

MINUTES OF LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING  
DECATUR, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER 17, 1965

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. George Limerick, 155 N. Summit, at 12:45 with Mrs. Thomas Hurst, President, presiding.

Present: Board Members, Mesdames Thomas Hurst, Harold Tenney, Kingsley Langenberg, Edward Frost, George Limerick, Richard Ruedi, Clifford Smith, Clarence Crow, George Dorner, Nat Kessler, Daniel Moore, W. H. Tilley, L. B. Ritter, David Mann. Others present: Mrs. Frank Verbanac.

Absent: Mrs. Glenn Fuller.

Minutes of Oct. 20 meeting were approved as mailed to board members.

Program

Revenue: Mrs. Verbanac, Revenue Chairman, gave a report on the state meeting on Revenue which she attended on Nov. 10 in Chicago. The state committee would like each resource committee to consider no less than two membership meetings on Revenue, to be workshop-type rather than presentations by the committee. The study is not to be based on the new amendment, but a philosophy of taxation. Consensus due May 1. Mrs. Kessler suggested that the March and April Unit Meetings be on Revenue since Equal Housing Opportunities, scheduled for March units, is to be postponed until next year, and the County Nursing Home study can be given in Feb. Information on Revenue will have to be made available to members in advance for discussion-type meetings with membership asking resource committee questions.

Apportionment Consensus: Mrs. Kessler read the consensus report prepared by Mrs. Oplinger and Mrs. Kessler from recorders' reports. Mrs. Kessler moved that it be accepted by the board. Seconded. Carried.

County Nursing Home: Mrs. Kessler reported the committee has met and will be ready for presentation to membership in February.

Human Resources: Mrs. Frost announced the committee will be meeting every Tuesday until Dec. 14. Mr. C. Ross is to speak to the committee at the next meeting Nov. 23 and all members are invited.

Urban Renewal: Mrs. Hurst reported that the chairman, Mrs. John Wolf, had resigned. No decision was reached as to a new chairman or if the limited study planned for this year should be continued.

United Nations: Mrs. Smith reported that there were 25 questions submitted to Mr. Edward Lindsay, guest speaker at the UN community meeting, Oct. 26. All could not be answered in the allotted time. About 250 people attended the meeting. LWV expense for the meeting was \$13.50 for UN Pocket References. Left over ones are available in the public-ations suitcase and at the library.

Library: Mrs. Crow announced that the committee will meet on Thurs. Dec. 2 at 9:30 and also in January and February weekly.

Schools: Mrs. Hurst reported that on Nov. 16 she and Mrs. Don Livergood, Chairman, had attended a meeting, along with representatives of other community and educational groups to discuss a needed Educational Fund tax rate increase.

Water Resources: There will be a meeting in Chicago on January 12.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Mann said that she will give a complete report at the Dec. 1 meeting. She asked the board to give consideration to raising the membership dues so that all LWV would be on Subscription Service.

Finance Drive: Mrs. Tenney reported that \$1382.30 had been collected for the Finance Drive. The new contacts have not been successful. She asked that any comments helpful for next year be noted on the cards given in the collection folders.

Public Relations: It was noted by the board that Mrs. Tenney's efforts to get the Citizenship Test reproduced in the newspaper were successful.

Voters Service: Mrs. Moore said that distribution of the 5,000 copies of the Government Officials and Voting Reference had been started and that announcement will be made soon in the newspaper that persons desiring them will be able to pick them up at the library, county and city clerks of ice and banks. She noted that a correction should be made by those of us who already have a copy under Election Dates. The primary is the second Tuesday in June rather than the first as given to her by County Clerk in August. The cost of the reference was \$50 or about one cent a copy, so the cost ran over the \$35 allotted. Mrs. Hurst and Mrs. Moore had the approval from a quorum of board members contacted individually to allow the additional cost of \$15. Mrs. Tenney reported that she had contacted the local business office of the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. to see about the possibility of the reference being printed in the phone book next year.

Publications: Mrs. Ruedi passed around a new publication to be evaluated for subscription service, "Reapportionment and the U. S. Constitution." It was agreed that it should not be sent out until January.

Units: Mrs. Ritter said that only 39 women, 35 members and 4 guests, attended the 3 unit meetings in November probably because it was American Education Week. It was felt the subject of Apportionment is not of interest to many persons. A discussion followed on how to get more members out to the meetings. It was suggested that more emphasis be put on getting members to attend than to get more members and that each board member try to bring other members with them. The baby-sitting service at the Wed. Morning units was discussed and it was decided the League would make up any difference between the fifty cents paid by each mother and the amount paid to the sitters.

Other Business: Mrs. Hurst asked for suggestions for appointments to the budget committee, for items to be included in the budget, and for recommendations about the sum allotted for the President's expense. How to rate our League for the finance formula for State and National Services in our budget was discussed.

Decatur Voter: Mrs. Dorner asked the board to decide when the Dec. issue should be published. It was decided that it should go out before the Dec. 1 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Langenberg, Secretary.

In Preparation for Nov. 9 & 10 unit meetings on Apportionment consensus, will each board member please do the following so as to be of the most help in the meeting you attend:

1. Reread "Apportionment" section in National Board Reports for May and September and share with other members not on board if you can and take to meetings.
2. Study provisions of the new version of the Dirksen amendment in the October National Voter under "Federal Spotlight" on back page and take to unit meetings.
3. Review "Consensus" in Local League Handbook on page 17 so as to be of the most help with arriving at consensus at unit meetings and at board meeting.
4. Write down your answers to the consensus questions to be found in both the October and November Decatur Voter. Even though you might answer number 1. that you think the standard for basis of representation of all state legislatures should be substantially population, you should decide what you would want in an amendment should the consensus or number 1. be that there should be an amendment.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 12:45, Ann Rittericks' 155 N. Summit

Minutes - Langenberg

Treasurer's Report - Mann

Public Relations - Tenney

Finance Drive - Tenney and Mann

Voters Service - Moore

Publications - Ruzicki

Membership - Fuller

Units - Ritter

Apportionment Consensus - Kessler and/or Oplinger

Coming meetings

Dec. 1 All member

Board - Dec. 1 Book Luncheon and ?

Foreign Economic Policy)

United Nations ) with

Human Resources - Frost

Water Resources - Invitation from Springfield LWV

Mason Co. Nursing Home - Kessler or Bishop

Urban Renewal

Schools

Library - Crow (Library Workshop of Champaign LWV Feb. 18)

Revenue - Werbanac

Equal Housing Opportunities - Tilley

Other Business

The Decatur Voter - Dorner (Do we want a December Voter? What should go in it?)

Remember

Marilyn Tenney

Call Elise if you cannot attend and give your report to her or Sara/or Shirley Fuller. Make reports complete but brief as possible.

Have written out what you want in the Decatur Voter and give to Mary Dorner. Even though something is not specifically under your portfolio, if you think it should be put in, give it to Mary.

Bring to meeting "tools" mentioned in October agenda sheet.