

League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois

Minutes

I. The Board of Directors met for a regular meeting on August 17, 1977, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1360 W. Main Street, Decatur, Illinois. Karen Jensen, President, called the meeting to order at 9:50.

Present: Mesdames Brown, Langer, White, Ohlsen, Lowen, Jensen, Oldweiler, Jacobsen

Absent: Mesdames Cantoni, Sorensen, Staley

II. The minutes of the July 20th board meeting were approved as mailed.

III. Treasurer's report:

Chris Langer reported the following:

Balance July 1	752.81
Expenditures	138.64
Income	90.00
Balance August 1	704.17
Sent to State	270.09
Balance August 17	434.08

Chris reported that the auditors had approved the books; one of their suggestions was that a receipt should be issued for every amount received, however small.

IV Communications:

- A. Karen Jensen reported a letter from Sally Diehl: Mary Toberman will be the trainer for board members in October.
- B. Karen Jensen reported that state communications urge that we use our local woman power for ERA rather than use our strength on legislative reapportionment. Discussion followed: Feeling was that discussion was academic in view of the fact that we have no ERA chairperson at this time; and it is impossible to plan.

V Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Energy: It was reported that Debbie Staley had attended a Solar Tour at Boyd Farm in Argenta, IL, on Aug. 1. There was a photo and story in Illinois Times Aug. 5-11 (Ginny Farrar wrote the story).
- B. Voter Service: Becky Roma was not present to comment on plans for offering election materials to Decatur Schools.
- C. School Study: There is still no chairperson for this group. Kathy Sorensen and Karen Jensen appeared at school board meeting. Karen said they felt that the board was pleased that LWV was represented; however, they did not respond to the point lack of communication. LWV board discussed the need for regular LWV observers at school board meetings. Jane White will observe at School Board meetings and head up Observer group; County Board, City Council were mentioned specifically.
- D. Publications: Copies of State calendars were distributed to all members present, with individual members receiving other publications pertinent to their area of responsibility.
- E. Other Committees: Court Watching: Copies of Illinois Times, July 22-28, were distributed; on page 12 is article "Court Watching in Decatur."

VI Reports of Special Committees

A. Regional Conference in Decatur: Barbara Brown reported that the conference will be Wednesday, September 28th, 9:00-3:00 at First United Methodist Church in Decatur. Registration is \$1.50, luncheon will be \$2.25. The babysitter fee is \$1.50 per child, a total of 15 children (space). No smoking is allowed in the building.

B. Plans for August 24-25 Women's Fair, sponsored by N.O.W: Members of LWV who will register voters will be deputized by Mr. Tangney ahead of time. Kathy Sorensen, chairperson, has posters, identification badges, etc.

C. Money-raising ideas:

1. Barbara Brown reported that she will order some note paper and calendars. These will be available to sell at regional conference.
2. Barbara Brown also said that the advertising campaign of the Voter will have to be tabled temporarily.
3. Letter prepared by Karen Jensen was read, by her, beginning the member finance drive, it announces dues payable, and explains the difference between the dues collected and the State per member payment.

VII. Adjournment: The next board meeting will be September 21 at Westminster Church. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jacobsen, secretary