



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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January 11, 1922.

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, January 11, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ueland
Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Ladd, / Miss Monahan, Miss Grant, Mrs. Guise, Miss Lusk, Miss Harrison. Visitors: Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Kneubuhl.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$16.56 not including \$362.50 in unpaid salaries and outstanding bills of \$190.34. On motion, duly seconded, accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. Marcley that the bills be allowed. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Marcley reported for Efficiency in Government Committee, outlining the principal steps in development of the work, as follows:

State Conferences on Efficiency in Government (example, Virginia)

Preparation of Digest of state election laws (started in Ohio)

Investigation of reasons why men do not vote (" Ohio & Illinois)

Selection of a special subject for intensive work -- In Minnesota, Municipal Government, especially by visiting of Municipal governing bodies.

Miss Wells spoke to the board on the question of finances, and reported a very serious situation. Mrs. Pierce reported that she was arranging to make a payment on that day, and had had no realization of the situation. She suggested that the question of payments be taken up with the secretaries of each unit; and suggested also that an urgent form of letter using names of individuals in local organizations, and not making the letter come as a direct appeal from headquarters, be sent out.

In this connection, Mrs. Ladd suggested an article in the Woman Voter, along the lines of "What the League gives in return for memberships". Mrs. Ueland spoke to this, saying that in anything sent out, we should not fail to mention the fact that most of the workers of the League work without salary, and those who get a salary take less than they could make in other work.

Extracts were read from a circular letter from Mrs. Park, giving program of the Baltimore Convention. Miss Kneubuhl spoke to this, urging the League to work on publicity.

Miss Harrison made a report on the work of the Advisory Committee of the State Board of Control on the administration of the Sheppard Towner Bill in Minnesota. The Advisory Committee will include a member of the State Board of Control, League of Women Voters, State University, the executive secretary of the Minnesota Public Health Assn., two doctors representing the Pediatric and Obstetric Societies, and a representative of the Federated Clubs. Miss Harrison also read notes made of an interview with Dr. Chesley, giving plans for County Boards to administer the provisions of the act, which have not yet been worked out. Miss Wells spoke to this and stressed the importance of having the doctors interested, and stated she felt more must be done to interest the public.

* Mrs. Dietrichson reported on the Women in Industry Committee, and gave a summary of an interview with Mr. Duxbury on the payment of factory inspectors, and the enforcement of the minimum wage law. She reported that an employer can not be held liable for back pay under the minimum wage law, unless he has received notification of its provisions, as per a recent decision of the Supreme Court. This makes it very easy for an employer to evade payment ,

* The meeting adjourned at 12.30 and convened again at 1.30. Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Monahan, Miss Grant, Mrs. Guise, Miss Lusk, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Rittenhouse. Visitors: Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Kneubuhl

as it puts the burden of proof on the Industrial Commission. Mrs. Dietrichson suggested that the law should be amended, so that publication of notice on the minimum wage law would be sufficient notice to employers. Miss Wells reported on a letter written by her to Mr. Duxbury, asking about the qualifications of inspectors, and as to whether salaries had been raised, which latter question was not replied to.

Mrs. Dietrichson further reported on the Bryn Mawr School, as follows: Miss Ernestine Friedman, who is the field secretary for the Bryn Mawr Summer School for Industrial Girls, was here recently, and notified the committee that if the League can raise the money (\$400. per girl), we will be allowed to send three girls this year.

Mrs. Dietrichson stated that the National Women's Party are working on an amendment to the U. S. Constitution giving women the same legal rights as men. The National Consumers League points out that if this amendment goes through, as it stands, it will throw all protective laws for women into the courts. The National Women's Party seems to feel that they have a real issue, and they want to put the measure through. Wisconsin has recently passed a law of the same type, but put in a clause saying the amendment would not be effective if it in any way infringed upon legislation already in effect benefitting women.

Miss Harrison reported an interview with Mr. Hodson of the Children's Bureau on the subject of Street Trades, and said there was little enforcement of the law in cities of the second and third classes. It was suggested that the League write to chairmen in cities of these classes, asking them to take up with school superintendents the matter of the enforcement of the law. Miss Monahan made a motion that this be done, and it was seconded by Mrs. Thorp and carried.

Mrs. Thorp reported on the Education Committee, and stated that she had been following the work of the Interim Committee, and her opinion was that they evidently wish to hand in constructive recommendations. On motion, duly seconded, it was voted to indorse the program presented by the League to the Interim Committee, as follows:

Minimum school term of not less than eight months

Raise standards of school attendance by

1. Increasing required attendance from 40 to 60 days
2. By strengthening the provisions of school attendance laws
3. Providing more adequate machinery for inforcement

Provision for part time or continuation schools

An effective program for p hysical education encouraged by State aid.

Increased provision for teacher helpers in rural schools

Provision for county boards of exucation with ability to provide qualified superintendents.

Miss Monahan reported on women on juries, and suggested that a little later there should be an experience meeting, to include women who have served on both grand and pettit juries.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

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February 15, 1922

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women

Voters was held Wednesday, February 15, at the residence of Mrs. McKnight.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Ladd, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Marcle, M
Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Froelich, Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Stadum, Mrs. Cobb, Miss Rice, Miss Monahan, Miss Grant, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Bayrelle, Mrs. Sylvester (of Plainview), Mrs. Colton, Mrs. E. H. Hennessey, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Lehmann.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Miss Mitchell reported on Mrs. Ladd's work in the Sixth District, covering visits to Elk River, St. Cloud, Wadena, Staples, Brainerd, and Crosby, all with great success.

Mrs. Ladd reported on her Sixth District also; and on her trip in the Third District, which included visits to Shakopee, Chaska, Belleplaine and Henderson, in which places she felt she had gotten a good deal of response. Mrs. Ladd said she was trying to leave a sufficiently sustained interest in the towns she visited for them to go on with League work without continuous help from headquarters. She said further that she is more confident than ever that we are right in working principally with the places where the League is already started, instead of trying to organize along pioneering lines.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand as of February 13th of \$76.68, and outstanding bills of \$155.72. The report was accepted and bills allowed.

Mrs. Marcle reported on work in Efficiency in Government. In addition to work in the Fifth District, she had made trips to Faribault and St. Cloud,

and stated that at both places she had emphasized the point that the place to begin the study of Efficiency in Government is at home. A questionnaire on the Length of the Ballot is being sent out in co-operation with the Bureau of Municipal Research, and Mrs. Marcley will be able to report results at later meetings. In closing, Mrs. Marcley said that there seemed to be a charter movement throughout the state.

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Miss Mitchell/of the work in Efficiency in Government at St. Cloud, and said they expected to have some excellent committees there.

Miss Grant reported that a number of women in Faribault have become interested in visiting the City Council, and this work is not to be limited to a committee, but will be done by the women in a body. They are also interested in ordinances which are not being enforced.

Mrs. Carpenter spoke on the report of the Fifth District Efficiency in Government Committee, and in this connection discussed the work being done on the charter. It is her opinion that the Charter Committee is one of the most interesting experiments she has ever seen in Government reform.

Mrs. Thorp reported on the Education Committee, and explained that in making the State program it had been necessary to go ahead without first-hand consultation with all the women of the State. However, a tentative program has been put into the hands of the Interim Committee, with the understanding that the League can withdraw all or part of it if so desired. This program was worked out in consultation with the State Department of Education, and the things we have chosen for our program are the things that the State Board of Education stands for. Mrs. Thorp then presented a questionnaire to be distributed to the local Leagues for their consideration; and on motion, duly seconded, it was voted that the League ask to have all answers to the questions in before the 1st of May, after meetings and discussions in various districts.

Mrs. Thorp spoke on the question of military training, which has been opposed by the Fifth District League, who asked instead for compulsory physical training for all the children.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P. M., and met again at 2:00 P. M.

A letter of resignation from Mrs. Gault was read, and her resignation accepted with regret. ✓

✓ It was moved, seconded and carried that the recommendation of the Executive Committee in regard to Mrs. Serrin be accepted.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Ladd be appointed to investigate and find out the wishes of the women in the Seventh District, and recommend a chairman to be appointed by the Board in Mrs. Serrin's place. Carried.

Mrs. Nixon extended an invitation from St. Paul to hold the next Board meeting at the St. Paul Woman's Club. On motion, duly seconded and carried, it was voted to accept Mrs. Nixon's invitation with pleasure.

Miss Harrison reported on National Legislation, and a letter was read from the National League objecting to the limitation of the salaries in the Women's Bureau in the Department of Labor, by the Appropriations Committee. The total appropriation for the Women's Bureau has not been decreased, but a discriminatory limitation placed on the salaries, which has resulted in the loss to the Government of some of the best employees. On motion, duly seconded, it was agreed to protest against the discriminatory proviso limiting basic salaries. ✓ Carried.

Carried
Mrs. Dieudonne reported on the Shepard-Towner Bill, stating that an advisory committee has been appointed. ~~Minnesota has had no Child Hygiene Division,~~ but one has now been created, including a member of the State Board of Control, League of Women Voters, State University, the executive secretary of the Minnesota Public Health Assn., two doctors representing the Pediatric and Obstetric Societies, and a

representative of the Federated Clubs. There is a very small appropriation, so that the only work that can be done will be along educational lines. This will be administered in every locality by the Executive Committee of the Board of Health, one County Commissioner, the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Health Officer, and a doctor chosen by local medical associations. No woman will be included unless one happens to be either a County Commissioner or a Superintendent of Schools. It was moved and seconded that the League formulate an expression of disapproval and send it to Dr. Chesley and the Board of Public Health, stating that the Minnesota State Board of the League of Women Voters recommends that women be placed on local boards for administering the Sheppard-Towner Act, and that in choosing women, those working on the Child Welfare Boards, who are not ex-officio members, be considered. Carried.

There was considerable discussion on the question of women running for the office of county commissioner, and it was the feeling of the meeting that this subject should be pushed.

The Baltimore Convention was discussed, and the interest pointed out of meeting large groups of women from South America and Mexico. It was hoped that the League would send not less than twenty-five women from Minnesota.

The League's policy in connection with election activities was brought up and considered at some length. Mrs. Cobb spoke to this, asking that the League re-state its policy of not working for or against candidates, and make it even more clear. Mrs. Bennett also spoke to this, taking the opposite side; and the question was discussed from the same angle by Mrs. Sylvester of St. Paul. General discussion among the members followed, and on motion, duly seconded, it was resolved that the policy be reaffirmed that the League shall not, as an organization, indorse, support or oppose any candidates.

Mrs. Marcley spoke on the matter of the pre-primary convention, urging

that women attend and work for delegates. There was general discussion about getting thorough information about candidates running for office, and it was the sentiment of the meeting that we send out questionnaires to candidates, and submit the results to League members.

In this connection, the matter was discussed of having various candidates speak together before the League in open meetings, the same time-limits being imposed upon each candidate. The sentiment of the meeting was in favor of continuing and developing this arrangement.

Miss Wells spoke on the subject of finances, and dwelt on the necessity of sending in quotas in installments, so as to enable the State office to keep up their running expenses. Mrs. McKnight spoke on the financial situation in the National League, and said they were having great difficulties in getting the state quotas. Only two states have paid in full, and twenty states have not paid even their affiliation dues, of which Minnesota is one.

Miss Wells asked the meeting to outline what they felt the State office does for its members. Various League members spoke to this, mentioning the following benefits: publicity work, literature distributed, getting women interested in local political issues (which would be impossible without State and National backing), speakers, schools of political education, organizing work, letters on questions of current interest, opportunity to hear eight National speakers at the convention.

On motion, adjourned.

March 15, 1922

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, March 15, at the Women's City Club, St. Paul.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Norisch, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Swartwood, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Sylvester, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Hennessy.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Executive Secretary was read and accepted.

It was reported that in writing to Dr. Chesley recommending that women be placed on local boards for administering the Sheppard-Towner Act, Dr. Chesley evidently misinterpreted the letter, and placed the emphasis of the League's resolution on the suggestion that in choosing women, those working on the Child Welfare Boards be considered; and not on the fact that we wished women to be represented in the work outlined by the Sheppard-Towner Act.

Mrs. Ladd reported on organization work, which had been greatly delayed by the blizzard, so that her schedule had suffered continuous change. She summarized the result of the month's work under the following headings: 1st, In all places visited there were requests for more district meetings; 2nd, Comparative programs were asked for,-- that is, people in a city the size of Rochester, for instance, want to know what other places of the same size are doing. With regard to a chairman for the 7th District, Mrs. Ladd reported that Mrs. Laws would be extremely well liked.

Mrs. Dietrichson was not able to be present at the meeting; but Miss Wells reported for her that Mrs. Dietrichson states there is at present practically no enforcement of the minimum wage law. Mrs. Thorp spoke to this, and told of having heard a speech made at a meeting recently against the minimum wage

by a Mr. Chapman, Editor of the Improvement Bulletin.

Mrs. Thorp reported as chairman of the Education Committee, but stated she had not much to say, as little had happened since the last meeting. She did, however, report the appointment of a very fine chairman for the St. Cloud District, Miss Lawrence. Mrs. Thorp spoke in relation to the cut in salaries of teachers, saying that salaries have only just been made reasonable, and if the cut is made, it will reduce the efficiency of teachers throughout the state, as many will not be able to continue in their work.

Mrs. Ladd spoke on the question of appointing county superintendents instead of electing them, with a view to having a higher standard. The sentiment of the meeting was that some standard should be fixed, and it ^{be} made necessary for county superintendents to qualify for the position. of schools

Mrs. Thorp was requested by the Board to prepare a resolution protesting against wage reductions, and present it later in the session.

A letter was read from Miss Hauser, Chairman of the National Committee on Reduction of Armament, in relation to the question of reaffirming, or more specifically outlining, the policy of the League on reduction of armament, as the League will have to take a stand on this matter at the National Convention.

Mrs. Ueland spoke to this, covering several important questions now being considered: the Four-Power Treaty; the question of reducing the size of the army and navy; and in connection with this, military training in schools; the conference at Genoa; the action of Japan in using the surplus acquired by reduction of armament for improving schools and building waterways; the statement of General Bliss that the military needs of the United States should not exceed \$150,000,000.; the statement of General Smuts that there should be a race for ^{made} disarmament; Mrs. Ueland/suggestions to the effect that the League might consider whether they wished to work towards having munitions manufactured nationally;

and the declaring of war a crime by an International Court.

Mrs. Thorp spoke on military training; and outlined the policy of the League to substitute compulsory physical education for children, versus military training. She reported various opinions on the value of military training, obtained from writing to different states. Mrs. McKnight spoke to this, and said that a Committee had been appointed by the School Board to investigate the matter in Minneapolis. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00, and met again at 2:15

Miss Lusk gave an account of the jury situation in St. Paul, and described the experience of Mrs. Dahl when a mixed jury was locked up all night in one room. Her conclusion was that this and similar occurrences will result in wide reforms in caring for juries.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland that a resolution be passed by the Board to the effect that proper bailiffs and accommodations be provided in every community. The motion was seconded and passed, and Miss Harrison was instructed to draw up the resolution. Miss Harrison gave information about the trains and accommodations for the Baltimore Convention. There should be two delegates and alternates from each district, and two delegates and alternates at large; also a delegate and alternate allowed for each standing committee.

Mrs. Ueland moved that the Executive Committee decide what delegates should go, in case there is any question of there being more than a quota in a district. Seconded, carried.

Mrs. Marcley reported on the work of the Efficiency in Government Committee; and asked if there was any information as to how the new pre-primary convention law is working. Mrs. Swartwood of Waseca agreed to send a report, as she is a delegate. Mrs. Marcley stated she had been getting very interesting answers to the questionnaires she has been sending out around the state, and which

confirmed her opinion that there is a charter movement throughout the state. Another conclusion from her inquiries was that women seem to be interested in the local inforcement of prohibition; and also there is a wish to have soft-drink parlors regulated by bonding and payment of a fee. A model ordinance has not yet been provided to cover this point. With regard to a model milk ordinance, Mrs. Marcley thought it would be of great value in its relation to the Sheppard-Towner Law. Mrs. Marcley then asked for specific problems from the Board along the lines of Efficiency in Government, for presentation at the Baltimore Convention.

Mrs. Scott suggested city planning and garbage disposal. Mrs. Swartwood spoke of the soft drink parlors, and stated that the ordinance in Waseca, which is along the lines suggested by Mrs. Marcley, was highly efficient. Mrs. Pierce spoke on the subject of parking on the streets at night by persons attending dances, which has become a nuisance in her locality, and results in immorality. The basic cause of this seems to be the dance-halls, which would have to be controlled by local ordinance. Mrs. Norris stated that the chief difficulty in Hastings was lack of public interest. Mrs. Spencer spoke of the dance hall problem, largely in connection with parked automobiles.

Mrs. Swartwood reported on the delegate election, and was favorably inclined toward it, stating that she had received splendid co-operation in her work.

Mrs. Sylvester spoke to this, and said her experience was that the delegate election tended to the building up of machines, as a delegate would not be likely to file independently unless he would be supported. Another difficulty, in her opinion was that the ballots as printed gave no indication as to whom the delegates were supporting, and there was a great deal of confusion as a result of this.

Miss Harrison, who had been judge at the delegate election, reported that in her opinion it was not an expression of what the voters in the precinct

felt. She further stated that she estimated the cost per vote in the precinct where she worked as ^{more than} one dollar per person.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing cash on hand as of March 15th, of \$52.38; unpaid bills, \$467.15; owing to the National, \$870.00. On motion, duly seconded and carried, the bills were allowed. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted after a small correction was made.

It was moved and seconded that the ^{\$406.57 removing} amount left in the treasury from the ^{separate} disarmament funds be appropriated ^{to the regular account} for expenses, as the work which the League has done in this cause is worth many times the amount involved.

It was moved and seconded that of this amount appropriated, \$400.00 be turned over to the National in payment of our quota, thus reducing the quota to \$470.00.

The appointment of a chairman for the 7th District was brought up, and it was the sentiment of the Board that we get in touch with Mrs. Laws with a view to seeing if she could accept the appointment.

Mrs. Thorp proposed a resolution in regard to teachers' pay, as follows: WHEREAS the cumulative opinion of Minnesota citizens is evidently in favor of an adequate teaching staff for its children, and WHEREAS it has taken the constructive effort of all persons interested over a considerable length of time to raise the scale of teachers' pay to a point which would approximate the grade of service which we desire: BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Executive Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters in regularly monthly meeting deplores the recent action of the Minnesota School Board Association in recommending a general cut in the salaries of Minnesota school teachers, as possibly indicative of retrogression in our educational policy.

Mrs. Ueland presented a resolution drawn up by herself and the following committee: Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Burt, ^{Mrs. Thorp} ~~Miss Harrison~~, Mrs. Hargraves.

WHEREAS: The Minnesota League of Women Voters has taken an unalterable position in favor of settling international difficulties by peaceful means; and

WHEREAS; Our organization urged upon President Harding the calling of the Washington Conference, and WHEREAS: the Four Power Treaty is an integral part of the accomplishment of that Conference, which we believe was an important step forward in the cause of peace, THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that we go on record in favor of the passage of this treaty, and that we urge the senators representing us to do all in their power to secure the ratification of the treaty. Moved and seconded.

Miss Wells spoke to this, saying that she thought this resolution would not have a great effect on our senators, who are already decided to take this stand; and recommended that the resolution not be presented, both for this reason, and on account of the policy outlined by Mrs. Park that we do not take a stand as to details.

Move to present the resolution carried.

On motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Resolution drawn up by Miss Harrison:

"Jury service being an obligation of citizenship incumbent alike on men and women, it is the duty of the community to provide every reasonable facility of the dignified discharge of so important a public service. The Executive Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, therefore, urges its local branches to see that adequate accommodations for jurors are provided in connection with all courts, that women bailiffs as provided for by law be appointed whenever occasion requires, that only persons of proper character be permitted to serve as bailiffs and that separate quarters be provided for men and women serving on mixed juries."

Tuesday, April 18, 1922

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Tuesday, April 18th, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Purdy, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Stadum, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Lawrence, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Spencer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$351.15, unpaid bills \$115.00. The report was accepted, and bills allowed.

Convention arrangements were discussed, and information distributed.

The Annual General Plan of Work prepared by the National was read and discussed, particularly in connection with placing International Relations under the Department of Efficiency in Government.

On motion by Mrs. Thorp, duly seconded, it was moved that the Board instruct their representative to the Disarmament Committee that she request the Committee to make the International Department for Reduction of Armament a separate national department. Carried.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported for the Women in Industry Committee, and went over the recommended program sent out by the National covering this work. She stated that she did not feel there was much controversial matter, and the difference between this year's program and last year's was largely that some of the items outlined last year have been disposed of. It was Mrs. Dietrichson's opinion that the most important of the recommendations was in relation to the limitation of the hours of work for wage-earning women.

The recommendations for the Committee on Education were read by Mrs. Thorp, and taken up in detail. No instructions were given by the Board to their delegate to this Convention Committee, and it was decided to leave the decisions to her own judgment.

Miss Wells brought up the fact that the first meeting of the Advisory Board to the State Board of Health would be held Friday afternoon to discuss putting into effect the Shepard-Towner Law and evening in St. Paul, and stated that since the League had been so active in urging co-operation with the Advisory Board, she would like to have a League representative go. Mrs. Ueland arranged to attend in the evening, and Mrs. Nixon said that she would either send someone, or go herself, in the afternoon.

Mrs. Dietrichson spoke on the question of the discrepancy between the pay of men and women inspectors employed by the Industrial Commission, and reported that a number of letters of protest had been written by various organizations throughout the state.

On motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at 12:45.

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Tuesday, May 9, 1922.

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Tuesday, May 9, 1922, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Thorp, Miss Mitchell, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Laws, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. John Sylvester, Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Froelich, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Bridgman, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Dieudonne, Miss Grant.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$29.21. The report was accepted, and bills allowed.

State work in May and June was discussed, and Mrs. Ladd suggested that the matter had been considered of having an "All Range" meeting, but this would probably have to be held in September. Miss Harrison spoke, saying that we were planning to have District meetings and groups of counties. Several members spoke to this, and tentative arrangements were made for meetings at Brainerd, Crookston, Faribault and Excelsior.

Money-raising plans were considered in relation to the proposed meetings, and it was the sentiment of the meeting that the League had not been aggressive enough in its efforts to raise quotas throughout the state.

It was stated that the next six weeks is the time during which speakers can come out in the state for meetings, and the various districts were urged to make early decisions as to what they wished.

Questionnaires to candidates were discussed, and it was stated that last year the League sent questionnaires to those running for state offices and for congress. The question was raised as to whether we should publish information received on these questionnaires when they are returned; and

also whether the League wished to continue with the questionnaires.

On motion duly seconded, it was voted to continue the questionnaires.

It was moved and seconded that the questionnaires be sent out before the primaries. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the findings of the questionnaires be made available in a method left to the discretion of the Executive Committee. Carried.

It was moved that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a Committee of three to work on the questionnaires. Seconded and carried. Committee appointed as follows: Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Marcley, Miss Harrison, Chairman; Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Guise to act as advisory members.

It was moved and seconded that the State Board ask the senatorial candidates to make their first campaign speech before the League at a mass meeting. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Ueland reported on the meeting of the Advisory Board to the State Board of Health on the enforcement of the Shepard-Towner Law, and stated that some of the more important points covered by the meeting were as follows: Whether the Board of Health can use money given by other organizations, and will the United States match this money. It was thought by the meeting that this was the intent of the Law. Dr. Chesley stated in the meeting that it was absolutely necessary to have the indorsement of the doctors of the state in order that the Law be successfully administered, which was the sentiment of the meeting. It was proposed to have two women on the county Administrative Boards, and this was embodied in a resolution.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30, and met again at 1:40.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Philips, Miss Mitchell, Miss Grant, Mrs. Froelich, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Weir,

Mrs. Ashmun, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. John Sylvester, Mrs. Guise, Miss Lusk, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Maroley, Mrs. Sweetser.

The date for the State Convention was discussed, and it was moved to leave to the Executive Committee the matter of setting a time, about the first of October. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Thorp read the National Educational Committee program, covering:

1. Federal Legislation, Active and Reserve; and 2. State Legislation.

by Mrs. Anderson
It was reported/that the name of the National Committee covering education had been changed from Committee on American Citizenship to the Committee on Education. It was recommended by Mrs. Thorp that the National Educational program, both Active Federal and Reserve Federal, covering the Towner-Sterling Law, be indorsed by the Board. Moved, seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sweetser reported on the Child Welfare Committee, and the recommended National program, Federal Active and Reserve, was read. Recommendations adopted.

Mrs. Marclely reported on the Efficiency in Government Committee, and read the National program. It was moved and seconded that the recommendations of the National Convention be adopted, covering the development of individual state programs of study with the following sub-divisions: Study of the Short Ballot or Merit System or Budget Making, with special stress on study of the Merit System. Motion carried.

Mrs. Marclely and Miss Wells reported on a motion brought by Mrs. Miller of Pennsylvania at the National Convention, to the effect that the Efficiency in Government Department be made ^{the} chief department. They reported that there had been a great deal of discussion on this motion, and stated that the matter has now been referred to a National Committee of five for further consideration.

It was moved that the State Board reaffirm their indorsement of the Direct Primary. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sylvester reported on the Food Supply and Demand Committee, and the National program was read. It was moved that the new items on the program of this committee be indorsed by the Board as follows: 1. Inforcement of the cost of producing and distributing coal in the United States, and publishing that report. 2. In case the Government does not go into the manufacture of nitrates that it accept the offer for their manufacture which best safe-guards the interests of the people. 3. That the name of the committee be changed to the Committee on Living Costs. 4. State legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of "Filled Milk". Motion seconded and carried.

Miss Wells reported on the National Committee for International Co-Operation to Prevent War, and stated that she had presented to the Disarmament Committee the recommendation of the Board to make the International Department for the Reduction in Armament a separate National department; and that the recommendation had been accepted, and the name had been changed to Committee for International Co-Operation to Prevent War. The Committee on Reduction in Armament has been discharged, and the new committee set up.

Miss Wells reported on the matter of independent citizenship for married women, saying that it had been decided by the National Board to push this legislation. It is felt that opposition will be made to this by congressmen from foreign districts. Mrs. Ladd also spoke to this, and reported that this legislation had been indorsed by the recent Americanization Conference.

Mrs. Ladd reported on the Social Hygiene Committee, stating that the

National program had all been indorsed at the convention. Action on this program was deferred until the chairman of the committee could be present.

In connection with the various National programs, no voted~~d~~ was asked for on state recommendations on any of the committees, because it was the sentiment of the meeting that the League ~~that we~~ would select measures from the different programs as our own legislative council recommends.

The matter of the Chairmanship in the Seventh District was brought up by Miss Wells, and Mrs. Laws consented to be Acting Chairman until the state convention in the fall.

It was moved that the League try to supply roll-calls of the bills of the State Legislature. Seconded and carried.

On motion, adjourned.

Wednesday, June 14, 1922.

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, June 14, 1922, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Miss Monahan, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. E. L. Sylvester, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Swartwood, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. Rittenhouse.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Miss Mitchell and Miss Grant, regretting that they could not come to the meeting.

The Executive Secretary reported on the questionnaires sent out to the candidates, and said that the answers had come in in great quantities. She also reported that there had been many valuable answers to the questionnaires in connection with the state educational program. Miss Harrison spoke of the matter of supplying general information to the newspapers throughout the state for educational purposes, and said that we now send material regularly to about 27 papers, not more than one in each county. In relation to the letter sent out asking for information about the preprimary elections, Miss Harrison reported that not many returns had come in; and Miss Wells urged the Board not to forget the importance of these questionnaires.

Political Activities during the month were discussed, candidates' and Mrs. Swartwood reported on two meetings held in Waseca. At both meetings there were splendid audiences, and people stood

out in the street trying to get in. Everything was arranged on a strictly unpartisan basis, even the ushers being from various parties. Miss Monahan reported that in Shakopee they had a meeting at which the candidates for sheriff spoke, and which created a great deal of interest; and also stated that since Mrs. Ladd's visit, the league there has had a new lease of life. Mrs. Sylvester reported that on the following Friday and Saturday evenings, they were planning to have a candidates' meeting, including all county officials, and stated that they intended to try and make a collection at this time.

There was some discussion as to the methods of handling candidates' meetings, and it was agreed that the only way to conduct these meetings is to hold every candidate to a strict time limit, so that all may have an equal opportunity to speak.

Mrs. Day reported that there had been two meetings in Dakota County, which she had not been able to attend, but which she had been informed had had good audiences.

Mrs. McKnight spoke on the question of candidates' meetings, and stated that the plan of candidates' meetings, initiated by the League, has now been almost unanimously adopted by other organizations throughout the city.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Executive Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer, showing a balance on hand of \$15.53. Unpaid bills, \$307.73. Accepted as read.

In connection with the deficit in the Treasurer's Report, the question was raised as to what we are going to do in the way of

giving information and supplying speakers to other organizations. We have a number of calls from various Federated Clubs, or similar organizations, and it means additional expense to supply their demands.

During this discussion, Miss Wells brought up again the question as to whether we should concentrate on our active organizations and help strengthen them, or develop new fields. While it seemed to be the sentiment of the meeting to follow the former course, Miss Wells pointed out that this program might raise difficulties with our budget, as the budget is apportioned according to the number of county leagues. A number of members spoke to this, and Mrs. Ueland was of the opinion that we must keep some connection with every legislative district, as the only way by which we can reach legislative members is through their constituents.

Miss Wells asked if the Board would be in favor of basing our budget on the number of strong organizations, rather than on the county system heretofore used. A suggestion was made by Miss Harrison that we modify our budget system by apportioning the budget not to the county as a unit, but by mentioning the important towns in a county specifically. It was suggested by Mrs. Carpenter in this connection that in budgeting, we might adopt the plan that when a budget was made for the state, the quota for each organization should call for a proportional amount of service, and if an organization got a large amount of service, it could, possibly, be further assessed.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30, and met again at 1.30.

Present: Miss Wells, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Swartwood, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Rittenhouse.

Miss Wells spoke on the subject of trying to get subscriptions annually from members, and it was the sentiment of the meeting that more can be done toward raising money in this way.

Political activities were further discussed, and Mrs. Ladd reported on a meeting at Faribault. A luncheon was given, with representatives from Northfield and Kenyon, and Miss Wells, Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Ladd attended. Pledge cards were distributed after the luncheon, and a contribution has since been sent in.

Miss Wells reported on a meeting at Crosby, which included attendance from various places on the range, and at which so much interest was created that a League has since been organized there. Miss Wells spoke at some length upon the matter of raising money at all meetings of similar character throughout the state, and urged all board members to recognize the fact that they must ask for funds. She pointed^{out}/that the meeting at Crosby had been arranged in such a way that there was no suitable time in which to ask for money, whereas a special opportunity should have been made to do this.

Mrs. Carpenter spoke on the Minneapolis plan for their budget. She explained, for instance, that they plan to raise a specific amount from activities such as rummage sales,, parties, etc.; another sum from subscriptions; and another sum from a special

method of raising subscriptions as follows: Different committees to be formed representing various business or professional interests who would ask for graduated subscriptions from about \$25.00 down. In this way, they expect to get in touch with a number of people who are not regular contributors.

Mrs. Ueland reported on a meeting of the Legislative Council, which is a body having representatives from many different organizations, interested in special legislation. Various measures are presented at this council for discussion, and at the recent meeting it was decided that proposals were to be submitted to committees for them to work on, a committee generally consisting of the person making the proposal and not less than two additional members. The measures considered by the council will eventually be brought up before the State Board, and before the state convention.

Miss Monahan reported on the committee for Uniform Laws Concerning Women, and discussed the Blanket Amendment, prepared by the National Women's Party, giving women the same legal rights as men. Miss Monahan said that there was danger that this amendment will remove all special legislation, such as the minimum wage law, and various protective measures of similar character. The survey which the League is to make will show what our decision will be in upholding this amendment. The Women's Trade Union League are against it, and several other large women's organizations. When all answers obtained by our survey have come in, they will be submitted to lawyers for final opinions.

Mrs. Marcley reported on the League work in Efficiency in Government, and spoke on the value of visiting committees, saying she hoped this phase of the efficiency in government work would be more widely taken up throughout the state. She spoke also on the question of a legislative program, especially in relation to the Direct Primary and Civil Service regulations. The whole program in the coming legislature of the state will be directed towards retrenchment, and therefore Mrs. Marcley considers the question of budget making most important for study. Mrs. Swartwood spoke to this, and stated that Waseca has a committee of five who visits the city council, and they are most anxious to keep on with this work. Mrs. Carpenter also spoke to this, saying that she thought the visiting committees are of the greatest value. It is her opinion that when these committees are organized, it should always be done by first talking the matter over with the city officials, so that the committee will have their co-operation and not opposition.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported that she still has several districts for which there are no chairman on the Women in Industry Committee, and is very anxious to get all the districts organized.

On motion, seconded and carried, it was voted not to have a board meeting in July, and to leave it to the discretion of the Executive Committee to set a date for the next meeting.

On motion, adjourned.

Wednesday, September 6, 1922.

The monthly board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, September 6, 1922, at State Headquarters.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. J. O. Sylvester, Mrs. Carpenter, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Ulrich, Mrs. Herbert, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. E. L. Sylvester, Mrs. O'Keefe, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Ashmun, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Rittenhouse.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Secretary gave her report orally, and it was accepted.

Letters were read from various board members regretting their absence.

A letter from the National League was read, outlining a special offer for subscriptions to the Woman Citizen; and describing some of the important features of the Washington situation.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$12.44, and unpaid bills \$440.27. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read.

The Convention place and date were discussed, and announcement was made that it would be held in St. Paul. Owing to great difficulty in obtaining proper accommodations, it was impossible to decide upon the date.

Recommendations from the Executive Committee to the Board were presented and acted upon as follows:

1. Recommended to dispense with Mrs. Ladd's services during the next fiscal year on account of expense. Adopted.

2. Recommended to allow each district chairman (except in the 4th and 5th districts) \$100 to use for organization work in her district in consultation with the office. Amended as to the last clause to read "with the approval of the Executive Committee", and adopted as amended.
3. Recommended to allow a similar fund in the budget to be used by the office for extension work. Adopted.
4. Recommended to accept with regret Mrs. Thorp's resignation, ^{as publicity chairman} Adopted.
5. Recommended to accept substantially the plan presented by Miss Harrison for next year's quotas and budget. Amended as to the rate per thousand population from \$10.00 to \$12.50, the additional \$2.50 to be kept by the local leagues for their own use. Adopted as amended.
6. Recommended to appoint a budget committee to work out details of the plan, and to decide on the methods for raising money at the convention. Amended to have the number of the committee five, and to have them appointed by the Chair. Adopted as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 12.45 and met again at 2.00.

A further recommendation from the Executive Committee was presented to the Board, as follows:

7. Recommended to request the university to create a woman's department in the Extension Bureau. It was RESOLVED to request the Regents of the University to include a sufficient amount in the coming Biennial Budget to cover the expenses of such a Bureau. It was also RESOLVED to ask local leagues to send similar requests. On motion duly seconded and carried, Mrs. Marcley was asked to take care of the work with other organizations.

The Convention was again discussed; but plans were so uncertain that it was moved and seconded that the date and place of the Convention be left to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The question was brought up of holding Board meetings in other places in the State. It was moved and seconded that we have no less than four meetings in the State, at which Board meetings shall be held. Motion not carried. It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to find some way of taking the League out into the districts. Carried. It was moved and seconded that the appointment of the committee be left to the Executive Committee. Carried.

It was announced that Mrs. Maud Wood Park would visit Minnesota in November; and it was moved and seconded that the League arrange for meetings during her stay, these meetings to include one on the Range, one in Minneapolis, and one at Rochester or some place in the locality. Carried.

It was moved that the Program and Nominating Committees of the Convention be selected by the Executive Committee. Seconded and carried.

Brief reports were made from various standing committees.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported on the work of the Child Welfare Committee, and stated that Winnebago and Blue Earth have excellent committees.

Mrs. Ueland read a letter from the Child Hygiene Dept. of the State Board of Health, outlining their work. Miss Monahan reported on the bill for Uniform Laws Concerning Women, saying that 40 states have answered the questionnaire sent out.

On motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned.

CORRECTION

Mrs. Patterson has declared her intention to resign but has not definitely done so by letter

MINNESOTA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER'S BOARD

MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 1922.

Called to order at 10:37 A. M.

Miss Wells presiding

Present: Miss Harrison, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Dr. Ulrich,
Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Bennett,
Miss Lusk, Mrs. Sylvester, Mrs. C. R. Noyes,
Mrs. C. P. Noyes, Mrs. S. T. McKnight, Mrs.
White, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs.
Dietrichson, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Swartword, Mrs.
Glascoe, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Ueland.

Minutes of two former meetings read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Balance on hand	\$ 5.10
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Outstanding Bills	330.16
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Moved and seconded that outstanding bills be paid - carried

Moved and seconded that Treasurer's report be accepted -
carried

Report of Executive Secretary:

Miss Harrison reported on work and results of
the plan adopted at State Convention for getting
out votes. Miss Harrison said that the Second
District was without a Chairman owing to the
fact that Miss Patterson the Chairman had gone
to California. (The League has asked Miss
Patterson for her resignation but no answer has

as yet been received from Miss Patterson.

Moved and seconded that a vacancy be declared in Second District - carried

A letter of resignation from Miss Mitchell, Chairman of the Sixth District was read in which she suggested Mrs. Cobb take her place.

Moved and seconded that with regret Miss Mitchell's resignation be accepted - carried

A letter from Mrs. Cobb read in which she states that if she is elected she would accept nomination as Chairman in Sixth District.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Cobb be nominated Chairman of Sixth District - carried

Ninth District:

Mrs. Freelick's resignation read.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Freelick's resignation be accepted with regret - carried

Secretary read a report from Miss Morgan, Chairman of Committee on International Relations to Prevent War. Miss Wells asked the opinion of the Board as to whether a Committee on International Relations to Prevent War be formed.

Moved and seconded that such a Committee be formed - carried

Moved and seconded that the President as Chairman of the Nominating Committee find a Chairman on International Relations to Prevent War - carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. C. P. Noyes be a member
of that Committee - carried

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Ueland be made a member
of that Committee - carried

Discussion as to engaging Mr. Bryn-Jones for a series
of lectures

Possibilities of other speakers were discussed

Miss Wells discussed Shepperd Towner Bill and the necessity
of obtaining statement of ^{all} appropriation this winter
when the legislature meets.

Miss Harrison gave survey of organization work

Blank forms have been sent out to every Chairman of the
office list throughout the state. If blank
is not filled out and returned within a reason-
able length of time ^{or if shown} showing that the league is ^{not} a
working organization,

The names of Chairman will be brought up before the Board
as to whether or not that Chairman will be dropped
and a new one elected in her place.

Miss Wells spoke on the advisability of the Chairman hold-
ing Board Meeting's.

District Chairman gave reports on getting out votes for
the election of November 7th and the results.

Miss Harrison reported that there were very few County
Chairman now in office and urged that the County
Chairman be appointed by the District Chairman.

Miss Harrison gave the plans for the four days that Mrs.
Maud Wood Park would be in Minnesota.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn for luncheon at 12:30

P. M.

AFTERNOON MEETING CALLED TOGETHER AT 1:30²⁶ P. M.

Miss Wells asked for five nominations for the Executive
Committee

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Ueland be nominated - carried

Moved and seconded that Mrs. McKnight be nominated - carried

Moved and seconded that Miss Wells be nominated - carried

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Rittenhouse be nominated - carried

Moved and seconded that Miss Lusk be nominated - carried

It was the sentiment of the meeting that from time to time

the Board Meetings be held in private houses.

Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Thorpe and Miss Wells offered their
homes for these Meetings.

Mrs. Marcley gave report on the efficiency in Government
Committee

League having pledged itself to direct primary,

Mrs. Marcley thought that Sister Helen Angeline of St.

Catherine in St. Paul who was an authority on the
direct primary might be prevailed to talk on the
subject for the League.

Actual functioning of the ^{Municipal} Government should be studied
this winter, also

State and County Government;

Mrs. Marcley urged studying Municipal Government.

A Bureau of public instruction at the University was dis-
cussed at some length. Mrs. Marcley said such a

Bureau would cost \$20,000. biannually

Mrs. Thorp suggested that as all the information was at the University and if it is impossible to obtain this appropriation perhaps the University would provide a field organizer in order to make this information more accessible to the general public.

Mrs. Marcley hopes to have a definite study program at the next Board Meeting.

Miss Lusk reported plans of the Ramsey County League

Mrs. Thorp presented a plan to edit and send out a Bulletin by-weekly as well as the Women Voter in order to keep members informed as to the procedure of the legislature.

Discussion followed as to how to finance this Bulletin
Consensus of opinion was that this Bulletin be financed out of the League fund.

Mrs. Ueland gave report ^{on} legislative committee calling ~~of residence~~ program for the winter.

Mrs. Laws spoke on the desirability of trying to interest women in Living Cost Committee. It was decided to communicate with Mrs. Goldstein, Chairman of the Housewives League in regard to a meat inspection bill which may be brought up by that body by this winter.

There being no further business it was moved and seconded to adjourn - carried

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T. White

Recording Secretary

December 14, 1922.

The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters held at the residence of Miss Wells December 14, 1922.

Meeting called to order at 10:30. Miss Wells presiding.

Present: Miss Wells, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. White, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Berger, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. C. P. Noyes, Mrs. C. R. Noyes, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Swartwood, Mrs. McAnight.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Balance \$8.86. Unpaid \$46.15. Moved and seconded that treasurer's report be accepted. Carried. Moved and seconded that bills be paid. Carried.

Moved and seconded that resignation of Mrs. Rittenhouse be accepted with regret and that it will take effect the first of January or as soon as a new treasurer is appointed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the board leave finding of new treasurer to Executive Committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that for the next three months the state attempt to pay a third monthly of its dues to the National Board. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Minnesota League request the State Industrial Commission to send a representative to the Conference called by the Women's Bureau at Washington. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Dietrichson be appointed to represent the Minnesota League of Women Voters at the Illinois Convention of the National

Consumers League. Carried.

Miss Harrison recommended that the following names be dropped from list of chairmen, owing to the fact that they either did not answer or else had answered unsatisfactorily the questionnaire outlined at last board meeting:

1st District - Mrs. Henry Weber, Austin; Mrs. Scofield, Spring Valley,

Mrs. O'Loughlin, Lake City.

2nd District - Miss Nellie Baxter, Chaska.

7th District - Mrs. Martha Rothwell, Ortonville.

8th District - Mrs. Fred Vibert, Cloquet.

9th District - Miss Ruth Kolb, Gonvick; Miss Sarah Vaughn, Goodridge;

Mrs. F. C. Paine, Erskine, Mrs. A. L. Hanson, Ada; Mrs. A. T. Nelson, Breckinridge; Mrs. A. J. Powers, Mahnomen.

10th District - Mrs. Gus Peterson, Anoka; Mrs. E. A. Larson, Mora; Mrs. C. A.

Parker, Delano; Mrs. C. H. Hubbell, Robbinsdale; Mrs. Marilla Stone, Rush City..

Moved and seconded that the above names be dropped from the State list and that no more literature be sent them. Carried.

Moved and seconded that District Chairmen make new appointments and report them before or at the time of the next Board meeting. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Board adjourn for luncheon at 1:00. Carried.

Afternoon meeting called to order at 2:10 P. M. Mrs. Ueland gave report on Legislative Committee. Most important work will be done on educational bills.

Mrs. Marcle, Efficiency in Government Chairman, suggested making up a program for the study of Civil Service.

The idea of a bureau of public instruction at the University has been somewhat modified to conform with ideas of adult education in other universities a bureau of Public Information is now under consideration.

Mrs. Marcley is hoping to interest other groups and clubs in the League's civil service program. Miss Lawrence reported on Educational Committee. She finds it difficult to reach farmers and their wives, but she hopes to give them a good deal of information by placing literature in the country stores and having farmers take it home in their market baskets.

Mrs. C. R. Noyes, Chairman of Ramsey County, reported on work in St. Paul. Groups have been formed over city to study city, county and state government.

Mrs. McKnight, Chairman of 5th District, reported on work in Minneapolis. Mrs. McKnight said the League had never been in such a promising condition. The city is now organized by 8 legislative districts. Each district has pledged itself to raise \$250.00. for the work of the League.

Miss Wells gave report of letter from Miss Morgan on International Cooperation to Prevent War and outlined Miss Morgan's plans.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Boyd Nixon be appointed Chairman of Committee on International Cooperation to Prevent War. Carried.

Miss Harrison read letters from Mrs. Max Mayer and Miss Nancy M. Schoonmaker who are able to give lecture courses this winter.

Moved and seconded at 4:35 that meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Anne T. White

Recording Secretary.

Jan. 18, 1923.

The regular meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the residence of Mrs. Edwin White in St. Paul, January 18, 1923.

Meeting called to order at 10:10, Miss Wells presiding.

Present: Mrs. Lehmann, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weir, Miss Lusk, Miss Monahan, Mrs. White, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. C. R. Noyes, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Lawrence, Miss Grant, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Norrish, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Newman, Miss Harrison, Miss Louise Peavey, (Faribault), Miss Pye, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Benepe.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Miss Harrison reported an increase in number of subscriptions to the Woman Voter due to the letter sent out by Miss Wells.

Miss Harrison reported that 17 chairmen mentioned at last board meeting had been informed that their names would be removed from the list of chairmen.

Mrs. Dietrichson gave a report on the Washington Industrial Conference which was called by the Woman's Bureau of the Dept. of Labor. The Conference was purely educational in character.

A short discussion followed on the blanket bill which will be introduced in 32 States this year.

Miss Harrison announced that the National Convention will be held in Des Moines from the 9th to the 14th of April. She asked to have a delegate from each congressional district appointed and an alternate delegate.

Miss Wells urged that a large attendance go to the Convention. The

following names were given in: Miss Wells, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Cobb, Miss Grant, Mrs. White, Mrs. Noyes, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Holman.

Discussion took place on the plan of work submitted by the National League. The relative importance of efficiency in government and social legislation in Standing Committees was discussed. The concensus of opinion seemed to be to work toward the study of government attempting to gain for it a more and more extensive place among League members.

A plan of work was given chairmen to discuss with their local leagues and report at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Marcley spoke on the reorganization of the State Departments. She brought out the tendency toward centralized government. She said that the reorganization could be summed up in three words - centralization, the short ballot, and the budget.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P. M.

Miss Lawrence, Chairman of the Educational Committee, gave report on bills of the Minnesota Educational Department.

It was moved and seconded that we reaffirm our belief that we should have an eight months school bill introduced in this Legislature and a copy of the resolution to be sent to the chairman of the Interim Commission. Carried.

Mrs. Nixon, Chairman on International Cooperation to Prevent War, wants every chairman to establish one or more groups who will have four meetings to discuss the two questions presented by Miss Morgan:

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1. Do you believe that the United States should remit all or part of their foreign debts in exchange for effective measures of disarmament on the part of the debtor nation?

2. Do you think that the United States should join any international Association in order to prevent war, ~~or~~ if so, on what conditions?

The chairmen reported that Brainerd, Winona, St. Paul and Minneapolis had already organized their round-tables but had not held the first meeting.

Reports of District Chairmen:

Mrs. Glasoe and Mrs. Spencer had no new work to report on.

Mrs. Cobb asked for suggestions for names of chairmen.

Mrs. Noyes told about the legislative luncheons which all the women's clubs had been asked to join. Each organization sends one delegate and as many members as they wish. The luncheons have been very successful.

Treasurer's Report. Balance \$136.36. Unpaid Bills \$117.17.

Moved and seconded that treasurer's report be accepted and outstanding bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Marcley gave brief discussion on bills concerning machinery of government. Bills for continuous registration, preprimary convention and a bill to change character of election for state legislators and senators from unpartisan candidates to partisan candidates.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Feb. 15, 1923.

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board was held February 15 at the home of Mrs. McKnight, Minneapolis.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. Thorp, and in the afternoon Mrs. Glasow. Mrs. Lowell Pierce of West St. Paul and Mrs. Newman of Stillwater also attended. Members of the Board of the Minneapolis League who attended by invitation were Mrs. Chalmers, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Sweetzer, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Swarthe, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Quint, Mrs. Litzenberg, Mrs. Rittenhouse, Mrs. Denny and Miss Stevens. Miss Florence Harrison also attended as a guest.

In the absence of Mrs. White, Secretary, the minutes were taken by Miss Gladys Harrison.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showing a balance of \$346.34 and unpaid bills amounting to \$875.37 was read and approved.

Mrs. Ueland moved that the Board confirm the appointment of Mrs. Harold G. Cant as treasurer. Seconded and carried.

It was announced that the state and city Leagues had taken new headquarters at 1639 Hennepin Avenue to be occupied March 1st.

Mrs. Dowling reported that she had visited Watson where Mrs. Stone, District Chairman for the M. F. W. C., had persuaded the local League to Federate and to change its name to the ^{Watson} Woman's Club. The League officers had been told by Mrs. Stone that this would not make any difference in their League affiliation

which was the affiliation which they most preferred. Mrs. Dowling reported that the former League members wished to reorganize in such a way as to resume their League affiliation.

Miss Wells reported the case of Detroit, Minnesota, where the League had endorsed candidates for the coming city election.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon that a letter be sent all local Leagues explaining the independent character of the League organization and our policy of not endorsing or opposing candidates or parties. Seconded and carried.

The remainder of the morning was given up to discussion of the national Plan of Work. Mrs. Marcley talked of the Plan proposed by the National and the Plan worked out by Miss Wells in consultation with her and others. Moved by Mrs. Marcley that we recommend to the National that we substitute for the Committee on Social Hygiene a Committee on Public Health. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland that we reiterate our belief that the Department of Efficiency in Government should be stressed and developed as rapidly as possible. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. McKnight that we ^{recommend dropping} drop our Committee on Social Legislation. After discussion the vote was taken and the motion lost, there being four ayes (Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Thorp, and Mrs. Marcley).

Moved by Mrs. Nixon that the Board recommend the Plan of Work proposed Miss Wells instead of that proposed by the National. Seconded and carried unanimously.

The word "enforcement" in the Plan of Work was left for Committee decision.

Miss Harrison reported on her trip in the 2nd Congressional District,

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reporting a new League at Adrian, two provisional chairmen for Worthington and Pipestone, the appointment of a nominating committee to secure a chairman for Windom, and possibility of League organization in St. James and Madelia. The cost of her trip was \$27.87 and more than \$6.00 was raised for immediate payment on quotas. The quotas accepted by the towns visited, if organization develops, will cover several times over the cost of the trip. She urged that District Chairmen use money for traveling in their own districts, and gave it as her opinion that the District chairmen would be more successful than any outside organizer. She also suggested ~~that~~ the possibility of having traveling ~~Institutes~~ in ~~Government~~ to hold two-day sessions in communities throughout the State after the close of the legislative session and in the autumn months.

The subject of taking space in "Who's Who" was again discussed. The sentiment of the Board opposed taking any action.

Mrs. Ueland spoke of the work at the State Legislature.

Mrs. Marcley reported on conferences looking toward a reorganization of State departments. The League has appeared before the House Committee on the Investigation of Administrative Departments and has had satisfactory interviews with Governor Preus and Speaker Nolan leading to the hope that a resolution would be passed at this session calling for an Interim Committee. She also reported conferences on the drafting of a bill for Proportional Representation, the committee consisting of Mrs. Remington, Mr. Kane, Mr. Olson and Mrs. Marcley.

Moved that the Board recommend that the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth Leagues give special consideration to the bill changing the city elections to the same date as the general elections.

Mrs. Ueland advised hard work in support of the Sheppard-Towner appropriation, the indeterminate sentence, the 54 hour week and the placing of a woman on the State Industrial Commission. The last is of the most immediate importance.

Moved that we urge the holding of meetings by every League in favor of appropriations for the Sheppard-Towner work and for the refund under the County Allowance Act, pointing out that the immediate responsibility lies with the Appropriation Committees and especially with the chairmen thereof. Seconded and carried.

Moved that we write the Wisconsin League of Women Voters again asking for a statement in regard to the Equal Rights Bill and that we write organizations on our Legislative Council to get statements as to their stand on this Bill.

Mrs. Nixon reported round-tables on international questions now organized as follows: Minneapolis, 17; Northfield, 2; St. Paul, 3; Eveleth, Brainerd, St. Cloud, Winona, ^{West St. Paul} and Faribault, one each.

Mrs. Nixon presented a bibliography prepared by Miss Mathis of the St. Paul Public Library, and suggested that libraries be requested to order and display books dealing with these questions.

Moved by Mrs. McKnight that Mrs. Nixon appoint a committee to design a stamp and to consult with Miss Morgan with the idea of presenting the stamp at the Des Moines convention as an official stamp for her Committee. Seconded and carried.

Informal show of hands showed no members of the Board in favor of capital punishment. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

April 26, 1923.

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board was held at headquarters April 26, 1923.

Present: Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Marcley, Miss Lawrence, and Miss Mitchell. There were also present as visitors Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Lehmann and Mrs. ^{Klein} ~~Ricin~~ of West St. Paul, Mrs. Hargreaves and Mrs. Wittich of Minneapolis, Mrs. Oehler, Mrs. Williams and Miss Alice O'Brien of ^{Ehler} of St. Paul, Mrs. Oehler of Farmington, and Miss G. A. Norrish of Hastings, and Mrs. Hall of Redwood Falls, and Mrs. Atwater

The morning session was given over to a discussion of finance. Miss Ludington's national treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Wittich. The National's plan for a cooperative finance campaign for forty new contributors of \$100 each in Minnesota was presented by Mrs. Bissell. Miss Harrison read the recommendations of the Executive Committee regarding this plan.

It was moved by Mrs. Noyes that we ratify the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the plan be accepted in its general outlines. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thorp that we ratify the recommendation that a Central Committee be formed made up of women from different communities with Mrs. Cant, the State Treasurer, as Chairman. Seconded and Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thorp and seconded by Mrs. Nixon that we engage Miss Owen as special secretary for the period of the campaign with the understanding that the National League is to pay for her services. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland as a tentative plan that we undertake to get twelve

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subscriptions from St. Paul, twenty from Minneapolis, and ten from the State at large. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bissell that the campaign period be from May 6 to May 20.
Seconded and carried.

The following names were suggested for the Central Finance Committee:

Mrs. Cant, Chairman.

Mrs. Bissell, Minneapolis

Mrs. Ueland, "

Mrs. Wittich "

Mrs. Noyes, St. Paul

Mrs. Nixon "

Miss O'Brien "

Mrs. Colton, Duluth

Mrs. Hall, Redwood Falls

Miss Mitchell, St. Cloud

Miss Lawrence "

Mrs. Webb, Brainerd

Mrs. Stockton, Faribault

Mrs. Charles Mayo, Rochester

Mrs. J. N. Weir, Winona

Miss Agnes Peterson, St. Peter.

It was understood that Mrs. Colton would report the name of another member of the Committee from Duluth.

Suggestions were given of possible contributors in various communities and

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these notes will be turned over for the use of the Central Committee.

The Treasurer's report was then given by Mrs. Cant showing a balance of \$101.13, and bills payable on May 1st \$635.65.

It was moved by Mrs. Bissell that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon which was served in the meeting room, and reconvened at 1:30.

Miss Wells presented as the immediate need of the League the necessity of expansion and a definite program of work in the local Leagues in order to carry out the National League program.

Mrs. Nixon presented her plan for obtaining a mile of signatures for a petition in favor of the United States joining the World Court, and suggested that at County Fairs the idea of "recruiting for peace" be used in order to give dramatic effect to the securing of signatures and to an educational exhibit on international co-operation. She announced that the official "End War" stamp prepared by the Minnesota League of Women Voters and adopted by the National is expected to be ready for use by Memorial Day. It was moved by Mrs. Colton that a letter be sent by headquarters to all local Leagues by May 10 outlining a summer program of work on International Co-operation to be launched on or before Memorial Day. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thorp that we include in this program that each League hold a social meeting or luncheon with speaker to launch plan. Motion not acted on.

Moved by Mrs. Laws, seconded by Mrs. Bissell, that a letter be sent to the American Legion Auxiliaries in each town bespeaking their interest in work of this

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kind and offering the co-operation of the League in Memorial Day exercises. Seconded and carried. It was agreed that Mrs. Nixon or other representative of the Committee on International Cooperation should confer with the State Central Committee of the American Legion.

It was moved that the Committee on International Cooperation be instructed to draw up a suitable statement for use at Memorial Day exercises in behalf of America's participation in the World Court, this statement to be sent to local League chairmen. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland that Mrs. Nixon's plan of petitions be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland that Mrs. Nixon work out the details of the plan for the petition and that local Leagues should wait for work from her before acting. Seconded and carried.

It was understood that no publicity should be given on this plan until ready for special release by the Committee.

It was moved by Mrs. Thorp that Mrs. Nixon as Minnesota Chairman of this Committee, use every endeavor to get every State to get a mile of signatures to a similar petition, and that she be authorized to convey to other States through Miss Morgan a challenge to see which State could obtain the required number of signatures most rapidly. Seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Bissell that round-tables be continued and new one organized during the summer to discuss the question of the International Court. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dietrichson presented the recommendations of a group of women from

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various organizations which has been meeting to study the effect of the minimum wage orders relating to apprentice work.

Moved by Mrs. Dietrichson, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that we send to Mrs. Virtue of the Seton Guild, a letter in favor of a study of minimum wage orders relating to apprentice work, and that a copy of this letter be sent to Miss Schutz of the Industrial Committee. Seconded and carried.

The question coming on field work during the next few weeks, Mrs. Dowling requested that the week of May 7 be reserved for special assistance for the 7th District. Mrs. Glasoe announced that Tuesday, June 19, had been tentatively selected as a date for a general meeting of the 3rd Congressional District.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland that our State Chairman of Education in conference with the State Chairman of Efficiency in Government prepare an outline of work calling for a survey of local taxation to be made by members of each local League with special reference to school expenditures. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon that every county in which the League is organized be asked to arrange for an exhibit at the County Fair on the program of the League of Women Voters, the exhibits to emphasize especially the question of taxation, especially school taxation, and international co-operation to prevent war. Seconded and carried. It was agreed that the State Committees on Education and International Co-operation prepare uniform material for County Fair exhibits to supplement the material prepared by local Leagues.

Moved by Mrs. Bissell and seconded by Mrs. Cobb, that district chairman try to arrange similar exhibits in unorganized counties with the idea that such work might be used as the nucleus for organization. Seconded and carried.

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It was moved that the securing of sustaining memberships of \$1.00 and up to include subscriptions to The Woman Voter be encouraged in all unorganized territory, these memberships to be known as memberships at large and to be reported to the State office. Seconded and carried.

There was some discussion of the importance of the school district elections which will be held in 7,913 districts during July, but no action was taken for lack of time for thorough discussion.

It was moved by Mrs. Bissell and seconded by Mrs. Thorp that Mrs. Nixon's resignation as Corresponding Secretary be accepted in view of the fact that Mrs. Nixon's position as Chairman of the Committee on International Cooperation makes her a member of the State Board.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland that Mrs. L. D. Brown be asked to accept the position of Corresponding Secretary. Seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

June 7th, 1923

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board was held June 7th at the residence of Mrs. Ueland. Meeting called to order at 10:45, Miss Wells presiding.

Present. Miss Wells, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. White, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. L D Brown, Mrs. Swartwood, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Bissell, Miss Monahan, Miss Lawrence, and Mrs. Marcley. The following were also present: Mrs. McGuire, ^{Mrs. Wittich} Mrs. Atwater, Mrs. Day, Miss Florence Harrison, Miss Mary Warren, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. MacNeil, Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Hargreaves, and Miss Gladys Harrison.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland and seconded by Mrs. Glasoe that we accept Mrs. Marcley's resignation as chairman of the Efficiency in Government Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Cant that Mrs. Wittich be appointed chairman of the efficiency in government committee. Carried.

Miss Harrison gave report on progress of world court petition in 6th, 7th 9th, and 3rd Districts. She stated that an encouraging sign that the league was growing in importance was the fact that the press throughout the State was more anxious to obtain League news and had published more than ever before.

Miss Harrison stated that Virginia was about to hold a meeting to vote on the question whether or not to support a World Court. Discussion followed whether a measure such as this which had been ratified by the National League

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could have individual action taken upon it by a League. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that when a measure ^{is} adopted by the State and National League, a local League is not free to take contrary action, although it may refrain from active support of the measure.

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The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$387.53, outstanding bills, \$725.07. Moved by Mrs. Bissell and seconded by Mrs. Noyes that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried. Moved by Mrs. Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Ueland that bills be allowed. Carried.

Mrs. Cant gave report of pledges actually received at the State office as a result of the co-operative finance drive.

Minneapolis	\$1375.00
St. Paul	500.00
10th District	100.00
Rochester	125.00
Duluth	100.00
Total	<u>2200.00</u>

Mrs. Nixon, chairman of the International Co-operation to Prevent War Committee, gave a report that Mrs. Hargreaves had written a speech that had been used on Memorial Day and that a letter had been sent out by the State, signed by Mrs. Nixon, to district chairman.

On June first the campaign was started to procure the "mile of signatures" The first page had been signed by well-known men representing all classes and professions. Miss Wells urged all district chairmen to secure a representative list of names in their community for the first page of the petitions. Mrs. Nixon said that the petition work was being done in St. Paul on the ward and precinct basis.

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Miss Wells cautioned the members that during this work of obtaining signatures the position of the League on the subject of pacifism might be questioned. The League is not a pacifist organization and not opposing the Army and Navy Departments in any way. The Washington Conferences and the World Court were the only methods preventing war ever endorsed by the League. She urged all members to educate themselves on the question. Miss Lawrence suggested that there be organized round table discussions and discussions on the World Court at various summer schools.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon and seconded by Miss Monahan that Miss Lawrence be asked to see Mr. O'Connell on this question. Carried.

Moved by Miss Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Ueland that Miss Lawrence be empowered to develop this movement in the summer schools and that if the state department of education will not finance it, that the expense be borne by the League. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 for luncheon - re-convened at 2 P M for afternoon session.

The subject of exhibits at the County fairs came up for discussion. It was decided last year to stress International Co-operation to Prevent War and School Finance. It was suggested that a committee meet and make plans. Several Leagues have secured booths and are looking to the State office in regard to literature and graphic figures along these lines. Mrs. Brown, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Nixon will act as a committee to form some such plan, meeting

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at 10 o'clock June 8th. Mrs. Thorp will give them such help as she is able.

A group of members of the Minneapolis League have come to Miss Wells and Mrs. Marcley with the idea that they wished to start a study league for the purpose of obtaining a stronger political background. They had adopted a constitution and a program. Discussion arose as to whether in communities where there was no active league the State would demand a local active League as well as a study league.

Moved by Mrs. Thorp and seconded by Mrs. Bissell that the league undertake to foster such study groups and that they be affiliated with the local Leagues. Carried.

Miss Harrison thought it would be advisable to have all such study groups apply directly to State headquarters as all literature could be sent out directly. No group should be approved by State unless also approved by local League.

✓ Moved by Mrs. Glasoe and seconded by Miss Monahan that the first requirement be that every member of a study group be required to contribute one dollar affiliation dues, the sum of one sustaining membership for one year.

Amended by Mrs. Noyes to read "affiliation dues be equal to the local dues" Amendment carried. The motion as amended - "That the first requirement of every member of the study group be a sustaining membership in the League of Women Voters, - the equal amount of the dues of the local League to which it was affiliated. Carried. 6 ayes 5 noes.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Glasoe that the original study

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group be invited to apply for affiliation to the Minneapolis League. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thorp and seconded by Mrs. Ueland that an Institute of Politics and Government be held in connection with our annual state convention. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon and seconded by Mrs. Thorp that the chair appoint a convention committee of three to investigate date, place and general character of a state convention. Carried.

Miss Wells appointed Mrs. Noyes, Miss Monahan, and Mrs. Wittich to serve on this committee.

Miss Harrison stated that the state headquarters had sent out a questionnaire to the senatorial candidates. Consensus of opinion seemed to be that it would be wiser to wait until several questionnaires had been returned before any of them were sent to press. Methods of giving news to papers was discussed.

Moved by Miss Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Thorpe that wide publicity be given questionnaires through the papers and "The Woman Voter". Carried.

St. Paul is mailing this copy of The Voter to all non-sustaining members and all prospective members. Mrs. Thorp suggested that the questionnaires of the three candidates be printed again in The Voter before the election. St. Paul is planning an open air meeting on steps of Capitol for the three candidates. Mrs. Glasoe outlined her plans for a meeting of the Third District on the 19th of June. Miss Mitchell has invited the Sixth District to a meeting in her garden on June 26th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T White, Recording Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board was held on Thursday, September 6th, ¹⁹²³ entertained by Miss Monahan at Shakopee at the Woman's Reformatory. Meeting called to order at 10:55, Miss Wells presiding.

Present: - Miss Wells, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. C P Noyes, Mrs. C R Noyes, Mrs. White, Mrs. Brown, Miss Lawrence, and Mrs. Dowling. The following were also present: - Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. H C Schroeder, Miss Child, Mrs. W H Bray, Mrs. Storer, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Schumacher, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Child, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Synvolt, Mrs. Messer, Miss Gladys Harrison, Mrs. MacNeil, Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Empey, and Mrs. Edward Kircher.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mrs. C R Noyes, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that an expression of sympathy be sent to the St. Cloud League owing to the death of its chairman, Mrs. A C Cline. Carried.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$93.40, outstanding bills, \$291.02. Moved by Mrs. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Scott, that report be accepted and outstanding bills be paid. Carried.

On the co-operative finance (40 new \$100 memberships) drive, Mrs. Cant reported that 32 pledges had been procured, 25 of which had been paid.

Miss Harrison gave the following list as the amount on quotas paid into the State office by the District.

1st District	\$254.00	7th District	\$80.00
2nd "	43.00	8th "	554.00
3rd "	205.00	9th "	144.75
4th "	1307.00	10th "	50.00
5th "	3083.00		
6th "	274.69		

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Miss Harrison explained offer of the Woman Citizen that with every 100 subscriptions at \$2.00 each secured during a 30-day period \$100.00 would be returned as a bonus. Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that during the month of October, excluding St. Paul and Minneapolis, a campaign be held throughout the State to procure subscriptions to the Woman Citizen. Carried.

Miss Harrison asked to have subscriptions go directly through State office. The question arose as to how the refund should be used by various Leagues, whether it should make up present quotas, apply on quotas for ensuing year of Leagues who had already paid quota in full, or pay scholarship to Institute of Politics to be held at State Convention.

Miss Wells then asked each chairman at meeting how many subscriptions she thought she would be able to procure. They answered as follows: -

Miss Monahan, 5; Mrs. Glasoe, 10; Mrs. Ueland, 5; Mrs. McKnight, 300; Mrs. Scott, 5; Mrs. Paige, 5; Mrs. Spencer, 5; Mrs. Synvold, 5; Miss Harrison, 5; Mrs. Noyes, 5; Mrs. C R Noyes, 100; Mrs. McNeil, 10; Mrs. Dieudonne, 5.

Mrs. Hargreaves gave plan of "End War" seals to be used on all mail to focus attention on this subject. The idea had been taken to National Convention and accepted. There was to be an initial campaign, but the sale was to go on indefinitely. Mrs. McKnight wanted to combine campaign for signatures for World Court with selling of stamps, ^{and} but felt that on account of other activities in Minneapolis the drive must start within a short time, ~~that~~ Armistice Day throughout the state would be the ideal time. Moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that a state-wide campaign to sell seals be held sometime preceding Armistice Day. Carried.

Field Work.

Miss Harrison showed charts of state and districts of field work done this year.

Mrs. Hargreaves gave report on trip taken with Miss Harrison and Miss Larson in Second District where she found great enthusiasm for World Court petition. Miss Harrison added that she found much interest in the Institute of Politics, and that in several towns without chairmen she had found women who were willing to serve until State Convention.

Moved by Miss Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Glasoe that Miss Larson be asked to serve as chairman of the Second District until Convention in November. Carried.

Mrs. Glasoe reported on work of Third District. A meeting was held June 19th at Northfield at which 6 Leagues were represented. There were several speakers and the meeting was considered very successful.

In the Sixth District Miss Lawrence said that women had taken charge of various groups to secure names for petition.

Mrs. Dowling said that no ^{large} meetings had been held in the Seventh District but that the World Court petition was in circulation and she hoped to arrange a District Conference before the Convention.

The meeting was adjourned for luncheon at 1:20, reconvened at 2:20.

The discussion of field work continued. Mrs. Spender was planning a trip through her District with Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Nixon. Miss Harrison made plans with various chairmen to have speakers accompany them through their districts.

Miss Wells stated that a committee consisting of Miss Monahan, Mrs. Wittich

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and Mrs. McGuire to make plans for the Institute of Politics had met President Coffman.

The State Convention was to be held at same time. The dates are November 5th to 9th, to be held at Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis.

Governor Lowden has accepted an invitation to make opening address. Mrs. Catt will be the chief speaker at the luncheon on the last day. The question arose as to how the Institute should be financed. Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. MacNeil, that the committee form one or more plans to be submitted to Board at next meeting. Carried.

Mrs. Ueland suggested Governor Lowden open Convention at Auditorium, provided that the Auditorium could be secured without charge.

Moved by Mrs. Noyes, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, that a plan for credentials be submitted to next Board meeting. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that the chair appoint three more members to the original Institute Committee. Carried. Miss Wells appointed Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Marcley, and Mrs. Nixon.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a Committee of Sponsors from the state at large be named to aid in promoting attendance at the Institute.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Dowling, and carried, that the naming of the committee be left to the Executive Committee.

Miss Wells asked that suggestions of suitable members for this Committee be sent to her. They need not necessarily be active League members.

The question as to accepting the invitation of the League at St. Cloud

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to hold the October Board meeting there was brought up by Miss Wells. A motion was made by Mrs. Brown, seconded and carried, that the invitation be declined for the next meeting at which it is important to have a large attendance. Miss Lawrence was asked to convey this message to the St. Cloud League.

State Fair Activities

Mrs. Brown and Miss Harrison reported upon poster exhibits at the State and County Fairs. Exhibits of three posters each and leaflets on Efficiency in Government, - Re-organization of State Departments - the School Bill and Prevention of War are being circulated to county fairs throughout the state, the only charge made being the cost of expressing the exhibits. Miss Harrison suggested that later in the year these exhibits might be given local libraries to display in connection with educational printed matter issued by the League.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported upon the World Court petition work at the State Fair. Six or seven hundred signatures to the petition ^{in the first 3 days} were secured although the time and place was not particularly favorable to educational propaganda.

Miss Wells called attention to the fact that all workers must be warned against allowing duplicate signatures upon petitions, especially as the signers are not always aware that they are signing the same document twice at different times and places.

The question of Institute publicity was mentioned by Miss Harrison who warned the members that no names of speakers are to be given out as yet and that the information must be withheld from local papers until published in the cities.

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Enforcement of Legislation

Mrs. Ueland reported that the 54 hour law for women as signed by the Governor was not the law passed by the Legislature. The Industrial Commission has, however, decided to enforce the law signed by the Governor until it is contested.

Miss Wells called attention to the fact that there is a chance that the law will not be called in question and that League members should remain silent on the subject until the legal issue is forced.

1924 Budget

Miss Harrison reported the following figures as representing a tentative budget of expenditures for 1924 if the same scale of expenditure is adhered to as for 1923.

	Monthly Average	Total Allowance
Salaries	\$325.00	\$4,000
Office Expense and Printing (Including Rent)	125.00	1,500
Educational Material (Including exhibits)	50.00	600
The Woman Voter		250
Field work in state		800
Speakers		200
Convention		<u>400</u>
Total		\$7750.00

Mrs. McKnight asked what the experience of the past has been as to the success of carrying on field work in organization without the assistance of a paid worker. Miss Wells said it is difficult to speak definitely on this

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point but that she had hoped to work out a plan for supplementing the work of district chairmen in the state by the services of a part-time worker if the right person could be found to supplement in the office or go out for a few weeks at a time. Miss Harrison emphasized the fact that it would be fatal to sound development to delegate all responsibility for field organization to a paid worker.

Mrs. Ueland made a plea for an adequate budget saying that the tentative budget as presented seemed to her too small for effective state work. She said that the services of a worker to do the kind of work Miss Harrison has done in the field seemed almost necessary to supplement the work of the district chairmen.

Mrs. Dowling said that she felt there was no doubt that the best results are obtained in country districts by a state worker visiting the district together with a local woman.

A motion was made by Mrs. McKnight, seconded and carried, that the chair appoint a committee on the budget to report to the next Board meeting.

Miss Harrison asked for discussion of the success of the new quota plan. Mrs. Leland said that it is working out much better for the small Leagues than the former plan.

Miss Harrison suggested that a minimum quota of \$5.00 be established for towns of 1000 or less instead of the present minimum of \$10.00. This suggestion was agreed to.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded and carried, that the Board recommend to the Convention a continuance of the present quota plan.

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Miss Wells brought up the question as to the form in which the Woman Voter is published, asking if a larger magazine containing advertisements seemed desirable. (Several members spoke in favor of the present simple leaflet which can be read like a letter.) It was the sense of the meeting that any enlargement would be unfortunate.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded and carried, that the Board offer Miss Monahan a resolution of thanks for opening her institution to the meeting and entertaining the members at luncheon.

Miss Wells directed the attention of the members to the published form of the suggested Charter for Minneapolis which is on sale at 15¢ a copy.

The meeting adjourned on motion.

Respectfully submitted

Anne T White
Recording Secretary

and

Emily Child
Secretary pro tem

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The regular monthly meeting of the State board was held on Thursday, October 11th, 1923, at the residence of Miss Wells. Miss Wells presiding.

Present - Miss Wells, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. C R Noyes, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. White, Miss Lawrence, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Swartwood, Mrs. Wittich, and Mrs. Thorp. The following were also present - Miss Harrison, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Ringstad.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Noyes, that the resignation of Mrs. Cobb be accepted with regret. Carried.

Treasurer reported a balance on hand \$51.65, outstanding bills, \$160.50
Moved by Mrs. Noyes, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer reported on co-operative finance drive that 35 of the 40 \$100 memberships had been secured.

Mrs. Ueland read report of committee consisting of Mrs. Wittich, chairman, Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Dieudonne, appointed at last meeting to make a budget for the coming year.

"The committee on Budget recently appointed by Miss Wells desires to make the following recommendations.

"That there be two budgets prepared each year not including 1924 unless so ordered by the Board, to be called The Quota Budget and the Complete Budget.

"The Quota Budget should correspond to the one presented at the last Board meeting and should include the total proposed expenditures of money by the Minnesota League to be raised by the various districts.

"The Complete Budget should show the total amount of money to be raised by the Minnesota League. This would include the money credited to Minnesota as maximum dues by the National for memberships secured for the National in Minnesota. It would also show the estimated income to the State from various sources, such as sale of literature, etc.

"The committee further recommends that to the salary item of the budget as presented September 6th be added \$1500 to take care of the part-time services of a field and office worker as well as any additional office help required from time to time during the year. This will bring the total of the Quota Budget for 1924 to \$9250."

Moved by Mrs. McKnight and seconded by Mrs. Nixon that report of budget be submitted to the convention. Carried.

Field Work - 10th District

Mrs. Ueland said that she and Mrs. Spencer had spent two days touring this district, with petitions and speaking on the League. Mrs. Nixon had met them and spoken at Anoka. Mrs. Nixon later took a trip in the 10th District with Mrs. Spencer.

A discussion arose as to whether it was wiser to confine the Leagues to a small number of active members or to work for a large membership. The general opinion prevailed that it was advisable to have an active board, but as large a membership as possible, to have the Board meet frequently, but to call the entire League together for large meetings throughout the year; to encourage paid memberships.

Miss Wells asked Mrs. Nixon, who had just been over the 10th District, whom she would suggest as chairman as Mrs. Spencer would not accept the chairmanship again. Mrs. Nixon felt that the District should be revisited, women urged to attend the convention, and then elect their chairman.

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Ninth District.

Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Ueland plan to revisit this district the coming week.

Eighth District

Mrs. Paige has addressed meetings in Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia and Eveleth.

Sixth District

Miss Wells referred to the resignation of Mrs. Cobb, and asked Miss Lawrence and Miss Mitchell for advice as to new chairman.

Second District

Miss Larson, acting as temporary chairman, Reports have been coming in ever since Miss Harrison and Mrs. Hargreaves visited there.

The meeting was interrupted by the photographer who came to take a picture of the Board. Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:50 - reconvened at 2 p m.

Plan of work for 1923-24 read by secretary and explained by Miss Harrison.

General Political Education Mrs. Park urged immediate support of World Court and Federal Child Labor Amendment. Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. C R Noyes, that congressmen be sounded on their stand on the Child Labor Amendment. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Nixon, that Institutes of Government be arranged in connection with Congressional District meetings. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Dowling, that there be educational exhibits in libraries and at County and State fairs. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Glasoe, seconded by Mrs. Nixon, that lectures be broadcasted weekly. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Noyes, that Round Tables and Study Clubs be formed. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that a prize be offered for papers based on the "Know Your Own Town" or "Know Your Own Party" questionnaires. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon and seconded by Miss Lawrence, that "Birthday Parties" be given new voters. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that before presidential election that there be classes for voters in every election district. Carried.

Direct Political Activities

Moved by Mrs. Laws, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that an attempt be made to get a census of women office holders in state. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Nixon, that a committee of
be
from 3 to 5 members/appointed by the Chair to investigate and make recommendations concerning methods of encouraging qualified women to run for office. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Laws, seconded by Mrs. Brown, to increase the participation of women as delegates in conventions of all the political parties. Carried.

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Moved by Mrs. Noyes, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that the year's work to have as its chief object a campaign to get out 75[%] of the possible vote for the next presidential election. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that the plan for the active support for the Permanent Court of International Justice be accepted as submitted on program. Carried.

Third District Report

Mrs. Ringstad brought in 1,000 names signed on petitions from Northfield.

Mrs. Day from Farmington had organized a study group.

Mrs. Welch reported that petition work had been started in Stillwater.

Mrs. Leland said that their petition work had started and that they had had several teas with speakers.

Miss Wells asked that petitions be sent in by October 25th so that they may be pasted together and presented at the State Convention. The work of securing signatures would go on just the same.

Miss Harrison explained the "Law - Not War" stamps. They have been printed and are ready to sell.

The Woman Citizen campaign was again explained and Miss Wells asked the chairmen present how many they had secured. Mrs. Glasoe, 7; Mrs. McNeil, 5; Mrs. Dowling, 5; Mrs. Scott, 1. Mrs. Noyes stated that a chairman had been appointed in St. Paul and that their campaign would start later. Miss Harrison said that instead of from September 25th to October 25th, the state campaign had been postponed to take place from Oct. 9th to Nov. 9th.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, that a woman from each political party be asked in what way women could make themselves more valuable as delegates in political conventions. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. C R Noyes, that ten women be asked to present the ten bills sponsored by the League in short talks of 1 minute if possible but the maximum time be 3 minutes, at the convention. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, that a temporary committee, with local committees, be formed with a chairman who will be asked to attend board meetings. to head a committee on law enforcement. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Noyes, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that an advisory committee of the Legislative Council be formed to represent rural needs. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Noyes, that state committees be organized to visit meetings of state Board of Education and Board of Control. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T White, Recording Secretary

Nov. 1923

The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held November 5th, 1923, at the Curtis Hotel. Called to order at 3:05 p.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Present: Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Brown, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. White, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Swartwood, also Miss Harrison, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Wallace.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$607.74, outstanding bills \$794.22. Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. Carried.

Mrs. Cant submitted the following budget for the coming year.

Convention Expenses	\$400.00
Field Work	1300.00
Educational Material	600.00
Woman Voter Deficit	250.00
Office Expense	1500.00
Salaries	5200.00
Speakers	200.00
Total	<hr/> \$9450.00

This includes a \$200 increase over the budget submitted at the last board meeting. Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, that the change in budget be made and budget be recommended to the Convention. Carried.

Mrs. Brown gave report of Committee on Ways and Means of Encouraging Qualified Women to Run for Office.

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1. Stress in a general way through our Leagues the necessity of qualified women running for office.
 2. We recommend that the present policy of the League, not to endorse or propose candidates, be adhered to strictly.
 3. To so stress the policies backed by the League of Women Voters, that the occasion will call for highly qualified candidates.

We propose as a means to this end:

- a. Radio talks
 - b. General meetings to which all candidates are invited to speak
 - c. Honoring by special attention all women who have been elected to office and who have made good.
4. This in no way prevents members of League as individuals from working for candidates or working in the political party with which they are affiliated.

Moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that we stress in a general way through our Leagues the necessity of qualified women's running for office.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, that the motion be amended to read - To stress through our Leagues the necessity of qualified women's running for office. Amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

Moved by Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that we recommend that the present policy of the League, not to endorse or propose candidates, be adhered to. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Dietrichson, seconded by Miss Mitchell, that action on first point be reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Dietrichson, seconded by Mrs. Spencer, the following resolution:

To stress emphatically through our Leagues the necessity of well qualified women running for office. We propose as a means to this end:-

- a. Publicity through newspapers and Woman Voter
- b. Radio Talks
- c. General meetings to which all candidates are invited to speak.
- d. Honoring by especial attention all women who have been elected to office and have made good.

Carried.

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Moved by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mrs. Wittich, that a vote of thanks be sent to Mr. Jones for the auditing of our books. Carried.

Moved by Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that a post-convention meeting be held immediately after luncheon on Friday. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Spencer, seconded by Miss Lawrence, to reconsider the action of the last Board meeting in regard to the Missouri plan. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Spencer, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that cards be circulated pledging the signers to participate in the caucuses of their respective parties (Missouri plan) Motion lost.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that League members be urged to attend party mass meetings, caucuses and conventions in their respective voting districts and participate in the election of delegates and of committee men and committee women. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T White, Recording Secretary

Nov. 1923

Post-Convention Board meeting was held directly after the luncheon on Friday, November 9th, 1923, at the Curtis Hotel. Miss Wells presiding.

Nominations were in order for an executive committee.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Ueland be a member of the executive committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Miss Wells be a member of the executive committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Nixon be a member of the executive committee. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. McKnight be a member of the executive committee. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Anne T White, Recording Secretary

Dec. 1923

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held December 3rd, 1923, at League headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 p.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Those present were: - Miss Wells, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Dieudonne, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Wittich, and Miss Harrison.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday afternoon, November 5th, were read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Convention held on Wednesday afternoon, November 7th, were read and approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the convention on Friday morning, November 9th, were read and approved.

At the request of Mrs. Wittich, with the consent of those present, the sentence "every activity of every league" in the report of her speech was stricken from the minutes. With the correction, they were approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Wittich, seconded by Mrs. Nixon, that Mrs. Harold Cant be made the fifth member of the executive committee. Carried.

After some discussion as to a suitable day for the monthly board meeting, it was moved by Mrs. Ueland and seconded by Mrs. Brown that the second Friday of the month be selected. Carried.

The report of the treasurer was read by Mrs. Wittich in the absence of Mrs. Cant. It was moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that all bills be allowed. Carried.

The report of the Finance Committee on the Institute was read. This showed a profit of \$129.44, with a total admission of 2410 and 525 individual tickets sold. Miss Harrison read Miss Sherwin's letter commending Minnesota's plan for its Institute of Government and Politics. Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of Mrs. Wittich's report. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Nixon reported on the recent work of the Committee on International Co-operation to Prevent War - the completion of the "mile of signatures" for the participation of the United States in the World Court.

Mrs. Noyes moved that the State Board meet in January in St. Paul with St. Paul Board. Seconded by Mrs. Ueland. Carried. Place to be decided later.

Mrs. Ueland reported on the delegation to the Minnesota Senators. It was the general opinion of the committee that it was an open-minded and sympathetic discussion with both senators, though neither would promise definitely to support the entrance of the United States into the World Court. They were both impressed, however, by the unity of women in their desire for peace.

Mrs. McKnight outlined the plans for the luncheon and parade on December 10th. The petition is to be carried and the delegates to be escorted to the station. These delegates are to carry the petitions to Washington and to meet with President Coolidge, Secretary of State Hughes, Senator Lodge, and Minnesota's two senators. They will also do some lobbying for the Children's Amendment.

Meeting adjourned at 12 M for luncheon. It was called to order again at 1 p.m.

Miss Wells emphasized the importance of board meetings and full attendance at them.

Miss Harrison made her report on organization. She stressed the need of more organization throughout the state, and the need for and duties of county chairmen. There followed considerable discussion - how far shall county chairmen assume duties of local leagues and of district chairmen.

Motion was made by Mrs. Colton, seconded by Mrs. Ware, that a movement to appoint or elect county chairmen who shall act as lieutenants to district chairmen under their direction shall be put under way at once by District Chairmen. Carried.

There followed a discussion of League organization in towns of more than 5,000. Miss Lawrence will push the idea of holding an Institute of Government in all towns where there are teachers colleges.

Mrs. Colton will write to Mrs. Ernest Shepard of Winona.

Moved by Miss Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, that a chairman and committee for the arrangement of Institutes of Government be appointed. Carried.

Moved by Miss Monahan, seconded by Mrs. Dieudonne, that Miss Lawrence be appointed chairman of that committee. Carried.

It was moved by Miss Lawrence that some one from each teachers college be appointed member of that committee. Seconded and carried.

Miss Monahan will go to Red Wing, Mrs. Meighen and Mrs. Dieudonne will go to Austin to see what can be done on League organization in those towns.

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Mrs. Brown suggested that Mrs. Earl Wetzel be approached in regard to some work in Little Falls.

Mrs. Hannah will be written to in regard to the Ninth District.

Mrs. Noyes moved that the recommendations for organization made by Executive Secretary be accepted. Seconded and carried.

Miss Lusk's letter of resignation was read. Mrs. Brown moved that it be accepted with regret. Miss Monahan seconded the motion. Carried.

A report of the Committee on Efficiency in Government was made by Mrs. Wittich. The report recommended the formation of committees (1) as study units, (2) as visiting committees to various departments and boards in each town, (3) for special study of the subjects suggested by the National League and of Minnesota state reorganization. It suggested that a special month might be set aside for the study of the reorganization of state departments. Mrs. Brown moved that the Board extend thanks to the committee of which Mrs. Wittich was chairman for their work in securing so excellent a program on these subjects in the recent Institute of Government and Politics. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported on the Child Labor Amendment. Fifteen national organizations have appointed members on a National Children's Amendment committee. The National League recommends for state work, (1) local committee on publicity (2) State and local speakers committee, (3) Conferences with Congressmen and Senators. Most of Minnesota's congressmen were reported in favor of the amendment. Mrs. Dieudonne will write to Mr. Clague, Mrs. Grannis to be asked to do the same to Mr. Larson, for a formal statement of their position. It was moved, seconded and carried that Mrs. Dieudonne should try to

secure one person in each county to act on a state child welfare committee for the League.

It was moved by Mrs. Noyes, seconded by Mrs. Meighen, that the State Executive Board should appoint a committee and a chairman on Law Enforcement.

There was discussion as to the part the state should bear in the expense of the World Court parade. It was moved by Mrs. Wittich, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, and carried, that the state pay for district and town signs used in parade.

It was moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Brown, and carried, that the outside limit to be paid for these signs should be \$75.00.

Miss Wells spoke briefly of the proposed Blanket Amendment to be introduced into Congress by the Woman's Party, and the objects to such an amendment. She emphasized again the opposition of the National League to such an amendment.

Miss Lawrence suggested that there were two points on which the League might well put some special study. (1) The cost of education in the state, because of the current discussion in newspapers and by legislators, which were giving an unjust view of the situation, (2) The use of child labor in the beet sugar industry and the violation of the compulsory education law due to the industry.

Miss Lawrence will make a study of the educational cost, past and present, in Minnesota.

Mrs. Brown was requested to get all information available from Industrial Commission, Dept. of Agriculture, and Dept. of Education in regard to beet sugar industry, its localities, and its use of

children and infringement of laws.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Mrs. C C Colton,
Secretary pro tem

Jan. 1924

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held January 11, 1924, at the home of Mrs. C P Noyes in St. Paul. The meeting was a joint meeting with the Board of Directors of the Ramsey County League of Women Voters. The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dieudonne, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. C P Noyes and Mrs. C R Noyes. The following were also present: Mrs. Pierce, and Miss Child Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Dupuis, and the following members of the Board of Directors of the Ramsey County League: Mrs. Tanner, Miss Tross, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Rosencrans, Mrs. Chapen, Mrs. Zack, Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Lusk, Miss Davis, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Holman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected in accordance with a suggestion made by Mrs. Wittich.

Miss Wells reported the resignation of Miss Lusk as first vice-president. Mrs. Ueland suggested the name of Mrs. Boyd Nixon for the vacancy. A motion was made by Mrs. Wittich, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Nixon as first vice-president. Carried.

The report of the treasurer was read by Mrs. Cant and placed on file. It was moved by Mrs. Wittich that the report be accepted and the bills paid. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Cant read a letter from Miss Ludington, national treasurer, reviewing the facts as to the quota from the state to the national organization.

Report of Executive Secretary. Miss Harrison reported that since the last meeting, work has been concluded on the World Court petition. Important tasks accomplished in the office are: The organizing and bringing up to date the pamphlet file, sorting and arranging the literature on the shelves designed for distribution, bringing the clipping file up to date, and checking over the subscriptions to the Woman Voter.

Two letters to local chairmen have been issued since the last meeting.

Reports by District Chairmen.

Mrs. Glasoe reported the appointment of three active new county chairmen in her Third District. They are: Mrs. Lowell Pierce of West St. Paul, Mrs. Leland of Kenyon and Mrs. Effie Dupius of Faribault.

Mrs. Noyes reported for the Ramsey County League. The Board of Directors started the New Year by registering in a body under the new registration law effective January 1st. The work of the month has been concentrated in the interest of Efficiency in Government. A house to house campaign has been organized for the purpose of 1) securing new members, 2) urging women to register, 3) distributing the Bok Peace Plan. The mayor addressed one meeting of the League membership. Two meetings have been planned in the interest of peace; Mrs. Searle is to speak at a joint meeting of the Woman's City Club and the League, and Mr. Libby will appear at a meeting of the St. Paul Association as speaker.

In the absence of Mrs. McKnight, Miss Child reported for the Minneapolis League.

Mrs. Dowling reported for the Seventh District. She has recently driven over the district and reported that organization is weak and needs to be built up. A meeting has been arranged by the local League in Olivia for next month at which Mrs. Wittich has been asked to speak. The Bok Peace Plan will be discussed at that time.

Mrs. Ware reported for the Tenth District.

Miss Wells reported the resignation of Mrs. Swartwood as chairman of the First District. It was moved by Mrs. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that her resignation be accepted with regret. Carried.

Miss Wells reported that Miss Alice Kercher has accepted an appointment as chairman of the Committee on Law Enforcement created at the last board meeting.

Legislative Council

Mrs. Ueland reported that letters have been sent out asking that the various member organizations renew their appointments to the Council.

The following were suggested for the Rural Advisory Committee.

Nixon	Mrs. A. N. Wells, Dayton
By Mrs. Cobb -	Mrs. L P Hall, Deerwood
By Mrs. Dowling	Miss Bergitta Sherdal, Montevideo
	Mrs. Starr, Redwood Falls
	Mrs. H W Froelich, Thief River Falls
By Mrs. Ueland -	Mrs. Dill, Co. Supt. Hennepin County
By Mrs. Pierce -	Mrs. D L Grannis, West St. Paul

Report on Institutes in Cooperation with State Teachers Colleges.

The report of the chairman of the Committee on Institutes, Miss Lawrence, was read in her absence by Miss Harrison and placed on file. Miss Lawrence has written to the normal schools at Winona, St. Cloud, Mankato, Bemidji, Duluth and Moorhead, and has received assurances of cooperation in each place.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Miss Lawrence's report recommending having the first Institutes in St. Cloud and Mankato be accepted; that Mrs. Wittich be asked to head a committee on Business Arrangements and Program for Institutes to work in cooperation with Miss Lawrence; and that the chairmen of the Third, Seventh and Tenth Congressional Districts be asked to formulate plans for Institutes in their districts (where there are no normal colleges) for presentation to Mrs. Wittich. Carried.

Mrs. Wittich asked if she was expected to take the initiative in the organization of Institutes. Miss Wells said that she was not.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. for luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Wells at 2:30 p.m.

Report of Department of Efficiency in Government.

Mrs. Wittich reported as chairman of the department. A letter from the national organization has been received recommending that local Leagues devote the months of January, February and March to work in this department. Mrs. Wittich has sent a letter to League chairmen suggesting that they study, 1) The presidential primary, 2) The "Know Your Own Town" questions to increase interest in local affairs, and 3) local government by the survey method.

Mrs. Wittich reported that there will be visiting committees to state boards appointed in her department similar to the visiting committees that function in local Leagues in connection with the city government. The following boards have been interviewed in this connection: State Board of Education (by Mrs. Brown), State Board of Control, Board of University Regents, and the State Forestry Board. The meetings

of the latter Board are held at various points in the state so that attendance would be difficult. The Board of Control meets irregularly upon call. The minutes of these boards are, however, open to inspection. Mrs. Wittich suggested that it would probably be well to undertake a study of minutes of past meetings before going in person to meetings.

Mrs. Wittich will appoint chairmen for these visiting committees after consultation with Miss Wells.

Mrs. Wittich reported upon her interview with Mr. Douglas of the State Forestry Board. There is no criticism of Mr. Cox in his professional capacity. There does exist serious friction between the state auditor's office, the Timber Board and the Forestry Board which, it is claimed, is due to the difficulties of Mr. Cox's personality. Mr. Douglas assured Mrs. Wittich that if Mr. Cox is removed it will be for cause publicly announced and that a qualified successor will be found for him. Since these are the points Mrs. Wittich wished to focus attention upon, she considered her interview a success.

Mrs. Ueland asked if all danger of Mr. Cox's removal is now past. Mrs. Wittich said that, in her judgment, it was not, but that the crux of the matter is to assure there being sufficient public justification for his removal so that it would be possible for the Board to secure a professionally qualified man who would consent to succeed him.

Mrs. Wittich reported further in connection with the vacancy recently created by the death of one of the nine members of the Forestry Board, that representative women met yesterday at League headquarters in Minneapolis to consider plans for asking the Governor to appoint a woman to the place. These were Mrs. Rounds of the State Federated

Clubs, Mrs. Fosseen of the Republican Women's Clubs, Mrs. Wyman, representing the Democratic women, and Miss Wells and Mrs. Wittich of the League. The group named above decided to place the request for the naming of a woman at this time, before the Governor.

Mrs. Ueland moved that the Board approve the action of the committee in asking the Governor to consider favorably the appointment of a woman to the State Forestry Board. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Ueland remarked that she had felt for a long time that the League should make more of a study of conservation. She suggested the appointment of a committee on this subject. Miss Wells asked if that committee should not take the form of a visiting committee as that is the best way to get definite information. Mrs. Wittich has the power and will appoint a committee to the Forestry Board, Miss Wells said.

Miss Wells reported that there was some discussion among the women who attended the conference on the Forestry Board at League headquarters about participation of women in the party delegate elections, and that they all seemed to see that women must unite in order to make their influence felt in plans for party primaries. They all agreed that whatever is done must be begun in the next thirty days.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cobb, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that the chairman appoint a committee of five to make the necessary plans. Carried.

Mrs. Wittich made a plea for attendance of women at the hearings of the Interim Committee on State Reorganization.

Mrs. Briggs of St. Paul reported, at Miss Wells request, upon her work in her local precinct last year where she was successful in getting 600 of a total of 610 voters to register in place of the 200 who registered at the previous election.

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Woman Voter Subscription List

Miss Harrison stated that there are at present only 710 subscribers to the "Woman Voter" outside the Twin Cities in place of the 1700 subscribers previously listed. The difference is due to expired subscriptions. Since this publication is the only way the State League reaches its membership with the important information it has to convey, this is a serious situation. It is especially needed now that there are plans on foot in the state for Institutes of Government in order to carry the announcements. Moreover the only record of League membership throughout the state in the office is the Woman Voter list. Miss Harrison suggested that a campaign for memberships might be carried on, each membership to include the subscription to the Woman Voter.

Mrs. Noyes offered a prize of \$25 to the district which should secure the largest number of subscriptions. Moved, seconded and carried that a committee be appointed to work out the details of the contest.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Emily Child, Secretary pro tem

Meeting reconvened at call of the chairman to consider a request from Mrs. W C Schemann for League support of an increase in the wages of railway mail carriers. Moved, seconded and carried that a letter be sent explaining the League's policy of not taking action on matters of federal legislation independent of the national convention.

Feb. 1924

The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, February 29th, 1924, at League headquarters.

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 ~~A~~^P.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following were present: Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. White, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Ware, Mrs. Laws, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Thorpe, Miss Lawrence.

The following were also present: Miss Harrison, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Child, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Leland.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Wells announced that the following members had been appointed on the Committee on Political Relations - Mrs. A J McGuire, chairman, Mrs. W F Decker, Miss Cornelia Lusk, Miss Rosamond Grant, and Mrs. M J Dowling.

The Treasurer's report was read, with disbursements during the month of \$788.11, and receipts \$1067.30, balance \$279.19. Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that Treasurer's report be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Miss Monahan, that bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Ueland gave report on the Legislative Council meeting held February 7th with 16 organizations represented.

Efficiency in Government Report Mrs. Wittich had visited Olivia, Farmington, Duluth, White Bear and Stillwater. Mrs. Wittich said that the Interim Committee hearings had come to an end; the Interim Committee was not working now and unless they do get to work the report will not be ready by May first. The Interim Committee consists

of five people: Mr. Nolan, chairman, Mr. W I Norton, Mr. Christianson, Mr. Spindler, Mr. Gislason.

Mrs. Ueland urged that every member of the League who knows a member on the Interim Committee would please ask them to get their report ready by May 1st. Mrs. Ueland suggested that a letter be sent to the Committee from time to time, telling them of the interest of the League of Women Voters and asking if there is any way we can be of service.

Mrs. Wittich said that the Interim Committee had considered the standardization of employment with no discrimination against women; that they were rather afraid to touch conservation; they were rather bold in matters of public health. They had been afraid to touch agricultural interests, and that the finance plans seemed to be the strongest. They plan making a real budget. It was urged that a letter be written to the Interim Committee by the President, contents to be outlined to Board after lunch.

Mrs. Wittich spoke on the Forestry situation. She had not been able to see Governor Preus so had written him a joint letter with representatives of other organizations, asking to have a woman appointed to the Forestry Board. She had seen Mr. Gerhard in Duluth and found him of the opinion that a woman could not qualify physically for inspection. ^{the duties of forrest} ^A The dismissal of Mr. Cox had been the result of the Forestry Board meeting. Later Mrs. Wittich with others interviewed Governor Preus and urged him to put a woman on the Forestry Board. Governor Preus agreed in part, but gave no encouragement.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 12:10.

Meeting readjourned after luncheon at 1:35.

Institutes of Politics and Government

Mrs. Wittich said that dates had been set for Institutes of Government and Politics at St. Cloud, Winona and Duluth. Mrs. Ueland said that she would go to Sauk Center to create an interest in the St. Cloud Institute. Moved by Mrs. Glasoe, seconded and carried, that Mrs. Ueland endeavor to create interest in the Institutes of Politics. Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that Mrs. Ueland go to Sauk Center to create an interest for the Institute at St. Cloud. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ware, seconded by Miss Lawrence, that a letter be sent to Mrs. Quinn urging upon her as much work in the District as possible; also the letter should urge her to cooperation in securing attendance for the St. Cloud Institute and inform her that her traveling expenses will be paid by the League. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. Lang of Eagle Bend be written to arouse interest and attendance at the Institute. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that a letter be sent to Mrs. Brown requesting her to write letters to her friends in Little Falls, among them Mrs. Musser. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Miss Monahan, that the State Board cooperate financially as far as possible with the Institute of Politics in St. Cloud, owing to peculiar circumstances in St. Cloud. Carried.

Reported by Mrs. Nixon that an Institute on International Relations to be held at Carleton College in the summer had been suggested by Mr. Bryn-Jones.

Mrs. Wittich reported that Mr. Lambie at the University had an idea of an institute at the University of Minnesota during the summer school and that the plan had not yet been matured. The sense of meeting was that Mrs. Wittich have a talk with Mr. Lambie in regard to this.

Committee on Political Relations

Mrs. McGuire being absent, Miss Harrison gave report. Letters have been sent out to all the District and local chairmen about the caucuses, enclosing a primer which had been found very valuable by the chairmen, and a press bulletin had gone to every paper in the state. Among those reporting local activities were Mrs. McKnight for the Fifth District, Mrs. White for the Fourth District, and Mrs. Glasoe for the Third District. Mrs. Glasoe spoke particularly of Northfield where 75 women had held a caucus and an imaginary but most successful State Convention. Mrs. Leland and Mrs. Laws also reported. Miss Lawrence said that the primer and the questionnaire would be printed in the St. Cloud papers. Miss Harrison urged the sending in of reports on the conduct of the caucuses and conventions in order that material might be available for discussion of the relative value of the direct primary or convention system. Practically all of the Board promised to get the questionnaire into the hands of five women who had been through a caucus and personally see that they were returned to the League.

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Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Miss Monahan, that a letter be sent out to the District Chairmen to arouse as much interest as possible before the Democratic and Farmer-Labor party caucuses. Carried.

A recommendation from the National League was read in regard to the relations of the League and its officers to party offices. Moved by Miss Monahan and seconded by Mrs. Glasoe that the Board reaffirm the principle that the League will neither endorse nor oppose candidates. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ware, seconded by Mrs. Ueland, that a copy of such a resolution be sent to the Red Wing paper. Carried.

Woman Voter Subscriptions

Subscriptions in the State outside of Minneapolis and St. Paul, numbered 712 in January. Since then 284 subscriptions had expired, and 265 new subscriptions and renewals had been received. The Third District leads with 94 new subscriptions. The contest for the \$25 prize will expire March 25th.

International Co-operation

Mrs. Nixon reported on International Co-operation. She urged that letters be written to the two Senators from Minnesota, asking them to vote for the World Court, and especially asked Board members to get members of the Farmer-Labor party to write. Miss Monahan undertook to get a delegation of women from Shakopee to meet a delegation of women from Jordan, and together they would call on Mr. Arens. Miss Lawrence said she would use her influence in Meeker County. Mrs. McKnight told what Minneapolis had been doing with their labor groups. Mrs. White told what had been going on in St. Paul in that line. Mrs. Ueland suggested that Mrs. Nixon check up the above members of the Board

on this matter.

Moved by Miss Monahan, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, that the Board appoint a committee of three to work on subscriptions for the "Voter" and on organization. Carried. Mrs. Ueland suggested that at the Institute at St. Cloud a drive be made for subscriptions to the "Voter". Moved by Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that a personal letter be sent from each member of the Committee to a limited number of chairmen from list given by the office, urging them to secure subscriptions to the "Voter." Carried.

Mrs. Glasoe reported on the Third District. She said she had sent out 21 letters in regard to the caucuses and that she received 3 replies. She had also put slides in the moving picture houses, urging people to vote and to register. Miss Wells asked for suggestions as to material to be published in the "Voter", and it was suggested that this question be put in the next "Voter" which would give the question wider circulation.

The National Convention was discussed. Miss Wells said one delegate and one alternate would go from each district and one delegate and alternate from all standing committees. A letter would be sent out to the Leagues giving the expenses that the delegates would incur in attending. Miss Wells asked to have names of League members who are making plans to go to the convention sent in to the office.

Miss Wells announced that she had appointed the following Committee to work on subscriptions for the "Voter" and organization - Mrs. Glasoe, chairman, Mrs. Cant, and Mrs. Pierce.

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Mrs. Nixon reported on the Bok peace plan. She stated that headquarters reported that ballots were not being returned in satisfactory numbers. The competition now closes on March 15th. A discussion arose as how best to arouse interest to encourage people to return ballots. The consensus of opinion was that it must be done through personal solicitation. It was suggested that ten or twelve ballots be sent to each local chairman, asking them to have them voted on and return them personally to the State office.

Mrs. Nixon spoke on the peace pictures. The pictures that were the most popular here were not the ones that had received the prizes by the Board of Judges in New York. Suggested by Miss Wells that if Mr. Buzza is contemplating using other pictures besides the four prize winners, the Board show him their choice.

Federal Legislation

The following measures were discussed without action. The World Court, The Child Labor Amendment, The Blanket Amendment.

Moved by Mrs. Wittich, seconded by Mrs. Ware, that the Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters write a letter to the Interim Committee on State Reorganization emphasizing the interest of this organization in its work, telling of the responsiveness of the people to appeals for reorganization, and voicing its hope that their report will soon be available. Also, that another letter be sent the Interim Committee some time later, possibly two or three weeks, reviewing the standards set up by the League for various government divisions and

urging their consideration and inclusion in the Reorganizations Committee's Report. Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne T White, Recording Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, April 2nd, 1924, at the home of Mrs. Ueland. The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m., Miss Wells presiding. The following members of the Board were present: Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Ware, Miss Monahan, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Cobb. Also present: Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. MacNeil, Mrs. Petterson, Mrs. Lehman and Miss Harrison. Miss Monahan acted as secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Ueland reported the resignation of Dr. Mabel S Ulrich and recommended its acceptance. Moved by Mrs. McGuire and seconded that the resignation of Dr. Ulrich be accepted with regret. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland and seconded by Mrs. Wittich that Mrs. John M. Gaus be appointed chairman of the committee on Social Hygiene. Carried.

The treasurer's report was read, with disbursements during the month of \$610.81, receipts \$1 170.21, and a balance of \$559.40.

Moved by Mrs. Wittich and seconded that the bills be ordered paid. Carried.

Miss Harrison reported as executive secretary on the work of the past month.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Miss Wells announced that Mrs. Park will not accept re-election as president but that Miss Belle Sherwin of Cleveland would stand. The third vice-president, Mrs. Jacobs, is also resigning. Miss DeLaney of California is chairman of the nominating committee.

Discussion of those going to the National Convention in Buffalo

followed. Those who are surely going are: Miss Harrison, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Burr, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Paddelford, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Wells, Miss Monahan, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Hall of Redwood Falls, Mrs. J W Wallace, Mrs. Paige, Dr. Boynton and Miss Child. Possibilities are: Mrs. Batchelder, Miss Rosamond Grant, Faribault; Mrs. Quinn, Brainerd; Mrs. McGuire, St. Paul; Mrs. MacNeil, Columbia Heights; Mrs. C L Atwood, St. Cloud; Mrs. Laws, Appleton; Mrs. Horace Klein, West St. Paul; Mrs. C P Herbert, St. Paul; Mrs. Geo. Partridge, Minneapolis; Mrs. A A Chapman, Olivia; Mrs. A J Johnson, Granite Falls.

The National finance plan for next year was presented by Mrs. Cant. It was suggested that the amount to be raised for national purposes be distributed over the state buted/and more of it raised in small amounts.

It was reported that Minnesota had raised 42 national sustaining memberships of \$100 each in the past year, divided as follows: -

St. Paul	\$1150	paid	\$100	not paid by April 1st
Minneapolis	1950	"	300	" " " " "
State at large	625	"	75	" " " " "
	<u>\$3 725</u>		<u>475</u>	

A check to cover the unpaid pledges has been advanced and sent to the National.

Miss Wells asked that motions be more carefully formulated.

Changes in National Constitution

Proposed changes in constitution discussed, including provisions for incorporation and for the handling of resolutions before the Convention.

NATIONAL PLAN OF WORK

Mrs. Wittich presented the programs of the Dept. of Efficiency in Government and Dept. of Education on Government and Politics.

Moved by Mrs. Cobb and seconded that we notify the New York League that

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we would be responsible for 500 copies of Kent's "The Great Game of Politics" if necessary to insure the edition at about \$.30 a copy. Motion lost.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. for luncheon.

Meeting reconvened after luncheon at 2:15 p.m.

Child Welfare

Mrs. Dieudonne discussed carrying out of the Sheppard-Towner Act.

Uniform Laws concerning Women

Miss Monahan reported on the recommendations of this committee.

Moved by Mrs. Cant that the Board wishes Miss Monahan to express their disapproval at convention of the Federal amendment on marriage and divorce. Carried.

Education

Miss Lawrence discussed recommendations under Education. Said that standards placed high with understanding that we shall never reach them. The financial recommendations are especially good. The time is now opportune for working for trained teachers in all schools as there are now more teachers in training than there are positions open. The nine months school year is out of the question here. State aid has been reduced, and it is hard for schools to keep open seven months.

Discussion of Federal Department of Education.

It was the sense of the meeting that Miss Lawrence present her objections to portions of the Sterling-Reed Bill relating to the mode of establishing a federal department of education as those of the Board at the National Convention. The Board did not want to oppose a Federal Dept. of Education as such.

International Co-operation to Prevent War

New measures were discussed. Mrs. Nixon presented the minority report

of a resolution from the Ramsey County League urging that the League of Nations be changed from study to legislation.

Moved by Mrs. Cobb and seconded that this Board recommend to the National League that the subject of the universal draft of men and resources be made a part of program for study of committee on International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Moved by Mrs. Ware and seconded that this Board approve a resolution calling for a conference of international jurists to codify international law. Amended by Mrs. Ware on support such action by international Bar Association. Carried.

WOMAN VOTER SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

Mrs. Spencer announced that the Third District won with 164 subscriptions, the Sixth District being second with 147 subscriptions. The good work done by Mrs. Quinn in the Sixth District was mentioned especially.

Mrs. Glasoe moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Quinn. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Nixon moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Watson League of Women Voters. Seconded and Carried.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND CIRCULATION OF THE VOTER

Mrs. Glasoe reported points considered. Suggested that sustaining memberships include the Voter; a committee on membership and Voter in every League; organizer from headquarters to work with District chairmen; regular meeting day for local Leagues; regular meeting of local Board a couple of days before meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon that this committee be continued and make a final report at the next convention. Seconded and carried.

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Moved by Mrs. Nixon that the Executive Committee appoint a special committee for Get-Out-the-Vote work. Seconded and carried.

Miss Harrison reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee that a special committee be appointed to arrange for schools of citizenship to be held in counties and communities through the state.

Moved by Mrs. Cant that this matter be referred back to the Executive Committee with the preceding motion.

A request was made for names of women who will volunteer as speakers or to drive cars in this work.

Mrs. Wittich reported on Institutes in St. Cloud, Winona, Duluth, Mankato and Moorhead. She attended the first one held in St. Cloud, and declared it a success in every respect. There was a registration of 125 for the full course and an attendance of from 150 to 200 at the evening meetings.

The University Institute to be conducted by the Political Science Department will be held the last week in June which is the first week of summer school. Three courses are to be offered. Mrs. Wittich undertook to get publicity material to be distributed by Leagues and urged the attendance of League members.

Mrs. McGuire reported on the Institute at Winona, where the attendance was very gratifying in spite of the greatest blizzard of the year. There were from 150 to 175 at the Bryn-Jones lecture and 110 at the luncheon. Excellent publicity work had been done, and aside from the brevity of the program and the lack of development of courses of study through round-table discussion, the Institute was an entire success.

Discussion of the Winona charter which was adopted in 1857 in comparison with newer types of government stimulated considerable interest in municipal

government which should be followed up.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland that we ratify the action of office in undertaking to accept 200 copies of Kent's book "Great Game of Politics" and that it be left to the Executive Committee whether we offer to take enough more to make an edition possible, and that matter of price also be left to Executive Committee. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ware that

"Whereas it has been discovered; and the proof is in United States Records that

"The 'International' a Socialist Soviet Organization of international scope, has officers and constitution identical with Soviet Socialist Government of Russia and

"Whereas this organization contemplates the overthrow of all organized governments, including the United States; and plans using Soviet Socialist Russian consulates in every city as headquarters from which to carry on Red Revolution for the destruction of our Government; and the substitution of Socialist Soviet government;

"Therefore be it resolved that we approve the stand of the administration in not recognizing the Socialist Soviet Government of Russia."

No second was made to the motion which was, however, discussed at length.

Agreed that Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mrs. McGuire secure all available material pro and con on Russia recognition.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, May 23rd, 1924, at Mrs. McKnight's cabin, at Lake Minnetonka. The meeting was called to order at 11:05, Miss Wells presiding. The following members of the Board were present:

Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Wells, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. White, /and and the executive secretary, Miss Harrison Mrs. Ware. There were also present: Mrs. Spencer, ~~Miss Harrison~~, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Leland, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Bickford, Mrs. Batson, Mrs. Hope, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. C M Denny, Mrs. H W Rubins, Mrs. Born, Miss Warren, Miss Child, Miss Merz, Mrs. Parker, Miss Keith (of St. Louis) Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. MacNeil, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Welch.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

successful
Institutes Mrs. Wittich reported that five Institutes had been held in cooperation with teachers colleges. She spoke at some length on the Institute at Mankato ^{where} ~~There was a maximum evening attendance of about 500. The Institute was a great success.~~

Delegates to Party Conventions Mrs. Nixon reported on the committee's poll of the delegates to the party conventions on the World Court. Of the delegates to the Republican convention, 30 favored the World Court, one was opposed, and 24 had not been heard from. Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. Dowling, that the delegations to the delegates to the National Convention in regard to planks of the League of Women Voters be left to the executive committee. Carried.

Mrs. Nixon reported from Mrs. McGuire that she had received from the League of Women Voters in Cincinnati films of the World Court and League of Nations in action - these films might be shown

in connection with a lecture.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand \$288.91

Bills due 566.50

Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. Dowling, that report be accepted and bills be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Wittich presented plan of finance committee that had been discussed at the National Convention. A budget of \$135,000 is to be raised for the National. Mrs. Wittich stated that it was wise to keep up the \$100 memberships and also it might be well to get some smaller subscriptions. Discussion arose over how the money should be raised in Minnesota. Miss Harrison felt that the National quota to the extent of minimum ^{dues} should be included in the state budget. another year.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that we accept the National plan for finance. Carried.

Report of Executive Secretary Miss Harrison said that neither Judge Hallam nor Senator Johnson had answered the questionnaire. Mrs. Nixon said that she would ^{have} ~~see~~ Judge Hallam ^{seen} and Miss Harrison would telegraph Senator Johnson so that their answers would be back by Monday.

A questionnaire, as recommended by the executive committee, was sent by order of the Board to chairman of local Leagues. About thirty of these chairmen who have been inactive for over a year either failed to reply or replied asking that they be taken from the list of chairmen. Miss Harrison then read the list of chairmen and commented upon the state of these Leagues. (List appended)

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Ware, that we accept the resignation of Miss Adair with regret, that we write her to this effect, stating that we hope to renew relations with her in some other capacity

later on. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Webb (?) that with the exception of Mrs. Determan and Mrs. Bertelson, the other chairmen who or who had requested it, had not answered the questionnaire should be dropped. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that Mrs. Bertelson be dropped as chairman of the Crookston League. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. Dowling, that Mrs. Determan be dropped. Amended to read that Mrs. Determan should be communicated with first and if she is not able to do more work, be dropped. Carried.

Meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:10. Meeting reconvened at 2:10.

Get Out-the-Vote Campaign Mrs. Paige explained chart showing per cent of ballot cast in 1920 in all counties of Minnesota, compiled by Mrs. Herbert. Mrs. Hargreaves spoke of her work in colleges along these lines and reported great enthusiasm among the students, explaining cards which had been printed by the League and were filled out by the students promising to help in various ways in this campaign. Miss Lawrence asked if the chairman wished the teachers of the summer schools to fill out these cards and give what time to the work they could. Miss Harrison said that a letter had been sent out from the office compiled by Miss Wells and Mrs. Paige. More cards are being printed similar to those for college students for adults and League members. Flying squadrons will be sent out in territory where ~~there~~ no Leagues are organized. The first group of women to leave about the first of June.

Mrs. Rubins reported on what Minneapolis was doing to get out the vote. A little printed flier is being sent out before the primary. This flier is being circulated through the schools. Mrs. Rubins also hopes to have the large stores take them. They are also planning a band wagon to carry the registration booth to the door in certain selected districts. Miss Wells asked that members keep statistics of reasons why women have not registered.

Mrs. Ringstad of Northfield told of a birthday party given for girls in the town and college. Forty girls in the college attended. Mrs. Anna Dickey Olesen spoke, a movie was shown, and the Governor also spoke for a few minutes. The meeting was very successful.

Mrs. White reported for St. Paul that the League had worked very hard to get out the vote for the municipal election held in April, but owing to the annual meeting and election of new officers, the campaign for the general election had not started yet.

General discussion started, especially on lines of publicity. Some of the suggestions were to hold mock conventions in the teachers colleges, to have birthday parties, send out speakers in flying squadrons. Miss Lawrence suggested getting the law on the absentee vote and sending it out to the faculty and teachers in the colleges.

Miss Wells talked on the duty of the League on getting out the vote. She stressed the point that in this issue we had public cooperation and workers and all that was needed was direction.

Miss Wells outlined the salient points of the campaign.- a strong control committee as outlined by Mrs. Paige and a chairman in every district.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that a telegram be

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the Moorhead women find a woman to sent to Mrs. Hagen suggesting that ~~among active women that there~~ be a chairman appointed to take charge of this campaign and suggested a rotating chairmanship. Carried.

Mrs. McKnight suggested working through county chairmen. Mrs. Brown suggested working through district chairmen and have them get out the county chairmen. Miss Harrison asked that each district chairman at the meeting tell just what help she wanted and what she could do in her county. Miss Wells asked Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Webb what they would do in their district. Mrs. Webb said that she would first go to the ministers and ask them to stress "getting out the vote" in their sermons. Mrs. McKnight suggested sending out questionnaires to district chairmen and finding out just what they could do in their counties. Mrs. Webb offered her cottage as a headquarters for a flying squadron. Mrs. Glasoe said she had three live chairmen in three counties and she hoped to organize chairmen in the other counties. Miss Wells felt it was necessary to try to get out the vote in communities that no other organizations would reach. Mrs. Pierce asked to have a squadron visit Dakota county.

Mrs. MacNeil suggested asking district chairmen to have county chairmen send in number of ballots cast in each county and precinct. Miss Harrison asked District and county chairmen to consult with Mrs. Paige and Miss Warren as to when they wanted a squadron.

Mrs. Ueland suggested that in the get out the vote campaign that if a district chairman was unable to find a county chairman one be appointed by the State.

Moved by Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. McKnight, that we try to raise 42 memberships of \$100 each in the same proportion as we did last year, i e 20 Minneapolis, 12 St. Paul, 8 State at large, with the understanding that what we raise in this way above our quota we will send to the state and local Leagues ^{to the local League} ~~is~~ be credited ~~with same~~ on their state quota. Carried.

Legislative Council Mrs. Ueland gave a short resume of the work done in the past month.

Miss Wells spoke on two publications for sale at the meeting. Mrs. Park's "Record of Four Years" and Kent's "Great Game of Politics"

Informal Reports from the National Convention

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich. Two new subjects. Authorization of a committee to study Indian affairs and give report before the next convention. Support of amendment to grant federal suffrage to residents of District of Columbia.

Education - Miss Lawrence. Main point one of finance.

Three minute speeches were made by Miss Child, Mrs. Paige, Miss Lawrence, Miss Harrison and Mrs. McKnight.

Mrs. Nixon read correspondence with Duluth on Mobilization Day.

Miss Wells read letter to Secretary Weeks from Women's Joint Congressional Committee, and the answer.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Anne T White, Recording Secretary

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Report to be attached to Minutes of May 23rd, 1924, Board Meeting.

The motion was made and carried that the following local chairmen be dropped from the lists: -

Dist. 1	Miss Esther Adair ✓	- Owatonna
	Mrs. E F Westrum ✓	Albert Lea
	Mrs. J G Robertson ✓	Rushford
	Miss Margaret Bowden ✓	Spring Valley
	Mrs. Harold Crawford ✓	Rochester
	Miss M Buckman ✓	Waseca
Dist. 2	Mrs. Mary E Telford ✓	Pipestone
Dist. 3	Miss Alice V Kendall ✓	Le Sueur Center
	Mrs. P H O'Keefe ✓	South St. Paul
	Mrs. W H Everett ✓	Copas - Marine
Dist. 6	Mrs. Frank Illingworth ✓	Wadena
	Mrs. M A Downs ✓	Bemidji
	Miss Edna Bowler ✓	Deerwood
Dist. 7	Mrs. H L Hanson ✓	Madison
	Mrs. Ella F Spooner ✓	Morris
	Mrs. A C Bayrell ✓	Wheaton
	Mrs. E Warner Larkin ✓	Renville
Dist. 8	Mrs. C R Perkins ✓	Grand Rapids
	Mrs. C L Hilstead ✓	Big Falls
	Mrs. Harry Burns ✓	Evelith
	Mrs. J H Trethewey ✓	Virginia
Dist. 9	Mrs. L R Rutledge ✓	Detroit
	Mrs. N J Norby ✓	Lake Park

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At the invitation of Miss Ruth Mitchell, the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters met at Grandmother's Garden in St. Cloud, Friday, June 27th, 1924. Local chairmen were invited to meet with the Board.

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m., Miss Wells presiding. The following members of the Board were present: Miss Marguerite M Wells, Miss Florence Monahan, Mrs. E O Webb, Mrs. L D Brown, Mrs. A J McGuire, Mrs. F W Wittich, Mrs. H G Cant, Mrs. S T McKnight, Mrs. W C Cobb, Mrs. P M Glasoe, Mrs. Eugene Dieudonne, Miss Ruth Mitchell and Miss Isabel Lawrence. Miss Gladys Harrison, Miss Emily Child, Miss Marian Wash, Miss Olive Jeffrey and Mrs. Corinne Collins were also present, and the following local League chairmen and other officers were present: Mrs. J E Spencer, Wayzata, Mrs. Belle Colby Carrington, Mankato, Mrs. H G Hargimer, Mrs. H Friedrich and Lydia Gorman, St. Cloud, Mrs. Rose Parker, Brainerd, Mrs. F S Bissell, Miss Nellie Merrill, Mrs. W J Marcle, Minneapolis and Mrs. Maxine.

In the absence of Mrs. White, recording secretary, Miss Wells requested Mrs. Brown to act as secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after a few slight changes were approved and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read showing that the regular expenses and outstanding bills, insofar as they can be estimated before the first of the month, leave a deficit in the treasury. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Miss Monahan, second by Mrs. Cobb, that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Discussion followed on the collection of quotas. Mrs. McGuire reported that she would look up the matter of the St. Paul quota; Mrs. Glasoe reported that she thought Faribault could pay \$40.00 on its quota at the present time; Mrs. Webb reported that Wadena is planning to pay its quota

and that she will follow up the situation at Crosby.

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lawrence, that the bills be paid as soon as money is available.

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that all Leagues be requested to get in their quotas as soon as possible. Mrs. Cant reported that Minnesota's share of pledges made at National convention amounts to \$890.00. Mrs. Wittich called attention to the fact that the quota due the National League per month amounts to an average of \$160 per month.

Executive Secretary's Final Report

Miss Harrison gave a very comprehensive review of the work of the Minnesota League since its inception in 1920. She spoke of opportunities that had been lost by not keeping in touch with the Leagues that were once organized. She spoke in favor of free memberships and commended the finance plan of quotas based on population. She said that it had been found a mistake in every instance to carry on League work through another organization. She suggested more continuity in contacts with local Leagues, saying that close touch was necessary to success. She commended the plan of holding the State Board meetings with district representatives and said that the same thing is needed in districts and counties.

Mrs. Wittich asked if the quota plan could not be modified by adjusting quota to organization strength. Miss Harrison recommended against any such adjustment saying that it would penalize strong Leagues and fail to stimulate weak ones.

Sixth Annual State Convention

Mrs. McGuire, as chairman of the Ramsey County League of Women Voters, invited the Minnesota League of Women Voters to hold the Sixth Annual State

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Convention in St. Paul, October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, the headquarters to be at the St. Paul Hotel. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Miss Monahan, second by Mrs. Cant, that St. Paul's invitation be accepted.

Mrs. Wittich reported on tentative plans for the program. The convention will emphasize particularly political issues and will include a meeting at which candidates for U S Senate and Governor will be asked to speak. The details of the program will be worked out in committees. The suggestion was made by Mrs. McKnight of having the convention in the form of a model party convention.

IT WAS VOTED, motion of Mrs. McKnight, second by Miss Monahan, that a tentative convention committee be appointed to report to the next State Board meeting. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Cobb, second by Mrs. McKnight, that the appointment of all convention committee be left to the state executive committee.

Child Labor Amendment

Mrs. Dieudonne reported briefly on the present status of the Child Labor amendment. Discussion followed on the beet sugar industry in our state in its relation to child labor. Miss Lawrence reported that even the State Education Department confesses it is helpless to find out where beet fields have gone in. It hopes to get the information from the Department of Agriculture. She asked what policy should be followed in getting before the public the facts about child labor in the beet fields. It was the sense of the meeting that it would be dangerous to bring this question into open discussion at this time because of stirring up organized opposition to the ratification of the child labor amendment. Miss Lawrence said that in her opinion there is needed an immediate presentation of the facts as to the exact history of the movement resulting

in the present Children's Amendment since there are many misconceptions existing on the question of the prevalence of child labor and the age provision.

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second by Miss Lawrence, that Mrs. Dieudonne be requested to appoint county child welfare chairmen to work on the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment and that she report her organization at the next meeting.

Party Conventions

Mrs. McKnight reported on the League planks as presented to the Republican Convention at Cleveland. As Mrs. McKnight read the planks that were requested by the League, Miss Wells paralleled them by reading what had been incorporated in the Republican platform.

Mrs. McGuire was requested to get the report on the Third Party Convention held at St. Paul, especially as it pertained to the adoption of the Woman's Party plank.

World Co-operation Day

Mrs. McGuire read a letter from Miss Morgan, urging the celebration of July 26th-27th as World Cooperation Day. She urged that local Leagues make arrangements in cooperation with other organizations to celebrate this anniversary. Mrs. Hargreaves reported that eighteen interested organizations are to be called together to consider cooperative plans in Minneapolis.

At 12:40 the meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

After luncheon the meeting was reconvened informally for a short time. Mrs. Hargreaves, on behalf of all present, spoke of the deep affection and high admiration in which our most efficient and beloved executive secretary is held. Miss Harrison has severed her connection with our state office to go

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to Washington to take up her new duties as executive secretary of the National League of Women Voters at Washington. Miss Harrison was presented with a gift as a remembrance of the love and admiration of those she has inspired by her fine personality.

Miss Lawrence then read the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted and ordered recorded in the minutes:

Be it resolved, that the Minnesota League of Women Voters express to Miss Gladys Harrison our gratitude and loving thanks for the unselfish and untiring work she has done in our behalf, and in behalf of the cause we love;

Be it further resolved, that we make Miss Harrison understand that she carries with her to her new fields of action our heartfelt hope that the joy of higher achievement and every other blessing may be hers;

Be it further resolved, that we make Miss Gladys Harrison an honorary life member of the Minnesota League of Women Voters.

The meeting was then formally called to order by Miss Wells

New Appointments

The following appointments were announced: Miss Marian Wash, organization secretary; Miss Emily Child, executive secretary to fill the place caused by Miss Harrison's resignation. Appointment by the executive committee of Mrs. Wittich to act as first vice-president, and Mrs. A J McGuire to act as state chairman of International Co-operation to Prevent War, in place of Mrs. Nixon who is to be away for the summer.

Silver Loving Cup Prize

A communication was read by the secretary from Miss Belle Sherwin, announcing the prize silver loving cup to be given the state League showing the largest percentage of increase in the vote in 1924 over that in 1920.

Report on "Flying Squadrons"

Mrs. McKnight visited Rochester, Pine Island and Kenyon and reported successful meetings. All the women present at the meeting in Pine Island signed up to help with the Get-Out-the-Vote work, and a Get-Out-the-Vote committee was organized in Rochester.

Mrs. Hargreaves, with Miss Mary Warren driving, visited and held meetings at Brainerd, Wadena, Staples, Crosby and Little Falls.

Mrs. Glen Waters and Mrs. Amy Robbins Ware, with Mrs. F G Jewett, visited and held meetings at Cambridge, Hinckley and Pine City.

Mrs. Wallis and Mrs. Denny, with Miss Hostetler as driver, attended and spoke at a Dakota County rally in Farmington.

One-Day Citizenship Schools

Miss Wash reported upon suggestions for one-day citizenship schools to be held throughout the state in the fall. At the suggestion of Mrs. Wittich she was asked to prepare two or three alternative programs.

Mrs. Wittich called attention to the new book on the "Administration of the State of Minnesota" edited by Prof. Lambie, published by the League of Minnesota Municipalities, for sale at \$1.50 per copy.

State and County Fair Exhibits

Mrs. McGuire reported on the plans made by the committee on State and County Fair exhibits. Suggested plans for the booth at the State Fair include; a model voting booth, slogans written on a blackboard to attract the attention of passers-by, a mock "radio" loud-speaker, twinkling lights, etc. The committee has under consideration plans for a pageant of "The History of Woman Suffrage" as part of the general daily program in the Woman's Building. The suggestion was made that a contest be held and a prize offered for pithy

sayings to be used for the blackboard stunt, the names and addresses of winners to be published. This program is to be worked out and perfected by the committee.

Radio Program

Miss Merrill reported on the special radio program for July, September and October, planned as part of the Get-Out-the-Vote campaign to promote interest in voting.

Reports on Get-Out-the-Vote work

Mrs. McKnight reported on the work done in Minneapolis, which included a travelling registration booth, which was given excellent publicity. The result was a marked increase in registration at about the time the car went out, especially in the registration of women.

St. Cloud reported a 25 per cent increase in the vote. Miss Mitchell reported on the various methods used which included chain telephone calls and motor corps, an information booth, tagging voters on election day, school children carrying messages to their parents, advertising in movies, questionnaire compiled from questions dropped in box in post office and mass meetings.

Mrs. Carrington reported on the work in Mankato.

Mrs. Cobb reported on the work in Brainerd. She felt that the most effective method is to get the school children interested and to have them carry the get-out-the-vote message to their parents.

Mrs. McGuire reported on the work done in St. Paul at the time of the recent city election. A house to house canvass was made in the three largest wards, candidates' meetings were held in every ward.

Miss Wash spoke on the work that can be done at Farm Bureau picnics, telling of the interest shown at the one she spoke at in Owatonna.

Miss Wells reported on Leagues that were voted to be dropped at the last Board meeting. Following are Leagues from which some report has been received.

Rochester League - Mrs. Harold Crawford dropped. - New Get-Out-the Vote committee formed by Mrs. McKnight.

Wadena League - Mrs. Frank Illingworth dropped. Mrs. Illingworth has moved to Minneapolis. Mrs. Hargreaves visited Wadena and reorganized League under chairmanship of Mrs. Whitney, old vice-chairman.

Madison League - Mrs. H L Hanson dropped. Mrs. Hanson now living in Minneapolis. She suggests a Mrs. J A Johnson of Marietta, as a possible League worker in Lac Qui Parle County.

Lake Park League - Mrs. N J Norby dropped. Mrs. Norby writes June 25th, sending in check for \$21.20, balance in treasury. Endeavor will be made to reorganize League.

Cambridge League - Mrs. G C Smith dropped. Mrs. Smith now living in Minneapolis. League reorganized under Mrs. Roy Carlson after visit on "Flying Squadron".

Wheaton League - Mrs. A C Bayrell dropped. In response to letter notifying her of action of Board, wrote asking for a speaker and signed card to help in get out the vote work.

Grand Rapids League - Mrs. C R Perkins dropped. Mrs. Colton reports a new chairman, Mrs. John LeFevre.

After extending a vote of thanks to Miss Mitchell for her kind hospitality, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Sadie Barton Brown (Mrs. L D)

Recording Secretary pro tem

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The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the residence of Mrs. Edwin White at Manitou Island, White Bear Lake, Friday, August 8th, 1924. Meeting called to order at 10:37; Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the State Board were present: - Mrs. L D Brown, Mrs. P M Glasoe, Mrs. W C Cobb, Mrs. Walter Thorp, Mrs. F W Wittich, Mrs. C C Colton, Mrs. M J Dowling, Mrs. Edwin White, Miss Isabel Lawrence, Miss Marguerite M Wells. The following local chairmen were present: Mrs. G R Day, Farmington, Mrs. F N Welch, Stillwater, Mrs. Cecelia Keyes, Columbia Heights, Mrs. R Leland, Kenyon and Mrs. Roulo, Duluth.

The following were also present: Miss Florence Harrison, Miss Emily Child, Miss Hope McDonald, Miss Marian Wash, Miss Elizabeth Paige, Miss Marion Roth, Mrs. W J Marcley of Minneapolis; Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Rosencranz, Mrs. McClintoc, Mrs. Bassendale, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Scheman, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Schwartz, Miss Jennings, Miss Lusk, Miss Troy and Miss Furness of St. Paul; and Mrs. Enright, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Danforth, Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. McLanahan, Mrs. Philebrown, Mrs. Schnett, Mrs. Cunningham, and Mrs. Curtland of White Bear and Bald Eagle.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Mrs. Wittich in the absence of Mrs. Cant.

It showed receipts during the month of \$1,366.46 and disbursements of \$1,217.47, leaving a balance of \$148.99, and unpaid bills amounting to \$1,123.95. Miss Wells explained that the debt owed by the state was caused by local Leagues not paying their quota to state. The quota is ten dollars for every one thousand inhabitants. No League would ever be dropped for not paying its quota, but it is important that all local Leagues make an effort to do this.

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Brown, second by Mrs. Thorp, that the treasurer's report be accepted and bills be allowed.

National Quota Mrs. Wittich gave plan of national quota of raising subscriptions of \$100.00 or less amounts, one half of which goes to the National League to be applied on the quota to the National and the other half remains in the State. Mrs. Wittich went over the \$100 pledges of 1923-24, asking information about renewals. Mrs. Florence Harrison will see Mrs. Walter Douglas (Tenth District) about the renewal of her pledge. St. Cloud - 2 pledges. One was in memory of Mrs. Eline which will not be renewed. The other was secured by Miss Ruth Mitchell from Mr. Grimmer which she doubts if he will renew. Duluth - 2 pledges. One has not yet been completely paid. The other Mrs. Colton received and is not sure whether it will be renewed. St. Paul - four pledges have been renewed and others are being watched by finance chairman.

Mrs. Brown, corresponding secretary, read a letter of appreciation from Miss Gladys Harrison, former executive secretary of the Minnesota League.

Executive Secretary's Report Miss Child reported on the things accomplished during the past month.

Miss Wells spoke for several minutes of Kent's "The Great Game of Politics" urging all League members to buy and read it.

Organization Secretary's Report Miss Wash reported on the field work she had done the previous month. She feels that the League has fine opportunities in the State but that the initial visit of an organizer is almost worthless unless followed up later. She usually found the following objections in towns where Leagues had died - quota was almost impossible to raise - that the League was a third party in connection with Non-Partisan League.

A group of local women might be interested in one piece of work, but felt general work of League rather intangible and were unable to keep League alive. It was not so difficult to form a temporary as a permanent League. Miss Wells stressed the importance of developing temporary Leagues into permanent organizations.

Miss Lawrence reported on a trip to Bemidji where she organized a League. She thinks that in September the League will be on its feet and in working order. The new League would like to hold an Institute at the Teachers' College in September.

Miss Lawrence suggested that it would be wise not to let a lull occur after the Get Out the Vote campaign was over. It might be a good plan to have the Legislative Council program ready to present at Education Week which follows immediately upon elections.

Report on Get Out the Vote Organization

Minneapolis - Miss Florence Harrison. The following plans have been made: One day schools on what every voter should know. A house to house canvass preceding the last day of registration, leaving cards showing decline of vote as calling cards. Having an efficient speakers bureau to send speakers to talk before city groups. Information booths in wards during month preceding election with facts as to location of polling places. Information on present political platforms and on candidates. They are also considering procuring lists of people already registered, thereby considerably cutting down work for the house to house canvass, and they hope to have a large civic torchlight parade the night before registration closes.

St. Paul - Mrs. J A Johnson

Mrs. Johnson is organizing chairmen for wards and precincts who will

inform themselves on who has not registered and make a house to house canvass in that group. The ward chairmen will hold meetings for the precinct chairmen. The city clerk will talk at these meetings, for the purpose of giving any information that is needed. Mrs. Johnson thinks that canvassing and personal contact are the only satisfactory ways of getting out the vote. Mrs. Johnson also said that she preferred candidates' meetings to the one day school idea. Duluth - Mrs. C. J. Roulo

Mrs. Roulo has not yet begun her work in Duluth. Out of 72 precincts, 52 had no League members.

Local Leagues Get Out the Vote Plans.

Report by Miss Wash on Young America where volunteers offered themselves for attempt to match record during the war of highest purchase of Liberty bonds per capita by voting record this year. Norwood and Young America, a mile apart, will compete for best record this fall.

Mrs. Day of Farmington reported that no plans have been made yet. She suggested that the town will be divided into groups comparable with city wards.

Mrs. Welch of Stillwater reported that they offered a prize before the primary for the township in the county showing greatest increase in woman vote. Prize won with 40 per cent increase.

Miss Wells reported letter just sent out to local chairmen on Get Out the Vote plans.

Miss Lawrence suggested a block chairman to have procession of children with flags at twilight the night before election. Mrs. L.

Mrs. Leland reported that a joint committee of one Republican, one Democrat and one Farmer-Labor woman was organized by the League in Kenyon to get out the vote.

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Meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1 p.m., reconvening at 2:05 p.m.

Miss Wells mentioned magazines in which there had been articles on the League - the August issues of Success and the Ladies Home Journal.

One Day Schools for Voters - Mrs. Wittich

Mrs. Wittich hopes to have 50 schools in the state. Minneapolis has already signed up for thirteen. Their purpose is not only to Get Out the Vote but to strengthen the League. A prospectus will be issued soon giving the program and other facts about the schools. The faculty for the schools has not been definitely settled. A school with one teacher will be \$15.00, with two, \$25.00. An entrance charge of from 25 to 75 cents will be charged, the amount to be decided upon by the committee in charge.

A discussion followed as to the necessity of the schools. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Colton felt the program was too difficult for the average voter.

Mrs. Glasoe asked if she could get up a school in Northfield, could the faculty be local.

Miss Wells asked for suggestions for names for faculty.

St. Paul - Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Walker, Dr. Eliot, Miss Pollock, Miss Sarah Converse, Miss Essie Williams.

St. Cloud - Miss Lawrence, Mr. Vandervelt

Northfield - Miss Keith Clark

Duluth - Mrs. Charlie Mitchell

2. Eagle Falls - E B Bergquist

Mankato - Miss Crawford, Miss Agnes Larson

Northfield - Miss Crawford

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Colton, that these schools be prepared and offered.

The question of the fee came up again for discussion. Mrs. Cobb said that just at this time when so many good political speakers were speaking it might be hard to collect the 75 cents. Miss Lawrence said that something in a dramatic line might be compiled to use in connection with the schools. Mrs. Colton thought that perhaps the subjects of the schools might be assigned and presented by local members, thus doing away with the fee.

Miss Wells asked district chairmen to say how many schools they could hold in their districts: -

Mrs. Glasoe was sure of three - Faribault, Farmington, Northfield - and would try to have schools in Norwood, Kenyon and Cannon Falls.

Mrs. Dowling felt sure of five; Mrs. Colton, three; Mrs. Roulo, two.

County Fairs

Miss Child hoped to put on League of Women Voters exhibits at at least 25 fairs. She reviewed the suggestions made in the letter to local chairmen on County Fair exhibits. The suggestion has been made that it might be interesting to have some hand work of the League members on exhibition. Membership^{blanks} and Voter slips should be in every League of Women Voters booth. Miss Harrison said that in Wisconsin the blackboard had been very cleverly used for the benefit of the League. The League member who ran it used it as a means of talking to and getting in touch with the crowd. District chairmen should keep in touch with fairs going on in their counties, find some one to take an interest in each one. All material and literature will be supplied by the State. Miss Wash asked how such an exhibit with a blackboard could be run without women who were not thoroughly conversant with the League of Women Voters. Mrs. Thorp agreed with Miss Wash and said that she thought there

would be a good deal of danger to League if the woman at blackboard was not perfectly familiar with League. Miss Wells said that if District Chairmen were afraid to send out women to all smaller fairs to concentrate on larger ones.

Legislative Council Miss Child reported on the last meeting, July 30th, and read Mrs. Dieudonne's suggested list for county child welfare chairmen.

State Convention

Miss Wells spoke on the importance of convention in the League, especially stressing importance of a good attendance.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the program. There will be two evening sessions, the first for candidates for U S Senator and Governor, and the second - talk on primaries or a four-cornered discussion. The day sessions will begin up to discussion of legislative program. There will be talks from two or three League of Women Voters women at the big luncheon. Names suggested were Mrs. Hibbard, Helen Gardiner, Miss Hauser and Miss Lydington.

Discussion arose as to the meeting on the primary. Mrs. Thorp suggested a three cornered discussion for and against and modification. Names suggested for this discussion were - W I Norton, Mayor Nelson, William Allen White. The consensus of opinion was to ask William Allen White to speak at the meeting on the primary.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that Miss Wells appoint a committee on revision of constitution. Miss Wells appointed Miss Kercher and Miss Monahan.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Brown, that Miss Wells appoint a committee on budget. Mrs. Wells appointed Mrs. Hargreaves and Mrs. Ashmun, to work with Mrs. Cant.

Report on Child Welfare Committee - for Mrs. Dieudonne by Miss Child

Miss Child read Mrs. Dieudonne's list of suggestions for chairmen.

Miss Wells said that on account of heavy work in this department, if board was willing, she would appoint an assistant chairman from Minneapolis or St. Paul to work with Mrs. Dieudonne.

IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Colton, second of Miss Lawrence, that Miss Wells be authorized to appoint an assistant chairman of child welfare.

Report on International Co-operation to Prevent War - Miss Hope McDonald

Miss McDonald reported splendid cooperation in both cities on World Cooperation Day. Celebration about the same in both cities. World cooperation had been the thing emphasized and discussion^{ed}.

No action had been taken on Defense Day. Miss Wells said that the attention had first been called to Mobilization Day by Duluth, but that the League had not been able to act until the National League of Women Voters had been heard from. Mrs. Roule said that a meeting on Mobilization Day was pending now in Duluth and she would like to take back definite instructions from the State League on stand on this question. Miss Wells reviewed briefly the facts as to Mobilization Day and reported the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the National League of Women Voters. Miss McDonald said that she believed a more drastic resolution should be passed as the resolution of the National was too philosophical. Miss Lawrence said that she thought more bad feeling would be aroused with any more publicity and it was wiser to let the matter drop. Miss Wells said that the purpose of the League of Women Voters was to educate and now that the public is aroused our task is over in this instance.

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IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Brown, that no further action be taken by this Board than has been taken by the National League on the subject of Mobilization Day.

Miss Harrison spoke briefly on the idea carried out in Delaware and Pennsylvania of a caravan tour reaching from one end of the state to the other. A similar tour called passing on the torch, reaching from end to end of the state, might be accomplished here, especially for publicity purposes.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cobb, second of Mrs. Thorp, that a "pass on the torch" procession through Minnesota be organized.

Miss Wells said that a newspaper contest has been suggested for the best article on "What my Vote means in my Home" with a prize offered by the League. Miss Lawrence suggested a limerick or jingle. *unless*

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Brown, second by Mrs. Dowling, that such a contest be planned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Anne T. White, Recording Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at League headquarters, September 5th, 1924. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 p.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the Board were present: - Miss Ruth Mitchell, Mrs. Edwin White, Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Mrs. L D Brown, Mrs. Harold G Cant, Mrs. E O Webb, Mrs. C C Colton, Mrs. Sumner T McKnight, Mrs. P M Glasoe, Mrs. Eugene Dieudonne, Miss Isabel Lawrence, Mrs. F W Wittich, Miss Florence Monahan, Mrs. Bertha Dahl Laws, Mrs. M J Dowling, Miss Alice Kercher and Mrs. John M Gaus were present for the afternoon discussion. The following were also present: - Miss Emily Child, Miss Florence Harrison, Miss Marion Roth, and Mrs. Barry N Collins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of Executive Secretary Miss Child reported on the League booth at the State Fair.

Report of Office Secretary Mrs. Collins first reported on the "Woman Voter" subscription list, stating that new subscriptions and renewals were coming in about as fast as expirations. However, the greatest number of expirations occur in the fall and winter months, and some definite attempt must be made later to keep up the list.

She then reported on League exhibits at county fairs. Posters and literature have been sent to 12 fairs as follows: - Benton County, Ramsey County, Morrison County at Little Falls, Freeborn County at Albert Lea, Stearns County at Sauk Center, Yellow Medicine County at Canby, Washington County at Stillwater, Goodhue County at Cannon Falls, Beltrami County at Bemidji, Clay County at Barnesville, Douglas County at Alexandria, and Waseca County at Waseca. Plans are already made for nine more fairs as follows: - Renville County at Bird Island, Itasca County at Grand Rapids, Isanti County at Cambridge,

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Faribault County at Blue Earth, Hennepin County at Hopkins, Dakota County at Farmington, Anoka County at Anoka, Rice County at ^{Northfield} Faribault and the S W Minnesota fair at Mankato. It is expected that there will be more requests.

In the absence of an organization secretary, Mrs. Collins gave a report of the field work. From June 25th to August 23rd, the time of her employment, Miss Wash visited 46 different towns. During this time Miss Agnes Larson visited 3 towns and Miss Isabel Lawrence 1, making a total of 50 towns visited during the summer. As a result of this field work, League organizations, either temporary or permanent, have been effected in Bemidji, Young America, Norwood, Albert Lea (Get Out the Vote committee) Annandale, Lake Park and Thief River Falls. In the following towns one or more women have agreed to ^{try to} organize either permanent or temporary Leagues: - Buffalo, Maple Lake, Waverly, Cannon Falls, Bird Island, Morton, St. Peter, Winthrop, LeSueur, Belle Plaine, Delano, Hawley, Detroit, Erskine, Mahanomen. Since the last Board meeting, the following towns were visited: By Miss Wash: Crookston, Erskine, Mahanomen (twice) Detroit, Thief River Falls, Warren, Stephen, Barnesville, Moorhead, Hawley, Lake Park, Fergus Falls, By Miss Larson - Albert Lea, Fairmont and Wells.

Report of Publicity Secretary Miss Roth reported that the Minneapolis Tribune has agreed to put on an essay contest, as voted upon at the last Board meeting. They will offer a prize of \$100.00. The details of the plan are to be worked out soon. A publicity story on the One-Day Schools was sent to all the papers in the state, together with a questionnaire to the editors asking if they wished League stories. An up to date mailing list of papers in the state who will use League stories will be prepared from the replies.

CONVENTION

Mrs. Wittich reported for the Program Committee. She stated that Miss Hauser has accepted the invitation to speak at the luncheon on Saturday, and that Miss Ludington and Mrs. Hibbard are being invited, but their acceptances have not yet been received. The candidates' meeting for the first evening is already arranged for, all the candidates accepting. Mrs. James Morrisson has been invited to speak either at the luncheon or at one of the convention sessions on the Shotwell-Bliss Draft Treaty Plan. Miss Grace Abbott is being asked to speak on the Sheppard-Towner Bill. The speakers for the meeting on the Direct Primary the second evening are not yet secured.

There followed some discussion on the Children's Amendment. Mrs. Dieudonne reported that she had noticed a great deal of adverse newspaper comment on this amendment. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. Dieudonne, that we extend our clipping service to include Child Labor Amendment material for one month. It was informally decided that it would be advisable to send a story on the Children's Amendment to all the papers in the state.

The St. Paul League is planning to give a reception for out of town delegates, probably on the first day of the convention.

Credentials and Attendance The Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues will make special efforts to secure local attendance at the convention sessions. A special edition of the "Woman Voter" will go out the middle of the month containing the preliminary program. Each district chairman is to be responsible for the attendance from her district.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Miss Mitchell, that the distribution of credentials be left to Miss Child and Miss Wells.

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To encourage the attendance of Minneapolis delegates, it was suggested that a special bus be arranged for, and dinners held Thursday and Friday evenings at which Minneapolis delegates could get together and at which some of the prominent speakers will be asked to appear.

Nominations -Miss Wells. Under the constitution, the district chairmen constitute the nominating committee. Mrs. Colton has been appointed, by the executive committee, to serve as chairman for the nominating committee. This committee is to meet at the luncheon hour. The terms of three directors, Mrs. R M Bennett, Mrs. Walter Thorp and Mrs. C P Noyes, expire, and there is also one unfilled vacancy. The terms of the District Chairmen in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th districts expire, and the 10th district chairman has offered her resignation. The terms of the first vice-president, recording secretary and treasurer expire. It has been suggested that the office of the corresponding secretary be abolished and a third vice-presidency established in its place.

Miss Wells announced her wish to resign from the presidency, stating that she felt she should devote more of her time to the development of the Fifth Region, of which she is director.

Mrs. Webb's resignation as chairman of the Sixth District was read. Action on this was left until the afternoon session.

Mrs. Ware's resignation as chairman of the Tenth District was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second by Mrs. Laws, that her resignation be accepted.

There was discussion of the suggestion (~~made by Mrs. Webb~~) that the district chairmen be abolished and supplanted by county chairmen and that organization be done by paid workers under the direction of headquarters. The consensus of opinion was that the office of the district chairman should be

retained, that she should do all she could to strengthen the smaller units within her district, and that there should be a permanent organizer to work with the district chairmen.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second by Mrs. Laws, that we have district meetings in each district every two years.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, second by Mrs. Dieudonne, that each district chairman be urged to hold at least once during the year a conference of her local chairmen. Miss Mitchell suggested that a good way to get attendance is to invite the chairmen to be her guests at luncheon.

Miss Wells felt that there should be a vice president in charge of organization, with a committee composed of the district chairmen, the organization secretary, and perhaps the finance chairman.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:00 p.m., and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ueland spoke in behalf of the Board, saying that Miss Wells' resignation came at a very unfortunate time and that her leadership was essential to the growth and strength of the Minnesota League of Women Voters. Mrs. Colton spoke for the nominating committee, stating that if Miss Wells would continue as president they would offer her three working vice presidents, first, a vice president in charge of organization, second, a vice president in charge of finance, and third a vice president who would be a sort of general utility person to the president. There followed discussion of this plan of working vice-presidents.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colton, second by Mrs. Brown, that the recommendation be made for action at the state convention that there be three working vice presidents who, together with the president, shall decide among themselves how the various duties shall be divided. This change is to be referred to the committee on revision of the constitution.

Miss Wells reported that she would take the matter of her resignation under consideration and talk with the nominating committee.

Report of Treasurer

Mrs. Cant reported that there was a balance on hand August 1st of \$148.99, that \$1,102.01 had been received during the month, making a total of \$1 251.00; that disbursements amounted to \$936.97, leaving a balance September 1st of \$314.03. Unpaid bills amount to \$1,200.91

Miss Wells called attention to the fact that the Minnesota League owed on bills due April 1st, \$72.15, due June 1st, \$25.60, due July 1st \$195.60, due August 1st, \$178.84, due September 1st, \$728.72, making a total of \$1,200.91. In order to run the League during the balance of the fiscal year, we will need \$925.00 more for September and October, making the total necessary to carry us through our present year \$3,050.91. Each district chairman was given a notation of these facts, and also a statement showing just what quotas had been received from local Leagues in her district and what remained unpaid.

First District Mrs. Dieudonne stated that she would see about the quota from Janesville. Miss Florence Harrison reported on the situation in Winona. It is hoped that someone from the state will visit there shortly.

Third District Mrs. Glasoe will communicate with Faribault about their quota, and also with Farmington, asking them to pay the balance due.

St. Paul Mrs. White reported that although St. Paul could not take care of its entire quota, she thought they could probably pay half of it.

Sixth District Mrs. Webb reported that Wadena would not be able to pay this year, but will take care of next year's quota. Little Falls will probably pay the balance due on their quota. She will follow up the quota from Pequot. Bemidji has been so recently organized that much cannot be expected, but Miss Lawrence thought they might pay something in September.

Seventh District Mrs. Laws will guarantee the balance of the quota from Appleton. Mrs. Laws will also visit Graceville sometime in September.

Eighth District Mrs. Colton will write to Grand Rapids. With regard to the situation in Duluth, Mrs. Colton will ask the local League to send to the state one half of the money they make on a card party they are to give next week. They are working on the renewal of their national memberships.

Mrs. White asked for an expression of opinion by Board members on the question of having advertising in the convention program. No formal action was taken since the decision will be left with the Ramsey County League.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Although the Committee on Final Program has not yet submitted its report for adoption ^{by} for the Council, Miss Wells called for reports upon measures which have been referred to it for final action. Mrs. Ueland reported upon Mothers' Pensions and commented upon the failure of the effort to secure an appropriation in the last session of the legislature, naming Theodore Christianson as responsible for the action of the House. Miss Child reported upon the appropriation needed for maternity and infancy work under the Sheppard-Towner Act. Mrs. Dieudonne stated that she thinks support for this work is growing in the state owing to the educational work of the Child Hygiene department workers at county fairs.

Mrs. Dieudonne reported upon her work as chairman of the Child Welfare Committee in behalf of the Child Labor Amendment which is one of the Council's recommendations for the final legislative program. A letter from Mrs. Dieudonne was sent out under date of September 2nd to a selected list of women, one in each county, who were asked to serve as Child Welfare chairmen

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devoted especially to the task of informing the local public as to the merits of the Child Labor Amendment. Mrs. Dieudonne reported that the legislative candidate from her district was opposed to the amendment. Miss Lawrence emphasized the need of having the state thoroughly covered since there is so much misunderstanding in regard to the age limit provision in the amendment. Mrs. Laws suggested that there should be literature on the subject at county fairs.

Miss Monahan reported that the Council has acted in favor of changing the adultery law to do away with the discrimination against women and that it has under consideration a similar amendment to the law on prostitutes and the law on the prior right of the father to sue. Mrs. Gaus reported changes provided in the proposed marriage bill and stated that every provision in this bill is already in effect in certain states. Miss Monahan said that 17 states have abolished common law marriages.

Miss Wells asked for a report on replies received from candidates as to their attitude toward the Child Labor Amendment. Miss Harrison was asked to look over the questionnaires received up to date. She reported that of the 88 replies received, 74 were favorable. The names of those opposed to the amendment were read. Miss Kercher will reach St. Paul candidates on this question and Mrs. Colton will get in touch with the Carleton County representative. Representatives from Hallock, Willmar, Jackson and Hoffman made no reply to this question on the questionnaire.

Miss Lawrence reported on the proposed bill for county boards of education for the appointment of county superintendents of schools and explained that 30 states now have this law in some form. A letter from Mrs. Cobb was read questioning the advisability of having the county board selected from among

members of district schools boards who, she said, are self-seeking and unqualified for such responsibility. Miss Lawrence replied that objection to any plan that was not perfect was what defeated the bill last year and that the important consideration to keep in mind is that this is a possible way to depart from the election of county superintendents.

Miss Lawrence reported upon the Teacher's Retirement Fund which will be voted upon by the Council at the September meeting. The Family Court was omitted from the discussion for lack of time. A mimeographed statement on it will be sent to each member of the Board for her information.

Mrs. Wittich reported for the Department of Efficiency in Government that no satisfactory statement can be obtained from the Interim Commission on the Reorganization of State Departments on the form that its report will take. She stated in regard to national legislation that civil service legislation to extend the merit system will probably be the chief legislation supported by the League in the coming session of Congress.

One Day Schools For Voters.

Mrs. Wittich distributed advance copies of the printed prospectus. Mrs. Colton reported for Duluth that they plan to conduct three schools in different parts of the city, using local speakers for the program. Mrs. Laws said that she could guarantee that Appleton would raise the money for a school. There was some discussion of the advantages of offering the schools without charge to local people. Miss Wells was of the opinion that people are inclined to value what they pay something for and that women must be educated to seeing the value of this kind of information or the League cannot live.

Cooperation in Getting Out the Vote.

Miss Wells reported that the state American Legion has conferred with us in regard to a proposed plan that the Legion undertake a campaign of work by its membership to get out the vote in the state. She asked for suggestions as to instructing local League officers what action to take if the Legion becomes active in this campaign. It was agreed that it will be necessary to recognize their cooperation but that an effort should be made to carry out plans already in preparation and to avoid becoming merely the Legion's assistant in the campaign in which the League has been the pioneer. Mrs. Glasoe asked about the advisability of forming a Joint Committee of various organizations to handle the local situation. Miss Wells declared emphatically against the wisdom of such a plan from the League point of view as it would mean involving the League in activities whose unpartisan nature it would be unable to control. She suggested that a joint meeting of all organizations interested in Getting Out the Vote might be held for the purpose of agreeing upon a division of labor to avoid duplication of effort. Miss Wells also warned local Leagues against assuming that thorough work in getting out the vote will be accomplished by any other organization merely because it announces plans.

Miss Wells asked the secretary to read the rules sent out by the national office for the participation of individual states in the contest for the Silver Loving Cup and asked for authorization to enter Minnesota in the contest. Authorization was given and Miss Wells remarked that now that the American Legion contemplates carrying on the campaign through its membership, we should feel no doubt of the outcome for this state.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Corinne K Collins and Emily Child, secretaries pro tem