

DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

AGENDA

Board meeting 7 p.m. Oct. 15, Laura Verbanac's, 12 Dakota Dr.

Call to Order

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Finance Report -- names for more finance letters

Announcements and correspondence

Reports

Publications

Program

Dropout Study - committee meeting date; questionnaire for dropouts

voter Service

Board organization

Voter - deadline Oct. 23; items to be included

Adjourn

Next meeting 7 p.m. at

Betty Melville's
Nov. 20th. 338 Point Bluff
Jan 21 Eunice Shady

Adjourned 9:45

Reports on Conference
Observer Corps
LT - Help for School
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Foreign Relations
Financing the
Federal Strt.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
October 15, 1985

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Linda Hughes at the home of Laura Verbanac.

PRESENT: Linda Hughes, Laura Verbanac, Lucille Crow, Betty Melville, Eunice Dansby, Barbara Brown, Lauri Thornton, Milli Protzman, Marg Coberly, Dee Meyerson.
Absent: Andrea Bowen.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara Brown reported that at the present time we are short \$744 of the income budgeted for the year. All dues are not yet in, and we will have another fund raising project in December. \$95 has been received in memory of Winnie Loewen. Barbara asked if the board wanted to set up a special fund for a special purpose. We will consider this. We have 33 paid members at this time. Reminders will be sent to those who have not yet paid. Our state LWV per-member payment has been paid, one-half of our national LWV per-member payment has been paid.

Finance Drive. We have received an additional \$75 in response to the 12 letters sent in July, for a total of \$180. Linda called the prospects.

The treasurer's report showed cash on hand as of September 1, 1985, of \$936.14, receipts of \$1,109.32, expenditures of \$550.72, for a total of cash on hand as of October 15, 1985 of \$1,514.74. We have an Education Fund account balance of \$136.50.

The Finance Committee will meet to consider adding additional names to our prospect list.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements and correspondence were circulated by Linda so that board members could read them.

REPORTS: Membership. Betty Melville reported that 3 people had attended one of the Membership Coffees scheduled. She asked for suggestions on how to add to our prospective members list. Membership flyers for Welcome Wagon hostesses, and for the political parties, were suggested.

Program. Milli Protzman said that the speaker planned for the UN Day Luncheon would not be coming to speak. She will try to find a replacement to share experiences with us.

Milli distributed copies of Marital property reform, which she had picked up at the Springfield Conference meetings.

Andrea Bowen attended the Financing the Federal Government workshop at the Conference. She brought back a game, Debt Busters, to use for the October 29th membership meeting.

Conference meetings will be reported on in the next Voter.

Eunice Dansby reported on the progress of the Drop-Out Study. Committee members had a meeting with Peg Matthias, state LWV School study chair, at the Springfield Conference meeting. The committee has a report from a Chicago drop-out study. They have statistics from the Decatur school district. Eunice said that the Decatur district follows students for a six-year period. 1983 was the best year for the district, and was the first year with a minimum competency requirement. It is clear from the figures - successful kids don't drop out!

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Decatur.*

Eunice had prepared a questionnaire which the committee hopes to have answered by drop outs, or former drop outs. Betty Melville had condensed the questionnaire and read it to the board. Linda Hughes had talked to the Dean of Boys at ~~Eisenhower~~ High School, Nate Anderson. He is also a member of the NAACP, and said that he would help find people who would answer the questionnaire and perhaps be interviewed. The introductory statement on the questionnaire will present the survey as a cooperative effort of the League and the NAACP. It was MSC (Protzman, Crow) that the questionnaire be approved as read.

The committee will meet next on October 21st at the home of Eunice. Susan Marshall and Karen Jensen have joined the committee.

Voters Service. Laura Verbanac said that Rick Bulger of WSOY will be the Moderator for the School District Candidates Meeting on October 16. Kim Sherwood from WAND will serve as Moderator for the Richland Community College Candidates Meeting. Laura said that she could use some volunteers for early in the meeting to greet candidates and make nametags, etc. The programs for the meetings, to be prepared by the Decatur Public Library, will contain more information than has been usual about the positions and their responsibilities.

The next elections will be the primaries in the Spring of 1986.

BOARD ORGANIZATION: Dee Meyerson distributed copies of Primer Sheet for Local League Board Members and Recommended Material for Local Board Notebooks. All board members now have a copy of the League Handbook. It was suggested that board members check their board notebooks for the recommended publications and that everyone read through all of the League Handbook to observe how board portfolios fit together and we can help each other. The organization/communication chart was discussed briefly because we do not have enough board members now to fill all of the jobs of the chart we have been using for organization. Some board portfolios and responsibilities should probably be redefined before the Nominating Committee starts work next year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dee Meyerson, Secretary