

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS, APRIL 7, 1955.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 1:30 P.M. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Present: Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President, presiding,
Mrs. Charles Griffin,
Mrs. Clifford Smith, Mrs. J. W. Hurley,
Mrs. William Winn, Mrs. Forrest Martin,
Mrs. Ayrlie Morris, Mrs. Thomas McCracken,
Mrs. John Donovan, Mrs. Fred Schudel,
Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt,

read and

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
The Treasurer's Report was read and placed on file.

The President discussed kits for Board Members, and suggested that each Board member read the Handbook from cover to cover.

Mrs. Schudel agreed to clip newspaper items on local matters pertaining to the League and Mrs. McCracken agreed to do this on national items. *Mrs. Smith is to clip & send items to State office.*

Continuing responsibilities at the local level were discussed. State continuing responsibilities will be taken up after the convention.

April unit meetings were discussed, and it was decided to develop the unit meetings around the city government structure and where the newly elected city officers will fit into local government after the election on the 19th. Mrs. Smith moved that the April units be given over to such a discussion; seconded by Mrs. Morris; carried. Mrs. Gibson then requested Mrs. Griffin to call the members of the Home Rule Workshops to cover the bare structure of government and to follow the questionnaire in the newspaper on the Sunday prior to the elections and find out how candidates stand on different questions.

The State Convention was discussed - dates, May 10, 11 & 12, in Champaign. Delegates were discussed, and it was noted that it has been the practice of the League to pay most expenses. Mrs. Donovan brought out the fact that we do not go as instructed delegates. Mrs. Morris was asked by the President to have a definite amendment in mind in case an increase in revenue should come up in connection with the Welfare Item.

The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Donovan as Orientation Instructor, and each member was instructed to contact Mrs. Donovan and arrange for her orientation; - a year's deadline was more or less agreed upon as the time within which to do this. Motion by Mrs. Morris to this effect; seconded by Mrs. Hurley; carried.

Mrs. Winn discussed Voters' Service, and stated that the newspaper had suggested that we run questions for candidates on the Sunday before the election on the 19th. It was decided to

send out the questionnaire again. Mrs. Winn also said that she and Mrs. Gibson had talked over the Voters Service material and that Mr. Tangney was called and asked what he felt about having an election school to help people at the polls do a better job. He said that at the conclusion of the school which was held once before, that it was felt it wasn't too successful. She said that she also discussed registration with him, and that he said that was the Precinct Committeeman's job. He said he would think these things over very carefully and call her. The President suggested that Mrs. Winn do some research as to what she feels an election school should consist of, and make a brief outline as to what it should include and bring it up again at a future Board meeting.

The President discussed the status of the Trade Survey and said that Mrs. Arthur Adelman had consented to act as Chairman and that the material is in the hands of League members who are doing the interviewing.


The Freedom Agenda was discussed by Mrs. Smith. It was suggested that we try to get something possibly organized for groups to do something by fall; that possibly leadership training might be done later.

The President discussed the attendance of League Board members at City Council meetings, with a view to working on the Council Manager question more thoroughly the next time it comes up. It was moved by Mrs. Winn that we undertake regular attendance at Council meetings; seconded by Mrs. Martin; carried. It was suggested that we solicit the help of League membership in accomplishing this attendance and that it be discussed at unit meetings.

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The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,


Mrs. C. F. Gebhardt, Secretary.

*The Board voted to accept Mrs. F. A. MacKay's resignation previously tendered.