

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, DECATUR, ILLINOIS
September 6, 1956

The meeting was called to order in the Association of Commerce rooms in the Decatur Club at 1:30 P.M. by Mrs. H. W. Gibson, President. Present were: Mrs. Gibson, Griffin, Fredrickson, Fairs, Unger, Hurley, Cresswell, Gebhardt, McCracken, Martin, Leigh, and Woyne. Visiting were Mrs. Virginia Goelzer, a member of the State Board in charge of organization; Mrs. John Donovan, and Mrs. Pauline Winn.

The minutes of the last meeting stand as read.

Mrs. Gibson gave the financial report. So far there have been 7 new members and 92 renewals. C.O.H. as of Sept. 6 is \$1,373.46.

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Dame was read. It was moved and seconded that we accept the resignation and send a letter to that effect. Motion carried. Mrs. Marian Fredrickson will replace Mrs. Dame.

Mrs. Leigh reported on the finance drive. To date only 50% of the letters have brought in checks. Those who did not respond were reassigned for personal contact and the finance drive extended for 2 weeks.

The Sept. 20 meeting will be at the Decatur Club at 12:45 P.M. with Mrs. Reubhausen speaking on the UN. 9 Isagusa have been contacted and various groups within Decatur invited also.

The report on the City Council did not yield as much information as hoped since the clippings were not kept up. It was decided to continue and to assign new and old members who have not yet attended to the meetings.

Mrs. Griffin reported that 4 out of 7 reports are in on County Government. Unit meetings will give first the skeleton of County Govt and then related facts later on.

The October units will be on Oct. 17. A motion was made by Mrs. Gebhardt, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, that the program be on the Revenue Amendment. Carried. Night meetings were discussed since attendance was so poor last year. Mrs. Goelzer suggested they be at homes and coffee be served - she felt it would give a more personal touch and so be more inviting. Mrs. Gebhardt moved, seconded by Mrs. Hurley, that a notice about night meetings be put in the bulletin to see what response there is.

The County committee had formulated some questions for candidates, a few of which were read. A committee meeting will be set up to rehash questions to bring out answers that will better serve the purpose of the questionnaire. The blue balloons will not be used. Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Cohn were appointed to a by-laws committee to study the problem of increasing dues and to come up with an answer early enough so that if it is "yes" it can be presented to the membership early enough for them to be used to it.

A United Nations Shelf in the library was discussed. It was decided to see Miss Perry first. We have been suggested for the Bryant award, which would mean \$1000 if we should win.

A bulletin put out by Mr. Ferguson was discussed. In it he has a statement to the effect that he has the support of the League of Women Voters. Since the League does not support candidates. Mrs. Fairs moved, seconded by Mrs. Martin, that there be sent a letter to the Editor stating our position but not giving his name and a letter to Mr. Ferguson personally. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Woyna

Mrs. Fritz Woyna
Secretary

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FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF SEPT. 6, 1956

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| Cash in Hand 4/1/56 | | \$1,293.67 |
| Dues | | |
| New Members (7) | 21.00 | |
| Renewals (92) | <u>276.00</u> | 297.00 |
| Contributions | | |
| Member | 90.00 | |
| Other | <u>310.00</u> * | <u>400.00</u> |
| | | 1,990.67 |
| Expenditures | | |
| State & National Pledge | 300.00 | |
| Equipment & Supplies | 9.23 | |
| Postage (not Bulletin) | 7.68 | |
| President's Expense | 25.00 | |
| Convention Expense | 127.10 | |
| Delegates - State | 5.50 | |
| Committee Expense | 26.65 | |
| Meeting Expense | 12.00 | |
| Local Publications | 2.85 | |
| State & Nat'l " | 15.05 | |
| Bulletin | 56.85 | |
| Action in Community | <u>30.30</u> | |
| | | <u>617.21</u> |
| NET CASH | | 1,373.46 |

* does not include contributions made directly to Virginia - not turned in as yet.