



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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League of Women Voters Board Members

Mrs. Andreas Ueland-President

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Mrs. Stiles Burr, 2nd Vice-President

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Mrs. Russell Bennett- Treasurer

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Mrs. W.J. Logue, 885 Dayton Ave., St. Paul

Mrs. J.O. Sylvester, 1193 Hague Ave., St. Paul

Miss Anita Furness, 265 So. Exchange, " "

Mrs. A.L. Searle, 1917 Logan Ave., Minneapolis

Mrs. Walter Thorp, 4709 Emerson So., "

Mrs. Wm. T. Coe, Hampshire Arms "

Vice-Presidents:

District 1

Mrs. D.L. Morse, Blue Earth " 2

Mrs. C.M. Stockton, Faribault " 3

Mrs. Frances Buell Olson, St. Paul " 4

Mrs. A.W. Strong, Minneapolis " 5

Mrs. C.H. Maxson, St. Cloud " 6

Mrs. John Serrin, Glenwood " 7

Mrs. C.C. Colton, Duluth " 8

Mrs. Wm. Russell, Moorhead " 9

Mrs. A.C. Giddings, Anoka " 10

Committee Chairmen:

Miss Hope McDonald- American Citizenship
(over)

Mrs. James Paige- Unification of Laws

Mr. W.H. Gemmell

~~Mrs. James G. Swan~~- Child Welfare

Dr. Mabel Ulrich - Social Hygiene

Mrs. Gerhard Dietrichson Protection of Women in Industry

Food Supply and Demand

Miss Ruth Rosholt - Research

Improvement of Election Laws-

and Methods

November 1, 1919.

Minutes of Board meeting, November 1, 1919.

The first meeting of the Board of the League of Women Voters was held Saturday, November 1st at the State Headquarters, 403 Essex Building, Minneapolis.

Presiding, Mrs. Ueland.

The following members were present: Miss Furness, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. A.W. Strong, Mrs. Searle, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Forrestal. *? Mrs. Sogun*

The chair thanked the Board for the work they had done on the Conference and asked for suggestions pertaining to management of future Conferences. The following suggestions were offered:

- (1) That a scrap book to contain press clippings of the past conference be kept on file in the office.
- (2) That an entertainment committee be appointed for the next Conference.
- (3) That a registration booth be provided for use of out-of-town delegates.
- (4) That out-of-town delegates be given a special badge of recognition.
- (5) That arrangements be made to handle telephone calls outside of Conference.
- (6) That singing be introduced in the Conference.
- (7) That out-of-town delegates be given five minutes speaking time.

There followed a discussion on the value of print-

ing and distributing Mrs. Coe's speech. Mrs. Thorp requested all Board members to read the speech, and that printing and distribution of these speeches be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Miss Merrill brought up the subject of issuing membership cards to charter members. This also is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Mrs. Thorp moved that the State Association pay railroad expenses of the ten Vice-Presidents to Minneapolis to attend the Citizenship Course at the University, November 17-21, and that the state Board hold meetings each morning of the Course, with the ten Vice-Presidents, at these headquarters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Searle and passed.

Mrs. Thorp moved that a substitute be sent in case the Vice-President could not come, and that the expenses of the substitutes be paid. This was seconded by Miss Lusk and passed.

Miss McDonald moved that the ten Vice-Presidents be telephoned to ask if they are in favor of conferences to be held in their districts later. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion and it was passed.

It was moved and seconded that the President be a member of the Executive Committee.

It was moved that one St. Paul woman and one Minneapolis woman be made members of the Executive Committee, but the motion was withdrawn by the maker.

Moved and seconded and passed that the Secretary be made a member of the Executive Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Burr be made a member of the Executive Committee; also Press Chairman, and the Treasurer.

The following motions made by the chair were ratified:

Mrs. Thorp, chairman of Press Committee; Mrs. Searle, chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mrs. Coe, chairman of Organization.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the state Board have monthly meetings during the present organizing period which will be extended into next February need be held twice each month.

Moved and seconded that the two monthly meetings be held the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the State headquarters at 2 P.M.

Miss Furness moved and Mrs. Burr seconded that second monthly meeting be held in St. Paul, but the motion was lost.

Moved, seconded and passed that a "Purpose" be formulated. Moved that the chair formulate a purpose to be used on the stationery. Passed. The chair appointed Miss Harrison and Miss McDonald to do this work.

Moved that the Advisory Council be appointed by the Executive Committee. Passed.

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Giddings be

Minutes of Meeting of League of Women Voters
held Saturday, November 8, 1919.

A special call meeting for the purposes of organization, of the League of Women Voters was held Saturday, November 8, 1919, at State Headquarters in the Essex Building.

Mrs. Ueland presided and the following members were present:

Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Merrill, Mrs. Searle, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Forrestal, Dr. Ulrich.

Mrs. Thorp moved that as a League of Women Voters, our name be used in a petition to be circulated to employers regarding the employment of colored girls. Mrs. Bennett seconded the motion, but it was not passed and the Board recommended that this matter be submitted to the old Suffrage Board. Recommendation passed.

A discussion followed on the policy of subscribing to all kinds of movements and the general opinion was that this policy was rather weakening.

Mrs. Coe presented a report on state organization. It was moved, seconded and passed that the report be taken paragraph by paragraph.

It was moved, seconded and passed that paragraph one, reading as follows, be accepted:

(1) That an organization meeting be held as soon as practical in each Congressional District.

It was moved, seconded and passed that paragraph two, reading as follows, be accepted:

(2) These meetings to be arranged and financed by the State Board under the direction of the District President. That these meetings consist of at least one session devoted to organization and one or more sessions be given over to conferences similar to those held at the State Organization meeting.

(a) District President will decide length of meeting and department to present program. She should supply to headquarters, lists of names of women to be invited to meetings but it will doubtless be necessary for central office force to do typing and other details.

It was moved, seconded and passed that paragraph three, reading as follows, be accepted:

(3) That the following committees be appointed to report at next regular meeting of the State Board:

(a) Constitution - to be used as model by District President.

(b) Transportation - Arrangements.

(c) Publicity

(d) Finance

(e) Program - The Chairman of Departments will constitute this Committee but there should be a general committee chairman to arrange for actual details of program - to obtain general speakers not representing a department, etc.

(f) Organization.

(1) District

(2) County Organization School

It was moved by Mrs. Thorp and seconded and passed that members of the Board be appointed as Chairmen of the following Committees:

Committee on Constitution -(to be used as model by District President) - Miss Lusk, Chairman.

Committee on Transportation Arrangements - Mrs. Bennett, Chair.

Committee on Publicity - Mrs. Thorp, Chairman

Committee on Finance - Mrs. Searle, Chairman.

Committee on Program - Mrs. Paige, Chairman.

Committee on Organization (1) District, (2) County

Organization School - Mrs. Coe, Chairman.

Mrs. McKnight to write a drama.

The program for conferences in congressional districts was discussed, and it was decided that finance, ^{organization} publicity, and citizenship be presented at all the conferences, and that the Chairmen of the four standing committees get material in line; the Chairman of the District Congressional District, to ~~pick~~ ^{select} the ~~topic~~ ^{program} she ~~likes~~ ^{wishes} best.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a Chairman for printing be elected, and Mrs. Merrill was elected.

It was moved, seconded and passed that 5,000 county books be published for free distribution at the conferences.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a circularization committee be appointed and that Miss Harrison be made Chairman.

It was moved, by Mrs. Strong, seconded and passed that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Paige for her work as Chairman of the temporary committee on organization.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Strong for her work at the past conference.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of State Board Meeting held Saturday, Nov. 15, 1919.

A special call meeting of the State Board was held Saturday, November 15, for the purpose of discussing finances.

Mrs. Ueland presided, and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Searle, Mrs. Logue, Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Merrill, Mrs. Furness, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Kennison and Mrs. Strong.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Board accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee that application membership cards be printed at once.

It was moved and seconded that the plan of Estimated Expense for the first conference in the ten Congressional Districts as submitted by Mrs. Searle be accepted, and that Mrs. Searle present it to the ten district Chairmen at a Board meeting to be called on Tuesday morning, November 18. Motion passed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Searle.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the following program of Board Meetings be arranged: for the week of November 17:

Tuesday, November 18, at ten o'clock, - Organization of the League of Women Voters and local conferences.

Wednesday, November 19, Program for conferences.

Thursday, November 20 Finances.

Friday, November 21 - General plan for all out-of-town women.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a social program for the week be arranged and typed by Miss Harrison.

Minutes of the State Board Meeting held on
Tuesday, November 18, 1919.

The Second regular meeting of the State Board was held on Tuesday, November 18. Mrs. Ueland presided and the following members were present:

Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Kennison, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Logue, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Serrin, Mrs. Maxson, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. McKnight: Mrs. Moore

Mrs. Coe moved that the secretary send the minutes of each regular Board meeting to the Board Members. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kennison and passed.

Miss McDonald outlined the idea and work of the League of Women Voters.

Mrs. Burr brought up the subject of endorsing outside movements and it was decided that we endorse only those movements which come under the work of our standing committees.

Mrs. Thorp moved that until the work of the national and state committees was crystallized that the State Board refuse all requests from outside movements.

Mrs. Coe then presented her plan of organization. A discussion followed, the District Chairmen telling of the different conditions in their districts.

The need of a separate organization formed along existing political lines was emphasized. Mrs. Coe explained that the League is not trying to duplicate the work of existing women's organizations. It is simply to use the leverage of the vote.

Miss Merrill requested the Board members to meet her
at the Meyers Arcade to look at new rooms for headquarters.
Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the State Board Meeting held on
Wednesday, November 19, 1919.

A meeting of the State Board was held on Wednesday, November 19, 1919, at which the following members were present: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Serrin, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Paige, Miss McDonald, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Forrestal, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Morse and Mrs. McKnight.

Mrs. Paige presented the following program for congressional district conferences:

1. The value of a temporary organization.

Miss Lusk to send out uniform constitutions to each district chairman.

2. It was suggested that Miss Seacrest of the University Agricultural School be consulted as to the work in rural districts.

3. It was decided that the program be subject to change by district chairman.

A discussion of conferences followed and it was decided that we must have conferences in the ten congressional districts before the annual State Convention to be held next February or March.

It was then unanimously passed that the plan of organizing the League by districts, counties, townships and precincts be accepted.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the State Board Meeting held on
Wednesday, November 19, 1919.

A meeting of the State Board was held on Wednesday, November 19, 1919, at which the following members were present: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Serrin, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Paige, Miss McDonald, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Kenaston, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Forrestal, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Morse and Mrs. McKnight.

Mrs. Paige presented the following program for congressional district conferences:

Morning- 10:00-12:00

Address-League of Women Voters

Election of officers

Adoption of Constitution and by-laws

County and Township organization

Vote on Officers

Citizenship School - Do you want one?

What the State Association and University can
do to help your school.

1. The value of a temporary organization.

• Miss Lusk to send out uniform constitutions to each district chairman.

2. It was suggested that Miss Seecrest of the University Agricultural School be consulted as to the work in rural districts.

3. It was decided that the program be subject to change by district chairmen.

Minutes of the State Board Meeting held on
Thursday, November 21, 1919.

A meeting of the State Board was held on Thursday, Nov. 20, 1919, at which the following members were present: Mrs. Serrin, Mrs. Thorp, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Stockton and Mrs. McKnight.

A discussion was held of the program for the open meeting on Friday morning, to be held at the College Women's Club in the Meyers Arcade, and it was decided that the following subjects be brought up:

The State Chairmen of the Standing Committees to be asked to outline their work.

Sample packages of literature to be given out.

Dr. Ulrich to be asked to give her report.

It was moved that Miss Roselt be made Chairman of the Research Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Bennett read Mrs. Searle's financial plan, and outlined the general theory of allotments.

There followed a discussion of a local budget for districts.

Mrs. Stockton moved that we adopt the proposed financial plan for districts and counties. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Paige and carried.

Mrs. Bennett suggested that we simply discuss the plan of assessment on account of only having six district chairmen at the meeting, and that the plan could be voted upon at the

next regular Board meeting, December 8th., 1919

Mrs. Bennett presented a \$30,000.00 budget, with the following plan of assessment for the different districts:

\$30,000.00 Plan		(\$50,000.00 Plan.
District #1	\$2,425.00	\$4,042.00
#2	2,718.00	4,534.00
3	1,841.00	3,236.00
4	6,222.00	10,370.00
5	6,875.00	11,452.00
6	1,431.00	2,391. 00
7	2,196.00	3,662.00
8	3,498.00	5,833.00
9	1,874.00	3,293.00
10	711.00	1,187.00

An informal vote was taken of these in favor of the \$50,000 budget, and the following members voted in favor:

Mrs. Wells, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. Stockton
Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Coe, and Mrs. McKnight.

An informal vote was taken of those in favor of the \$30,000 budget, and the following members voted in favor:

Mrs. Bennett, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Paige and Mrs. Burr.

The necessity of reaching men's organizations to give them an idea of the work of the League of Women Voters was discussed, but it was decided not to ask for money.

A discussion followed on the advisability of accepting money from national parties and it was decided that at present it was wise only to accept money from individuals.

The meeting adjourned.

Estimated Expense for the First Conference to
the 10 Congressional Districts.

To the Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters:

Your Chairman of the Finance Committee submits the following suggestions for your consideration.

1. At the Conference to be held in each of the Congressional districts for the purpose of establishing district organizations the State Board will assist the district chairmen in the following manner:

(a) By offering the services of the State President, the Chairman of State Publicity, Program, Organization and Finance Committees, and by assuming the expense involved as a result of the attendance of these workers at each Conference.

Estimated expense of this item.

\$ 15.00 the average railroad fare, round-trip from Minneapolis based on 400 miles north to the border and 200 miles south, 198 miles west, at 3 cents per mile.
5.00 for hotel expenses for one night, one day and a frac.
\$ 20.00 per person per day.
\$ 100.00 five persons for each Conference.
\$1,000.00 for ten conferences.

(b) The State Board will pay fee when necessary, and defray the expenses of speakers for each conference (other than local speakers), number to be determined by the State program Committee.

Estimated expense of this item:

\$ 25.00 travelling, hotel expenses, incidentals from Minneapolis.
25.00 for fee, ~~confer~~
\$ 50.00 per speaker for conference night, day and a fraction.
\$ 500.00 per one speaker for ten conferences.
\$1,000.00 for two speakers for ten conferences.

(c) The state will assume the expense necessary for free distribution of one or two pieces of printed matter at each conference.

Estimated expense of this item.

\$ 25.00 for one conference.
\$ 250.00 for ten conferences.
\$ 250.00 for national bulletins.
\$ 500.00 for the above two items for ten conferences.
(Expense to cover pledge cards, membership cards, and system of collection for the districts, not included in the above item.)

(d) The state Board will defray the expense necessary to call the first meeting to be held in each district.

Estimated expense of this item.

\$ 30.00 per thousand for letters and printed enclosure.
150.00 for five thousand for one conference
300.00 " ten thousand for one conference.
\$3,000.00 for ten conferences.

(No provision made for publicity expense, local speakers, meeting pla., etc.)

2. Following the first conference in each district, the State Board will offer assistance in the following manner:

(a) The State Board will pay the salary, travelling, and hotel expenses of an organization worker, to assist the district chairman in completing the organization of the district.

Estimated expense of this item.

\$ 100.00 salary per month.
200.00 railroad fare, hotel, automobile and incidental expenses.
\$ 300.00 per month per organizer.
\$ 3,000.00 per month for ten organizers.
\$ 10,000.00 per ten organizers covering period of 3 to 4 months.

(b) Upon request the State Board will send speakers to district meetings, and will assume expense necessary to cover this item.

Estimated expense of this item.

(Based upon round-trip from Minneapolis)

\$ 15.00 the average railroad fare
10.00 for hotel and motor expenses.
\$ 25.00
\$ 25.00 for fee (?)
\$ 50.00 per one meeting, one speaker.
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\$ 200.00 four meetings per year.
10
\$ 2,000.00 for ten districts.
2
\$ 4,000.00 for two speakers four times per year for 10 districts.

(c) The State Board will pay the railroad fare of the eight districts chairmen that they may attend the monthly meetings of the State Board.

(Suggest consideration for the plan of having the District include this item in its own budget after the conference.)

Estimated maximum cost of this item.

\$ 25.00 per day per person (round-trip)
\$ 2,000.00 per year will cover this item.

(d) The State Board will assume the expense necessary for circularization of each district.

Estimated expense of this item.

The population of each congressional district, 212,000.

On the basis of ten thousand for each district.

\$ 30.00 per thousand letter and printed enclosure.
\$ 300.00 per ten thousand, one district only once.
\$ 3,000.00 ten districts, once only.
\$ 12,000.00 for ten districts four times a year.

(Note: 387,000 votes cast in this State last Presidential election.)

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Estimated Expense for State Organization.

Minnesota League of Women Voters.

First ten conferences.

To expense	president and chairman for 10 confer.	\$1,000.00
" "	two speakers at ten conferences.	1,000.00
" "	calling first ten conferences	3,000.00
" "	printed matter for distribution 10 conf.	<u>500.00</u>
		\$5,500.00

Estimated expense for State organization
following first ten conferences.

To expense	organizer (10 dist. on basis of 3 mos.	\$10,000.00
" "	speakers for conferences and dist. mtgs.	4,000.00
" "	district chairman to State Board mtgs.	2,000.00
" "	district circularization	<u>12,000.00</u>

\$28,000.00

Maintenance State Headquarters
National assessment
Reserve Fund

\$ 8,000.00

3,000.00

5,500.00

\$16,500.00

\$ 5,500.00

\$28,000.00

\$16,500.00

\$ 50,000.00

Quota suggested for each County and Congressional
District based upon a State organization require-
ment of \$50,000.00.

DISTRICT NO. I.

Houston	\$222.00
Fillmore	507.00
Mower	472.00
Freeborn	435.00
Waseca	243.00
Steel	401.00
Dodge	244.00
Olmstead	417.00
Winona	713.00
Wabasha	388.00
	<u>\$4042.00</u>

DISTRICT NO. II

Faribault	\$443.00
Martin	410.00
Jackson	282.00
Nobles	357.00
Rock	216.00
Pipestone	262.00
Lincoln	318.00
Murray	228.00
Cottonwood	337.00
Watowan	276.00
Blue Earth	613.00
Brown	380.00
Redwood	412.00
	<u>\$4534.00</u>

DISTRICT NO. III.

McLeod	\$229.00
Sibley	225.00
Nicollet	218.00
Carver	196.00
Dakota	276.00
Scott	149.00
LeSueur	390.00
Rice	522.00
Goodhue	636.00
Washington	395.00
	<u>\$3236.00</u>

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Ramsey	\$10370.00
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DISTRICT NO. V.

Hennepin	\$11452.00
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DISTRICT NO. VI.

Sherburne	\$131.00
Stearns	470.00
Benton	214.00
Todd	304.00
Morrison	296.00
Aitkin	125.00
Crow Wing	310.00
Wadena	115.00
Hubbard	88.00
Cass	83.00
Beltrami	255.00
	<u>\$2391.00</u>

DISTRICT NO. VII

LacQui Parle	\$323.00
Yellow Med.	333.00
Renville	368.00
Chippewa	333.00
Kandiyohi	355.00
Meeker	300.00
Lyon	398.00
Swift	271.00
Big Stone	146.00
Pope	194.00
Stevens	133.00
Traverse	88.00
Douglas	271.00
Grant	169.00
	<u>\$3662.00</u>

DISTRICT VIII.

Carlton	\$482.00
Cook	37.00
Lake	220.00
St. Louis	4482.00
Itasca	473.00
Koochiching	139.00
	<u>\$5833.00</u>

DISTRICT IX.

Ottertail	\$859.00
Wilkin	160.00
Clay	391.00
Becker	313.00
Mahnomen	47.00
Norman	220.00
Polk	574.00
Red Lake	87.00
Pennington	139.00
Marshall	184.00
Kittson	166.00
Roseau	106.00
Clearwater	47.00
	<u>\$3,293.00</u>

DISTRICT NO. X

Anoka	\$203.00
Wright	250.00
Isanti	134.00
Mille Lacs	155.00
Kanebec	89.00
Pine	134.00
Chisago	222.00
	<u>\$1187.00</u>

SUMMARY.

Dist. No. 1	\$ 4042.00
2	4534.00
3	3236.00
4	10370.00
5	11452.00
6	\$2391.00
7	3662.00
8	5833.00
9	3293.00
10	<u>1187.00</u>
	\$ 50000.00

General Conference Meeting

1919
November 21-10:30 A.M.

Mrs. Ueland presiding.

Mrs. Ueland presented outline of plan of League.

Miss McDonald spoke on citizenship very briefly.

Discussion on school attendance:

Mrs. Kissam, Clear Spring, Minn.

State law, allows per capita appropriation to district school if pupil attends 40 days out of year.

Mrs. Monford, Clear Lake, Minn.

State law requires only 7 months term.

Mrs. Morse, Blue Earth, Minn., stated that families send children only a few days a week, thereby keeping their names on rolls.

Mrs. Fuller, Albert Lea, Minn., stated that reports should be made to truant officer every morning and afternoon. Problem is one of law. At present it is in hands of men who are afraid for their office. Should be in hands of State inspectors, etc.

Miss McDonald- Matter of attendance must be taken out of hands of local officials.

Mrs. Mack Broon, Excelsior- Parents permit too frequent excusal from school without cause. Absences should be investigated. This is done in Seattle.

Mrs. Olmstead, Excelsior- Parent-Teachers organization is being started in Excelsior. May be a remedy.

Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Thorp spoke briefly on the Party

question. Considerable discussion.

Mrs. English, Michigan- Power of vote is most telling at primaries and before, when platforms are made up, not at time of casting ballot. In Michigan, League appointed women from its own membership as leaders for affairs touching the 3 parties in the State. The parties then took these women over to head their own organizations of women. Women of League as individuals have party affiliation. Aim is that leaders should not be too prominently identified with parties. Women were educated as to principles of the parties, distributed in pamphlet, the work of a League or rather Suffrage Assn. committee which compiled information as honestly and humanly as possible. Party leaders were not consulted, but political science experts and lawyers were. Plan of having party leaders speak to represent their Parties abandoned as fizzle.

Michigan put organization on business basis - to pay the women who do the work. Experience taught that misdirected, voluntary work is dangerous. If a paid worker is sidetracked by partisan politics she can be fired. This applies to lobbyists. Mrs. English doesn't know party affiliation of many of their workers.

Still using suffrage financial plan. Tax 10¢ per member and voluntary. Tried to call on every woman in state. Left envelope at home in case woman was out, -this regarded as propaganda.

Dues- \$1.00 in the League in Michigan, but they do not

refuse membership if woman cannot pay.

Mrs. Coe presented plan of conferences and organization.

Suggested to put more propaganda in county papers and to address woman editor.

Mrs. Curtis reports Northfield interest in idea of Conference.

Mrs. English was asked to send Party pamphlet.

Minutes of a Meeting of the League of Women Voters
held Monday, December 8, 1919.

The Board meeting of the League of Women Voters was held Monday, December 8, 1919.

Mrs. Ueland presided and the following members were present.

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Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Serrin, Mrs. Maxson, Miss Wells, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Thorp, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Coe, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Searle, and Mrs. McKnight. Burr

The minutes of the previous meetings were read by the Secretary and approved.

The monthly report of the Treasurer was read. It was moved seconded and passed that the report of the Treasurer be accepted.

A motion was made and seconded that all outstanding bills be allowed. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding headquarters followed. Mrs. Merrill recommended that rooms on the third floor of the Myers Arcade be rented, the rent being \$125.00 per month. These rooms to be divided between the State and the Fifth District Headquarters. It was moved and seconded that the recommendations of Mrs. Merrill's Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

The Chairman of the Press Committee read her report, which was accepted.

It was suggested that the Chairman of the five standing Committees meet and prepare a bibliography on state law, etc., to be sent out under the auspices of the League of Women Voters.

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Mrs. Wells suggested that we get a list of the agencies already doing this work, who might be able to help us in getting

speakers, etc.

Miss Harrison read the report of her Committee on leaflets.

1. Party organization leaflet.
2. Presidential election
3. General election laws. (County leaflet ready to go to press)

A discussion of the State financial budget followed:

It was moved by Miss Wells and seconded by Mrs. Thorp that we accept the \$50,000.00 budget: The Chairman of the different districts report on the possibilities of raising their allotments in their respective districts as follows:

Mrs. Colton: The \$50,000 budget not possible in the 8th district.

Mrs. Stockton, 3d District: Talked little of budget want conference.

✓ Mrs. Maxson, 6th District. Did not seem impossible. Nothing definite.

Mrs. Serrin, 7th District: No report.

The Board voted to recommend the adoption of the \$30,000 budget and wait until conferences for allotments to be given out: Result of vote, 10 for and 2 against.

The Chairmanships of the following districts were reported vacant, 1st District, 9th District and 10th dist.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the vacancies in District Chairs be left to the Executive Committee and Mrs. Coe.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the resignation of Mrs. Sylvester be accepted with regret.

Mrs. Burr suggested the name of Mrs. Guire^S for the vacancy.

It was moved and seconded that all vacancies on the Board be left to the Executive Committee and Mrs. Coe. Motion carried.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the subject of membership cards be left to the Executive Committee.

A discussion of organization memberships followed:

Miss Wells moved to refer proposed district constitution to a special Committee to work out. Committee to pick out those matters which must conform to State constitution and then refer back to District Chairman to decide all other points at their discretion. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maxson and carried. Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Serrin, Mrs. Thorp, and Miss Harrison were appointed as the Special Committee.

Meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON FIRST DAY 2:00 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.

1.	The War and Citizenship	
	A member of a draft board	10 min
2.	The Public Schools and Citizenship, Old line Americans	
	A superintendent of schools	10 min
3.	The public Schools and Citizenship: New Americans	
	An Americanization worker	10 min
4.	A. A Federal Department of Education with Cabinet Officer	5 min.
	b. Teacher's Salaries and Democracy	
	A teacher	5 min.
5.	Libraries	
	A librarian	10 min
* 6.	Racial Groups in your Congressional District	10 min.
7.	View point of a New American	
	A prominent foreign-born American	10 min.
8.	Naturalization	
	A judge or federal or naturalization agent	5 min.
9.	Women's Clubs and Americanization	
	a. Study Programs - volunteer teaching and visiting in homes	
	A Club woman	10 min
* b.	The Immigrant Woman and her Problem	10 min
		95 min
	Distributed time for discussion on above topics	35 min
		2 hrs.

* Note: This subject should be given by a woman physician, county nurse, social settlement worker or librarian, who has first hand information. Untrained volunteer investigation is not advisable.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.
ORGANIZATION MEETING.

Morning - 10:00 - 12:00

Address - League of Women Voters. 20 Minutes.

Election of Officers.

Adoption of Constitution and by laws.

County and Township organization

Citizenship School - Do you want one?

What the State Association and University can do to help
your school.

LUNCH - NOON

EVENING MEETING.

or

EVENING BANQUET

or

NOON BANQUET

Address: Our Country and Citizenship, ie., Citizenship
and Democracy (Substance of Mrs. Catt's St. Louis
and Mpls. speeches.)

Money Raising.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING:

Choice of one of these topics to be presented by state chairman
of the subject and amplified by local speaker for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

1. Child Welfare
2. Industry
3. Social Hygiene
4. Laws
5. Food Supply and Demand.

Of remaining topics, 3 presented in 10 minutes each $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
2 hrs.

AFTERNOON

One more subject developed for	1 hour
Address: Government by Political Parties	30 min
Presidential Election next Fall	10 "
Publicity	10 "
Use of literature	<u>10 "</u>
	2 hours.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of the
Minnesota League of Women Voters, held on
Monday, January 12, 1920.

A regular meeting of the Board of the League of Women Voters was held at 10:30, January 12th. Mrs. Ueland presided and the following members were present:
Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Serrin, Miss Furness, Mrs. Kurz, Mrs. Maxson, Mrs. Strong, Miss Wells, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Searle, Miss Merrill, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Guise, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Marcley, Miss McDonald, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Stockton, and Mrs. Kuhlman.

Minutes of the meeting of January 8th read and corrected to read ^{that the} \$50,000 budget ^{was} accepted. Corrected minutes to be sent out to Board members. Accepted and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on January 1st. hand of \$1930.98. Moved, seconded, and carried that Treasurer's report be accepted.

Telephone bills to be allowed, ^{hereafter} Moved, seconded, and carried that bills ^{read} be allowed and paid.

Mrs. Guise read report of 4th District. Accepted with applause. It was requested that copy of this report be sent to State office.

Mrs. Strong read report of 5th District.

Letter of Miss Sanford read. Moved, seconded and carried that we accept Mrs. Swan's resignation as chairman of Child Welfare Committee.

Mrs. Sweetser and Mrs. Musser of Little Falls suggested

for chairman of this committee. Consideration postponed until later in day.

Moved that secretary write letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gale expressing sentiments as outlined by Mrs. Ueland in appreciation of their contribution. Carried.

Discussion of chairman for Women in Industry Committee followed. Mrs. Lauder Jones and Mrs. Dietrichson were suggested for the chairmanship. Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed with power to act on appointing chairman of Women in Industry Committee. Mrs. Ueland appointed: Mrs. Marcley, Miss McDonald and Mrs. Strong.

The Chicago Convention was discussed.

Moved and seconded that we appoint Mrs. Musser, chairman of State Child Welfare Committee. Carried. Notice to be sent by the secretary.

Finance plan was read by Mrs. Searle, chairman of Finance Committee.

Adjourned - 12:15.

3:15 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Morse, Miss Wells, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Olson, Miss Furness, Mrs. Melone, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Kuhlmann, Mrs. Hannah, Mrs. Guise, Miss Merrill, Mrs. Maxson, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Kurz, Mrs. Serrin, and Mrs. Thorp.

Moved that term "Chairman" and "vice-chairman" be used instead of president and vice-president. Carried.

Moved and seconded that it be the policy of this Board that all officers be elective. Carried.

Moved that some parliamentarian be employed to revise our State constitution. Seconded. The motion was withdrawn.

Mrs. Stockton was authorized to draw up a basis for district organization conforming to State Constitution.

Mrs. Thorp reported on press work for 3rd District Conference.

Mrs. Paige reported on program.

(See next page for Mrs. Stockton's report)

Mrs. Kurz reported on field work in the 3rd District.

Mrs. Searle asked for estimates of number of coin cards needed.

Adjourned

Mrs. Stockton reported on arrangements, outlining her plan as follows:

1. Get an important men's organization to take an interest. (Civic Association)
2. Get chairmen for committees, who in turn appoint their committee chairmen

Publicity- goes right to work

General Finance

Program

Local Arrangements

a. Hospitality, over-night & breakfast, offer-private hospitality for these.

b. Lunch- Pay lunch next day at Conf. Hall.

c. Hostess- to stand about in Conf. rooms.

d. Information- Booth at Conference with helpers.

e. Station- Trying to have enough cars to meet.

Lists- Get to work at once. First individual letter to individual list to arouse interest and get more names-

Suffrage

Council of Defense

Fraternal

Clubs

Sent to some women in each town asking for lists of presidents and secretaries of every organization having more than

ten members.

Credentials - Will be present at Conf.

Printing

Conference Room Committee- Secure halls, ushers, furniture.

Constitution

Resolutions

Nominations

Honorary Platform

Music

Lunch

Advisory

Conference Finance.

Talk to Committee chairman on League of Women Voters before they get to work.

1. Form letter to Ind. mailing lists.
2. To organizations a Call asking for delegates.
3. Call to individual mailing list.

Have printing done in district towns.

Membership blanks

Pledge cards

Leaflets

} From state office.

State office does all form letter work.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of the Minnesota
League of Women Voters, held on Tuesday March 2nd, 1920.

The regular meeting of the board of the L.W.V. was held
at 10:30 March 2nd, Mrs. Ueland presiding and the following
members were present: Mrs. Page, Mrs. Thorp, Miss Wells,
McDonald, Coe, Burr, ~~Seane~~, Furness, Colton, Moore, Spencer,
Dietrichson, Gemmell, Maxson, Serrin, Kurz, McKnight.

Minutes of the meeting of January 12th were read and
approved.

Office report read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of
(~~1897.44~~ 1917.44 on hand. Moved, seconded and carried that the
treasurer's report be accepted.

Bills for the month were read. Moved, seconded and
carried that the bills for the month be allowed and paid.

Report of the press committee read, accepted and placed
on file.

Reports from the district followed.

1st. District -- No report.

2nd. District -- Mrs. Morse reported on meeting in
Blue Earth and citizenship courses.

3rd District -- No report.

4th District -- Report read by Mrs. Forrestal, report
to be placed on file.

5th District -- Report read by Mrs. Carpenter, report
to be placed on file.

6th District -- Mrs. Maxson reported on work among
federated clubs and church societies, work has been
held up by influenza.

7th District -- Mrs. Serrin reported on letters to
federated clubs about new date for postponed conference.

8th District -- Mrs. Colton reported on informal talks
on meeting in Duluth. Work held up on account of
influenza.

9th District -- No report.

10th District -- No report as Mrs. Spencer has just
been appointed.

Secretary read minutes of Executive Committee. Moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of Executive Committee meeting of January 21st be approved.

Secretary read report on Executive Committee meeting of March 1st, and the following recommendations were acted upon.

(1) That Maud Wood Park be asked to spend two weeks instead of three in Minneapolis speaking every other night in St. Paul and that as her date of April 8th falls on Thursday, she be taken to Duluth on Thursday and Friday.

Moved seconded and passed that the chair appoint a committee from the board to consult with the 4th and 5th districts about those lectures. Chair appointed, Miss Harrison, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ueland.

(2) That Miss ^{Newbuhl} Newbuhl start a normal school for Political Education St. Paul. Moved, seconded and passed that this recommendation be accepted.

Report of standing committees followed.

Mrs. Dietrichson, chairman of committee of Women in Industry read report and platform of National Committee, with her own recommendations for state work.

Mrs. Coe moved that before the board of the L W V accept any legislative program, that program be submitted to the board for one month. Miss Spencer seconded the motion but motion was withdrawn.

Moved, seconded, carried that the National platform of the committee of Women in Industry be adapted, moved seconded and carried that a letter be written by the secretary to the National

Assignment Committee of the L. W. V. to find out relation of state work.

Mrs. Dietrichson instructed to get information through National Chairman Mrs. Robins and to place her report on file.

Adjourned at 12:15

3:30 P. M.

Miss McDonald chairman of Americanization Committee read report. Moved seconded, carried that report be adapted and placed on file.

Report of Child Welfare Committee read by Mrs. Sweetser. Moved, seconded - carried that this report be adopted and placed on file.

Moved, seconded and carried that if it is possible at the close of each district conference a course in citizenship be held from 3 to 6 days.

Mrs. Morse moved that it is the sense of this Board that the Executive Committee shall engage the employees and fix the salary.

Suggested that Mrs. Coe prepare a chart of organization.

Mrs. Serrin moved that Mrs. Paxson conference have Mrs. Maud Wood Park. Carried.

Miss Wells moved that Mrs. Kurg be named acting chairman of the 3rd District at the request of Mrs. Stockton. Moved, seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of the
Minnesota League of Women Voters, held on
April 7, 1920.

A regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of
Women Voters was held April 7, 1920.

Present: Mmes Ueland, Kurz, Dietrichson, Gemmell, Merse
Marcley, Burr, Melone, Coe, Olson, Serrin, Stockton, Logue,
Carpenter, Strong, Guise, Colton, Maxson and Misses Lusk,
Furness, Kneubuhl, Mc Donald, Monahan, Harrison, Merrill;
Mrs. Dowling of Olivia, Mrs. Brown of Little Falls and Mrs.
Diehl of Duluth as special guests of the Board.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and accepted.

Office Secretary

Executive Secretary

Treasurer

Organization Chairman

Fifth District Director of Political Education

The following district chairmen reported:

Mrs. Melone of Rochester (First District) reported on
a course of Citizenship lectures given in Rochester and
Stewartville. She has prepared talks on the following topics:

1. Political Parties
2. Method of Electing President
3. Constitution - Federal
4. Amendments
5. League of Women Voters

Mrs. Morse, Mankato (Second District) reported district meeting held in March. Every county was represented. Since the meeting, the county chairmen have reported almost every town supplied with chairman. Second district has plans for four Citizenship Schools.

Miss Wells - Kurz moved that it be the recommendation of the Board that the words "Political Education" be used instead of "Citizenship" in connection with our schools. Carried.

Mrs. Harry Kurz, Third District, reported on many schools held and being held in her district. She reported Rice and McLeod Counties well organized; Sibley, Nicollet and Goodhue well under way.

Mrs. Burr reported all districts organized in the 4th District. She suggested that we write to the National Board that we are encountering objection to woman relatives of government employees working on the League.

Mrs. Strong, (Fifth District) reported on three round-table conferences for speakers, and an inauguration of Saturday afternoon meetings under the direction of special hostesses to which all are invited. See written report on file at office for general statistics.

Meeting called to order at 2 P.M.

Reports from 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th districts

Mrs. Dietrichson presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"The program of the Women in Industry Committee of League of Women Voters was adopted as a whole by the Minnesota League at the March meeting. For a legislative program to receive our special attention and support during the present session of Congress and

the next session of the State Legislature,
We recommend:

(Federal)

First; the establishment, in the U.S. Department of Labor of a permanent Women's Bureau, with a woman as Chief and an appropriation adequate for the investigation of all matters pertaining to wage earning women and the determination of standards and policies which will promote their welfare, improve their working conditions, and increase their efficiency. Action taken to push this measure should be in accordance with any recommendations made by the National Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters.

(State)

First; limitation of the hours of work for wage earning women in industrial occupations to not more than eight hours in any one day or forty-four hours in any one week and one day's rest in seven.

Second; Prohibition of night work for women in industrial undertakings.

Miss McDonald, Chairman of the American Citizenship Committee submitted a general resolution concerning the Educational situation. Miss Wells offered the following substitute resolution, - as a motion, Seconded - Carried.

"Recognizing that the notorious under-payment of teachers constitutes a serious menace to the state and to the future of the children of the state, the Board recommends to the various Congressional Districts that they appoint committees to take up the matter with a view to offering the co-operation of the League of Women Voters in obtaining relief."

Moved that Miss Harrison notify all District Chairman.
Carried.

Moved that great publicity be given this, and copies be sent to all educators, - Governor, State Board of Education, State Superintendent, County Superintendent; definite Woman's

organization in each district.

Motion for a committee of three to draft a letter to go to District chairmen on this resolution. Harrison, Kneubuhl, Kurz.

Mrs. Gemmell reported on Child Welfare Committee.

Report on Conference of Sixth District by Mrs. Maxson of St. Cloud.

Discussion of the Eighth District Conference postponed to private conference with Executive Committee.

Discussion on Finances. Mrs. Kurz's plan of Finance read. Discussion on distribution of money for County, District and State.

✓ President asked that all letters on business be addressed to Miss Gladys Harrison, Executive Secretary of the League of Women Voters.

Meeting adjourned.

Notes on Special Board Meeting
with Mrs. Park
April 20, 1920

Organization, Mrs. Gellhorn has had encouraging answers from 35 out of 48 states to letter of inquiry concerning organization and schools.

Lining up the parties.

Mrs. Park read letter concerning the interviewing of delegates. Deputations to wait on all delegates to national convention between May 15-31. Plan big publicity in connection with these.

Planks will be sent early in May. Meanwhile no publicity.

Send ~~xx~~ lists of delegates and alternates to national conventions to Miss Reilly at once. (Sent)

National board will have hearing before national platform committee of the Republican party first week in May. There is no corresponding Democratic committee.

Minnesota Members Republican Platform Com:

John Crosby
John Irwin
Cong. Anderson
Sen. Kellogg

Send names of republican women delegates to Harriet Taylor Upton (Sent)

Send names of democratic women delegates to Mrs. Jacobs (Sent)

6-page folder to incorporate planks and arguments will be sent to delegates. 1000-word mimeographed arguments will be prepared

District deputations should be made up of women from within the district. Should be small - influential - should have members of the party to be interviewed. Make these deputations personal - men are hardened to organized pressure. Publicity is the principal gain.

State work.

Mrs. Park suggests a state legislative council with members of other organizations on it, and with an executive committee.

Recommendations for state legislation probably will be received in August.

Local work Mrs. Park conceives to be largely an enforcement proposition.

Next Board Meeting Discuss relationship of national committees to district organization. Ask chairmen of committees to report any appointments.

What time over was Simpson?
Mrs. Jacobs?

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of the
Minnesota League of Women Voters, held on
May 11th, 1920

The regular meeting of the League of Women Voters was held May 11th, 1920. Miss Wells presided, the following members were present:

Mmes. Wells, Thorp, Bennett, Colton, Coe, Paige, Hannah, Melone, Kur~~t~~z, Furness, Lusk, Harrison, Dietrichson, Carpenter Mitchell, Strong, McKnight, McDonald and Monahan.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The following reports were read and accepted: Office Secretary and Executive Secretary.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Ueland's letter of resignation be accepted with regrets.

Moved, seconded and passed that Miss Wells be asked to accept the presidency. Mrs. McKnight took the chair and Miss Wells was unanimously elected president.

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Ueland be made honorary president.

Moved, seconded and ~~passed~~ that Mrs. Ueland be made First vice president. The motion was withdrawn.

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Paige, Miss Lusk and Miss Mitchell be appointed to draw up a resolution in commemoration of Dr. Maria Sandford.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a letter of condolence be written and sent to Mrs. Spencer.

Moved and seconded that Miss Kneubuhl be given to Montana for a week's work during June. The motion failed to carry.

Treasurer's report was read showing deficit in the State Treasury of \$778.25. Moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

It was the sense of the board that Miss Kneubuhl be retained for normal school work only.

Moved, seconded and passed that Miss Furness' resignation as Director on the State Board be accepted with deep regrets.

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Ueland be elected to fill Miss Furness' place as Director on the State Board.

Moved, seconded and passed that the National Program of Child Welfare be endorsed.

Moved, seconded and passed that the following recommendation of the Executive Committee be accepted:

"That a legislative council for the League of Women Voters be formed. This committee to be composed of the chairmen of our special committees and of representatives of the legislative committees of other state organizations."

Moved, seconded and carried that the word "State" be stricken from this motion, the motion to read as follows:

"That a legislative council for the League of Women Voters be formed. This committee to be composed of the Chairmen of our special committees and of representatives from the legislative committees of other organizations."

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Ueland be appointed as chairman of this legislative council.

Discussion followed of the deputation of women from each congressional district who are to wait on delegates to the National convention from their districts to present planks for the National platforms.

Report on committee on resolution for Dr. Maria Sanford. The following resolution was passed:

(Insert)

Report of Districts.

Report of Mrs. Coe on her work in the state.

Discussion of district committees on higher salaries for teachers.

Informal discussion of the League of Women Voters and political parties.

Moved, seconded and passed that Miss Wells be asked to appoint a committee for Dr. Anna Howard Shaw memorial.

Adjourned.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of the
Minnesota League of Women Voters, held on June 22nd, 1920.

The reuglar meeting of the League of Women Voters was held on June 22nd, 1920. Miss Wells presided. The following members were present:

Mmes. Gemmell, Bennett, Dietrichson, Monahan, Merrill, Strong, Kurz, Harrison, McDonald, Ueland, Thorp, Carpenter, Spencer, Searle, Forrestal, Purdy, Melone, Marley, Mitchell and McKnight.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

There was no report from the Office Secretary.

Report of the Executive Secretary was read. She reported the following :

Organization of state by districts completed with conferences in the First and Ninth Districts.

Seventy-five county chairmen in 86 counties

Six county conferences held during the last month with speakers from headquarters

Eighteen schools held by Miss Kneubuhl in the period May 1 - July 1, in addition to numerous single talks .

Deputations to all alternates and delegates to national conventions reported from every district with generally favorable response.

Report of the Executive Secretary was approved.

Report of the Standing Committees :

Miss McDonald reported for the American Citizenship Committee, on translation of the League Literature into foreign languages for the foreign women. Moved, seconded and passed that a committee be appointed to look into the price of translating pamphlets into the foreign languages. Miss Wells appointed Miss McDonald and Mrs. Dietrichson on this Committee.

Mrs. Dietrichson, Chairman of Women in Industry Committee reported on Law inforcement. Moved, seconded and passed that the subject of law inforcement be referred to the legislative council at their first meeting.

Mrs. Gemmell, chairman of Child Welfare Committee, reported that 21 county chairmen for child welfare work had been secured.

Mrs. Monahan, Chairman of the Unification of Laws committee, reported that Unification of Laws had been presented at all district conferences.

Treasurer's report was read showing a balance June 23rd of \$377.11. Moved, seconded and passed that this report be adopted.

Mrs. Ueland, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, read minutes of the Minnesota Council of ^{Committee on Legislation} Social Hygiene. She also reported on the planks of the League of Women Voters platform at the National Association. 9 out of the 15 points covered by the League of Women Voters platform were accepted in Chicago

by the Republican Party and incorporated into the Republican platform.

Mrs. Ueland also reported on the personnel of the Legislative Council. So far acceptances have been received from the following organizations:

State Board of Education
Jewish Womens Council
Hennepin County Nurses Assn.
Minnesota Federation of Womens Clubs
Political Equality Club
Minnesota Committee on Social Legislation (?)
Womens Co-operative Alliance.

Discussion followed of Miss Peschakova as money raiser for the National League of Women Voters. Miss Peschakova is now working in the Third District, but no report on her work as she has only been working several days.

It was moved that we accept with thanks invitation of Mrs. Monahan to have next State Board Meeting on July 13th at the Reformatory at Shakopee.

Mrs. Melone reported on conference of ~~first~~ district. Teachers for Citizenship Schools were discussed.

Mrs. Kurz reported on work of her district of raising money and local problems in her counties.

Mrs. Marley reported on organization of the 9th district. She also reported that chairmen had been secured for all counties in the 9th district.

Discussion of meeting of all County chairmen with the State Board.

A uniform report form for monthly reports from county
chairmen was adopted.

Adjourned.

July 13th, 1920

The regular meeting of the League of Women Voters was held on Tuesday, July 13th.

The following members were present. Miss Wells presiding. Mmes. Kurtz, Stocton, Spencer, Mitchell, Harrison, Thorp, Paige, Bennett, Loque, Graves, Ueland, Morse, McDonald, Coynton, Kneubuhl, Monahan Markley, Gray and McKnight. ^{Olson} 1 Mrs. Saddler, president of the Montana Association, was a visitor at the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Report of the office secretary was read showing that 637 pieces of mail have been sent out from the office during the month of June, also 6,466 pieces of literature have been distributed. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Thorp, chairman of the press committee, reported on Mrs. McCormick's editorial in the Tribune and Miss Wells' answering editorial.

The treasurer's report was read showing that for the month of June the organization had been financed by money sent from the state irrespective of the Fourth and Fifth Districts. It was moved, seconded and passed that bills for the month be allowed and paid leaving a balance on hand of \$74.00.

Mrs. Ueland, chairman of the legislative council, reported for her committee. She reported on the legislative luncheon given at Dayton's on July 2nd at which luncheon were gathered together

members from the following organizations: Women's Cooperative Alliance, Political Equality Club, Jewish Women's Council, Womans Club, Hennepin County Nurses Association, Minnesota Committee on Social Legislation, State Board of Education, Catholic Womens League, League of Women Voters.

The minutes of this meeting were read. Discussion on Legislative Council followed. Mrs. Ueland told the Board that the Legislative Council would unite on certain preferred measures of legislation. Recommendations of the Council will always come back to the State Board of the L.W.V. for their final endorsement.

Mrs. Kneubuhl, director of political education, reported. She reported that 35 schools have already been held in the state. These schools last from two to three days. These early schools have ranged in attendance from three to one hundred, but it is the new policy to have at least, an attendance of fifty guaranteed for each school before Mrs. Kneubuhl is called upon to give her course.

Miss Harrison reported on the "Woman Citizen" subscriptions. She requests that these subscriptions come through the office as we get fifty cents a copy by having the subscription come that way.

Mrs. Ueland reported on the Woman Suffrage Building at the State Fair grounds. This building is known jointly as the Woman Suffrage Association and the Scandinavian Suffrage association building. This building has been sold for \$1000.00, \$800.00

of which belongs to the Suffrage Association. The Suffrage Association wishes to turn over this amount to the League of Women Voters towards our national pledge of \$1500.00 which was made at the Convention in Chicago. Moved, seconded and passed that we accept the \$800.00 from the Suffrage Association under these conditions. Moved, seconded and passed that a letter be sent to the National League of Women Voters telling them of this donation.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the annual meeting be held the first week in December, and that Mrs. Tiffany and Mrs. Slade be asked to speak at this convention. It was the sense of the board that we circularize as big a membership as possible before this convention in order to get delegates for the convention.

Discussion followed on "Getting out the Vote" for the Presidential election in November. Mrs. Marpley suggested that we have house-to-house canvass. Use of literature discussed. Suggestions to be put on pamphlets for use before Presidential Primary and Presidential election to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Secretary be given two week's vacation with pay.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the next Board meeting be held the first Wednesday in September.

A discussion followed of the annual national convention. At

this convention Mrs. Park wishes to have one delegate from each congressional district from every state in the United States.

Miss McDonald reported on the Committee for the translation of League literature into foreign languages. She reported that the editor of the Polish paper has moved to St. Paul, but she thought she could get his paper, The Polish National Weekly, to re-print some of our League literature in the columns of his newspaper.

The meeting was adjourned.

On August 19, 1920 at 2:30 P.M. a meeting was held at 321 Meyers Arcade to consider plans for celebration of the ratification of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. Members of State Suffrage Association Board, representatives from the Republican and Democratic women's organizations and some members of the League of Women Voters were present, including Mmes. Ueland, Marcley, Smith, Harrison, Gray, McKnight, Dr. Hurd, Burr Forrestal, Abbott, Farmer, Holman, Guise, Quinlan, Misses Lusk, Farrington, Merrill, Rosholt, Dr. Ulrich, Mmes. Rosencrans and Lowry.

Bulletins from Mrs. Catt were read calling for celebration when Secretary of State shall issue proclamation declaring Federal Amendment ratified.

Dr. Hurd, seconded by Mrs. Thorp moved that in consideration of the uncertainty we postpone even the ringing of bells until week from Saturday. Words "even ringing of bells" Pres. ruled out of order as we are asked to do that by the National Board. Motion as stated lost.

Mrs. Sweetser, seconded by Miss Farrington, moved that we have all whistles in addition to bells. Carried.

Mrs. Forrestal, seconded by Miss Farrington, moved that if Tennessee settles ratification Friday August 20th we have whistles blown and bells ring on Saturday August 21st without regard to issuing of proclamation. Rising vote was called for. Sustained.

Miss Farrington moved, seconded by Miss Lusk that store

keepers be asked to use stars and stripes in decoration on day that bells are rung. Carried

Miss Farrington-seconded by Dr. Ulrich, moved that we have no celebration beside bells and blowing of horns. Miss Farrington withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Miss Quinlan, moved that as close to registration day as possible Auditorium meeting for Mpls and St. Paul be held with best possible National speakers obtainable. Carried.

It was recommended that ministers in St. Paul and Mpls be reached in an endeavor to get ratification sermons.

Dr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, moved that we have slides made announcing that women have the vote. Carried.

It was suggested that mayor be asked to issue a proclamation asking people to display flag on day whistles are blown.

Mrs. Abbot, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, moved that task of asking merchants to display flags be divided among Republican women, Democratic women, League of Women Voters, Womens Party. Carried.

Mrs. Farmer volunteered to see that both Capitols were decorated.

(Insert)

WHEREAS, Our City, State and Country has sustained a great loss in the death of our most illustrious woman citizen, Maria Sanford, and

WHEREAS, we feel that her life has been a great inspiration to all people of the State through the influence of her spoken and written word and the energizing power of her magnetic personality,

BE IT RESOLVED that We, the Board of Directors of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, do hereby express our sympathy for her family, realizing that the whole country shares in their grief, as it also does in the beneficent influence of her life, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the family and be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

September 9th, 1920

The regular meeting of the League of Women Voters was held on Thursday September 9th.

Miss Wells presided and the following members were present:-
Mmes. Marcley, Dietrichson, Carpenter, Spencer, Harrison, Thorp, Kneubuhl, Mitchell, Serrin, Logue, Ueland, Searle, McDonald, Ulrich and McKnight.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for two months was read showing a balance of \$445.26 for August and a deficit of \$469.17 for September.
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Report of the office secretary was read showing that during the month of August 107 packages, 69 typed letters, 89 dictated letters, 600 press bulletins, 54 board notices and 30 checks had been sent out in the mail. 6 sets of special posters were sent each County chairman for use in getting out the vote in November. The report was adopted.

The Executive Secretary reported that a set of six posters had been prepared for getting out the vote and sent to every county chairman. Also pink, white and blue/^{ballots} had been prepared for use in county fairs like the ones used at the state fair. Her report showed 66 active county chairmen leaving 20 counties in the state still without leaders. These are as follows:

1st District	-	1	County Chairman
2nd "		4	" Chairmen
3rd "		3	" "
6th "		2/	" "
7th "		5	" "
8th "		1	" "
9th "		4	" "
10th "		1	" "

Miss Kneubuhl since July has spoken in 13 towns and has been the 1st, 2nd, 7th, 9th and 10th districts. In seven of these she conducted two day schools. She has spoken in all in 45 towns. Six speakers have been provided for other meetings outside of the city. Reported on the Sheppard-Towner bill. Letters sent to twenty candidates running for congressmen. We have had answers from the following:-

Name of Candidate	Party	District	Stand
Sydney Anderson	Republican	1	Yes
Frank Clayton	"	2	"
Charles R. Davis	"	3	No reply ✓
Oscar E. Keller	"	4	Yes
W. H. Newton	"	5	"
Harold Knutson	"	6	No reply
O. J. Kvale	"	7	"
Oscar J. Larson	"	8	"
Halvor Steenerson	"	9	Yes
Thomas D. Schall	"	10	"
Julius J. Reiter	Farm Labor	1	"
John Gabriel Solfus	"	10	"
Frank Simon	Democratic	2	No reply
J. M. Mittell Millett	"	3	Yes
Thomas J. Brady	"	4	No reply
T. O. Dahl	"	5	Yes
James C. Mitchell	"	7	"
W. L. Carre Carass	"	8	"
Frank Jeffers	"	9	yes No reply
Harry A. Finlayson	"	10	"

This report was adopted.

• Report of Press Committee. Mrs. Thorp reported that there should be publicity chairmen in all counties. Discussion of the

"Star" the new non-partisan paper in Minneapolis. It was the sense of the meeting that news be given to non-partisan papers as well as to other papers throughout the state. Discussion of publicity on ~~rad~~^radification throughout the state and publicity at county fairs.

Report on ~~rad~~^radification celebration. Mrs. Ueland talked about meeting she had called to discuss ~~rad~~^radification celebration. Bells and whistles were rung on Saturday August 28th. The down town stores promised to decorate their windows, but failed to do so. A mass meeting to celebrate ~~rad~~^radification is to be held later on in Minneapolis and also in St. Paul.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the district chairmen send in their quotas in full without deducting traveling expenses of district chairmen or other expenses allowed on the budget.

Report of the legislative council. Mrs. Ueland reported that they had had no meeting for the last month. A special meeting is to be held soon of the Women in Industry. It is the plan of the committee to send out letters to candidates for state legislature asking them how they will stand on certain measures to get them committed before election day. Discussion followed on all legislative work. A committee is to be appointed to look up official records of legislation. Mr. Buell's book recommended.

Report of Committee on Social Hygiene. Dr. Ulrich suggested a committee on Public Health take the place of Social Hygiene. The laws of public health are so good in the state a committee is not really necessary. It was moved, seconded and passed that we add Public Health to the name Social Hygiene, making the name of Dr. Ulrich's committee, Public Health and Social Hygiene.

Mrs. McKnight reported on country fair held at her home August 31st. So far returns amount to \$1418.00, but money is still coming in.

Report of director of political education. Reported on work of 9th District. Good preparation work of classes praised. Men should be asked to speak at these meetings for not more than fifteen minutes. Spoke of township organization in 6th District. Spoke of work at the State Fair, especially, the interest aroused by the amendment ballot. Miss Kneubuhl read discussion on getting out the vote. Work should be done at all county fairs towards interesting the women in getting out and voting. The following suggestions are offered for getting out the vote:

- Poling Booths on Nicollet Avenue
- Street Car Advertising
- Advertising in store windows
- Sandwich men
- Boys with banners
- Four minute speakers in moving picture houses
- Trailers on all of the movies
- Radification celebration held throughout the state

Transparencies across streets in country towns
Democratic and Republican candidates for state offices
to speak at meetings.

Suggestions for getting out the vote for county fairs :

3 minute speeches by men and women
Straw vote and ballots

It was suggested that district chairmen in whose district the county fair is held call all her county chairmen together for a meeting one of the days at the fair. These suggestions for getting out the vote are to be put on a bulletin and sent to all district and county chairmen.

It was the sense of the meeting that one method of getting out the vote is to hold meetings with candidates of all parties as speakers.

Finance - how to meet bills. Mrs. Spencer says she will collect from Princeton fifty dollars, from booth at fair \$39.25 and from Anoka \$75.00. Mrs. ^{Costin} Colton[?] believes there is \$200.00 in her district already collected and will write Mrs. Leach and county treasurers immediately. Mrs. Serrin sent \$30.00 to treasurer personally and is about to make trip through district when she will push finance. Miss Mitchell reports activities in many counties ^{to raise funds} which will be forwarded as received. Mrs. Carpenter reports that fifth district probably can pay \$200.00 to state this month. Miss Wells urges district chairmen to go after women able to make large contribution. No large pledges have been received from women outside of the Twin Cities.

Miss Mitchell moved that in view of deficit revealed by treasurer's report each district and county officer be made to feel her responsibility to collect and get in to state all pledges, and if possible other contributions to meet necessary expenses of the state organization. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported that public hearings on minimum wage will be held in St. Paul, Duluth and Minneapolis about September 20th and that she has material on the subject that she will furnish district chairmen on request provided chairmen will have responsible women present.

Mrs. Dietrichson also reported a luncheon for Miss Mary Anderson of Women's Bureau in Department of Labor held early in August.

Mrs. Gemmell's resignation as chairman of the Child Welfare Committee was presented. It was moved that Mrs. Gemmell's resignation be laid on the table for further consideration and that the president write her to see if she cannot be persuaded to continue the work. Seconded and carried

Moved that a letter be sent to Mrs. Kurz expressing the appreciation of the Board for her splendid services as acting chairman of the 3rd District. Seconded and carried.

Moved that Mrs. Strong be appointed first vice president to fill the vacancy. Seconded, carried.

Moved and carried that Miss Eleanor Mitchell be made acting

chairman of the 6th District in the absence of the chairman,
Miss Ruth Mitchell.

Agreed to refer matter of arranging a meeting for Miss
Julia Lathrop be left to the executive committee.

Recommended that every district chairman see that an
effort is made to have women appointed to the position of
judges and clerks of election, especially, in case a call is
made for volunteers to help handle the rush due to the in-
creased vote.

A motion carried that district chairmen be consulted as to
convenient day for meeting.

Carried that next meeting be 2nd Tuesday or Wednesday in
October.

Meeting adjourned.

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Minutes

A regular meeting of the State Executive Board was held at the State Reformatory for Women at Shakopee on October 6th, ¹⁹²⁰ by special invitation of Miss Monahan.

Present: Miss Wells, presiding; Mmes Bennett, Marcley, Thorp, Kenaston, Spencer, Serrin, Guise, Dietrichson, Logue, Ueland; Misses McDonald, Monahan, and Harrison. Guests present at the meeting were Mrs. Klein, Secretary of the League in Nicollet County and Miss Parsons of Fergus Falls. The minutes of the last Board Meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read, showing a deficit of \$863. The treasurer's report was accepted. Discussion followed of means of meeting this deficit. It was moved and seconded that the action of the President in approving the August bills be ratified.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a finance statement showing how money has been expended should be prepared and sent County Chairmen. The reports of the office secretary, and executive secretary were read and approved. The Press Chairman gave a verbal report of the press situation in the state. It was suggested that a special press bulletin be sent out on the amendments to be voted on this fall.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported on the Minimum Wage hearing October 5th. It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent from this Board to Mr. Gardnier,

of the Minimum Wage Commission, urging that immediate steps be taken to establish a minimum wage based on the present cost of living.

Miss Monahan reported for a Committee on the Legal Status of Women and Mrs. Ueland reported on the Legislative Council.

A report from Mrs. Melone on work in the first district was read and approved. Reports on the work in the 4th, 5th, 7th and 10th districts were given by Mmes. Guise, Marcley, Serrin, and Spencer.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Gemmell's resignation as chairman of the Child Welfare Committee be taken from the table. Moved, seconded and carried that this resignation be accepted with regret.

Moved, seconded and carried that Miss McDonald as Chairman of the Committee of American Citizenship be accepted with regret. The name of Elizabeth Hall was placed in nomination for chairman of the American Citizenship Committee, and a motion to elect was unanimously carried.

It was reported that Mrs. A. W. Strong had declined the First Vice-Chairmanship of the State League as she has accepted a position on the Board of the 5th District League.

It was reported that Mrs. James Morrisson of Chicago has agreed to speak at the annual convention in December.

Moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Winter be invited to address the convention. Moved, seconded and carried that President Coffman be invited to speak on educational conditions at the convention.

Moved, seconded and carried that an invitation be sent to county chairmen and other officers to attend the next meeting of this Board.

Moved, seconded and carried that the President appoint a committee with power to act to outline plans for the annual convention, reserve place and report to the next meeting of this Board.

Moved, seconded and carried that the regular meeting day of this Board be the second Wednesday in the month.

Moved, seconded and carried that Friday, November 5th be named the day for the November Board meeting.

Mrs. Bennett was appointed to confer with Miss Monahan about the selection of a name for the new building at the State Reformatory.

Moved and carried unanimously that the Board thank Miss Monahan for her hospitality in entertaining the Board at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

October 6, 1920

September saw the beginning of a state-wide getting out the Vote campaign, the first step in which was the League of Women Voters booth at the Minnesota state fair. The booth was manned all through the week with women able to answer questions as to the technique of voting and the League of Women Voters itself, the voting play was produced four times, and 6,000 sets of the special ballot dodgers were put into the hands of visitors.

This experiment was so successful that a bulletin was sent to all county chairmen telling them of the plan and offering to send out supplies of the ballot dodgers at cost price. The response to this was splendid. In 27 days 45 chairmen sent us in orders totalling 16,875 sets. Our reports on the number of League booths held at county fairs is far from complete but show that they were a feature in the following counties:

Anoka
Becker
Beltrami
Big Stone
Blue Earth
Carlton
Chippewa
Chisago
Clay
Dakota
Faribault
Freeborn
Hennepin
Houston

Isanti
Kandiyoki
Lac qui Parie
McLeod
Morrison
Nicollet
Nobles
Olsted
Ottertail
Polk
Mahnomen
Red Lake
Redwood
Rice

Sherburne
Stearns
Steele
Wabasha
Yellow Medicine

Speakers from headquarters were sent to speak at three of these fairs.

The demand for literature of all kinds has been very heavy all through the month, and we have had to make reprints of some of the educational leaflets. In addition every mail has brought us many questions on points not covered by any general leaflets - specific information on candidates, the history of particular pieces of legislation, etc. - which it has taken considerable time and research to answer. To answer the many letters which come asking for information concerning the various parties and candidates, we keep on hand copies of the platforms of all the national parties, and have mimeographed lists of all candidates on the state ballot, and bibliography on all the presidential candidates. Detailed information on all candidates is being collected and put on card files. A questionnaire asking their stand on the planks of the League of Women Voters and on other matters of more general interest has been sent to all candidates for congress, and replies are now coming in. A questionnaire to all candidates for the legislature and for governor and lieutenant-governor will go out this week.

The number of orders received for the ballot dodgers was so encouraging that we prepared a special inspirational dodger to use in the final wind-up of the campaign and sent samples to

all county chairmen offering to supply them in unlimited quantity at the same low rate as the ballot dodgers.

We found it very hard to get information on the pros and cons of the important amendments to be submitted this fall, but our difficulty was solved by the generous co-operation of Prof. Anderson of the Bureau of Research in Government at the University who prepared a very thorough statement covering all four amendments. This was mimeographed and sent to all county chairmen and to many others on request, and makes an admirable basis for study and discussion. The idea of holding special amendment meetings of "Pink Ballot Teas", which originated in Minneapolis, was passed on to all chairmen and to all chairmen and is being taken up eagerly.

County chairmen were also advised of the rulings in regard to the serving of women as election officials and urged to co-operate with local officials in manning the polling places and relieving the congestion and confusion which may result from the increased number of new voters this fall. Reports from a few counties show that the chairmen are hard at work on this problem.

Miss Kneubuhl started the month of September by putting in a strenuous week at the state fair. Since then she has addressed meetings in Fergus Falls, Ada, Crookston, Aitkin, Brainerd, Royalton, Anoka, Owatonna, Kasson, Minneapolis,

and South St. Paul. This has meant giving from six to twelve speeches a week, with hard travelling in between, and many extra conferences to solve local organization problems. The schools have been particularly successful this month, the chairmen having given painstaking care in the preliminary arrangements which insure a big attendance from the start. In most cases the financial end has also been well handled - at three of the schools over \$100 was raised on the spot and has been promptly sent in.

No new chairmen have been reported for counties which have been without chairmen, although there have been some some changes in the officers of counties already organized. There have been two resignations in the Third District.

Six out-of-twon requests for speakers have been filled from headquarters.

Office Secretary's Report

Aside from the usual number of requests for literature, during September many orders have come for county fair posters, dodgers, etc.

At the request of Mrs. Gellhorn we mailed 37 sample packages of our posters to Leagues in other states.

A number of stencils have been made for mimeographing, consisting of new bibliographies, helps for speakers' bureaus, letters to candidates for Congress and questionnaires for these candidates.

County Chairmen were circularized with a letter regarding preparation for county Fair booths and getting out the vote.

The mail for the month of September consisted of:

- 232 dictated letters
- 62 typed letters
- 195 packages
- 30 minutes of Board meeting
- 27 letters to candidates for Congress
- 65 " County Chairmen
- 14 bills for literature
- 20 checks
- 28 Board notices

making a total of 673 pieces of mail during the month,

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of the
Minnesota League of Women Voters, held November 5th, 1920.

The regular meeting of the League of Women Voters was held November 5th, 1920. Miss Wells presided, the following members were present: Mmes: Carpenter, Merrill, Thorpe, Nickerson, Logue, Marcley, Westrum, Gault, Spencer, Kendrick Monahan, Olson, Humphrey, Parsons, Kenney, Whittier, Scott, Melone, Lusk, Guise, Meighen, Purdy, Paige, Coleman, Kelly, DeLong, Thurston, Peterson, Diddlelake, Mitchell, Rice, Webb, Bertelson, Grass, and Bouch, Harrison, Kneubuhl and Ueland.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Office Secretary's report was read and approved.

Executive Secretary's report was read. It was requested that a copy of the Executive Secretary's report be sent to all country papers.

Treasurer's report was read showing a deficit of \$1133.00 at this date. The report was accepted. It was moved that all bills be paid. Carried.

Press Report.

Legislative Council

Report of Legal Status of Women.

Report of temporary meeting committee. Dates to be December 7, 8, 9th. There will be important sessions on education, legislation, policy, etc., with big luncheons and mass meeting.

It was moved that the President be empowered to appoint chairmen of general committee and local arrangement committee. Carried.

Mrs. John Dalrymple Appointed chairman of local arrangements Committee. It was suggested that each district chairman appoint a member of the general committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Gault that this body send an expression of sympathy to Dr. Wilson on the death of his wife.

Mrs. Melone reported for First District.

Mrs. Olson reported on the 4th District

Mrs. Carpenter reported on the 5th District

Miss Mitchell reported on the 6th District

Mrs. Spencer reported on the 10th District.

Discussion of alterations in old Constitution. Mrs. Paige was acting chairman. The ^{new} constitution was read and compared article by article with the old constitution.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the vice chairmen to come up this year for re-election be those from districts, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 and for the following year the vice-chairmen be elected from districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 was passed. It was moved, seconded and passed that the nominating committee draw for the directors for re-election.

Discussion of Section 2 Article 2.

Machinery of nomination discussed.

Discussion of annual convention in December. It was moved, seconded and passed that the nomination of delegates to be appointed from each district be left with the constitution committee with power to act.

Discussion of Article 4. It was moved, seconded and passed that article be recommended with the exception that the word "but" be inserted instead of the words "except that".

Discussion of winter plans. Mrs. Marcley spoke on University Extension Course to be given in January and laid stress on local Government which is to be the subject of the course. Miss Kneubuhl spoke of courses in local government to be given throughout the state, Stressing local government as the vital thing for women to take. Local charters should be studied. Spring elections and parliamentary law should also be studied.

Moved, seconded and passed that the recommendation of the Executive Board that Miss Kneubuhl be sent to the convention in Indianapolis be accepted.

N, Moved, seconded and passed that the resignation of Mrs. Gemmell, as director of Child Welfare, be accepted with regret.

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Dieudonne of Anesville be nominated to succeed Mrs. Gemmell as Director of Child Welfare in the state.

Moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Resholt's resignation as director of Research be accepted with regret.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Miss Hanson be nominated to fill the position of director of Research.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Board adopt the policy of recommending to the government that a woman who shall not be a political appointee be put upon state board of control.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes of Executive Meeting of the League of
Women Voters, Held on Friday, October 29th, 1920.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of
Women Voters was held on Friday, October 29th, at the
League Headquarters. The following members were present:
Mmes. Thorpe, Wells, Harrison, Bennett and McKnight.

Discussion of alterations in old constitution. New
Constitution read by Secretary and compared article by
article with old constitution.

Discussion followed of Section 1 Article 4 - Section
3 Article 5 and Article 4.

Discussion of annual meeting followed and Mrs. McKnight
was to see Civic and Commerce Association about getting
Auditorium free of rent for December 8th or 9th.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting of Executive Committee of the League of Women
Voters, November 3rd, 1920.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of Women
Voters was held on Wednesday, November 3rd, 1920. The following
Members were present: Mmes. Wells, Thorpe, Bennett, Harrison and
McKnight.

Alterations in constitution again discussed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Committee
recommend to the Board that the Vice-Chairmen to come up this
year for re-election be those from districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9,
and for the following year the vice-chairmen be elected from
districts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 and as there is no such order in
directors to be followed, the executive committee recommends that
the directors draw ~~for~~ re-election.

Discussion of the meeting of the National Municipal League in
Indianapolis.

Moved, seconded and passed that the Executive Committee rec-
ommend to the Board that Miss Kneubuhl be sent to this convention.

Meeting adjourned.

CONVENTION MINUTES

A meeting of the Executive Board was held Tuesday, December 7, ¹⁹²⁰ at 9:30 A.M. at the Curtis Hotel.

Present: Miss Wells, Lmes. Ueland, Spenser, Serrin, Colton, Paige, Marcley, Dietrichson, Thorp, Miss Kneubuhl and Miss Harrison.

The report of the Constitution Committee was presented by Mrs. Paige, moved, seconded and carried to amend Section 4, Article VI, of the By-Laws, to read: In case of failure of a county to elect a chairman, the Vice-President of that district shall have power to appoint a chairman. Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the proposed constitution as amended.

The Treasurer's report for the past year and a budget of \$20,000 for the coming year were presented by Miss Harrison, and adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that it be the sense of this board that money raised at this convention be applied on the state quota and be paid directly to the State Treasurer, but may be collected by the districts whenever, in the judgement of the State Board, this seems advisable. Moved, seconded, and carried that the money raised at the convention shall be credited on the quota of the counties contributing and any over the subscription shall be returned to the county for local expenses.

Moved, seconded and carried that the cash contributed at the Mass Meeting go to defray the expenses of the convention.

The recommendations of the Legislative Council were presented and their approval was moved, seconded and carried as follows:

Recommendations of the Women in Industry Committee:

1. Increase in the appropriation for the Minimum Wage Commission from the very inadequate sum of \$10,000 for a two-year period to \$25,000 for the same period.
2. Increase or readjustment of the appropriation for the State Labor Department so as to give a more adequate budget to the Bureau of Women and Children, basing the amount on the principle of equal pay for equal work for the women inspectors as compared with the men and providing for the addition of at least one woman inspector.
3. Amendment of the laws regulating the hours of labor so as to provide for an 8-hour day, a 48-hour week and one day's rest in seven for women employed outside the home.

Recommendations of the Committee on American Citizenship:

1. Enactment of bills contained in the report of the State Board of Education on the revision of state aid, substantially as printed.
2. Amendment to the existing school laws increasing the minimum school term to eight months.
3. Enactment of a bill for compulsory school attendance.

Recommendation of the Committee on Uniform Laws Concerning Women:

1. Amendment of the law relating to qualifications of jurors so that women will be eligible for jury service.

Recommendations of the Committee on Child Welfare.

1. (a) Increase in the maximum allowed under the present county allowance or Mothers' Pension law.

(b) Appropriation as already provided for by law for state aid to counties accepting the supervision of the Board of Control in the administration of the Mothers' Pension law.

2. Enactment of a bill for the regulation of street trades to prevent the employment of children.

Tuesday A. M., December 7th

The convention was called to order by Miss Wells.

Mrs. Walter J. Marcley, chairman of the Fifth District, gave the address of welcome to all the out-of-town delegates. Mrs. C. C. Colton, Chairman of the Eighth District, made the response in behalf of the visiting delegates.

Mrs. McKnight made a report of the local arrangements committee.

The following members were appointed chairmen of the various committees:

Constitution Committee	Mrs. James Paige
Credentials	Mrs. A. E. Helmick
Finance	left for the afternoon session
Nominating Committee	Mrs. Walter J. Marcley

In the absence of the treasurer, Miss Harrison read the Treasurer's annual report. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be adopted for the period November 1, 1919, to November 1, 1920, having a total expenditure of \$16,324.32. Carried.

The Executive Secretary's report was given which included a complete report of the year's work (Report enclosed herewith). Mrs. O. B. DeLaurier of the Sixth District made the motion that the Executive Secretary's report be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report of the first day's registration up to ten o'clock in the morning:

From the 1st Dist. there were	18	6th Dist.	5
2nd "	4	7th "	11
3rd "	19	8th "	not represented
4th "	16	9th "	5
5th "	35	10th "	1

Report carried.

Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, December 7, 2:00 P.M.

Miss Wells called the convention to order.

Mrs. Paige, presented the report of the constitution committee (See attached copy)

The constitution was read section by section and there being no amendments suggested, Mrs. Paige moved the adoption of the report as read. The motion was duly seconded and the constitution as read adopted.

Mrs. Paige then proceeded to read the by-laws section by section. Upon the reading of Sec. 1 of Article II, Mrs. Rubins moved that the words "The names of two candidates for each office shall be presented whenever possible" be changed to "the names of two candidates whenever possible shall be presented". Motion duly seconded and carried.

Upon the reading of Sec. 1, Article III, Mrs. Gleason moved that the apportionment of delegates be made on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred with at least one delegate for each county. Motion seconded. After discussion the Chair put the motion and it was lost.

Mrs. Forrestal moved that the basis of the representation be the ten congressional districts - fifty delegates for each congressional district, making five hundred delegates and in addition a certain number at large, the number of which is to be left to the board and the apportionment as to counties to be left to the district chairman. Motion seconded and when put to vote, lost.

Mrs. Dickerson moved to amend article IV by adding the following words, "but only sustaining members shall have the right to vote." The motion was seconded and after general discussion, put to a vote and lost.

At the conclusion of the reading of the by-laws as recommended by the committee, Mrs. Paige moved their adoption as read subject to the amendment to Sec. 1 of Art. II. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wells then introduced Mrs. Dieudonne, chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, who spoke briefly and in turn introduced Mr. Bruno who spoke on social legislation. At the close of Mr. Bruno's address Mr. Wm. Hodson, Director of the Children's Bureau, was introduced and spoke upon the legislative program for child welfare.

Judge Senn of the Juvenile Court was then introduced and gave a short address.

Miss Wells resumed the chair and members of the legislative council were invited to take seats upon the platform.

Mrs. Ueland then spoke upon the following legislative program which she presented as the recommendation of the legislative council. (See Legislative program as adopted by the Executive Board)

At the close of Mrs. Ueland's address, Mrs. Martin Olson moved the adoption of the recommendation of the legislative council to increase the maximum allowed under the present county allowance or Mothers' Pension Law. Seconded, discussed and carried.

Mrs. Geo. Tuttle of Austin moved the adoption of the report relating to an appropriation to make effective the law which provides aid for counties accepting the supervision of the Board of Control in the administration of the Mothers' Pension Law. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Gault moved the adoption of the report that a bill be enacted for the regulation of street trades to prevent the employment of children. Motion seconded. Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Reckner, Mrs. Guise and Miss Monahan spoke briefly in relation to this measure. Upon being put to a vote the recommendation was adopted.

Miss Eleanor Mitchell then presented the report of the finance committee on the budget for the next year.

Mrs. Gault moved that consideration of the budget be postponed until Thursday afternoon. Motion seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned

Evening Session December 7th

Miss Wells called the convention to order.

Mr. W. I. Norton, member of the Minnesota Legislature, Dr. C. A. Prosser, director of Dunwoody Institute, and Prof. R. E. Cushman, of the University of Minnesota, were introduced in turn and discussed the history of election reform in this country and proposed modification of the primary election laws in this state. Mr. Norton spoke strongly against the old-style convention made up of an unwieldy number of delegates, which transacted business in haste and was easily manipulated by well organized machines. He spoke favorably of a proposed pre-primary party convention, carefully surrounded by legal safeguards, to present the names of two candidates for each office, to be voted upon at the the primary election. He maintained that the character of the state legislature has been greatly improved since members have been elected on an unpartisan basis, and suggested that all state offices might well be put on the same basis.

Dr. Prosser and Prof. Cushman argued for responsible party organization in the state, putting the state legislature back on a party basis, and going back to some form of the convention system.

All three speakers agreed that national party organizations have no place in city and county politics, and all spoke for the short ballot as a necessity if citizens are to take an intelligent interest in elections.

Discussion lasted half an hour. Meeting adjourned.

Morning Session, Wednesday December 8, 10 A.M.

The session was called to order by Miss Wells.

Miss Kneubuhl gave a very clear-cut outline of the program building for the year.

Mrs. Walter Thorp gave a short talk on keeping in touch, announcing the first issue of "The Woman Voter" to be published monthly by the Minnesota League of Women Voters. Discussion on local finance was led by Mrs. H. A. Patterson, Mrs. Gus Peterson, and Miss Watkins.

Discussion of Speakers' Bureaus was led by Miss Eleanor Mitchell, Mrs. Chauncey C. Colton and Mrs. Robert Sprague.

The following report was made by the committee on Credentials.

1st Dist.	39
2nd "	10
3rd "	27
4th "	43
5th "	52
6th "	8
7th "	14
8th "	3
9th "	7
10th "	12

The Nominating Committee made the following report.

Nominations for State Executive Board:

1st Vice-President	Mrs. James Paige
Treasurer	Mrs. Clifford W. Ashmun
Recording Secretary	Miss Alice O'Brien
Directors	Mrs. Ueland
	Mrs. J. M. Guise,
	Mrs. R. M. Bennett

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast ballot as presented for the nominations.

The following nominations were presented for District Chairmen:

1st District	Mrs. E. L. Sylvester, Plainview
3rd "	Mrs. A. K. Gault, St. Peter
7th "	Mrs. John R. Serrin, Glenwood
9th "	Mrs. H. W. Froelich, Thief River Falls

Meeting adjourned

The luncheon held Wednesday noon was a brilliant event. Five hundred and six women were served, while at least two hundred more crowded in the doorways and stood to listen to the long program of toasts. Mrs. Summer T. McKnight was introduced by Miss Wells as the new chairman of the Fifth District and the toastmistress of the occasion, and she introduced in turn Mrs. Morrisson, Miss McDowell, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Slade. Then Miss Kneubuhl took the stage "to raise some money". Four kinds of calendars were presented for auction after four sponsors--Mrs. H. G. Harrison for Mrs. Catt, Mrs. McKnight for Mr. Hoover, Mrs. Ueland for Mr. Wilson, and Miss Eleanor Mitchell for Mr. Harding, had spoken in behalf of the celebrities represented on the calendars. The response was enthusiastic, and the scorekeepers and the girls from Northrop Collegiate School, who acted as pages to collect the pledges, could scarcely keep pace with the bidding. One of the first bids was for Mrs. Catt, made by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, a guest at the speakers' table. Whenever the auctioneer grew weary, Mrs. Swain led in singing a "Boola" song for the leading contestant. In the midst of the fun, when about \$6500 had been raised, Mr. Hoover arrived. He spoke at length on the needs of the children of Europe for immediate relief and urged every woman to take a little "invisible guest" into her home at Christmas time. Mr. Hoover's address was followed by a reception held in his honor in the East Ball Room.

Evening session, Curtis Hotel, December 8, 1920.

Meeting 8 P.M. Miss Elizabeth Hall presiding.

Subject State Aid presented by Mr. J. M. McConnell. Following resolution was unanimously adopted by assembly - resolution presented by Miss Katherine Brazee:

Resolved: That the bills based on the report of the State Board of Education on the revision of State aid, substantially as printed be endorsed and supported by the League of Women Voters

2nd. That the Amendment to the existing school laws increasing the minimum school term to eight months be proposed at the coming session of the legislature, and that a bill be introduced for compulsory school attendance, such bill to be drawn by the State committee on American Citizenship.

Miss Minerva Hixon, County Supt. Isanti County, followed - "State Aid for County Schools", and Mr. B. B. Jackson - "State Aid for City Schools". The following resolution was presented by Stella Louise Wood and unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the public school system of America is the instrument for national unity, with our diverse racial groups, variety of political and religious opinions, and with the strong claims of class interest. There is but one common meeting ground for the people of the United States--this is the public school system of America. In the present period when powerful and destructive forces tend to disrupt our national unity, the public school is our national safe guard and defense. The Minnesota League of Women Voters therefore urges that the Smith-Towmer bill be placed upon the calendar during the short session of Congress.

Morning Session - Thursday December 9, 10 A.M.

Miss Wells called the session to order.

Miss Monahan spoke briefly on Jury Service for women. At the close of her talk she moved the endorsement of the amendment to the law relating to qualifications of jurors so that women will be eligible for jury service. The motion was seconded and after discussion duly carried.

The election committee reported the following elections:

District Chairmen.

First District:	Mrs. E. L. Sylvester, Plainview
Third District:	Mrs. A. K. Gault, St. Peter
Fifth District:	Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight, Minneapolis
Seventh District:	Mrs. John R. Serrin, Glenwood
Ninth District:	Mrs. H. W. Froelich, Thief River Falls

Miss Eleanor Mitchell again presented the matter of the budget for the ensuing year. Mrs. H. C. Love moved that the budget as presented (\$20,000) be increased to \$25,000. Carried.

Miss Wells then introduced Mrs. Dietrichson who presented the recommendation of the Women in Industry Committee in regard to appropriation for the minimum wage. At the close of a brief speech she moved the endorsement of the measure to present to the 1921 legislature to increase the appropriation for the Minimum Wage commission from \$10,000, for a two year period, to \$25,000. This motion was seconded and adopted. The convention then adopted the recommendation of the Minimum Wage Commission for:

1. An increase or readjustment of the appropriation for the State Labor Department so as to give a more adequate budget to the Bureau of Women and Children, basing the amount on the principle of equal pay for equal work for the women inspectors as compared with the men and providing for the addition of at least one woman inspector.

2. Amendment of the laws regulating the hours of labor so as to provide for an eight-hour day, a 48-hour week and one day's rest in seven for women employed outside the home.

Miss Mary McDowell then spoke on the subject "The Woman in Industry and the Community". Following Miss McDowell, Miss Louise Schutz spoke briefly. The hour being late there was no opportunity to hear Miss Eliza Evans who was scheduled to take part in the discussion.

Miss Wells then called for Mrs. McKnight who introduced to the convention the members of the Convention Committee.

Afternoon Session, Thursday, December 9, 1920.

Mrs. Andreas Ueland presiding.

Mrs. James Paige addressed the convention on the subject "National Policy". Then Mrs. James W. Morrisson of Chicago spoke on the subject of "Our Program in Congress" including a detailed explanation of the Sheppard-Towner Bill. At the close of Mrs. Morrisson's address Mrs. Dieudonne moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"That the Minnesota League of Women Voters in annual convention assembled heartily endorses the Sheppard-Towner Bill, and very earnestly urges its passage at the short session of Congress in order that we may take advantage of the fact that most of the state legislatures are in session in 1921 to put it into operation throughout the country and stop the present horrible and unnecessary wastage of human life."

The motion was duly seconded.

Mrs. Gault then moved that since the time was short, discussion on this resolution and other subjects during the afternoon be limited to three minutes and only one speech to a person.

This motion was duly seconded and carried.

The following spoke either for or against the resolution: Mrs. A. H. Potter, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Ewing, Miss Peterson, Miss Norrish, Mrs. Kenyon and Mrs. Guise.

The meeting was then turned over to Miss Kneubuhl who continued her auction of calendars which the arrival of Mr. Hoover at the luncheon the day before had interrupted.

The session closed with the address of the President on "The League of Women Voters".

Evening Session, Thursday, December 9, 1920.

The Mass Meeting held in the Minneapolis Auditorium Thursday evening as the closing feature of the convention, with Miss Wells presiding, was addressed by Lt.-Governor Elect Louis Collins, Mrs. Morrisson, Miss McDowell, Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Charles Tiffany of New York.

A meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters was held in the form of a luncheon at the Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, on December 9th, 1920. Miss Wells in the chair, the meeting was called to order at 12:30 Noon. Those present were

Miss Wells
Mrs. Ueland
Mrs. Thorp
Mrs. Paige
Mrs. Gault
Mrs. Dieudonne
Mrs. McKnight
Mrs. Coe
Mrs. Dietrichson
Mrs. Serrin
Mrs. Sylvester
Mrs. Colton
Mrs. Spencer
Mrs. Guise
Mrs. Burr

Miss Kneubuhl
Miss Harrison
Miss Mitchell
Miss O'Brien
Miss Lusk
Miss Monahan

Guests

Mrs. Tiffany
Mrs. Slade
Mrs. Morrison
Miss McDowell

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland that the Board should elect the members of the Executive Committee. The motion was carried. Nominations being in order, the following members were nominated and duly elected: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Thorp, and Miss O'Brien.

Mrs. Paige moved that the chair should appoint a committee to inquire into the matter of incorporating the Minnesota League of Women Voters, and report at next Board Meeting. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Dietrichson recommended that the Board should register its disapproval of the State Minimum Wage Commission. Mrs. Dietrichson moved that the Board should write a letter to each member of the commission, including in the letter a statement in regard to the matter which Mrs. Dietrichson read to the Board, as follows:

"The Minimum wage law of Minnesota defines a minimum wage as 'wages sufficient to maintain the worker in health and supply him with the necessary comforts and conditions of reasonable life'. The law does not give the minimum wage commission power to change this law but to issue orders in conformity with it. Since 1918 when the commission was again made operative by a renewed appropriation, there have been two orders issued--one taking effect August 5, 1919, and the other just issued. Neither of these orders has conformed to the definition given in the law. There is no provision that the order shall be based on a hypothetical future change in prices so as to forestall any possible disadvantage to the employer.

The award of 1919 was obviously made on this hypothetical basis with resulting serious injustice to employees. The 1920 award has made a farce of all hearings to determine 'a wage sufficient to maintain the worker in health and necessary comforts'. We understand this order was intended to be only temporary.

(Disprove action of M. W. Commission)

As a group of disinterested public citizens, therefore, we respectfully request that a speedy reconsideration of the order of December 5, 1920, be made basing the order on a minimum wage as defined by the Minnesota law."

The motion was carried.

Mrs. Paige moved that the power to form resolutions be given to the Executive Committee, and sent by them as from the State Board. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P. M.

Alice M. O'Brien
Secretary

A meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters was held at Meyers Arcade on Wednesday morning, January 12th. ¹⁹²¹ Miss Wells presiding, the meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. Those present were: Miss Wells, Mrs. John Guise, Mrs. J. E. Spencer, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Morse, Miss Lusk, Mrs. H. Froelich, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. Eugene Dieudonne, Mrs. Gault, Miss Eleanor Mitchell, Mrs. Sumner McKnight, Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Ashmun, Miss Kneubuhl, Miss O'Brien.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and a section of them was corrected to read "action of minimum wage commission," rather than "Minimum Wage Commission". The minutes were approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Mrs. Morse moved, seconded, that the bills reported be allowed. Carried. Mrs. McKnight moved, seconded, that the Treasurer should pay the Wells loan of \$300.00. Carried. The report of the Executive Secretary was given and accepted. Miss Harrison gave the report for Mrs. Thorp, the Press Chairman. Miss Wells asked the District Chairmen to report on subscriptions for the "Woman Voter" at the next Board Meeting. Mrs. Ueland gave the report of the legislative council and outlined the programme, which the League of Women Voters is to stand behind. Miss Wells recommended that District Chairmen have meetings held and inform their members of the legislative work that is to be done this winter by the League. Mrs. Ueland moved, seconded, that the legislative council with the consent of the Executive Board be empowered to take action in an emergency. Carried.

Present at the afternoon session: Miss Wells, Miss Hanson, Mrs. Froelich, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Dieudonne, Miss Kneubuhl, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Morse.

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Miss Hanson reported for The Committee on Research and advised that the Business and Municipal Library will carry a complete index to all the activities of the State Legislature and of Congress.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported for the Child Welfare Committee, and a letter just received from Washington in regard to the Sheppard-Towner bill was read.

Moved by Mrs. Spencer that the Board send a telegram to Mr. Ellsworth, urging that the Sheppard-Towner Bill be promptly reported to the House for action. Seconded and carried.

Miss Kneubuhl presented several methods of raising money. Miss Harrison reported on the county quotas for 1921.

Moved by Mrs. Spencer that a letter as drawn by Miss Harrison in regard to county quotas for 1921 be sent to all County Chairmen and that District Chairmen be notified when the letter is sent. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland that we send \$400 to the National League of Women Voters in complete payment of our first year's pledge. Seconded and carried.

Miss Kneubuhl outlined plans for the University Course, and District Chairmen were consulted as to methods for obtaining a large registration.

A letter was read from Mr. Gardiner of the Minimum Wage Commission in reply to ours of December 20th protesting the action of the Commission in setting the minimum wage at \$12.00 a week.

There was discussion of changing the regular day of Board meeting to Tuesday. No action was taken.

It was moved by Mrs. Paige that a letter be sent from this Board to the Minnesota Senators in behalf of the Gronna Bill. Seconded and

carried.

Moved that a letter be sent to county chairmen urging them to bring immediate pressure on our Senators in behalf of the Gronna Bill. Seconded and carried.

Moved that the Board write to the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, urging them to restore the appropriation for the interdepartmental Board to the Civil Sundry Bill. Seconded and carried.

Moved that the Board accept the invitation of the St. Paul members to hold its next regular meeting in St. Paul. Carried.

Moved that the St. Paul organization be requested to appoint a committee to entertain the wives of State Legislators.

Suggestions for women qualified to serve on the State Board of Control were asked from District Chairmen.

Moved that a letter, to be approved by the Executive Committee, be drafted to be sent to Governor Preus, urging the appointment of a trained woman on the State Board of Control.

A letter from Mrs. Coe, presenting her resignation as a Director, was read. Moved that Mrs. Coe's resignation be accepted with regret and that the secretary be instructed to write a letter expressing appreciation of the Board for her splendid services in organizing the State. Seconded and carried.

Report of the committee on incorporating was given by Mrs. Paige with recommendation not to incorporate. Moved that this report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned.

A joint meeting of the Executive Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters and the Executive Board of the Ramsey County League was held at the home of Mrs. Burr in St. Paul Wednesday, February 10th, ¹⁹²¹ Present: Wells, Sylvester, Gault, Serrin, Logue, Olson, Burr, Colton, Froelich, Spencer, Lusk, Harrison, Monahan, Hanson, Ashmun and St. Paul Board. Meeting was called to order at 10:30, Miss Wells presiding. Guests: Mrs. Ladd and Mrs. Carpenter of the 5th, Mrs. Gillam, chairman of Cottonwood Co., Mrs. Gippe of the board in Chippewa Co.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the executive and office secretaries were read and accepted. Mrs. Sylvester gave an account of the public speaking class held by Miss Kneubuhl at the time of the University Course.

A model county constitution was presented to the Board. It was moved by Mrs. Gault that the section limiting the term of county officers to one year be changed so as to make the length of term optional with the county. The motion was lost. Mrs. Burr moved that the constitution as read be adopted as a model for county organizations. Carried.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. It was moved and carried that the unpaid bills be allowed. The treasurer reported on the amounts pledged at the state convention and the amount paid. A suggested county finance plan was read and approved. It was moved and seconded that a copy of this plan be sent to all county chairmen along with the model constitution. Mrs. Gault requested that constitutions and finance policies

for her district be sent to her as district chairman to forward to the counties. Moved that "the expenses of district chairmen to monthly board meetings ~~to~~ be paid from the state treasury" be interpreted to mean actual railroad expenses and necessary room expenses only. Carried.

After a recess for luncheon, the meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock with the following additional members present: Ueland, Mitchell, Ulrich, Thorp. Mrs. Ueland, chairman of the Legislative Council reported on the progress of bills in the State Legislature. Moved that the State Board recommend that the clause in the bill relating to State Aid (Section 10, B-d) reading "that class room instruction in the field of sex hygiene shall not be permitted under the provisions of this act", be stricken out.

Carried
It was moved that a letter be sent to the Governor and to the Minimum Wage Commission expressing the regret of this Board that no action was taken about setting a new minimum wage at the meeting of the commission on February 1st. Carried.

Letters were read from Mrs. Park on the present status of the Sheppard-Towner Bill. Moved that the Board send a telegram to Representative P. P. Campbell, chairman of the Rules Committee, urging that the bill be placed on the House calendar. Carried.

The matter of securing action from the Minnesota Legislature to meet the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner Bill if it passes Congress, was left to the executive committee on the Legislative Council to act upon.

Mrs. Ladd and Mrs. Carpenter reported on the work of the Fifth District and Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Forrestal reported on the work of the

Fourth District.

A letter from Mrs. D. L. Morse resigning from her position as chairman of the Second Congressional District was read. Mrs. Ueland moved that the resignation be accepted with great regret. Carried.

Moved that nominations be sent in to be acted upon at the next Board meeting for a new Director to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Coe. Carried.

Mrs. Thorp reported on a bill just introduced into the State Legislature to transfer the present secretary and members of the Minimum Wage Commission to the proposed Industrial Commission.

Moved that it is the sense of this Board that steps be taken to prevent the Minimum Wage law from becoming inoperative. Carried.

A letter was read from the national finance chairman, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, asking if she might come to Minnesota to raise money for the National organization. It was the sense of the Board that a letter be sent to Mrs. Pinchot stating that we should be very glad to receive her.

The regular monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, March 9th, ¹⁹²¹ at the state headquarters. Present: Wells, Monahan, Spencer, Froelich, Dietrichson, Ladd (visitor) Harrison, Ashmun, Kneubuhl, Paige, Burr, Lusk, Carpenter, Serrin.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report of the treasurer, showing a balance of \$33.00 and unpaid bills amounting to \$654.66, be accepted. Moved, seconded and carried that the bills be allowed.

The report of the executive secretary was read and approved.

The director of political education spoke of her work throughout the state and urged increased local activity.

Reports were made for the 4th, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 10th Congressional Districts. The plan for the 5th District membership drive, which is to be held in advance of the spring municipal elections and to be called a "Voters' Roll Call", were outlined for the benefit of district chairmen wishing to follow a similar scheme. The plan, "Go to a Party, Give a Party", which has been used in the South with great success, according to Mrs. Paige, was also recommended as a means of arousing community interest. The 9th District is to have a district conference in Thief River Falls on April 4th and 5th and Mrs. Froelich announced that most of her county chairmen had already agreed to attend. The 10th district will hold a board meeting of all its county chairmen at state headquarters next week to outline plans for the spring work.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 and convened again at 1:30.

Mrs. Dieudonne and Mrs. Ueland present, Mrs. Ashmun absent.

Others in attendance same as morning.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported for the Child Welfare Committee which is considering recommendations to be voted on at the Cleveland Convention and on which she will make a definite report later.

Miss Monahan reported for the committee on Uniform Laws, and said that in addition to the measures on last year's program, two have been added, one for the removal of all legal disabilities of women, and one making wife and child abandonment a criminal offense for which extradition may be demanded. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board endorse both of these new recommendations.

Mrs. Dietrichson brought up the recommendations of the Women in Industry Committee which are practically identical with those of last year, and will make a further report later.

Mrs. Paige reported on the plans for the national convention and said that delegates, alternates and chairmen of standing committees would be seated and that in addition, a large number of visitors from Minnesota to make up for unrepresented districts in other states of our region, would be provided for on the floor. Each state is to prepare an exhibit of its work, literature, etc., to have on display at the convention. Each district chairman was instructed to send in within one week a letter advising whether or not she would attend as a delegate, and if not, the name of women who would act as delegate and alternate for the district, as well as the possibility of additional visitors.

Mrs. F. E. Fregeau of Duluth was nominated for director by Mrs. Paige, and a vote being taken, was elected. Mrs. H. A. Patterson of Mankato for chairman of the Second Congressional District was nominated by Mrs. Dietrichson and, on a vote being taken, was elected. It was moved that the appointment of Miss Harrison as temporary chairman of the committee on Election Laws and Methods be approved. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Paige moved that the Board

confirm in advance any appointment made by the President of a chairman of the committee on Food Supply and Demand. Seconded and carried.

The matter of a membership drive was discussed and it was urged that this be made, wherever possible, in advance of local spring elections as a part of the work of getting out the vote.

It was moved that the League of Women Voters as an organization at present stands against taking any action for or against candidates. Seconded and carried. The secretary was instructed to send notice of this action to all county chairmen.

It was announced that Miss Kneubuhl had been asked to take complete charge of the citizenship Course to be conducted at the national Chautauqua next July. It was moved that we give Miss Kneubuhl's time not to exceed one week a month to the National League of Women Voters for preparation work for the national Chautauqua course.

✓ It was moved that the Board go on record as opposed to the bill now before the legislature, increasing the membership of the State Board of Control. Seconded and carried. In this connection, the following statement was authorized:

"The Board of Control was originally organized in such a way as carefully to avoid all political considerations in its administration of the large and important responsibilities entrusted to it, and has an unusual record of efficient and devoted public service. We believe that the bill now before the Legislature increasing the membership of the Board from three to four members destroys the protection from political influences which the Board has so far enjoyed. By giving the governor the right to attend all meetings and cast the deciding vote in case of a tie and by arranging the term of office so that in two of each six years three of its voting members shall consist of the

governor and two of his appointees, the governor is made the controlling factor. No adequate reason has been advanced for this bill which makes a basic change in the organization of the Board. We have asked that a woman be appointed to fill the next vacancy, because we believe the time has come when women should be represented in the administration of our correctional and charitable institutions and because we believe a trained woman can be found who will ably discharge her full share of the business and administrative work of the Board. We should equally deplore the appointment of a member, man or woman, on any other basis than that of fitness for the service required.

It was suggested that we communicate with the organizations on our Legislative Council and urge them to take similar action.

Mrs. Ueland presented a report for the Legislative Council.

The question of nominations for national officers was brought up. It was moved to nominate Mrs. Maud Wood Park for director-at-large. Seconded and carried. It was moved to nominate Mrs. Solon Jacobs for director-at-large. Seconded and carried. It was moved to nominate Mrs. James Paige for regional director. Seconded and carried.

It was moved that the president be empowered to set the time of the next board meeting. Seconded and carried. Adjourned.

The regular meeting of the Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the State Capitol, Monday, April 18th at ¹⁹²¹ 12:30. Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. E. L. Sylvester of Plainview, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Froelich, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Dietrichson.

The meeting was necessarily limited to rather informal discussion.

Mrs. Sylvester first reported on impressions of the Cleveland convention which had been attended by seven delegates from her district.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported on the conference and program of the Child Welfare Committee which is to base its future work on the minimum standards adopted by the United States Children's Bureau. The Sheppard-Towner Bill will be pushed for early passage by the present session of Congress and speedy results are anticipated as a result of mention of the bill by the President in his message to Congress last week. A sub-committee has been appointed to press legislation in the states to follow out the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner bill. Mrs. Dieudonne was appointed chairman of this sub-committee and other members are Dr. Ellen C. Potter, Chief of the Child Health Division of the Pennsylvania State Board of Health, and Miss Lucia Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Council on Child Welfare.

Miss Harrison reported on the conference and program of the committee on Election Laws and Methods. On the recommendation of Mrs. Catt, this committee has been enlarged to be a department of the League of Women Voters under the immediate direction of the National Board and to deal with all matters of efficiency in government. The only definite recommendation on legislative work is to oppose all attempts to repeal the direct primary and support amendments which would make it more representative of the masses of the voters. It is recommended

by this committee that joint committees of men and women be formed in every state to consider the most pressing problems having to do with machinery of government, to be followed by a general state conference on the same subject.

There was discussion as to means of making Mrs. Chorpenning's play, "Dearie Won't Do", available for other states and for all communities in our own state. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Board approve a \$5.00 royalty as a basis for the action of a committee to make the business arrangements, it being understood that the royalty may be remitted in certain cases.

The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Board ratify the action of the president in accepting Minnesota's quota of \$2,000 on the National budget for the coming year.

Mrs. Ueland reported on the progress of our measures in the Legislature. The educational bills framed by the State Department of Education have been so cut to pieces by amendments as to lose much of their value before final passage. In order that a general program for re-organization and improvement of the state educational system may be presented at the next session of the legislature in such a way as to command the confidence of both houses, a resolution has been introduced providing for an interim commission to be made up of members of both houses with an appropriation of \$10,000 to carry on the work. This resolution has been actively supported by our legislative chairman and other officers responsible for our legislative program who have felt that the action of the present legislature on educational matters far from meeting the needs of the situation.

The growing opposition to the bill to increase the membership of the Board of Control from three to four members and giving the governor the right to vote in case of a tie has given rise to the introduction of an amendment

which would increase the membership of the Board to five members, two of these to be women. Our legislative chairman has been repeatedly urged to approve this amendment, but, in the absence of formal action by the legislative council or by the Board, she has simply repeated our stand that no change in the plan of the Board as at present constituted appears to us necessary and that, while this amendment is free from some of the objections which apply to the original bill, it does not have the approval of the League of Women Voters.

Action upon the increase on the Mothers' Pension has been so long delayed in the Senate that there is danger that it may not come to a vote in spite of the pledge of more than a majority of the senators to support it. The state appropriation to refund one-third of the amount expended by counties accepting the supervision of the Board of Control in the payment of mothers' pension is also in doubt. The chairmen of the appropriation committees in both houses admit that under the law the state is in honor bound to refund the one-third but final action on the bill will not come until the last day of the session.

The bills limiting the hours of work for women is on special orders in the House and will probably be amended to provide for a nine-hour day. Such an amendment will be accepted by our legislative council. Members of the House have asked consent to the exemption of forewomen and managers from the provisions of this bill.

No action was taken by the Board on this proposed exemption or on the proposed amendment to the Board of Control Bill, as it seemed best to leave such details to the discretion of our legislative chairman and the chairmen of the legislative committees most closely concerned.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 so that members might attend the afternoon session of the House, and hear the debate on the Board of Control Bill. Action on the Bill was postponed, but during the afternoon and evening sessions, the compulsory school attendance amendment and the amended bill increasing the minimum school term to 7 months passed the Senate, and the Maternity and Infancy Bill to accept federal aid under the Sheppard-Towner bill was passed in the House.

[May 5, 1921]

[May 17, 1921]

A special meeting of the State Board was called to order at 10:15 A. M., Thursday, May 5, ¹⁹²¹ at state headquarters. Present: Miss Wells, Dr. Ulrich, Mrs. Spencer, and Miss Harrison; those who arrived later included Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Paige, and as visitors Mrs. Holman, Mrs. John Sylvester, Miss Kneubuhl, Mrs. Ladd, and Mrs. Carpenter.

There was general discussion of plans for carrying out the League program in favor of international reduction of armament. It was moved, seconded and carried that we urge the adoption of resolutions similar to that adopted at the Cleveland convention at all meetings, both of other organizations and of our own. It was moved, seconded and carried that international reduction of armaments be made a chief subject for study and public discussion by every local league and that to this end the state league prepare and send out suitable information and material. It was moved, seconded and carried that we use all legal, and especially patriotic, holidays as appropriate times for programs and public demonstrations in favor of such reduction of armament.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the decision as to plans for a state wide organization to have charge of the disarmament program be postponed, and that the Chair appoint a committee with power to act to prepare such plans.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board refer to the President, with power to act, the matter of invitations to League speakers on programs of the Federated Clubs being withdrawn.

There was discussion on ways to make our standing committees function more effectively, both as to local work and educational work looking to our legislative program for 1923.

Dr. Ulrich reported that the future of social hygiene ^{education} ~~work~~ in this state depends on the granting of federal appropriations. If the state is obliged to discontinue its educational work in this line, she recommended that the League undertake to carry it on. Dr. Ulrich was asked to report to the next meeting of the Board on communities where health work is not being sufficiently attended to by other organizations.

At 12:15 there was a brief recess for lunch which was served on the spot.

The first business of the afternoon was the report of the treasurer showing a deficit of \$1500. There was also a report, showing the amounts paid in by districts on their state quotas, as follows:

District	Amt. Received on 1921 quota	Quota	Per cent
First	\$1,027.80	\$2,185.00	44 (7)
Second	85.00	2,500.00	3.4
Third	91.27	1,925.00	4.7
Fourth	70.00	4,080.00	1.96
Fifth	3,724.00	5,700.00	65.3
Sixth	295.28	1,200.00	24.6
Seventh	43.50	2,070.00	2.1
Eighth	25.00	3,025.00	.8
Ninth	3.75	1,515.00	.24
Tenth	107.50	800.00	13.4

Mrs. Nixon, treasurer of the Ramsey County League, promised to send in \$250 within the week. There was discussion as to possible cuts in headquarters' expenditures but it was the sentiment of the Board that such cuts would not effect any real economy and that the full activities of the League must be maintained during the spring months.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we arrange to grant leaves of

absence requested by staff members during the summer months.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the corresponding secretary be instructed by the Board to ask for Mrs. Serrin's resignation as chairman of the Seventh Congressional District on the ground that she reports difficulties in organization that she is unable to overcome.

Miss Harrison reported on the new department for Efficiency in Government approved at the National Convention and on her recommendation it was moved, seconded and carried that the program for this department be postponed until fall and be made a special feature of the annual state convention.

Mrs. Ueland gave notice that she will make a motion at the next board meeting to change the name of the state committee on American Citizenship to Committee on Education. It was moved, seconded and carried that we ask for the cooperation of the University Extension Division in studying the educational situation in the state with a view to legislative action in 1923.

Miss Wells presented the name of Mrs. Bertha Dahl Laws for chairman of the Committee on Food Supply and Demand. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Board ratify this appointment. Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

The regular monthly board meeting for May was held at the home of Mrs. Andreas Ueland, May 17th. The meeting was called for 10:30 A.M. Present: Mrs. Ueland, Bennett, Laws, Thorp, Burr, Ulrich, Colton, Dieudonne, Ashmun, Patterson, Spencer, Paige, Phillips, representing Mrs. Forelich, Miss Wells, Kneubuhl, Lusk, Harrison, Monahan. Visitors: Mrs. John Sylvester, Ladd, Nixon, Crawford.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the paragraph containing Dr. Ulrich's report was corrected to read that "the future of social hygiene education in this state depends on the granting of federal appropriations."

The report of the Executive Secretary was read.

Mrs. Ueland reported for the Legislative Council. It was suggested that the preparation of the program of the Legislative Council next winter be simultaneous with an educational program throughout the state. It was suggested that special conferences or extension courses on the subject of proposed legislation be given for women from all parts of the state.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported on the progress of the Sheppard-Towner bill. It was moved, seconded and carried that the League make it a point to pass resolutions to be sent to Senator Kellogg and Mr. Walter Newton who are on the committees at present considering the bill.

It was moved, seconded and carried that headquarters mimeograph copies of the pamphlet to be published by the Children's Bureau on the Sheppard-Towner Bill.

It was urged that local Leagues make it their business to see that the Mothers' Pension law is properly administered and to help to get Child Welfare Board in counties where none is yet established. Mrs. Dieudonne undertook to meet with Miss Kneubuhl, Miss Harrison and Mr. Hodson to discuss methods of carrying out this work.

Dr. Ulrich reported on fields of work for the committee on Social Hygiene

and Public Health including:

1. Investigation in communities where hospital facilities are inadequate, with a view to establishing general hospitals under the direction of the State University, according to the provisions of a bill passed at the last legislature.
2. Establishment of local committees to assist the enforcement of laws relating to quarantine and contagious diseases and to promote public understanding of the need for such enforcement.
3. Enforcement of laws requiring the physical examination of handlers of food, particularly milk handlers.
4. The passage of adequate milk ordinances.
5. The enforcement of the present law regarding the inspection and regulation of privies.
6. Creation of public opinion to demand the appointment of qualified health officers.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Ulrich embody her report in the form of a letter to be sent to our chairmen, asking which of these suggested lines of work is of interest to their communities and inviting suggestions for local members for the Committee on Social Hygiene and Public Health.

Mrs. Nixon reported for the special committee to prepare organization plans for the work for international disarmament. The committee recommended the appointment of a strong central committee of nine members, five women and four men, with the following sub-committees:

1. Speakers Bureau.
2. Meetings and Resolutions. In this connection the committee recommended that we make use of all ready-made meetings, as well as encouraging special meetings on this one subject.

3. Publicity, not only to work through the press, but get up public demonstrations, such as parades, booths at state and county fairs, etc.

4. Bibliography and Literature.

The committee further recommended that the central committee work through the existing organization of the League throughout the state and recommended that a nominating committee be appointed to act with Miss Wells in selecting the members of the state central committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted. Miss Wells announced that, if this report were accepted she would ask the members of the special committee on organization to serve as the nominating committee to select members of the state Committee on the Reduction of Armament.

A letter from Mrs. Park was read, announcing that Miss Elizabeth J. Hauser of Ohio will be national chairman of the Committee on the Reducation of Armament which will have its first meeting May 25th to determine national policy. It moved, seconded and carried that the report of the special committee be adopted and it was moved, seconded and carried that the nominating committee, acting with the regular executive committee be empowered to set up machinery to carry out provisions of this report.

Miss Monahan reported for the committee on Uniform Laws Concerning Women. It was moved, seconded and carried that county chairmen be asked to watch the calling and impaneling of juries, with a view to seeing that the new jury laws are fully carried out. It was agreed that Miss Monahan should frame a letter to be sent to county and city chairmen on this subject. It was further moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent to district and municipal judges calling their attention to the provisions of the new law and expressing the interest of the League of Women Voters in its enforcement. Miss Monahan will prepare this letter also.

Mrs. Ashmun presented the treasurer's report, showing a deficit of \$793.70.

She also read the report of money paid in by the various districts to date, as follows:

District	Amt. Received on 1921 quota	Quota	Per cent
First	\$622.80	\$2,185.00	28
Second	85.00	2,500.00	3.4
Third	91.27	1,925.00	4.7
Fourth	320.00	4,080.00	7.8
Fifth	3,839.00	5,700.00	67.5
Sixth	295.28	1,200.00	24.6
Seventh	58.50	2,070.00	2.82
Eighth	175.00	3,025.00	5.77
Ninth	148.75	1,515.00	9.8
Tenth	107.50	800.00	13.4

An estimate of the necessary expenses of the state organization for May, June and July, amounting to about \$2700 was read, and Miss Wells urged the immediate necessity of the receipt of money from every district, in order that bills may be paid during the absence of the president and other members of the Board during June and July.

The meeting recessed at 3:15 in order to hear Mr. Charles Edward Russell speak on the subject of international disarmament. Following his address, it was moved, seconded, and carried that, as an organization for the next few months, we devote our energies primarily to pushing the disarmament program and that a campaign for money be carried on to finance this program.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee on Women in Industry of the League of Women Voters co-operate with the Y.W.C.A., Women's Trade Union League and the industrial section of the Federated Clubs in a benefit performance at the Shubert Theatre to send two representatives from Minnesota to take advantage of the special summer course offered by Bryn Mawr College to working women.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we authorize the treasurer to remove our account to the Wells-Dickey Company.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the disarmament committee correspond with Mr. Will Irwin with a view to securing him as a lecturer on disarmament in the three big cities of the state.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the State Board in combination with a conference with county and local chairmen was held at the home of Mrs. Ueland September 7th, ¹⁹²¹ Miss Wells presided and Board members present were:

Ueland, Paige, Guise, Lusk, Ashmun, Bennett, Monahan, Dieudonne, 1st District Sylvester, Gault, McKnight, Colton, Froelich, Spencer, Thorp, and Logue, and the secretary. Local chairmen and visitors who attended the meeting included: Mrs. J. F. D. Meighen, Mrs. S. V. R. Hendrym, Mrs. C. H. Smith, Mrs. F. A. Swartwood and Mrs. Weber, from the First District; Mrs. Emma Irle, Mrs. C. V. Everett and Miss Everett, Second District; Mrs. F. H. Stahnke, Miss Fleeta M. Tousley and Miss Grace V. Smith, Third District; Mrs. J. O. Sylvester, and Mrs. J. C. Holman, Fourth District; Mrs. Ladd and Mrs. Carpenter, Fifth District; Mrs. Frederick Nickerson, Sixth District; Mrs. E. Warner Larkin of the Seventh District; Mrs. Crasweller and Mrs. Hatch, Eighth District; Mrs. W. O. Stadum and Mrs. Stanton, Ninth District; Mrs. Gus Pererson, Tenth District.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Secretary gave a report of the activities of State headquarters during the summer months, including reports of the activities of the Committee on International Reduction of Armament, which has raised a special fund of over \$400 for its work, and of the Legislative Council. The report was accepted.

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Ashmun, showing a balance September 7th of \$390.97. Estimated expenses and bills to be paid before the end of the fiscal year amount to approximately \$3,500. It

was moved, seconded and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

There was discussion of the Sheppard-Towner Bill which has not yet been reported out from the House Committee on Interstate Commerce, of which Mr. Walter Newton is the only Minnesota member. Every District Chairman was asked to get up a delegation to wait upon the Congressman from her district during the present recess of Congress, to try to find out from him the reason for the prolonged delay in reporting the bill and to urge him to bring all possible pressure upon Mr. Newton and other members of the House Committee to make a prompt and favorable report. It was suggested that the Congressmen be asked to speak at luncheons or afternoon or evening meetings during the present recess. Mrs. Dieu-donne reported that she had recent letters from Congressmen Anderson, Davis and Clague who are enthusiastic for the bill.

It was moved by Miss Monahan that the Board ratify the action of the Executive Committee in appointing Mrs. Albee Ladd director of organization. Seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Spencer that the Board ratify the action of the Executive Committee in appointing Mrs. Albee Ladd director of organization. Seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Spencer that the Board ratify the action of the Executive Committee in giving Miss Knewbuhl leave of absence. Seconded and carried.

The situation in regard to Mrs. Serrin of the Seventh District was discussed. Inasmuch as Mrs. Serrin is inactive as a chairman but does not wish to resign the office, it was agreed that the Board should assume responsibility for the conduct of activities in her district.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland that money raised by counties toward

the state quota be sent to headquarters and that reports of all amounts received at headquarters be sent to the district chairmen. After discussion the motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Wells reported on action by the Executive Committee in regard to the convention. Mr. Will Irwin has already been engaged for a mass meeting address October 18th. The Auditorium is engaged for the same date and the Curtis Hotel has been reserved for the dates October 18th to 20th, inclusive. The Executive Committee is also in correspondence with other proposed speakers.

It was moved by Mrs. Colton that the Board ratify the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the State Convention. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Miss Monahan that the Executive Committee be empowered to carry out plans for the annual convention. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Sylvester that the treasurer be instructed to prepare a budget for the year 1921-22. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bennett that the same general basis used in allotting county quotas last year be followed for the coming year. Seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Spencer that the Chair appoint a chairman of the general nominating committee for state officers and directors to be elected at the annual convention. Seconded and carried. The Chair appointed Mrs. Gault chairman for this committee, but Mrs. Gault said she would be unable to serve.

It was moved by Mrs. Colton that the next Board meeting be held the morning of the opening day of the annual convention. Seconded and carried.

There was discussion of how the money pledged at the state convention should be collected. It was pointed out that the situation of the Fifth District, in which the convention is held and from which most of the pledge are made, is different than that of other districts in the state, and Mrs. McKnight therefore requested that no definite action on this be taken until she had an opportunity to discuss the matter with her finance committee. It was then moved by Mrs. Gault that it be the sentiment of this meeting that money pledged at the convention go direct to the state treasury. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 for lunch and was called to order again at 1:45 o'clock. The afternoon meeting was devoted to informal discussion of organization plans. Mrs. James Paige, Director of the Fifth Region, comprising five states, announced that the conference for this region will be held at Des Moines, November 21 and 22, and urged a strong delegation from Minnesota.

Miss Harrison spoke of the material already available from headquarters for educational work concerning International Disarmament, and asked for suggestions from county and local chairmen as to other material which would be especially helpful to them.

Mrs. Ladd was then introduced as the new Director of Organization and led the discussion, each chairman in turn being asked to give both the discouraging and encouraging features of her work.

Mrs. Ueland urged the attention of local Leagues to the working out of the jury law, the administration of the Mothers' Pension and the public school system. Mrs. Ueland made a plea for unprecedented attention to the educational program for International Reduction of Armament which will be necessary if the coming conference is to be a success.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 18, 1921.

Present: Wells, Thorp, Froelich, Ashmun, Laws, Gault, Logue, McKnight, Sylvester, Spencer, Patterson, Harrison, Lusk, Colton, Monahan, Ladd.

Miss Lusk reported on St. Paul membership drive and mass meeting.

Executive Secretary's report was omitted.

Treasurer's report read by Mrs. Ashmun. Moved by Mrs. Logue that Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Report of Nominating Committee was postponed.

Moved by Mrs. McKnight that Miss Harrison be made chairman of Bureau of Educational Literature. Seconded by Mrs. Patterson. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Guise that Miss Hall's resignation be accepted with regret. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Miss Lusk that name of Committee on American Citizenship be changed to Committee on Education. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Miss Monahan that Mrs. Marcle be appointed Chairman of Department of Efficiency in Government. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Miss Monahan that Mrs. Thorp be made Chairman of Committee on Education. Seconded by Mrs. Patterson and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Patterson that if necessity for resolutions committee arises in the Convention, that one be appointed and be recommended to restrict resolutions to subjects on the convention program which have been adequately presented. Seconded by Mrs. Colton. Carried.

Moved by Miss Lusk that the Board recommend change in state constitution proposed by Ramsey County League, Mrs. Logue seconded. Two ayes. Defeated.

Budget presented by Mrs. Ashman and informally approved.

Notice is given by the Ramsey County League of Women Voters that it will propose an amendment to the state constitution, by striking out the following articles:

"Article IV.
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any woman citizen of Minnesota may become a member by signing an application for membership and subscribing to the aims of the League.

Section 2. Membership in any branch of the League of Women Voters shall constitute membership in the State League.

Section 3. Each district or sub-division, by action of its local Board, shall have power to establish sustaining memberships for which dues may be required.

BY-LAWS.
DUES.
Article IV.

No dues shall be required of individual members."

and substituting the following:

Article IV.
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any woman citizen of Minnesota may become a member of the Minnesota League of Women Voters by signing an application for membership and subscribing to the aims of the League, or by becoming a member of the League in an organized town or city unit and conforming to the regulations of that unit in regard to dues.

Section 2. Each town or city unit shall have power by action of its members to establish dues and to establish the amount of such dues.

BY-LAWS

Article IV.

DUES.

No dues shall be required of members except by action of the local units.

November 17, 1921.

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Thursday, November 17th, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Grant, Mrs. Marcley, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Rittenhouse.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Executive Secretary was read and approved.

A letter from Representative Walter H. Newton on the Sheppard-Towner Bill was read, outlining the status of the bill.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$1,018.95, and outstanding bills of \$828.07. On motion duly seconded, it was voted that the bills be allowed. On motion duly seconded, it was voted that the Treasurer's report be approved.

Miss Harrison presented a general outline for use throughout the State, giving a program of League work and suggestions as to how to handle it; and discussion followed.

Mrs. Ladd made a report as Director on Organization, and raised the question as to what the attitude of the League should be towards working with inactive organizations. It was agreed in discussion to put the work of the League on strong organizations which are functioning, with the assumption that this is the most effective way to preserve and increase the vitality of the League.

A report was made by Mrs. Marcley as Chairman of the Efficiency in Government Committee.

A report was made by Mrs. Paige on the Regional Convention, in which she urged the State Board members to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 and convened again at 1:45.

Present: Miss Wells, Miss Grant, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Marcley, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Harrison.

There was discussion of the need for women in the state legislature. It was the sentiment of the Board that a letter, draft of which was read by Miss Wells, be sent to a picked list of women so that they might give their early consideration of the situation in their districts in regard to next year's legislature.

Miss Harrison reported that no definite requests for schools on international relations had been received from the state, although the state convention had unanimously voted in favor of having such schools as a substitute for the usual University extension course in Minneapolis. Miss Mitchell and Miss Grant expressed themselves favorably in regard to arranging such schools in St. Cloud and Faribault at an early date.

It was reported that the Executive Committee had regretfully accepted the resignation of Miss Hanson as research chairman because of her inability to attend board meetings. This action was ratified by the Board.

Mrs. Nixon moved, and it was seconded and carried, that Miss Lusk be made a member of the new Executive Committee.

Mrs. Gault moved, and it was seconded and carried, that the treasurer and president be made members of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Sylvester moved, and it was seconded and carried, that Mrs. McKnight be named the fifth member of the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

In writing out these minutes through some error~~s~~ the motion~~s~~ passed naming ~~to Mrs. Ueland a member of the executive committee has~~ been dropped out. G.H.

December 14, 1921.

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, December 14, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Marcley, Miss Lusk, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Froelich, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Ashmun, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Kneubuhl.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$42.99, and outstanding bills of \$212.26. On motion by Mrs. Dietrichson, seconded by Mrs. Nixon, the report was accepted.

Miss Harrison presented her report as Executive Secretary, which was duly approved.

Mrs. Ladd gave her report as Director on Organization, beginning with an account of her visit to Duluth. She reported that the League in Duluth has an excellent Board and a membership of approximately 500, of which 200 are paying members. (A membership committee of 14 members is working in telephone squads and going through the membership list. Monthly meetings are being held, and they are planning for a commission shop to finance themselves. They are anxious to be a vital part of the organization.)

Mrs. Ladd further reported that she had found it distinctly worth-while to follow out the general plan outlined at the last meeting, of working with the stronger organizations, (and had had most encouraging results.)

There have been two requests from towns to allow local organizations already functioning to take over the work of the League, rather than to form a new body, and Mrs. Ladd asked for discussion as to whether we should permit this policy to be carried out in other places. It was generally

agreed that it is almost essential to start a League organization through contact with other organizations, but the point is, at what moment ought we to dissociate ourselves and work as a League. (Mrs. Ladd stated that in many cases a town is willing to organize a League of Women Voters Committee functioning with a club, raise a quota and subscribe to all our aims, but does not feel it can start a League separately. Mrs. Ueland spoke to this, and stated that in suffrage work the same question was continually raised, and they found the plan of having a committee in another organization was not satisfactory. She considered it better than nothing, but believed this method of little value.)

On motion by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Ashmun, it was voted that the sentiment of the Board was in favor of any group being organized so long as it carries our name, assumes its quota and adopts our aims, (if it does not last as a part of another organization more than a year).

The Treasurer's report was further discussed, with the object of getting in approximately \$500. by January 1st. Mrs. Froelich made herself responsible for seeing that Pennington County pays an amount due of about \$15. Mrs. Nixon and Miss Lusk agreed to send \$100. from St. Paul. Mrs. Ladd promised to ask for \$100. from Duluth. Mrs. Gault reported that she had been told that the League at Wells had collected \$200., and at Austin \$90., which could probably be collected. Mrs. Spencer agreed to see if she could get some money from Cambridge.

Mrs. Ladd stated that several times she had been asked to make speeches for other organizations who were willing to pay her, and asked whether she should accept such offers, and if so what should be done with the money collected. It was the sentiment of the meeting that she should accept offers of this kind.

Miss Lusk reported on the work of the League in connection with the St. Paul charter campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30, and convened again at 1.20.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Ladd, Miss Kneubuhl, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Rittenhouse.

Mrs. Marcley reported as Chairman of the Efficiency in Government Committee, and stated that she has had most interesting replies to questionnaires which were sent out. Mrs. Marcley said she believed we should broaden our legislative program, and should cover legislation having to do with municipalities. She then outlined the Minneapolis Efficiency in Government Committee, which has been organized parallel with the city organization. (There are a Council Committee and committees covering the seven boards, all of which visit officially meetings of the various bodies. The committees try to get together once a month and have reports for the ward meetings.) There are now 283 women on the Efficiency in Government committees.

Miss Wells urged district chairmen to appoint district representatives to the Legislative Council without delay.

Mrs. Ueland spoke on the necessity of having women in the state legislature, and stressed importance of securing well-qualified candidates.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported that she favors enlargement of her committee so as to insure more local committee work.

It was the sentiment of the meeting that we should have at least one member from each congressional district to act on the state Committee on Women in Industry. It was also agreed to urge all local Leagues to give place on their programs to the study of problems of women in industry.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported on the status of the Minimum Wage Law enforcement in Minnesota. Since the organization of the state Industrial Commission no prosecution has been resorted to to compel enforcement. Last year \$17,000 was collected in back pay. A recent Supreme Court decision is to the effect that an employer is not liable unless he had received copies of provisions of law and minimum wage rulings. If this decision is well found, we must consult to see what is necessary to strengthen the law.

Mrs. Thorp reported for the Committee on Education, and stressed the advisability of having short bills embodying principles that can stand alone. She believes we must go before hearings of the Interim Committee with tentative program of our own, probably including:

- Length of School Year
- Enforcement of Attendance Law
- Consolidation
- Supervisors
- Teacher Training
- Appointive County Superintendents

The Minnesota Education Association is doing new and valuable work, and has formulated a legislative program which is largely in accord with our own ideas.

Miss Wells stressed the need of being well informed on details of Minnesota laws and standing educationally, and of creating stronger public conviction for education. "Hostility will cease when a demand comes from the rural districts".

Miss Kneubuhl suggested League county meetings, following county educators' meeting.

Miss Harrison read a letter from Washington headquarters, asking immediate support in behalf of Lehlbach Bill for Reclassification of

It was moved by Mrs. Dietrichson, and duly seconded, that the Board endorse the Lehlbach Bill, and that letters be sent to our representatives, if so advised by our National Board.

A discussion of policy in regard to the Washington Conference followed.

Mrs. Ueland reported the sentiment of the Foreign Policy Association in favor of additional conferences, such as the proposed conference for economic settlement, and stated that a new international morality has been set up by this.

Mrs. Paige announced a plan for a disarmament mass meeting at ^{in January} Chicago, also in London and Japan. ^{at similiar meetings}

It was moved by Mrs. Spencer that the chair be empowered to appoint delegates to this meeting. Seconded and carried.

Miss Wells spoke of need for continued effort for permanent peace after demand for reduction of tax burden, and for averting of Far East conflict is satisfied.

It was moved by Mrs. Paige that a resolution expressing appreciation of accomplishments of Conference and gratitude for President's announcement in favor of another conference which we hope will contribute further to a program of permanent peace, be sent to President Harding. Seconded and carried.

It was moved that a similar resolution be drawn for use in State at large. Seconded and carried.

It was agreed to notify county chairmen of regular dates of the Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4.30

RESOLUTION SENT TO PRESIDENT HARDING

The Executive Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters in its own behalf and in the name of the membership of the League, extend to you our appreciation of what has already been accomplished by the Washington Conference, and especially our gratification that you contemplate other similar conferences, for in this suggestion we see the possibility of a plan by which wars shall be prevented, and peace be maintained by international understanding.