

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday, June 15, 1976
9:30 a.m.

PLACE:

Jensen home
2180 Summit Court

AGENDA

Minutes:

Treasurer's Report:

Announcements:

Presidents Training- July 14, Peoria

Regionals- Lincoln, Sept..15

State Convention- Champaign, Apr.26-May 1, 1977

Los Angeles Forum- Canceled due to lack of candidates

Presidential Debates - nationwide petition drive

Action;

Handgun Control, Responses to T.F.A.

Member Handbook for 1976-77

Membership;

Public Relations:

Publications

Voters Service

Election Laws Consensus

Finance Drive

Political Activity Policy(FORMERLY Non-Partisan)

Program:

Child Care, Report on meeting on the Emotionally Disturbed
Child.

Summer Meeting Plans

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MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Decatur League of Women Voters met for a regular meeting on June 15, 1976, at the home of Karen Jensen, 2180 Summit Court, Decatur. Barb Brown, President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Present: Mesdames: Cantoni, Protzman, Meyerson, Langer, Jensen, Brown, Oldweiler, Weinman, Campbell.

Absent: Mesdames: Hobbs, Loewen, Lantz.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with the following correction: The Decatur LWV voted to offer Decatur as one of the possible sites to be considered in which the Fall '76 Regionals could be held.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Langer, Treasurer, reported the following balances:
Savings Account - \$80.11
Checking Account - \$345.95

Announcements:

1. Presidents' Training - July 14, 1976 - Peoria
2. Regionals - September 15, 1976 - Lincoln
3. State Convention - April 26 thru May 1, 1977 - Champaign

President's Letter: Nationwide Petition Drive for a Presidential Candidates Debate
The LWV-US wrote the following: We realize it won't be easy to get the two major candidates to debate one another this fall unless there is an unmistakable public demand to take the form of a nationwide petition drive.

Petition kits will be sent to all Leagues in July. The summer Voter will include a story and a petition form for members to use. The drive covers three weeks beginning August 21, after both conventions are over. The final deadline for return of the forms is September 13th.

THE GOAL: FOUR MILLION SIGNATURES

Action: Handgun Control, Responses to Call for Action. Handgun Control Bill HR 11193
The Decatur LWV does not have a consensus on handgun control. The Board discussed the options available to the Decatur LWV in responding to the Call for Action. The first possibility is to organize an all member meeting in July, at which the state position will be read and the membership will be asked whether they concur or not with the state position. The second possibility is to not respond to this Call for Action. The Board chose to hold an all member meeting.

Member Handbook for 1976-1977

Dee Meyerson expressed a willingness to be responsible for the handbook. The approximate cost of the handbook is to be \$60.00.

Public Relations:

1. Publications - Margaret Campbell
Margaret gave the following names of booklets and pamphlets she has in her possession. If any member would like to have them - please contact her.
 - A. Environmental Update: Toxic Substances
 - B. Focus on Education: Problems with Equality
 - C. U.S. Relations with Underdeveloping Nations
 - D. Election '76: Issues not Images
 - E. Election 1974-1976
 - F. Political Accountability Rating -94th Congress - 1st Session

Public Relations - Continued

2. Voters Service:

- a. Speakers Bureau will be available to speak before community groups. The means of publicising the bureau were discussed.
- b. Millie Protzman discussed the questionnaire sent to her concerning Voters Service for the November '76 election.

3. Election Laws Consensus: the position statement will be available later in the summer.

4. Finance Drive:

- a. Chris Langer reported \$655.00 has been raised to date.
- b. Various methods to raise further monies were discussed. Chris Langer is to investigate the possibility of a plant sale. Karla Weinman and Millie Protzman are to investigate the possibility of a fund raising/candidates meeting.

Political Activity Policy:

The board accepted last year's non-partisan policy with the following additions to be included.

a. Point # 2 - should read - except the President, Vice Presidents and Voters Service Chairman, ...

b. Point # 6 - to include the word personal before the word contributions. It will now read: The League's non-partisan reputation is sufficiently strong enough to ensure that personal contributions from office holders and candidates, ...

Summer Meeting Plans:

** Coffee - Wednesday - July 7, 1976

Place: Karla Weinman - 2370 South Taylor Road - 62521

Phone - 428-1158

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Board Meeting - Tuesday - July 20, 1976

Place: Decatur Community Church - 903 West Decatur

Time: 9:30 a.m.

PLEASE CALL BARB BROWN IF UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING ON JULY 20, 1976
PHONE - 429-7439

Meeting Adjourned - 11:40 a.m.

Beth Oldweiler

Secretary

** Board members are asked to bring a coffee-cake, rolls or other morning goodie to help Karla with the coffee.