

LWV BOARD MEETING  
Decatur, Illinois  
October 30, 1962

The meeting was held in the Association of Commerce Board Room at 1:00 P.M. with Mrs. Bachrach presiding.

Present: Mrs. Doubleday, Carr, Tenney, Fuller, Manuell, Reeder, Redford, Smith, Hurst, Verbanac, Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Dahlmann, Westenhaver.

Minutes: The minutes of the September 27 meeting were approved with the following correction: page 2, paragraph 2, concerning Unit Meetings, change "will be available at these meetings" to "will be available at the luncheon".

The minutes of the special meeting on October 11 were approved with the following correction: paragraph 6 change "which she had prepared indicating the League felt" to "which she had prepared in substitution indicating the League felt".

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Carr reported COH as of September 27, 1962, of \$1,173.80; receipts of \$543.65; expenditures of \$338.30; leaving a balance of \$1,384.15 as of October 30, 1962.

Fund Drive: The total collected is \$1,219 to date.

Referendum concerning banks: Mrs. Bachrach said she had received letters from several of the local banks in answer to requests for information on the banking act amendments. Board members read the letters, which indicated that the amendments regulate state banks, and clarify and up-date the Illinois banking act.

Judicial Luncheon: There was an evaluation of the luncheon on October 24 at which attorney Carl Miller spoke on the Judicial Amendment. 42 people attended, with approximately 15 of that number guests or new members.

School Study: Mrs. Hurst presented Mrs. Westenhaver's report for the School Study Workshop. At the special meeting of the League Board on October 11, 1962, it was agreed that the statement concerning the School Bond Referendum which was to be sent to the Herald and Review would be held until Saturday afternoon (October 13) so that it would appear in the paper in the Sunday edition (October 14), giving School Board members time to receive their letters (October 12) before any publicity appeared. Since the letter sent to School Board members appeared, with direct quotations, in the Herald and Review Friday evening, October 12, the School Study Workshop felt an explanation was in order. Mrs. Tenney, publicity chairman, said she went to the newspaper office on Friday morning, October 12, and told them the League would have a statement for them on Saturday, and that a letter was being sent to each School Board member. The Herald and Review reporter, following this lead, apparently had called each member of the School Board until he reached one who had received and read his letter and was willing to have it quoted in the newspaper before other School Board members had received and read their letter. Other board members quoted in the newspaper article said they had not yet received the letter. Mrs. Tenney said she ~~had learned something about the~~ felt responsible for the early publicity, and would in the future realize it's not always possible for the newspapers to keep information in confidence.

~~way in which reporters work and would not be so trusting in the future.~~

*A member of The* ~~our president~~

School Board had told the workshop committee that the letter to School Board members had not been on the agenda of the School Board meeting in October because it had not been sent through "official channels", but to each Board member individually. Mrs. Doubleday <sup>suggested</sup> that the League take such steps as are necessary to assure an early bond issue referendum. It was agreed that a copy of the letter be sent to the Administration office with the request that consideration be given it and that it be placed on the agenda of the next School Board meeting. If the reaction of the School Board to the request for another referendum at an early date was negative, letters would be sent to other organizations asking them to work with the League for a new referendum.

Marilyn Miller of the School Study Workshop will be the League representative at School Board meetings.

Mrs. Bachrach and Mrs. Hurst reported on a meeting they had attended with Mrs. Westenhaver at Skokie, which was concerned with school studies being made by other Illinois local leagues at the present time.

*had found it best to separate a bond issue vote from a tax rate increase vote. Since one defeats the other. On the basis of this, our League would be justified in recommending a bond issue referendum soon.*  
GenCon Workshop: Mrs. Verbanac said a request would be made in the Bulletin that all members read past issues of the Illinois Voter on GenCon and the Booklet "Illinois' Constitutional Dilemma" before the workshop reported to the unit meetings on November 13 and 14. The workshop will continue meeting throughout the year.

Voters' Service: Mrs. Manuell said material on the Judicial Amendment was available for door-to-door distribution. League members will distribute literature in the downtown area on Friday and Monday nights before the election.

Council-Manager Workshop: Mrs. Fuller reported the workshop had met with Mr. Harley Harrington and Mr. Ned Freeman, who oppose the council-manager form of city government. There will be a meeting with Mr. Dever, City Manager, at the home of Marilyn Kessinger on Wednesday, November 7, at 8:00 P.M. and all League members will be invited to attend. In the future the workshop will meet with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Anthony, chairmen of the Republican and Democratic Central Committees, respectively, to hear their views on the council-manager form of government. This meeting will also be open to all members.

Urban Renewal Workshop: Mrs. Bachrach read a letter of resignation from Barbara Ater, chairman of the workshop. After discussion, it was decided to appeal for new members of the workshop in the Bulletin and that a new chairman might be found among those interested. The workshop does not report until March, giving time for further consideration.

Straw Vote: Mrs. Carr reported that a Republican party worker conducting a poll by sample ballot in the downtown area had given her, and people participating in the poll, the impression that the poll was being conducted by the LWV. A letter will be sent to Mr. Taylor asking that party workers be more carefully instructed.

Since Betty Bachrach will attend a Presidents Council meeting on December 5, it was decided to change the time of the all-member meeting on that day to 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Meyerson