

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, April 21, 1971 9:15 A.M.

PLACE ; Home of Mrs. Robert Ohlsen, 111 S. Westdale

AGENDA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Ohlsen  
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    Appoint directors - Barbara Redford -- Action Chairman  
REPORTS.....  
PROGRAM AND ACTION.....Weinman  
    Planning for 1971-72  
PUBLIC RELATIONS.....Meyerson  
    Finance Drive  
ORGANIZATION.....Verbanac  
    Membership  
DECATUR VOTE.....Forbes

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The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Schade, 143 Point Bluff Drive, with President, Mrs. Schade presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Schade, Meyerson, Dumas, Coberly, Ohlsen, Weinman, Panetti, Lauterjung, Forbes, Marshall, and Verbanac.

ABSENT: Mesdames Butler, Hughes, Hippler, Lantz, Forbes, and Crow.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as mailed.

TREASURERS REPORT: There was no report of cash on hand due to absence of treasurer.

The Citizens Committee for a New Constitution has donated a surplus of campaign funds totaling \$134.46 to League. Mrs. Schade read the accompanying letter from Mr. Gene Brown.

NEW BUSINESS: Resignations were accepted for the second year as an elected directed from Mrs. Panetti, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Verbanac, and Mrs. Weinman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) Taped National Consensus Reports may be heard by calling League Spot Easter in Washington. The number is 202-296-0218. We will make this known to the media. The environmental consensus will be on from Friday, April 16 thru Monday, April 19. 2) LWV of U.S. has announced that a new Strategy for Action Committee is in operation. It decides priorities and where League can be most effective. 3) The Brookline, Mass. League has asked us to recommend that an emergency item be adopted at National Council, May 3. The item would be Study of the Role of the Military and Intelligence Agencies in the Formulation of Foreign Policy and Their Role in Intervention into Domestic Affairs of Other Nations. The Board discussed this and the decision was that a mini-study (which is implied by being an emergency item) could not be conducted in the traditionally thorough League manner. A major extended study would be necessary. This feeling will be conveyed to the National Board. 4) League's Open Door Membership Policy is being challenged. An effort will be made to get more minority group members. Chicago had a meeting with all its black members to discuss what's wrong and what's needed to get more blacks. 5) A new publication Current Focus, "The Voter, The Law and The Ballot" was suggested for mailing to all members or on subscription service. Cost - 10¢ per copy - less in bulk. It was passed around and the decision was made to order enough for all members and a few for other interested people. 6) A new Report From The Hill was passed around. 7) A new publication The Indian and Proud of It, was passed around. 8) Nominations for National Office have been asked for by the National Nominating Committee. We will enter none at this time. 9) Highland Park League has proposed a new type of state organization. It would be a task force set up on the county level as an arm to the State Board. 10) The new State President's Letter has an insert that names bills of League concern presently in the legislature and where League stands on the . It will be printed in the Voter. 11) Speaker for the State Convention Banquet will be James Ahorn,

member of the Scranton Commission on campus unrest. 12) The question of a Town Meeting being held this year was raised and discussed. 13) League desires that the General Assistance Program be assimilated with federal programs and not under township supervision. 14) Material was received from the Freedom of Residence group. They would like a League person to be a director. Anyone interested may have the materials. 15) A statement was received from WSOJ showing donation of \$119.00 in ad lib spots. 16) A letter was received from the chairman of Macon County Government Week thanking League for its participation in the opening ceremony. 17) A thank you was received from John Ziese for the opportunity to appear at the City Council candidates meeting. 18) Received "Excerpts from Selected Executive Documents" from the State of Illinois Information Service. Anyone interested may get them from Mrs. Schode to read. 19) An interesting letter concerning "generation gap" was passed around.

DECATUR VOTER: Midnight, Sunday, March 28 is deadline for the next Voter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Our assigned Pop Corp Day is April 20, but we will try to go on a day in May instead.

Publications: A new national catalog is available and copies will be ordered for appropriate chairman.

Finance: Finance Drive was started on March 1. It's not completed yet.

#### PROGRAM:

Election Laws: Consensus was read and discussed. It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve and send it to State as submitted. A copy is filed with the minutes.

U. S. Congress: An all member meeting will be April 14 at 7:30 P.M. A film will be shown at this informational meeting.

"Facts and Issues On U.S. Congress" will go out on subscription service.

A committee guide for U.S. Congress was received. Its glossary of congressional terms will be put in the Voter or passed out at the all member meeting.

Decatur Schools: Since number of school board candidates has ballooned, the question of cost of printing 3,000 information sheets was raised. A possibility is working with the newspaper to print the information and the ATA to copy the information. Only five candidates have replied at this date. Mrs. Meyerson and Mrs. Ohlson will decide what to do after Monday, March 29. We might just print enough for our members and the media.

The Social Studies Task Force in the public schools has asked League for a representative to appear before it to make suggestions or express views and comments on 1) what aspects of social studies need special emphasis, and 2) what are the special needs of this community. The board authorized Mrs. Ohlson and Mrs. Verbanac to compose the statement according to League's general philosophy of government.

Human Resources: A request to write letters was given to the Torrence Park Citizens Committee, O.E.O. and Welfare Rights Organization.

Mrs. Verbanas brought to the attention of the Board that the committee has need of a local consensus. League has been asked to act by signing petitions for local action. The committee feels it imperative that last year's report be updated with consensus taken on a) urban renewal areas, b) public housing sites, and c) neighborhood redevelopment projects. The Board authorized the committee to write consensus questions concerning the listed housing areas.

A reminder was made to the Board to ask for local consensus more often so that action where necessary on the local level would be possible.

A letter was received from Mrs. Thomas Protzman. She's working on a proposed constitution for Ohio. Our material, especially examples of promotional materials used in the Illinois campaign has been quite helpful.

The Ad Hoc Committee for A Juvenile Detention Center has asked League to join. A \$5.00 fee will be paid from the treasury and Mrs. Coberly will represent League on the committee.

Environmental Quality: A letter from State suggested that we oppose an extension of variance by the Pollution Control Board to the Decatur Sanitary District according to National consensus. We prefer not to do this since we feel the Decatur District is trying with funds available.

#### ORGANIZATION:

Membership: We have two new members, Mrs. Shirley Willard and Mrs. Eleanor Stollard.

A suggestion was made to emphasize to new members that League is not a social organization and welcomes members of all economic status.

Next meeting April 21, 9:15 A.M. at Mrs. Robert Wilson's.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 P.M.

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