 year;

Mrs. E. H. Jurgens, 1 year. (Mrs. George Limerick will be serving the second year of a two year term as director.)

The President will be elected for one year in order to comply with the schedule in the by-laws. The First Vice President and Secretary will be elected for one year in order to fill unexpired terms.

Three directors are to be elected each year for two year terms. This year two additional directors must be elected for one year terms to fill the vacancies created by resignations of two of the directors elected last year.

Nominating committee: Mrs. Thomas Protzman, Chairman; Mrs. Glenn Fuller, Mrs. William Miller.

Mrs. Hurst asked for additional nominations from the floor, with the consent of the person being nominated, and asked the nominees present to stand for introduction. There were no further nominations. Mrs. Neal Doubleday moved that the secretary cast the vote of the assembled members for the nominees presented. Mrs. Hilmer Landholt seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting was opened for the members to make suggestions for the local program.

Mrs. Walker Mills moved that the Annual Meeting be adjourned until May 11.

Mrs. Hilmer Landholt seconded the motion and it carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Langenberg, Secretary