

LWV BOARD MEETING
Decatur, Illinois
November 29, 1966

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jane Dilley, 1417 West Macon, at 1:10 p.m, with President Smith presiding.

PRESENT: Mesdames Tenney, Jurgens, Hurst, Butler, Smith, Bowers, Miller, Dilley, Schade, Redford, Moore, Tilley, Galhoun, Limerick (& Mrs. Maginn, not a board member)

ABSENT: Mesdames Axon, Crow and Westenhaber

MINUTES: The November 1 minutes were corrected as follows: Under Publications on page 1, "and the library" should be added to the end of the last sentence. (After discussion, Mrs. Hurst rescinded her motion of Nov. 1, and Mrs. Dilley rescinded her second to the motion pertaining to the corrections and additions to the minutes being made in red in the secretary's copy.) The suggestion was made that the secretary write instructions in her copy of the Handbook for all future secretaries to be sure to correct previous minutes. Also, the last correction in the Nov. 1, 1966 minutes should read as follows: (8) change heading of Nominating Chairman to "Nominating Committee" and delete the entire first sentence of this paragraph.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance of cash on hand Nov. 1 was \$738.11, receipts during Nov. were \$102.00, disbursements for the same period were \$192.59 leaving a cash balance as of Nov. 29, 1966 of \$647.52. We now have 138 paid members. Mrs. Moore reported that approximately \$435. will be sent to state before the end of the year and, too, no bills have been received covering the printing of the Voter. Discussion was held as to how we could economize, and it was suggested that in the next Voter, we should remind members that they can still send in their contributions if they so desire.

FINANCE DRIVE: Mrs. Tenney reported that we are \$450. short of our goal. Total receipts to date amount to \$995.50. She felt that our drop in membership could be a contributing factor. As to some comparative statistics: Member contributions this year (30 members) was \$200.00; last year (50 members) \$296.30. Non-member contributions in 1966 (78 persons) was \$795.; in 1965 (109 persons) was \$1,139. In 1966, 154 letters were sent out (those who had not contributed in the past 5 years were dropped from the mailing list); 182 letters were sent in 1965. Also, in 1966 only 16 persons worked on the drive whereas in 1965, 29 persons worked on the drive. Mrs. Tenney reported that thank you letters & invitations to the Candidate's Meeting were sent to contributors, and 32 follow-up letters were sent to potential contributors who had not been assigned to anyone due to the shortage of workers on the drive. It is her committee's suggestion that a Men's Advisory Committee be assembled in the near future. Mrs. Tenney explained that the Mens Advisory Committee would be given a list of our contributors to study, and would then attend a luncheon meeting at which time they could make suggestions as to additional contacts we could make with business and labor. They would be encouraged to make comments on our methods, time of year for our drive, and letter content for our solicitation. Also, our letterhead on finance drive letters would include the names of the men serving on this Committee. We could also ask them for their views on whether or not we should publicize the business contributors in our Decatur Voter. Mrs. Tenney concluded that her committee's suggestions and plans for the Advisory Committee will be ready to report at the January meeting.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES: Mrs. Tilley suggested holding 2 sets of Unit Meetings in January. The previously scheduled dates for her units were Jan. 24 & 25 and with Consensus due February 1, the suggestion was made and it was approved that the additional units be held Jan. 10 and 11. (Also, see next paragraph)

UNIT MEETINGS: Mrs. Hurst, Membership Co-ordinator, reported that 21 persons were present the last morning unit & suggested that an additional morning meeting be scheduled for both sets of the Equal Housing Units. This would mean 4 morning meetings in all (Jan. 10, 11, 24, 25). Our Wednesday morning Unit meetings have been set-up to be held at Joyce

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Maginn's home with babysitting service available; however, Mrs. Hurst, with Mrs. Maginn's permission, suggested that the Tuesday morning units be held at Mrs. Maginn's with babysitter service for the Equal Housing meetings. Mrs. ~~Redford~~^{Axon} will arrange for the location of the Wednesday morning units. It was moved by Mrs. Hurst and seconded by Mrs. Schade that we hold a Tuesday morning unit with nursery for both sets of units on Equal Housing in January. Carried.

CHILD WELFARE CONSENSUS: Mrs. Maginn presented the consensus report. It was reported that 37 members and 10 guests attended the unit meetings on Welfare. Mrs. Tenney objected to the consensus. She felt, and Mrs. Maginn agreed, that it was difficult to obtain an accurate consensus due to the volume of material that was presented and the lack of time at the meetings to discuss the subject in detail. She felt the consensus as given was too broad to be of any real value. Mrs. Maginn stated many persons attending these November units had not attended the units held last spring on the subject. After discussion, Mrs. Redford moved that the board accept the consensus as presented. Seconded. Carried.

WATER RESOURCES: Mrs. Redford reported that Mrs. Shell's committee is meeting this Thursday, Dec. 1, and will prepare a mimeographed sheet to be given to members in attendance at the All-member meeting, December 7. Mrs. Redford suggests that we read our background material received from National before attending the meeting. The last portion of this meeting, President Smith will lead the discussion for recommendations for items for state program for next year. Mrs. Redford announced that we would not have our next board meeting before water consensus is due; therefore she suggested that all board members be prepared to remain at the conclusion of the All-member meeting on "Water Pollution Control" on December 7th so that the consensus can be turned in on time.

Mrs. Hurst stated that the City Council will hold a hearing on next year's City Budget on Monday night, Dec. 5. She thought perhaps the League should be in attendance to urge that support be given the ~~League of Women Voters~~^{Decatur & Macon Co. Economic Opportunities Corp.}. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the League is not "taking a stand" but rather urging the Council to give the OEO consideration. Pres. Smith and Mrs. Dilley agreed to prepare a statement. Mrs. Dilley moved that a representative of the League of Women Voters be present and make a statement in accordance with the February, 1966 consensus at the City Council Budget Meeting, Monday, Dec. 5. Seconded. Vote carried.

CHINA-U.S. RELATIONS: Mrs. Miller announced the next meeting of her committee, 9:30 a.m., Nov. 30. They have tentative plans for Mr. Robert Hamilton of Millikin University to speak at their January 18th meeting. She discussed various League publications on the subject and then moved that "China Puzzle - Introductory Sketch" be included in the Subscription Service. Seconded. Carried. This publication will be distributed at the unit meetings in order to save postage.

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Mrs. Calhoun will activate her committee in January in order to be ready for any referendum that might be forthcoming. They will also want to investigate possible incentives to encourage good candidates to run for office on the school board. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Calhoun and Mrs. Hurst have been attending the CAPE meetings (Citizens to Advance Public Education) and Mrs. Smith reported that she felt that previous League information on School financing was eagerly accepted and proved to be very helpful to CAPE. Mrs. Smith also reported that she, Mrs. Hurst, and the PTA City Council President, Mrs. Cook, were interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel by the NEA and the IEA. Pres. Smith asked the board if there was any objection to League participation in CAPE. Realizing that CAPE is a "grass-roots" citizens committee, the board could see no reason why citizens who are members of League could not participate and agreed, in addition, that the school consensus in the past gives us sanction for representation on CAPE.

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VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Limerick reported that the State wants our League to interview Mr. Springer in the near future. As suggested by State, 2 or 3 members of our League and representatives from other Leagues in Mr. Springer's district would be present. After discussion, it was informally agreed that this should be an All-Member meeting with the several Resource Chairmen preparing questions to be asked of Mr. Springer. Mrs. Limerick will check on possible dates that Mr. Springer would be available.

It was agreed that we send our Revenue publications (Introduction to State & Local Taxes, The Illinois Property Tax, Present Sources of Revenue for the State of Ill., State Income Taxes) to our senator and 3 state representatives.

The next board meeting will be held January 3 at the home of Mrs. Tilley.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Bowers, Secretary