

MINUTES OF THE SECOND HALF OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS
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Adoption of Local Program: Barbara Redford made individual motions that the following four recommended current agenda items and the four recommended continuing responsibilities be adopted and each was seconded after being presented:

Current Agenda

1. Macon County Nursing Home-Study of the need for a County nursing home.
2. Decatur Public Library
 - a. Support for a new main library building.
 - b. Continued study of the operation and needs of the library.
3. Decatur Schools
 - a. Support of measures to provide adequate space and educational programs.
 - b. Study of ways to improve public education in Decatur.

4. Urban Renewal
 - a. Support of urban renewal neighborhood rehabilitation and spot clearance.
 - b. Study to establish criteria for determining need for total clearance.

Continuing Responsibilities

1. Support of a sewer system which will provide all citizens of the Decatur area with adequate sanitary facilities.
2. Support of sound development of Decatur's water resources.
3. Support of efficient development and operation of the Macon County Health Department.
4. Support of council-manager form of government for the City of Decatur.

Irene Colvis moved that we amend the County Health Department items to read: Support of efficient development and operation of the Macon County Health Department. The motion was seconded and carried.

In the discussion it was suggested that we could wait until another year on the study for a county nursing home because of the heavy state load for next year. It was noted that there could possibly be twelve study items. Attention was called to the fact that local items should be supported first rather than state items because the League gains its greatest strength locally. It was pointed out that the Library, School, and Urban Renewal items would be continuing studies and would therefore not require as much work as in the past and that the County Nursing Home study should not be too complicated. The only completely new state item was Housing and it was suggested that it might be undertaken by the Human Resources Committee since members of that committee have a background for it. Consensus on Human Resources would probably have to be determined in October or November. At state convention it was mentioned that state and national programs which are for two years should be considered over a two year period. Each item is given different treatment and all are not studied intensely each year. Last year we covered national items of Water Resources and Foreign Economic Policy. United Nations should probably be given special attention this October. There is likely to be a national emergency item on Apportionment.

The voting on each item of the recommended current agenda and the continuing responsibilities as amended was taken separately. All items carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

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Acting secretary

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