

League of Women Voters
Decatur, Illinois

Held at Sue Marshall's:
155 South Glencoe

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING
April 26, 1978

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This material is for your consideration in preparation for the Annual Meeting on April 26. Please bring it to the meeting.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR 1978-79

County and Township Governments. Support for elimination of townships in Macon County with their functions transferred to general purpose governments, such as the county or municipalities.

Support for Home Rule status for the county with establishment of an elected county executive. (If necessary, we would support appointment of an administrator by the County Board until an executive can be elected.)

Decatur's Environmental Quality. Support for improved surface drainage of the City of Decatur, as proposed by the Surface Drainage Task Force and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Improved Storm Drainage.

Decatur Public Schools. Positions: The school district needs to make a continuing effort to determine the desires of the public concerning its schools. The Board of Education should present a "state of the schools" message at the end of each school year, and also describe plans for the next school year. The school district should continue to place a high priority on meeting the needs of individuals. The school district should increase its efforts to implement its goal of communications with the public.

When it is determined that projected revenues will not be sufficient to maintain and/or improve programs, the Board of Education of Decatur Public Schools should ask the voters to increase one or more of the tax rates making up the "operating tax rate" (CTR) for state funding.

Since there is a time lapse between voting an increase and receiving both local taxes and state funds based on the higher tax rates, referenda should be submitted before a crisis situation exists, that is, before cuts have to be made or a deficit exists in fund balances.

An increase in the tax rate would be justified to maintain and/or improve programs if:

Decatur's CTR was less than districts of similar size.

Decatur's CTR was less than needed to get maximum state funds.

Decatur Public Schools cont.

Proposed:

A study of the impact of declining enrollment in the Decatur Public Schools (closings, reorganization, reduction of staff, alternative schools, transportation.)

City Government. A re-study of the council-manager form of city government as it functions in Decatur. A study of the Home Rule option in city government and its capacity for improving economy and efficiency in Decatur. (The studies have been completed. The new position reached by consensus of our members will be substituted as soon as board approval is given.)

Court Monitoring. Local court monitoring of Felony Court. (Continuing.)

Proposed: Local court monitoring of Small Claims Court.

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating submits the following slate of candidates for 1978-79.

President	Barbara Brown	1978-79
1st Vice President	Kathy Sorensen	1978-79
2nd Vice President	Diane Basten	1978-80
3rd Vice President	Winnie Loewen	1978-80
Treasurer	Susan Marshall	1978-80
Board Members	Marian Winter	1978-80
	Barbara Emery	1978-80
	Beth Oldweiler	1978-80
	Ellen Cantoni	1978-79
Nominating Committee	Marg Coberly Chrmn.	1978-79
	Margaret Campbell	
	Karen Jensen	

Signed

Pat McVay, Chrmn.
Karla Weinman
Laura Verbanac
Beth Oldweiler
Barbara Brown

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Recommended changes:

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers. The following officers of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois shall be elected by the membership at an Annual Meeting and shall serve for terms of two years. They shall take office the first day of May.

Change to: They shall take office the first day of June.

Section 2. Elected Directors. There shall be six Elected Directors, three to be elected in the even-numbered years and three to be elected in the odd-numbered years, for terms of two years, by the general membership. They shall take office the first day of May. The elected Directors shall serve as needed to carry out the work of the League.

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Section 3. Appointed Directors. The Officers and Elected Directors shall appoint such additional directors, not to exceed six, as they deem necessary to carry out the work of the League. The term of office of the Appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire the first day of May.

Change to: ... and shall expire the first day of June.

Section 4. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed to serve as an Officer or Director of this organization unless she is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

Change to: Only a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Decatur may be elected or appointed to serve as an Officer or Director of this organization.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Change to:first day of May each year.

ARTICLE VI. Continued

Section 2. Dues. Annual dues of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be payable on the first day of September in each year. Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after they become payable forfeits membership.

Change to: Annual dues, as proposed by the Board and approved by a majority vote of members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable on the first day of September in each year.

ARTICLE VII Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held in April, the Section 2 exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Change to: The Annual Meeting shall be held in May, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Quorum. Twenty-two members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois.

Change to: Twenty percent of the paid members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois.

Committee:

- Florence Cox
- Lucille Crow
- Kathy Sorensen
- Marian Woyna

PROPOSED BUDGET 1978-79

<u>EXPENDITURES</u> (to March 15)	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>Proposed 1978-79</u>
<u>A. Operating Costs</u>			
1. General Supplies	12.48		25.00
2. Postage	24.10		45.00
3. Telephone & Telegraph			5.00
4. Bank Charge	.90		5.00
<u>B. Board & Administrative Committees</u>			
1. President			25.00
2. Board Tools and Expenses	8.45	48.12	10.00
3. Administrative Committees			
a. Finance			
1. Annual Drive	29.50		45.00
2. Profit-Making Ventures			
b. Membership	19.62	40.85	25.00
c. Yearbook	44.90		50.00
d. Unit Organization	46.20		75.00
e. Publicity			5.00
<u>C. Delegates, Travel & Affiliations</u>			
1. State Convention	109.20		
2. National Convention			400.00
3. Workshops (Regional Meetings)	63.95		40.00
4. Affiliations			
a. Central Illinois World Affairs Conference			50.00
b. Other Coalitions			20.00
<u>D. Financial Support for IMV</u>			
1. State (\$10.25 per member)	1,080.35		871.25
2. National (\$10.00 per member)	467.50		850.00
<u>E. Bulletin</u>			
1. Supplies	75.43		80.00
2. Postage	95.55		150.00
<u>F. Educational Activities</u>			
1. Publications	57.50	30.00	250.00
2. Program Committees	18.36	6.95	25.00
3. Voters Service			
a. Voter Guides		1.00	25.00
b. Candidates Meetings			40.00
c. Voting Reference & Directory	115.00		50.00
<u>G. Position Support</u>			
1. Publications	50.00	3.00	10.00
2. Action	13.75		10.00
	<u>\$2,313.24</u>	<u>\$129.92</u>	<u>\$3,186.25</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
A. Dues (85 @ \$20.00) (@\$15)	1,155.00		1,700.00
B. Contributions - Members	545.50		500.00
C. Contributions - Non-Members	195.00		500.00
D. From Reserves (Cash on Hand)			236.25
E. From Publication Sales			
F. Other (Profit-Making Ventures)	190.50		250.00
	<u>\$2,086.00</u>		<u>\$3,186.25</u>

EXPENDITURESA. Operating costs

1. General supplies includes stationery, envelopes, ditto paper, etc.
2. Postage. All postage except for bulletin, finance drive, membership.
3. Telephone and telegraph. League business calls.
4. Bank charges. Service charge for handling checking account.

B. Board and Administrative Committees

1. President: to cover miscellaneous expenses.
2. Board tools and expenses: duplicate President's Mailings, National Board Reports, Local League Handbooks; publications necessary for portfolios.
3. Administrative Committees
 - a. Finance: cost of drive, supplies, postage, kits, publications, etc.
 - b. Membership: kits for new members, orientations, publications, supplies; any incurred encouraging membership, including postage.
 - c. Yearbook: publishing costs.
 - d. Unit organization: babysitter, refreshments, room rentals, etc.
 - e. Public relations. Publicity notices to news media; expenses incurred in promoting league activities that do not come specifically under Membership, Finance, Voter Service, Educational activities or Position.

C. Delegates, travel, and affiliations.

- *1. State Convention - odd years.
- *2. National Convention - even years.
- *3. Workshops - conducted every year by the State League.
* Amount budgeted covers travel expense and other fees as the board approves and the budget permits.
4. Affiliations and Coalitions
 - a. The Central Illinois World Affairs Conference provides continuing education opportunities for the people of Decatur and surrounding area.
 - b. Other coalitions: registration fees or other monies used for support or participation in the work of programs of interest to League.

D. Financial support for LWV organization.

1. Paid annually to State League in support of services. Per member assessment.
2. Paid annually to National League in support of services. A per member assessment based on the number of members as of January 1st of each year. Amount per member is decided at national convention.

E. Bulletin. Includes stencils, mimeograph paper, postage.F. Educational activities.

1. Publications: purchase or production of fact sheets by resource committees.
2. Program committees. Impartial study and impartial community activities may be budgeted here. The cost of committee research, including impartial publications, may be budgeted here if such material is distributed to the public as well as to League members.
3. Voters Service.
 - a. Voters guides includes all publications giving information to voters, including candidates questionnaires and programs for candidates mtgs.
 - b. Candidates Meetings. Cost of room rentals and other expenses of mtg.
 - c. Voters Directory. Cost of publishing and distribution.

G. Position Support.

1. Publications - purchase, production and distribution in support of League positions.
2. Action - Expenses of all League activities which touch upon consensus and League positions: lobbying, travel to legislature, public meetings, and committee expenses which cannot be included in Section F.

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Annual
Mtg Attendance

Karen Jensen
Lee Meyerson
Emmylou Moore
Pat McVay
Betty Jacobsen
Janet Beck
Aurora Verbanac
Phyllis Schwaratt
Lies Raker
Barb Ohlsen
Carl Brown
Florence Coy
Cluney John
Lunilla Crow
Ellen Cantoni
Linda Bacchi
Carol Campbell
Mary Colverly
Katy Sorensen
Beth Oldweiler
Jane White
Judy Batson
Mueliel Prozymar

Winifred Loewen
Diane
Barb Emery
Sue Marshall

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parliamentarian -

~~Paul Rufford~~

Dee

Barb Ohlsen

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Gunny John
Sue Marshall
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Nomination + Election

Report of committee on Pat McVay

Jim Klauonmeyer
Ann Coudaw

Nancy Rucker
free lance writer

Jackie

Snoeyentrop
free lance PR Soc. + 45
Just worked for
Planned Parenthood

Robert's Rules
Bylaws

(865-2409)

Beth - V. Service + Action

Sue Marshall
Barb Brown
Elise Hurst

(22)



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Approved:

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Mrs. Cokerly
Sueille Crow
Rathy Sorensen

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Call to
Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:05 by Karen Jensen. Those present were the MS's Jensen, Campbell, Loewen, Oldweiler, Marshall, White, Brown, Cantoni, and Jacobsen; MS's Staley and Emery came later.

Minutes

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as corrected.

Treas'
Report

The Treasurer, Sue Marshall reported as follows:

Year end balance as of 3-31-78		✓ 732.29
April income		
Finance drive	525.00	
Dues 30.00	<u>30.00</u>	
	555.00	1287.79
April expenses	18.26	1269.53
Balance 4-20-78		✓ 1269.53

Pres'
Announce-
ments

Karen Jensen announced the following:

(1) On May 5-6 at the Decatur Masonic Temple, the Second Annual Illinois World Affairs Conference, Specific Topic: The Family: Global Society's Vital Cell under Fire" Lola Smith is LWV "Information source" for this. Board was hopeful of making a contribution after the annual meeting.

(2) A letter from Owen Balding from Decatur, concerning a plan for running the world by lottery.

(3) Cancellation of ERA Truth Team due to ice storm and travel difficulty.

(4) A D.A.R. Magazine article by Phyllis Schlafly; she is regional chairwoman of the National Defense League. The article was anti-ERA.

(5) As a part of the P.E.P. Corps, Decatur is scheduled to go to Springfield April 26 to observe the legislature.

(6) A very welcome letter from our co-ordinator, Mary Toberman, in which she was most complimentary to us.

(7) Vesta Brookes of Bloomington will do energy programs.

(8) The Volunteer recognition dinner is sold out. The board agreed to send our \$5.00 membership to Volunteer Action as a non-profit organization. Our group can take part in the Volunteer Action Fair; this may help bring in new LWV members.

(9) The national convention of LWV is May 1-5. Expense is a problem and there is a question about who can go.

(10) Report of a national loss of LWV this past year.

(11) There was a recent interview of our President by a representative of the Decatur Tribune.

Reports

Membership: Sue Marshall, our treasurer, reported 2 new members. The Board agreed with her that we need a clear policy on collecting dues at the end of the year. It was moved that we go back to the cut-off date and ask new members since then who paid \$15.00 to send the difference between old and new dues in September when the rest pay theirs, and be paid up until Sept. 1979. This was seconded and passed.

Units

(1) The previously planned Court Watching Project Program for May has been cancelled. Debbie Staley indicated that one Energy Program can be presented in its place on May 10, time to be settled later.

A press release on LWV energy position has been provided by national. Kathy Sorensen will try to get this into the press.

(2) Local Government Concensus. Barbara Ohlsen's report was read to us by Sue Marshall. The Board voted to accept it. It was decided to give a copy to the city council when Karen goes there to testify.

(3) Civil Rights and Liberty. Brenda Sensenig has all the material for this study. She would be glad to turn it over to anyone who is interested.

Publications

Debbie Staley announced that we will drop our Voter subscriptions for the Decatur Public Library and the Millikin University Library since the librarians report that the issues were not used.

Lobbying Seminar

Kathy Sorensen and Karen Jensen lobbied for ERA, then talked to our legislators about merit selection. (Our State Senator (Rupp) is now a member of this LWV unit.)

Tax Credit for Schools

Macon County Superintendent of Schools Howard Brown has invited LWV to a meeting at his office with DEA, APT, and PTA. All of these have a national position on Federal Tax Credit Legislation. The Board feels that there is a need for LWV to have a national position.

SUN-DAY

Barbara Emery reported on the coalition that is working on a Solar Fair which will be presented in Central Park on May 3. There will be displays, working models, slides, self-guided tours of solar homes in the area. LWV is asked for support in contacting merchants, asking them to make displays. Board agreed to this. An article will go into the Voter.

Finance Drive

Sue Marshall gave names of persons who had not responded to letters asking for donations for LWV. Board members took cards of personal acquaintances and will make personal appeals.

There was extended discussion about the difficulties of fund-raising.

Annual Mtg.

Final arrangements were made for the Board to provide refreshments for the annual meeting.

Adjournment was at 2:45

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Jacobsen, Secretary