

Article V, Sec. 4. In the first sentence, delete "all meetings" and substitute "the annual meeting and other business meetings of the League and all meetings." Delete second sentence.

Article VI, Sec. 4. Delete "one month" and substitute "at least one week."

Article VIII, Sec. 2. Delete "month" and substitute "at least one week."

Article IX, Sec. 3, b. Delete "one month" and substitute "at least one week."

Article X, Sec. 3. After Council, add "under the provisions of the by-laws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois."

Article XII, Sec. 1. Delete "month" and substitute "week."

Mrs. Gerald Redford moved the by-law changes be accepted, Mrs. Miller seconded the motion, and it CARRIED.

Mrs. Hurst turned the meeting over to the First Vice President, Mrs. Redford.

Nominating Committee Report: The committee members for 1964-65 were Mrs. L. B. Ritter, chairman, Mrs. Henry Bachrach, Mrs. C. Bridgman, Mrs. Hilmer Landholt, Mrs. Richard Ruedi. Mrs. Ritter presented the following slate of officers: Mrs. Thomas Hurst, president, 1965-66; Mrs. Morton Becker, 1st vice president, 1965-66; Mrs. Paul Turner, secretary, 1965-67; Mrs. Harold Tenney, Mrs. Eugene Blanchard, Mrs. George Limerick, directors, 1965-67; Nominating Committee for 1965-66: Mrs. James Manuell, chairman, Mrs. Dwight Nelson and Mrs. L. L. Colvis. There were no further nominations. Mrs. Gerald Cox moved that the secretary cast the vote of the assembled members for the nominees presented. Mrs. Clifford Smith seconded the motion and it was CARRIED. The new officers present were introduced.

Mrs. Mills moved the Annual Meeting be adjourned until May. Mrs. L. L. Colvis seconded the motion and it CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

The Urban Renewal Committee reported after the Annual Meeting adjourned.

LWV BOARD MEETING
Decatur, Illinois
March 25, 1965

The meeting was held at the home of Elise Hurst at 1:00 p.m. with Mrs. Hurst presiding.

Present: Mrs. Hurst, Westenhaver, Doubleday, Ruedi, Redford, Bachrach, Protzman, Turner, Smith, Mann, Fuller, Dilley and Meyerson.

Absent: Mrs. Carroll Smith, Shell, Unger, Ritter and Cordes.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 17, 1965, meeting were approved with the following corrections: Page 1, paragraph 5, line 5, take out "including the account"; Page 1, paragraph 8, line 5, delete "supervisor"; Page 3, after last paragraph add another paragraph - "Mrs. Bachrach has resigned from the board as she is working in support of Elmer Walton, a candidate for City Council.

The minutes of the special meeting on March 9, 1965, to consider consensus on urban renewal, were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Mann said she would give a final report for the year at the next meeting. She said the Finance Drive had gone over the goal by \$220. She asked if the \$200 allowed the Council-Manager Committee for voter service material should be an expense for 1964-65 or 1965-66. Mrs. Fuller moved that the \$200 be carried in the next fiscal year since the referendum is April 20. Mrs. Redford seconded the motion and it PASSED. Mrs. Hurst said the \$200 would come from the unallocated reserve fund.

Mrs. Hurst said the State Board recommends that all leagues use the Rockford plan, which makes dues payable each year in the month each member joined. After discussion, it was decided that a notice of the required by-law change would be included in the May bulletin and the proposed change be voted on at the May portion of the Annual Meeting.

Council-Manager Campaign: Mrs. Fuller will be in charge of distribution of the League flyers urging retention of the council-manager form of government. Mr. Edgecombe, who prints our bulletin, is going to donate his time and the cost will be for materials only. Sample flyers were available, and board members were asked to indicate their preferences. Mrs. Fuller reported 10,000 flyers had been ordered, at a cost of around \$100, and asked if the board thought more should be ordered. There are 29,000 housing units in the city. Mrs. Redford moved that the committee be allowed to spend \$150 in addition to the \$200 voted to them on March 9. Mrs. Mann seconded the motion and it CARRIED. Whether or not an advertisement should be placed in the newspaper prior to the referendum was left to the discretion of the committee.

Welfare: Mrs. Hurst said "time for action" notices had been received from the state league on bills in the legislature on the abused child and juveniles. She urged letters be written to state senators and representatives.

East West Trade Consensus: Mrs. Bachrach, Foreign Economic Policy chairman, read a summary of consensus reached at the unit meetings. Mrs. Doubleday moved that the consensus report on east west trade be accepted. The motion was seconded and CARRIED. *alikes*

Human Resources: Mrs. Dilley outlined the areas studied by the committee (poverty, education, unemployment, equality of opportunity) and said information would be presented on the problems at the April unit meetings, the measures taken to deal with the problems, and the government programs involved in these areas. Fact sheets will be prepared containing statistical material. She said there will be so much material to present, it seemed there would be no time for questions and discussion. Mrs. Hurst suggested that the study be presented in two parts - at unit meetings in April and May, since no unit meetings had been scheduled for May. Mrs. Doubleday moved that the Human Resources Committee be permitted, if they desired, to make their presentation in two parts, in April and May. The motion was seconded and CARRIED.

Candidates Meeting: Mrs. Protzman said arrangements were complete for the Candidates Meeting on March 30, YMOA, 7:30 p.m., at which candidates for township will be introduced first, candidates for City Council and Park Board will speak 3 minutes, with written questions following. A social hour, with coffee and doughnut balls served, will follow. The moderator will be WSOY's Program Director, Frank Bowman. Mrs. Protzman asked for suggestions for a question to ask the candidates while audience questions were being collected.

April Meetings: There will be an all-member meeting on Wednesday, April 14 to discuss national CR's and to make suggestions for local program for next year. The April unit meetings on Human Resources will be held the third week in April, because of State Convention during the fourth week.

Delegates to Convention: It was suggested Mrs. Hurst designate 7 delegates for our league. Mrs. Tenney said she would arrange transportation for members who wished to go with her to visit for one day of the convention.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Meyerson

Please call Elise if
you are interested in
going to state conv.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 25, 1965, 12:45 p.m.
Home of Elise Hurst, 2095 W. Sunset

Please call Elise if
you are interested in
attending state conv.

(Be sure to telephone me if you are unable to attend. EH)

We're inviting new officers and directors to the March meeting so as to provide some orientation before official changes take place, April 1. The next months are a transition time when we gradually shift responsibility. Members who will not be serving on the board next year will be expected to carry on with their portfolios until someone has been appointed to assume that work. In some instances even though an assignment for next year has been made the 1964-65 portfolio holder will carry on through May because of the nature of the job. In most instances the "old" and "new" will work together during this time. It will not be possible to make study item assignments until we know what the state program (which will be decided at state convention April 23-30) and what local program (which will be decided at our adjourned annual meeting in May) will be.

"Old" members going off the board please get your materials in order to turnover to your successors - and by "in order" I do not mean to throw things out which would be of help to the new person. Also, please make a list of the various things expected of the person holding the position you've had, some tips on the best ways to do these, and any other helps.
board

This year instead of individual annual reports by the members, we are going to try what some other Leagues have done and this is a combined report tying all activities together. Please turn in at the March board meeting anything you have done and members who have served with you which were not in your annual report for state and national offices (blue sheets turned in last month). None of those reports included names of those who helped in various capacity so you will all probably have something to turn in. State what members did, like type, etc.

AGENDA

Minutes of February meeting, special meetings in February and March - Meyerson
Treasurer will give brief report from on receipts and expenditures - Mann
Voters Service - Protzman

Candidates Meeting (March 30) final plans
Other

Action

Council-Manager City Gov't Retention - Kessinger
Child Welfare - Times for Action on Abused Child and Juvenile Court Act - Becker
Foreign Economic Policy - Bachrach

State Program - what suggestions do we have to send to state board? (Bring March Ill. Voter
- but read it first!)

Concerns - Fuller
East-West Trade
Urban Renewal
Library

Coming meetings

April All-Member, Nat'l Cont. Resp., Suggestions for local program for 1965-66
April Units - (third week instead of fourth because of state convention the fourth)
Human Resources - Dilley

Delegates to state convention, Springfield, April 28-30

Helpers for state convention (Doorkeepers, Tellers, and Pages) asked from Leagues near
Springfield. The people who work one session are entitled to attend another free.
Wed. & Thurs. afternoon and Thurs. and Fri. mornings are the times. Who?

Membership - state office asks us to consider acquainting Millikin senior women with LWV

Units - Ritter
Public Relations - Ruedi
Other business

League of Women Voters of the U. S.
1200 17th St. N. W.
Washington D. C. - 20036

for minutes
LOCAL LEAGUE Decatur
STATE Illinois

Report on Consensus on EAST - WEST TRADE

Send your report to the national office (copy to state) as soon as possible after determining consensus - final deadline is April 1, 1965. Even if your League reached and sent in its consensus during the 1962-1964 period please report again.

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

Changes in U. S. Trade Policies with Soviet Bloc?

Are basic changes called for in U. S. trade policies with the Soviet bloc countries? If so, should changes be more or less restrictive? (Should, for instance, export controls be tightened or relaxed?)

The general feeling of all the unit groups was that U. S. policies with the Soviet Bloc countries should remain flexible with a tendency to be less restrictive.

What do you consider to be the relative advantages and disadvantages of increasing U. S. trade with the U.S.S.R.? with other Eastern European countries? If the advantages seem to outweigh the disadvantages, how much of an effort should the U. S. make to increase its own trading opportunities in these countries?

The group felt that there were far more advantages to increasing trade with the eastern European countries than with the U.S.S.R. The political advantages of trade with these countries was stressed and any effort that the U. S. would make in this direction would be to our own self interest. There was a small minority, however, that questioned if any trade was politically advantageous with the Communist countries.

Do recent U. S. Policy moves to "treat different Communist countries differently" represent a desirable or undesirable change in U. S. Foreign policy?

There seemed to be general agreement that our policy should be a flexible one and that at times it would be desirable to treat trade with each country on its own merit.

Common Allied Policies and Practices?

Should the U. S. continue to try for a common allied policy toward the U.S.S.R. and/or other eastern European members of the Soviet bloc? Should present allied agreement on export controls on military hardware and highly strategic products also cover non-strategic goods? credit policies?

Obviously we should continue to try for a common policy with our allies. However, this seems to be a difficult problem and the feeling was that there is little more that we can do in this field. There seems to be little reason for restriction on non-strategic goods since these are readily available to the eastern European countries anyway. It was agreed, however that we should not extend long term credit. Five years seemed to be the longest that anyone wanted to commit themselves to.