

DECATUR LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING

Time: May 2, 1967, 12:45 pm

Place: Home of Mrs. J. Roger Miller, (Marilyn), 1830 Riverview

Remember your items for the Decatur Voter!

If you must be absent, please call Barbara Willey 428-1329

AGENDA

Minutes of April meeting - Hamilton

Treasurer's report - Jurgens

Board assignments and confirmation

Report of State Convention - Hurst

Progress report on "Community Conversation" - McGinn

Program - Protzman

School - Calhoun

Planning - Jurgens

Human Resources - Kastner, Dilley

Publications - Butler

Membership - Schade

Unit Organization - Axon

Bulletin - Westenhaver

Plans for summer

Time and Place of next board meeting

Adjournment

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Decatur, Illinois

May 2, 1967

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Roger Miller at 1:00 PM with President Tilley presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Tilley, Maginn, Protzman, Hurst, Hamilton, Jurgens, Aron, Butler, Homan, McGaugh, Schade, Calhoun, Crow, Green, Dilley, Westenhaver, Mee, and Miller.

ABSENT: Mrs. Dakin.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 5, 1967 meeting were approved as mailed with the following change: On p. 3, under HUMAN RESOURCES, delete the third sentence and change the wording of the next sentence to read: "Mrs. Dilley wanted Board opinion as to whether or not a questionnaire should be sent to those who have been affected by the program for the purpose of evaluation and analysis."

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Jurgens reported Cash on Hand April 1, 1967 was \$336.90. Receipts during April were \$638.55, Debits: \$446.04, Cash on Hand on April 30, 1967 was \$529.41.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS: Mrs. Tilley introduced Mrs. Robert Mee as the new Finance Chairman and Mrs. Robert Green as the new editor of the Decatur Voter. Mrs. Hurst moved that these appointments be accepted by the board to fulfill the responsibilities as indicated. Seconded and approved. It was announced that Mrs. Donald Kastner will not be able to assume the chairmanship of the Human Resources Committee and that a replacement for Mrs. Dilley is still being sought.

STATE CONVENTION: Mrs. Crow reported on the State League Convention to which Mesdames Butler, Crow, Hurst, Maginn, Tilley and Smith were sent by our League. About 600 women attended the three-day affair held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago on April 18-20. All of the items recommended by the State Board as published in the March issue of the Illinois Voter, p. 4, were adopted by a majority vote of the convention delegates. A new item, Study of Local Government Structures within Illinois, was added. Some of the items not adopted but which drew considerable interest and discussion were: abortion laws, school structure and financing, law enforcement and crime, and regional planning.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION: Mrs. Maginn reported that the plans for the day-long informational program to be held over radio station WDE on May 20th are well along and that all of the resource people have been identified and invited. A number of other persons who are obviously interested in public issues such as state senators, representatives, etc. have been invited to observe the broadcast. Mrs. Maginn solicited League members to help man the five telephones from 6AM to 7PM on hourly or longer shifts. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Mrs. Maginn reported that a brochure is being prepared describing the goals, plan, and content of the day and that it will be mailed to appropriate persons in the city and elsewhere. Mrs. Hurst moved that when this brochure is ready it should be mailed at League expense to all members of the Decatur League. Seconded. Passed.

PROGRAM FOR 1967-68: Mrs. Protzman reported that the Chairmen of the resource committees will meet at her home on May 9th to plan the program for the year.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Sister Ann Claire of St James School was circulated. In it she expressed interest in the activities of the League. A letter inviting League members to an open house to be held at the Johns Hill Junior High and the Washington Elementary School on May 10th was read, as was a letter of invitation to the Appreciation Banquet to be held in honor of the retiring superintendent of public schools in Decatur, Lester Grant, on May 24th.

TIME FOR ACTION: Mrs. Hurst introduced the idea that there is a need for a local TIME-FOR-ACTION chairman so that when urgent correspondence is received by the local president the total local League membership can be informed and, indeed, take action. She suggested that this post be established together with a budgeted amount of money to cover the cost of printing, postage, and other expenses and that this chairman be directly responsible to the president in the discharge of her duties. Discussion followed including the suggestion that education of the membership as to the meaning of the phrase, "Time for Action", is needed. Since there seemed to be general agreement that this was a worthwhile proposal, it was temporarily tabled pending further study by the president.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mrs. Calhoun thanked all who had helped distribute informational sheets compiled by the committee just prior to the school board election. Many of the school committee are planning to attend the open house in two Title I schools to be held on May 10th. (see correspondence)

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Appreciation was expressed by the board to Mrs. Jurgens and her committee for their excellent presentation at the April unit meetings. Mrs. Hurst recommended that information presented be printed and made available to the general membership and contributors to the League. There was some discussion as to the setting of precedent by requesting this of this committee, if this would mean that all future committee reports would be required to be published. No action was taken.

HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Dilley announced that the following are new members of the committee: Joan Green, Harriet Greenberg, Lairie Boyda, Agnita Wright, Pat Turner. Mrs. Kastner will not be able to assume the chairmanship. The committee will present their material on three occasions: 1) May 5th, to the United Church Women at which they will be interviewing Mr. Boxell, school principal, Mrs. ^{Boughn} Well-Child Conference, and a neighborhood worker. 2) May 16th to the all-member League meeting, and 3) May 20th on the Community Conversation radio program. The goal of these presentations is to get people to become involved in the problems and needs in this area and to write their congressman and take other appropriate actions. Mrs. Dilley asked for suggestions as to the names of persons who should receive the extensive, 24 paged fact sheet which their committee had produced. The initial printing had been done at the local Council of Churches offices. Mrs. Protzman moved that the chairman of the Human Resource committee be empowered to order as many additional copies printed as were needed at her discretion and that the Decatur League pay the cost. Seconded. Passed.

PUBLICATIONS: Mrs. Butler reported that the state office of the League had notified her that they want 8 copies of each new publication which our local League produces, and that she would like 2 copies for a file of local publications which she has created. It was agreed by the board that in the future 10 copies of any local publications should be given to the Publications chairman: 2 for the local file and 8 for the state office file, as requested. Mrs. Butler then strongly recommended that each board member check her portfolio and see that it contain a copy of the following items: 1) Local Handbook, 1962 ed. 2) Local and

State and National Bylaws, budget, and program for the current year. 3) Facts, 1967 ed. 4) Publications catalog for the current year. 5) Forty Years of a Great Idea.

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE: The final mailing for this year will include: "Ina Nutshell," "Washington, the Nations Showplace," and "Backgrounds on Foreign Aid."

MEMBERSHIP: Mrs. Schade reported that there was one new member during April, Sister Teresa of St. James School. She also reported that a total of 29 members attended the three unit meetings during April exclusive of the planning committee members who presented the program.

BULLETIN: This is Janet Westerhaven's final month as editor of the Decatur Voter. Special thanks were extended to her for excellence. Joan Green will assume the editorship for the June issue. Suggestions for improvement or change in the bulletin were requested. It was asked of board members that they bring all last-minute news items to the monthly board meetings since the bulletin is produced in the days immediately following each meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Fran Mee was introduced as the new chairman. Mrs. Maginn suggested that the board consider the feasibility of having the 1967 drive during the first week in September in an intensive effort rather than have it extend for three or more months into the following year. She further suggested that the 1968 drive be made in June to avoid past problems. Mrs. Maginn asked the board to give Mrs. Mee a "free hand" regarding the finance drive of this year since Mrs. Mee has had considerable experience in such affairs. It was generally agreed that this would be agreeable to the board if any such action were planned in consultation with Mrs. Tilley and Mrs. Maginn.

ALL-MEMBER MEETING: Mrs. Axon announced that the final all-member meeting of the year will be at the home of Mrs. John J. Molloy (Dorothy), 210 S. Woodale, on Tuesday, May 16, at 12:45 PM. Dessert will be served. Reservations will be taken by the telephone callers. The Human Resource Committee will present the program.

SUMMER PLANS OF THE BOARD: Monthly meetings will continue into the summer months.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 6th, Tuesday, 12:45 PM at the home of Mrs. Jack McCaugh, (Lea Ann), 79 South Country Club Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Persis Hamilton

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