

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to order

Disposition of Minutes for 1976 Annual Meeting

Report of the League year

Treasurer's Report

Audit

Budget

Budget Committee presentation

Discussion

Adoption

By Laws (no changes are proposed)

Presentation of Program items

Adoption of Program

Discussion

Vote (majority vote for recommended items)

Nominations and elections

Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominations from the floor

Election of officers and directors

Announcements

Adjournment



PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR 1977-78

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*amend new*

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PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-78

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>PROPOSED 1977-78</u>
<u>A. Operating Costs</u>			
1. General Supplies	31.79		40.00
2. Postage	11.70		45.00
3. Telephone and Telegraph	2.41		5.00
4. Bank Charge	1.99		10.00
<u>B. Board and Administrative Committees</u>			
1. President	25.00		25.00
2. Board Tools and Expenses		75.40	10.00
3. Administrative Committees			
a. Finance			
1. Annual Drive	52.90	9.50	60.00
2. Profit-Making Ventures	4.74		
b. Membership		34.00	
c. Yearbook	59.86		75.00
d. Unit Organization	69.13		150.00
e. Publicity	5.00		5.00
<u>C. Delegates, Travel and Affiliations</u>			
1. State Convention	200.80		500.00
2. National Convention	341.04		
3. Workshops (Regional Meetings)			50.00
<u>D. Financial Support for LWV</u>			
1. State (\$10.00 per member payment)	842.40		900.00
2. National (\$5.50 per member payment)	440.00		467.50
<u>E. Bulletin</u>			
1. Supplies	68.16		80.00
2. Postage	126.36		150.00
<u>F. Educational Activities</u>			
1. Publications	250.00	188.87	250.00
2. Program Committees	18.01	25.90	25.00
3. Voters Service			
a. Voter Guides	11.50	6.00	35.00
b. Candidates Meetings	113.19		40.00
c. Voting Reference & Directory			50.00
<u>G. Position Support</u>			
1. Publications			10.00
2. Action			10.00
	<u>\$2,675.98</u>	<u>\$341.67</u>	<u>\$2,992.50</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1976-77</u>		
A. Dues (\$15.00)	1,314.00		1,275.00
B. Contributions - Members	458.00		450.00
C. Contributions - Non-members	675.00		750.00
D. From reserves (Cash on Hand)			267.50
E. From Publication Sales			
F. Other (Profit making ventures)	457.26		250.00
	<u>\$2,904.26</u>		<u>\$2,992.50</u>



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of March 31, 1976	\$ 786.90
Income	2,904.26
Expenditures	2,675.98
Balance as of March 31, 1977	1,015.18
Savings Account - Mutual Home & Savings	83.31

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of March 1, 1976	\$ 45.17
Deposit from publication sales	128.60
From LWV of Decatur	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 423.77
Checks drawn and service charges	<u>345.25</u>
Cash box Balance	Balance \$ 78.52 2.51

REPORT ON PROFIT MAKING VENTURES

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
<u>Plant Sale</u> Cash sales \$358.42	\$227.15	\$ 7.74	\$222.41
Cash outlay <u>131.27</u>			
	227.15		
Candidates Cocktail Party	173.01	74.29	98.72
Voters Service T-Shirts	9.50		9.50
Miscellaneous Sales			
Nature Notes	4.50		4.50
Napkins and Cookbooks	11.00		11.00
2-year Calendars	<u>2.10</u>		<u>2.10</u>
Totals	\$427.26	\$ 79.03	\$348.23



NOMINATIONS

		<u>Term</u>
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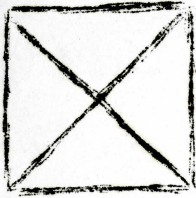
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Karla Weinman  
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Submitted by,

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Debbie Staley  
Dee Mayerson  
Diane Basten  
Sally Lantz





DECATUR

VOTER

# League of Women Voters

Barbara Brown, President

233 North Woodlawn

Decatur, Illinois 62522

Volume 31, Number 9

APRIL, 1977

## APRIL MEETINGS

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|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| 13th                    | 7:30 p.m. | <u>LWV ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.</u> Join us in the selection of officers, adoption of budget, and selection of program items for study at the local level next year. Program: an <u>FRA Up-date</u> and discussion of suggestions for State LWV studies. Dessert provided by board members.<br><i>YWCA, 436 N. Main St.</i> |
| 21st                    | 9:30 a.m. | <u>JOINT BOARD MEETING.</u> Old and new board. Decatur Community Church, 903 W. Decatur.  |
| <del>27th</del><br>28th | 7:30 p.m. | <u>ALL MEMBER MEETING -- DECATUR SCHOOLS</u> Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1360 West Main Street. Charles Meyerson, speaker.   |

## MAY MEETINGS

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| 11th | 9:30 a.m.<br>and<br>7:30 p.m. | <u>UNIT MEETINGS -- DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS</u><br>We will not have consensus questions, but hope to reach agreement on whether the school district is meeting community expectations, and fulfilling stated objectives. |
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## ELECTION CALENDAR

- April 5 Park Board and Township elections. Last day to vote an absentee ballot is April 4 at the Town Clerk's office, 253 East Wood St.
- April 9 Richland Community College and District 61 School Board elections. Last day of absentee voting: Community College, April 6; School Board, April 8, at the Keil Building, 101 West Cerro Gordo.
- April 19 Decatur City election. Last day to vote an absentee ballot, April 18 at the City Clerk's office, 707 East Wood Street.



### ANNUAL MEETING - DESSERT AND COFFEE

The YWCA has graciously agreed to allow us to hold our Annual Meeting in their renovated dining room. The setting will be pleasant, there is parking across the street, and the Board will bring dessert "surprises". We hope that you will come and help us make the important decisions for our League for next year. This Voter contains the board-recommended Program, the proposed Budget to sustain our activities, and the Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers. Please bring them to the meeting with you.

Our by-laws provide that recommendations for Local Program may be submitted by voting members, from the floor, if:

- 1) the Annual Meeting by majority vote shall agree to consider and
- 2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the items by a two-thirds vote.

A quorum is necessary to conduct business, so the Calling Committee will be in touch to urge you to attend.

### PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF DISTRICT 61

Do you have questions about what's going on down at the Keil Building? (That's School District 61's administrative offices). Do you know what the philosophy and objectives of the District are? (You can refer to page 20 of the KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS Calendar and Handbook for Parents and Students). Where did these objectives come from? What part of the system is the school board responsible for, and what part is the administration responsible for? Charles Meyerson, a member of the school board, will be available to answer these questions at the school information meeting April 28th. Mr. Meyerson will present an overview of how the district works in these areas, and then be willing to discuss it further with us. This is an important informational meeting to help prepare you for consensus on the local schools scheduled for May 11.

### STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION '77

Karen Jensen, Beth Oldweiler, Diane Baston and Jane White are our delegates to convention. We would like to have one or two alternates who could substitute in case of emergencies.

There is a need for convention workers, door keepers, etc. You would be, in effect, a free observer. If interested, call Barb Brown, 429-7439, for more information.



## ANNUAL REPORTS FROM OUR COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP 22 new members joined our League this past year. There were 17 drops. If any member knows of someone who is interested in League, please give their name and address to Winnie Loewen or Ellen Cantoni. League literature, briefly explaining our purpose, is sent to prospective members. They also receive the Voter for several months. The Membership Committee appreciates the support of all members.

Ellen Cantoni, Chairwoman

We wish to thank the following members who have served on the Calling Committee this past year: Irene Colvis, Viva Wilkinson, Christine Kareotes, Laura Verbanac, Betty Jacobsen, Susan Marshall, and Irene Mills.

Winnie Loewen, Chairwoman,  
Calling Committee

VOTERS SERVICE Activities for the year included speaking engagements; work with a Girl Scout troop distributing registration flyers; appearances with Karla Weinman on WSOY and WAND; and distributing League election guides at our League booth at the Volunteer Action Fair in Central Park. We thank all who helped with these various activities.

Milli Protzman, Voters Service

DECATUR SCHOOL COMMITTEE The committee met several times in the Fall of 1976, to try to determine the direction it would take in its study of the local schools. Members of the committee individually did some investigating into several aspects of the school programs which attempt to deal with the child other than in the traditional classroom setting. These involve such things as the school for pregnant girls, in-school suspension rooms, and special education.

Early in 1977, the committee decided it needed a broader view of attempts of the district to educate each child to her needs. A schedule of interviews of board... & administrative people was set up. The thrust of the interviews is to be: what are the goals or objectives of the district, are they being met, and if not, how can they be met. These opinions will be compared and collated. After presenting these findings to the League membership, they will be asked to try to answer the same questions and arrive at a consensus about the needs and goals of the district, on May 11, 1977.

Barb Ohlsen, Chairperson

ENERGY Our energy committee began a study of the energy situation in November of 1976. On February 9, 1977, we presented to our League members an energy up-date program, summarizing current and future methods of producing energy, and concentrating on nuclear energy, solar energy and energy conservation.



We put together a slide show using our own slides, as well as those of Dr. Al Casella of Sangamon State University (solar energy installations in Illinois and elsewhere) and of Jerry Baker of the University of Illinois Extension Office at Champaign, Illinois (solar grain dryers in Illinois).

Ginny Farrar, Energy Chairperson

URBAN STORMWATER DRAINAGE TASKFORCE The Decatur League is represented on a Local Steering Committee of the Task Force on Urban Stormwater, a State EPA continuing planning program to achieve water quality. The CPP is based on the 1972 Amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Two sections - 208 and 303 - require each state to have a CPP that will produce overall plans for water pollution control in the state.

The first step in the CPP is to review goals and objectives, priorities, water quality standards, and guidelines for water pollution control. This will help the State to identify problems and solutions to water quality problems on a year-to-year basis and insure public participation in water quality management.

The statewide Urban Stormwater Task Force will meet every other month, with the Local Steering Committees meeting in the month between.

Physical data will be collected this spring and summer by the Illinois State Water Survey in eight sub-area cities, of which Decatur will be one. The plan is to monitor two basins, one south of Lake Decatur and the other in an urban area, as well as Stevens Creek and estimate loads from rural and unmodeled urban areas.

Once the water pollution problems have been identified the State will have some ideas with which to control and better manage water quality.

This League is also represented on a Citizen Advisory Committee for Improved Storm Drainage for the City of Decatur. This Committee is to promote participation from both city officials and the public for better storm drainage in Decatur. The Committee has been inactive since the bond issue of the Spring of 1976 was passed.

Carol Campbell, LWV Representative



**PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR 1977-78**

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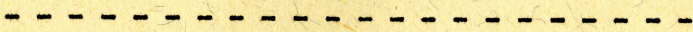
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Karla Weirman
Pat McVay - <i>Chairman</i>
Laura Verbanac

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee  
Fat McVay, Chairwoman



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EXPENDITURES

PROPOSED  
1977-78

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FIRST CLASS



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Attendance

Date 4-13-77 Time 7:30 Place YWCA

Topic Annual Meeting Hostess \_\_\_\_\_

Members on program:

- |    |    |    |
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| 1. | 4. | 7. |
| 2. | 5. | 8. |
| 3. | 6. | 9. |

Other members: (address only if changed)

1. Margaret Colverly
2. Carol Campbell
3. Florence Cox
4. Lucille Crow
5. Dee Walsh
6. Vera C. Wilkinson
7. Ginny Farrar
8. Kathy Sorensen
9. Chris Langer
10. Barbara Brown
11. Lola Smith
12. Margaret Coughlin

13. Helen Hill
14. Milli Proszman
15. Susan Campbell
16. Karen Jensen
17. Jane White
18. Diane Bosten
19. Winnie Loewen
20. Betty Jacobsen
21. Sally Lantry
22. De Meyerson
23. Barb Ohlser
24. Elise Just

Guests:

- |    | <u>Name</u>      | <u>Address</u> |
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| 1. | Norma Sommerrock |                |
| 2. |                  |                |
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25. Beth Oldwede  
 26. Barbara X. Brown

Who or what interested you in LWV?  
Phone



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

April 13, 1977

President, Barbara Brown, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. at the YWCA, with a quorum of 22, plus 3, members present.

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Dear Lucille,

Please add additions,  
or corrections, or your  
signature of approval, on  
the bottom of the 2nd page.  
Send back as soon as  
you can.

I thank you,  
Alice

Re: You are correct in that it was  
concerned of the meeting that  
the study of abortion was  
not within the province  
or jurisdiction of local boards.  
L.C.



Directors	Debbie Staley	1977-79
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Nominating Committee for 1977-78

Pat McVay, Chairwoman  
 Karla Weirman  
 Laura Verbanac

There were no nominations from the floor. Helen Gill moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The motion was seconded and carried. Barbara Brown expressed her appreciation to board members and committee chairwomen who had been active during the past two years.

Announcements: There was discussion of the local World Affairs Conference; the Illinois Beverage Container Act for action in the following week; an ERA Prayer Vigil to be held Wednesday, April 20 and 21, by the Religious Committee for ERA.

Barbara Brown read information from the State Board concerning possible program items to come before the State Convention at the end of April. There was general discussion of the proposals for the benefit of delegates to the Convention, and, also, of a proposal for a \$3 increase in the per-member payment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Dee Meyerson, Recorder

APPROVED:

Lucille Crow

*Insent*  
 \* Discussion about the question of <sup>whether a not program item on</sup> abortion being within is within the local jurisdiction of our league followed. ~~In the past, local leagues have been advised by state and national Boards that such action did not fall within the jurisdiction of local leagues. The motion failed.~~



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Program Chairwoman, Karen Jensen, presented the program items recommended for local study by the board. She moved their consideration and the motion was seconded and carried. The board recommended continuing our positions with regard to County and Township Governments, Decatur's Environmental Quality, and continuing our current study of Decatur Public Schools, which will be completed in April, 1977. New studies recommended are: a study of the financial resources and condition of School District #61; a re-study of the council-manager form of city government in Decatur and the Home Rule option in city government; and local court monitoring of Felony Court. After discussion, these program items were approved as our local Program for 1977-78. A question was raised with regard to carrying forward the present school study since it will be completed within the current program year. It was agreed to check with State Board to see how this should be handled in the future.

The President requested that Parliamentarian, Barbara Ohlsen, read our by-law which concerns submission of non-board-recommended items for program. After discussion, it was decided that the meeting would allow suggestions from the floor. Doe Walsh moved consideration of a study of abortion in Decatur. The motion failed. It was the consensus of the meeting that this was not a study which falls within local jurisdiction. Beth Oldweiler proposed that the meeting consider a study of the need for a new source of water for Decatur, and, if it is needed, determine what source. A majority voted against consideration.

The slate of nominees for office was presented by Dee Meyerson, for Pat McVay, Nominating Committee Chairwoman. They are:

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Nominating Committee for 1977-78

Pat McVay, Chairwoman  
Karla Weinman  
Laura Verbanac

There were no nominations from the floor. Helen Gill moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The motion was seconded and carried. Barbara Brown expressed her appreciation to board members and committee chairwomen who had been active during the past two years.

Announcements: There was discussion of the local World Affairs Conference; the Illinois Beverage Container Act for action in the following week; an ERA Prayer Vigil to be held Wednesday, April 20 and 21, by the Religious Committee for ERA.

Barbara Brown read information from the State Board concerning possible program items to come before the State Convention at the end of April. There was general discussion of the proposals for the benefit of delegates to the Convention, and, also, of a proposal for a \$3 increase in the per-member payment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson, Recorder

APPROVED:

Margie Colverly



PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-78

EXPENDITURES

PROPOSED  
1977-78

A. <u>Operating Costs</u>	
1. General Supplies	\$ 40.00
2. Postage	45.00
3. Telephone and Telegraph	5.00
4. Bank Charge	10.00
B. <u>Board and Administrative Committees</u>	
1. President	25.00
2. Board Tools and Expenses	10.00
3. <u>Administrative Committees</u>	
a. Finance	
1. Annual Drive	60.00
2. Profit-making Ventures	
b. Membership	
c. Yearbook	75.00
d. Unit Organization	150.00
e. Publicity	5.00
C. <u>Delegates, Travel and Affiliations</u>	
1. State Convention	500.00
2. National Convention	
3. Workshops (Regional Meetings)	50.00
D. <u>Financial Support for LWV</u>	
1. State (\$10.00 per member payment)	900.00
2. National (\$5.50 per member payment)	467.50
E. <u>Bulletin</u>	
1. Supplies	80.00
2. Postage	150.00
F. <u>Educational Activities</u>	
1. Publications	250.00
2. Program Committees	25.00
3. Voters Service	
a. Voter Guides	35.00
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c. Voting Reference and Directory	50.00
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TOTAL \$2,992.50

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6 Elected

Directors

*On-going*  
Ginny  
Winnie

Debbie Staley	1977-79
Jane White - units	1977-79
Barbara Brown VOTER	1977-79
Barbara Ohlsen	1977-78

SCHOOL STUDY

Nominating Committee for 1978

Pat McVay, Chairwoman  
Karla Weirman  
Laura Verbanac

Appoint 6/

Ginny Farrar - NR (Nat'l Resources, Energy)  
 Winnie Loewer - Membership  
 Chris Langer - Treas.  
 Ellen Cantoni - Organiz.  
 Helen Moore - IR

Submitted by,

Nominating Committee for 1977  
 Pat McVay, Chairwoman  
 Debbie Staley  
 Dee Meyerson  
 Diane Basten  
 Sally Lantz

*Child Welfare  
or  
Home Rule*

*Helen  
Carol*

*Helen Moore - IR  
and  
Thom  
Lynn*



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Support for Home Rule status for <sup>Macon</sup> ~~the county~~ <sup>which includes</sup> 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.)

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Court Monitoring

Local court monitoring of Felony Court.



PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-78

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>PROPOSED 1977-78</u>
<u>A. Operating Costs</u>			
1. General Supplies	31.79		40.00
2. Postage	11.70		45.00
3. Telephone and Telegraph	2.41		5.00
4. Bank Charge	1.99		10.00
<u>B. Board and Administrative Committees</u>			
1. President	25.00		25.00
2. Board Tools and Expenses		75.00	10.00
3. Administrative Committees			
a. Finance			
1. Annual Drive	52.90	9.50	60.00
2. Profit-Making Ventures	4.74		
b. Membership		34.00	
c. Yearbook	59.86		75.00
d. Unit Organization	69.13		150.00
e. Publicity	5.00		5.00
<u>C. Delegates, Travel and Affiliations</u>			
1. State Convention	200.80		500.00
2. National Convention	341.04		
3. Workshops (Regional Meetings)			50.00
<u>D. Financial Support for IWV</u>			
1. State (\$10.00 per member payment)	842.40		900.00
2. National (\$5.50 per member payment)	440.00		467.50
<u>E. Bulletin</u>			
1. Supplies	68.16		80.00
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<u>G. Position Support</u>			
1. Publications			10.00
2. Action			10.00
	<u>\$2,675.98</u>	<u>\$341.67</u>	<u>\$2,992.50</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1976-77</u>		
A. Dues (\$15.00)	1,316.00		1,275.00
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BUDGET EXPLANATIONEXPENDITURESA. 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 board portfolios.
3. Administrative committees
  - a. Finance: cost of drive, supplies, postage, printing, kits, publications.
  - b. Membership: kits for new members, orientations, publications, supplies; any expense 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, or Educational activities or Position Support.

C. Delegates, travel, and affiliations. National Conventions - even years, State Conventions - odd years. Regional workshops are conducted every year by the State League. Amount budgeted covers travel expense for those attending and babysitting fees.D. Financial support for LWV organization.

1. Support for state and national services. Paid to State League. A part of this amount is sent to the national league by the state league.
2. National per member payment. Based on the number of members as of January 1st of each year. Amount is decided by each national convention. (Money sent to the state and national Leagues supports such services as state and national Voters, preparation of program and leadership materials, conferences, promoting League program, legislative activity and coordination of action on a statewide or nationwide basis, and developing new leagues.)

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 mimeographed material, may be budgeted here if arrangement is made to distribute such material 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 meetings.
  - b. Candidates Meetings. Cost of room rentals and other expense of meeting.
  - c. Yearly Voters Directory. Cost of publishing and distribution.

G. Position support.

1. Publications - purchase, production and distribution in support of League positions.
2. Expenses of all League activities which touch upon consensus and League positions. Activity involved with changing the law or creating new laws; expenses of travel to state legislature; entertainment for officials; campaigns; newspaper ads; public meetings; committee expenses which cannot be included in Section F.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of March 31, 1976	\$ 786.90
Income	2,904.26
Expenditures	2,675.98
Balance as of March 31, 1977	1,015.18
Savings Account - Mutual Home & Savings	83.31

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT REPORT

Balance as of March 1, 1976	\$ 45.17
Deposit from publication sales	128.60
From LW of Decatur	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 423.77
Checks drawn and service charges	<u>345.25</u>
Balance	\$ 78.52
Cash box Balance	2.51

REPORT ON PROFIT MAKING VENTURES

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
<u>Plant Sale</u>			
Cash sales	\$358.42		
Cash outlay	<u>131.27</u>		
	227.15		
	\$227.15	\$ 7.74	\$222.41
Candidates Cocktail Party	173.01	74.29	98.72
Voters Service T-Shirts	9.50		9.50
Miscellaneous Sales			
Nature Notes	4.50		4.50
Napkins and Cookbooks	11.00		11.00
2-year Calendars	<u>2.10</u>		<u>2.10</u>
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*Barb O.*

*Ch.*

*Bob Baster  
(off board)*



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League of Women Veterans of Decatur, Illinois

Minutes

The old and new boards of directors met for a joint board meeting on April 21 1977 at the Decatur Community Church, 903 W. Decatur, Decatur, Illinois. Barbara Brown, incumbent President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present: President-elect Jensen and President Brown; Mesdames White, Campbell, Myerum, Oldweiler, Langer, Cantoni, Staley, Farrar, Lowen, Jacobsen, Basten.

Absent: Beyer, Ohlsen.

Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Chris Langer reported that as of April 14 there was \$970.18 in the checking account and \$83.31 in the savings. She added that the non-member finance drive has accrued some \$540.00 to date, plus a recent \$75.00 from the Caterpillar Company.

Organization:

Membership: No report. Address changes were noted to update directory.

Units: Meetings\_ All-member meeting will be held on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster church. This is a Thursday night. Unit meetings will be as scheduled in the Veter.

Publications: Margaret Campbell reported that there is still nearly \$100.00 on hand. She said that in addition to the Decatur Public Library, Millikin University Library and Richland Community College Library will also receive copies of the Veter. There was discussion of publications that are available, and some were circulated for purchase by board members.

Finance: Barbara Brown reminded members that money is always a problem. A request was made for board members to check from file of previous financial supporters for the purpose of calling on them to renew their support. The file cards were circulated for this choice.

Education: Announcement was made that the school committee meeting would be on Thursday evening, April 28, at the all-member meeting.

Court monitoring: Karen Jensen reported that the program is in good shape, functioning well. There have been 25 people who have been monitoring in misdemeanor court. Bob Basten is an off-board appointee to monitor in Felony court. There will be a de-briefing session in May..



E.R.A.: There have been recent communications from the State Committee asking the Decatur LNV to apply strong pressure to Representative Bennett. Feeling of board members seemed to be that this action might not be very productive but that the request should be heeded.

World Affairs: Beth Oldweiler says there are no immediate needs.

Environmental: Ginny Farrar distributed brochures explaining the "bottle bill" which will come up in the Illinois House soon.. She feels that the bill has a 50-50 chance of passage. / She gave the name of Maurice Flynn, member of the House from Cahokia who is chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee. He is opposed to the bill; she suggested that we write to him asking that he change his vote to support the bill. If the bill is defeated, Ginny indicated that a local approach might be effective.

May Voter Deadline: April 27

Next Board meeting:

May 19, 9:30 at Westminster church.

Betty Jacobsen, secretary