

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Decatur, Illinois

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Decatur was held in the Decatur Club, 158 W. Prairie, March 11, 1970, beginning at 1:00 P.M. Mrs. Joseph Miller reported that there was a quorum in attendance for the meeting following the luncheon. President, Mrs. Robert Schade presided.

MINUTES: In accordance with the directions of last year's annual meeting, the minutes of last year's meeting were approved by a committee made up of Mrs. Gerald Redford, Mrs. Clifford Smith and Mrs. Clarence Crow. Mrs. Schade asked if there were objections to having the minutes of this year's meeting approved by committee. There were no objections. The committee appointed consists of Mrs. Gerald Redford, Mrs. Robert Butler and Mrs. James Balenger.

TREASURERS REPORT: Mrs. William Johnson presented the financial statement as of March 11, 1970.

Cash on Hand - Millikin Bank checking account - \$525.64

Balance in Mutual Home and Savings Account - \$285.65

As a matter of information: 50th Anniversary account totaled \$1,620.89 inc. 7-29-69 div.
Received & deposited in Millikin
acct. to make 125% goal 397.02 from LWV of US
Total 50th Ann. receipts: \$2,017.91

Of \$1,620.89 we made withdrawals to transfer to Millikin account as follows:

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| 4-29-69 | \$500.00 |
| 7-29-69 | 500.00 |
| 1-7-70 | 350.00 |
| Total | <u>\$1,350.00</u> |

Leaving balance of \$270.89
plus 14.76 div. received after completion of drive
Balance this date \$285.65

The treasurer recommended the annual audit of books and records for the 1969-70 year.

BUDGET: Mrs. Robert Mee presented and explained the proposed budget for 1970-71 as prepared by her committee. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the proposed budget as presented.

PROGRAM: Mrs. Edward Beck called for any further non-recommended items to be presented from the floor in writing. There were no others presented. A motion was made to consider the previously submitted non-recommended item, Evaluation of Decatur Zoning Ordinance, Including Non-conforming Uses and Land Use. Seconded and passed for discussion with recommended items.

Mrs. Beck then presented the entire proposed local program for 1970-71 as recommended by the board and the non-recommended item. Discussion followed on each item.

Item 1. Human Resources and Civil Rights. Mrs. Beck moved for adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 2. Decatur Public Schools. Mrs. Beck moved its adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 3. Decatur Environmental Quality. Mrs. Beck moved for adoption. Seconded and passed.

Item 4. Council Manager Form of City Government. Mrs. Beck moved for adoption. Sec nded and passed.

Item 5. Zoning In Decatur. Mrs. Merlin Barber moved its adoption. Seconded but not passed for lack of 2/3 majority.

Mrs. Beck read the program as adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mrs. Robert Butler presented the slate of officers as drawn up by the nominating committee. She introduced the officers elected last year who would be serving the second year of a two-year term and the nominees. Nominations from the floor were called for. In the absence of any, Mrs. Butler moved that the nominating ballot become the elective ballot. Seconded and passed.

SPECIAL REPORTS: Petitions advocating a vote for Washington D.C. citizens are going to be circulated for signatures. Some explanatory pamphlets are available for distribution to other groups. The signed petitions are due to Mrs. Schade by April 23.

Finance: Mrs. Hughes has asked Mayor Rupp to proclaim May 3 - 9 as League of Women Voter Week. This will emphasize our finance drive to take place during the entire month of May. A coffee to kick off the drive will be held May 6.

Publications: Mrs. Weinman in trying to clear the suitcase of odds and ends publications presented some specials and also reminded members that the Illinois Voters Handbook is still available. She offered the series on structure of local government for \$1.25, Join the Party for 20¢, and Migrant Workers for 20¢.

Membership: Mrs. Dumas thanked everyone for help with membership this year especially for transportation made available. She introduced the newest members that were present.

Luncheon Arrangements: Mrs. Miller thanked the committee, Mrs. Balenger, Mrs. Lantz, and Mrs. McKee for their arrangements for the luncheon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) An invitation was received from the Altrusa Club to attend a dinner meeting, 6:30 P.M., March 23. Paul Simon will be the speaker. Reservations to be made at 93. 2) with Mrs. Evelyn Hayes, 429-5549, before Friday, March 20. 2) Mrs. Beck wrote letters to senators as a response to a "Time for Action" on Electoral College. Three replies had been received and were at the head table for those wishing to read them. 3) The state nominating committee sent information concerning nomination of state officers for the 1971-73 term. 4) Mrs. Schade read the state consensus on pesticides. 5) Meetings are being held on May 4

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(St. Louis) and May 11 (Chicago) for public and community agencies interested in day care. 6) An invitation to take part in a defensive driving course March 23 and 30 was received from the Macon County Farm Bureau office. 7) Mrs. Colvis reminded all of the Water Department tour on March 24 and gave directions for access to such. 8) All those interested in Pop Corps trip to Con Con in Springfield were asked to notify Mrs. Schade or Mrs. Heyerson. 9) A reminder was given to vote in the upcoming primary election. 10) Mrs. Hurst announced the PTA Council legislative meeting on Honda, March 23, 7:30 P.M. at Dennis School. 11) Mrs. James Clark announced a forum on March 18 at First United Methodist Church concerning issues and answers in the upcoming school board election. 12) Mrs. Schade thanked the board members for work and cooperation in the past year.

Meeting adjourned 3:10 P.M.

Margaret Coberly
Secretary

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BOARD MEETING

DATE & TIME: Thursday, March 19, 1970

12:45 P.M.

PLACE : Home of Mrs. Jerome Greive, 160 N. Taylor

AGENDA

MINUTES.....Coberly
TREASURERS REPORT.....Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Schade
ORGANIZATION.....Heilman
 Membership.....Dumas
PROGRAM.....Beck
 Water.....Colvis
 Human Resources.....Verbanac
 Schools.....Ohlsen
 Con. Con.....Crow
PUBLIC RELATIONS.....Keyerson
 Report on Pep Corp.....Keyerson
 Finance.....Hughes
 Publications.....Weinman
 Voters Service.....Day
DECATUR VOTER.....Panetti

Bring material for Voter!! — Marcello 25

Board meeting April 23

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February 18, 1970

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

PRESENT: Mesdames Schade, Beck, Meyerson, Heilman, Coberly, Johnson, Colvis, Weiman, Dakin, Verbaac, Dumas, Hughes, Mae, and Butler.

ABSENT: Mesdames Bower, Ohlsen, Crow, and Day.

MINUTES: Approved as corrected. An addition was made under new business. Mrs. Robert Bowers was an elected director. Addition made under Con Con - consensus was approved on Executive and Suffrage.

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| TREASURERS REPORT: | Cash on hand 2-1-70 | \$391.77 | |
| | Receipts | 24.00 | |
| | Expenditures | 29.59 | |
| | Cash on hand 2-18-70 | <u>\$386.18</u> | MIS Acct. \$285.65 |

Filed for Audit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The National Board report arrived. It clears up lots of questions about program, especially the environmental item. Clean air will be the first item to be studied in the environmental study. Population control is a part of the environmental study, but will not receive the main emphasis. 2) Mrs. Schade read a congratulatory message from President Nixon regarding the 50th Anniversary of LWV. 3) LWV of U.S. wants our reaction to the idea of a special long play record album for the "Year of the Voter". It would sell at \$5.00 with \$1.75 being kept by our local league. The board feels there is not enough market in our community. 4) Con Con Guide, an informative pamphlet comes with Con Con Subscription Service. 5) Consensus on LoGo and Con Con arrived, also, state wants made to the Constitutional Convention concerning education and housing. 6) A letter was received from Sister Theresa of St. James School extending an invitation to their open house on Sunday, March 1. Regular classes will be conducted for observation of non-public schools. Letter was referred to the school committee. 7) Florence Cox sent a letter to the board requesting volunteers to work for Children and Family Services. 8) Agricultural Policy Conference material was received. The speakers bureau might be applicable to our environmental study though would be from an agricultural point of view. 9) Mrs. Schade made a support statement for the storm sewer bond issue at the City Council Meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mrs. Butler read the slate of officers for 1970-71 fiscal year. They will be voted on at the annual meeting on March 11.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: A letter to the editor concerning the primary election was passed around.