



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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Oct. 2, 1924

The pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in St. Paul, October 2nd, 1924, at the St. Paul Hotel. Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and with corrections approved.

Present - Mrs. Cant, Miss Monahan, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Colton, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. C P Noyes, Miss Kercher, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. White, also Miss Child, Miss Beggin, Miss Florence Harrison, Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Parkes.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance on hand the 1st of October of \$241.54. The balance the 1st of September was \$314.03, with receipts during the month of \$1,075.25, and disbursements during the month of \$1,147.74.

Mrs. Cant gave the treasurer's report for the eleven months period from November 1st, 1923 to October 1st, 1924, showing a balance of \$607.74 on November 1st, receipts during this period of \$6,636.03, disbursements of \$7,002.23, leaving a balance on hand October 1st, 1924 of \$241.54.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nixon, seconded by Mrs. Brown, that the report of the treasurer for the month of October be accepted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, seconded by Mrs. Wittich, that the report of the treasurer for the eleven months period be accepted.

#### Report of Legislative Council

The Legislative Council recommends the following bills for the support of the League of Women Voters in the 1925 session of the Legislature.

1. Child Labor Amendment.
2. Mothers Pension Refund
3. Revision of the Marriage Law
4. Teachers Retirement Fund

(over)

5. Infancy and Maternity Appropriation

6. Family Court Bill

7. Amendment to Adultery Law

8. County Board of Education

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dieudonne, second by Miss Monahan,

that the League support the Mothers' Pension Appropriation.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, second by Mrs. Dieudonne,

that the League support the Infancy and Maternity Appropriation.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Gaus,

that the League support the Family Court Bill.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Miss Monahan,

that the League support the amendment to the adultery law.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Gaus,

that the League support the proposed Marriage Bill.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second by Mrs. Dieudonne,

that the League support the County Board of Education.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second by Mrs. Wittich,

that the League support the ratification of the Children's Amendment.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Miss Lawrence,

that the League support the Teacher's Retirement Fund Bill.

#### Report of the Efficiency in Government Department

Three recommendations are suggested for the reorganization of

Minnesota's administrative departments: -

1. A General Consolidation Bill.

2. An Executive Budget Bill.

3. A bill for salary standardization and for administration of public personnel

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Miss Lawrence,

that these resolutions be adopted.

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Report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution - Miss Kercher

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second by Mrs. Nixon, that the suggested changes in the constitution be adopted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colton, second by Miss Monahan, that the resignations of Mrs. Nixon, as first vice-president, Mrs. Webb, as chairman of the Sixth District, and Miss Ruth Mitchell as second vice-president, be accepted with regret.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Miss Monahan, that Mrs. Nixon's resignation as chairman of the department of International Cooperation to Prevent War be accepted with regret.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. Brown, that Mrs. Hargreaves be appointed chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Nixon, second by Mrs. Dieudonne, that the recent quota payment of \$100.00 from Winona be counted as a full quota and that Winona be entitled to a place on the honor roll.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Anne T White, Recording Secretary



Oct. 4, 1924

The post-convention Board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in St. Paul, October 4th, 1924, immediately following the convention luncheon. Miss Wells presiding.

Those present were- Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Glasoe, Miss Lawrence, Miss Warren, Mrs. Friedrich and Mrs. Wittich.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Mrs. Dowling, that the following members should make up the executive committee for the next year: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. C R Noyes, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Wittich.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second by Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. Wittich should continue as chairman of the efficiency in government department.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. Dietrichson should continue as chairman of the committee for the protection of women in industry.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. Friedrich, that Mrs. Gaus should continue as chairman of the committee on public health and social hygiene.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second by Mrs. McGuire, that Miss Monahan should continue as chairman of the committee on the Legal Status of Women.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second by Mrs. Glasoe, that Mrs. Dieudonne should continue as chairman of the committee on child welfare.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. Laws should continue as chairman of the living costs committee.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second by Mrs. Wittich, that Miss Lawrence should continue as chairman of the committee on education.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Miss Warren, that Miss Kercher should continue as chairman of the committee on law enforcement.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Miss Lawrence, that that Mrs. Ueland should be continued as chairman of legislation.

Meeting adjourned, 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jean W Wittich, secretary pro tem

November 13, 1924

A regular meeting of the Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Wittich, November, 21, 1924. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. with Mrs. Ueland presiding. The following members were present: Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Friedrich, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Roth, Mrs. Collins, Miss Jeffrey, Miss Child, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Dieudenne, Mrs. S. J. Hardy, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. J. M. Gaus, Mrs. C. M. Denny, Miss Burne.

The minutes of the pre-convention and post-convention meetings were read and approved.

Treasurer's report. The following report of the treasurer was read by Mrs. Collins for Mrs. Cant: Receipts during the month of October were \$1,865.33, and disbursements were \$1,364.40, leaving a balance of \$500.93 November 1, and unpaid bills amounting to \$1,548.11.

In the discussion that followed Mrs. Colton reported that the quota of the Culuth League amounting to \$60.00 or \$75.00 is in the bank there and available any time.

Mrs. McKnight moved the acceptance of the report and it was carried.

Report of Ex-Secretary. Miss Child reported that the activities of the League recently have concentrated upon three projects, namely: the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign in this state, One Day Schools for Voters, and the Child Labor Amendment. She read a report of Miss Beggin's work thruout the state, which showed that a very necessart and worthwhile work is being carried on in the state, especially in the smaller towns, in stimulating interest in the League and getting Leagues established on a sound-working basis. The one-day schools provided instruction in the procedure and issues

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of election; and League suggestions for getting out the vote were successfully carried out. The executive committee submitted the following recommendations:

- (a) That the next Board Meeting be held at Duluth.
- (b) That the question of time for holding District Conferences be discussed at ~~this meeting~~.
- (c) That a Conference of District chairmen and officers with members of the staff be held the day before or the day after the board meetings.

One Day Schools for Voters. Mrs. Wittich reported that during a period of three weeks she and Mrs. Marclely had conducted twenty schools for voters outside Minneapolis, and that they had usually been assisted by local people in putting on these schools. There was a total attendance of about 2521 people and the inclusion of Minneapolis would bring the total to over 3000. The schools cost the state only \$3.00 and \$40.00 worth of literature was sold. Mrs. Wittich stated that she feels that the schools accomplished much good. The men and women who attended the schools were very interested, and many of them were made acquainted with the League who had previously known little about it. The Child Labor Amendment interested them especially.

Mrs. Thorpe moved that Mrs. Wittich be given a vote of thanks for her devoted work in conducting the schools. *Carried*

Passing the Torch Tour. Reports on the tour were given by several who were members of this caravan. Mrs. Hardy told of the receptions accorded to her and Miss Roth at Brainerd, Wadena, Perham, Pellican Rapids, Fergus Falls, Alexandria, and Willmar. In all of these towns the people seemed to be anticipating the arrival of the caravan and in most instances they were welcomed by officials of the towns and shown many courtesies. Miss Child was asked to report the beginning of the tour, and she told how



she and Mrs. W. V. Kane and Mr. Hurlbut of International Falls had worked all Sunday arousing interest and enthusiasm that the caravan might be started off with a vim. They were very successful and eighteen cars were in the procession when it embarked on its southward journey. Mrs. McKnight told of the addresses which she and Mrs. Ueland and Mrs. Hargreaves had delivered in the churches in Mankato and Faribault on Sunday. They deemed it a very unique concession to be allowed the privilege of speaking in the churches, and they felt that they were enabled to reach a great many people in this way. The Mankato League had arranged a luncheon at Daniel Buch<sup>x</sup> Hall for them, and Mrs. McKnight addressed the young women who are students at the Teacher's College there.

Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. Mrs. Hargreaves reported that Peace stamps had been sent out about Armistice Day and that "World Peace Christmas Cards" are on sale now at many stores in the cities and in the smaller towns. She reported a visit that members of the committee made to Mr. Shipstead. He still is very much opposed to the League of Nations and the World Court. However, his attitude toward the League of Women Voters has changed considerably. Mrs. Hargreaves also gave a very detailed and lucid explanation of the Protocol. At the conclusion of her report, Mrs. Wittich moved that a committee be appointed to send a note of gratitude and appreciation to the Minneapolis Tribune for the prize that was offered. The motion carried.

The chair appointed Mrs. Thorpe and Mrs. Colton as such committee.

The meeting adjourned at one o'clock for luncheon.

The meeting was called to order at two o'clock by Mrs. Ueland.

Report of Child Welfare Committee on Organization for Amendment Campaign. Mrs. Dieudonne stated that there are thirty-eight welfare chairmen in the state working with the League to further its legislative



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work, especially the Child Labor Amendment. Pamphlets explaining the amendment have been sent to all county chairmen, and an effort is being made to give the public accurate information concerning this amendment.

Report of Legislative Chairmen. Mrs. Ueland reported on the situation with regard to the Child Labor Amendment. She stated that there is a great deal of opposition to the amendment but this should stimulate us to work all the harder for it. She suggested that in order to have our state ratify, we should get organizations to endorse the amendment. We should also call on our senators and representatives and ascertain what stand they will take. If they are opposed, we shall have to plan to educate the people so that they will, in turn, bring pressure to bear on the legislators, so that the amendment will be passed. Other ways suggested by Mrs. Ueland were to have meetings for the purpose of discussing the amendment, draw up resolutions at Ladies Aids and Parent-Teachers meetings, and work through the churches. She stated that a ratification committee was being formed. It was suggested that a committee call on the governor-elect to ask him to influence the legislature to pass the amendment. The chair appointed Mrs. Wittich to arrange such delegation.

The report on the Proposed Marriage Bill was given by Mrs. Gaus. She said that it was the desire of those working on the proposed bill to make a really good marriage law rather than merely to abolish common law marriages. Mrs. Gaus stated that social hygiene legislation will have a hard time for the next few years, and therefore she would like to have a committee of five or six to work with her in planning an educational program. The motion was made, seconded, and carried that she add to her committee.

Reports by District Chairmen; Reports were given by Mrs. Colton and Mrs. Friedrich concerning activities in their districts. They are hopeful of organizing new Leagues in a number of towns. Mrs. Marble, also,

was called on for a few remarks.

New Business. The appointment of Mrs. C. M. Denny as Chairman of Radio Speaking was then announced. She explained some of the rules governing the radio station, and the policy adopted by those in charge. She said that they were planning to broadcast something in reference to the Child Labor Amendment.

IT WAS VOTED that the invitation of the Duluth League to hold the next board meeting there be accepted with thanks. Details of the meeting will be left to Duluth members to work out. It was thought best to defer the December meeting of the Board and hold the next meeting in January.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich that the previous decision of the Board to hold biennial conferences of odd and even numbered districts in alternate years, be changed so that the biennial conferences may be planned according to the decision of the Board as to where they are most needed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at four o'clock.

Electa Byrne

Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
January 16th, 1925

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Walter H Thorp, Friday, January 16th, 1925, The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the Board were present: - Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. C R Noyes, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Gaus, Miss Warren, Mrs. Friedrich, Mrs. Dowling. The following were also present: - Mrs. Bissell, representing Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Guise, Miss Florence Harrison, Miss Merrill, Miss Child and Miss Roth.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance the first of December of \$60.59, receipts during the month of \$1901.92, disbursements of \$1519.35, leaving a balance the 1st of January of \$443.16. Miss Wells called attention to the fact that our past indebtedness has been reduced from about \$1,100.00 to \$560.00. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Noyes, second of Mrs. Glasoe, to accept the report.

Mrs. Cant reported that the national quota for Minnesota this year is \$1 944.00, of which \$1 752.00 has been paid. There is due from unpaid pledges \$100.00, leaving \$92.00 still to be raised. Miss Wells said that in Minneapolis there are some renewals of former pledges that may possibly be secured. She called attention to the fact that our national quota is some \$2 000.00 less than last year owing to the reduction made on state quotas to adjust to the weaker leagues.

Mrs. Cant reported unpaid bills due January 1st amounting to \$1 112.13. Miss Wells said that she regretted owing so much to the national for printed material since they need the money to pay bills. Mrs. Noyes reported that St. Paul has money now for a payment to the state. Mrs. Friedrich stated that



\$20.00 is coming from St. Cloud. Mrs. Glasoe reported \$10.00 just paid by Northfield. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Noyes, to authorize the payment of the bills.

#### Reports of Department Chairmen

Mrs. Hargreaves, chairman of International Cooperation to Prevent War, recommended omitting the League of Nations from the program for study in the plan of work proposed for 1925 since the World Court is the pressing issue at the present time.

Miss Wells called attention to the distinction between a resolution and the plan of work adopted at national conventions. A resolution is in effect for one year - the plan of work remains in effect until changed by convention action. It was agreed that no action should be taken to recommend the elimination of the League of Nations as a subject for study in the program of the department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported suggested changes in the section outlining legislation. She recommends the omission of a proposal for the League to appoint representatives to appear officially before Naval and Military Committees, inasmuch as we have no one adequately prepared on technical details to act effectively in this capacity. Other recommendations covered changes in wording or arrangement.

It was agreed that no formal action need be taken at this time on these suggestions as they are merely tentative. Mrs. Hargreaves reported the organization of a World Court committee in Minneapolis and St. Paul by a representative of the Bok Peace Award, and the planning of a mass meeting in Minneapolis on January 26th under its auspices. She read a report of Senator Shipstead's speech on the English-Egyptian situation which was in effect an

argument against the League of Nations. She suggested that the board adopt a resolution asking that the World Court be reported to the Senate from the Foreign Relations committee. The question is to come up in the committee this week. A suggested resolution was read by Mrs. Hargreaves as follows: -

WHEREAS, the proposal that the United States participate as a member in the Permanent Court of International Justice has been before the Foreign Relations committee of the Senate for almost two years, and

WHEREAS, such participation has been advocated by both President Harding and President Coolidge in their messages to Congress, and

WHEREAS, we believe the peaceful settlement of international disputes can only be brought about by the substitution of law for war,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we urge the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States to report a resolution providing for the participation of the United States in the World Court on the Harding-Hughes terms in order that it may be voted upon by the whole Senate at this session.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second by Mrs. Bissell, to adopt and send the proposed resolution to the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate. Mrs. Thorp suggested sending a copy of the resolution to Mr. Kellogg. After discussion it was decided it would not be advisable to do this while Mr. Hughes remains in office.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported that she has no exact figures as yet on the sale of Peace Christmas cards.

Reports of Standing Committee Chairmen on new items in Plan of Work proposed for 1925

Education - Miss Lawrence. There was discussion of the new suggestion for apportionment of school funds according to "ability and endeavor" instead of according to "need". It was agreed that Miss Lawrence should write



Mrs. Brookings to learn how this change came to be made, inasmuch as the former condition seems one that should not be ignored.

Mrs. Ueland asked as to the status of the Sterling-Reed bill. Miss Wells replied that the bill is in committee and probably will not become an immediate issue this year. The question was asked as to the position of the League on the Sterling Reed bill. Miss Wells answered that the action of the League has been to endorse the principles of the Sterling-Reed bill; that she understands that the Sterling-Reed bill has been under discussion in Washington and that probably our representative, Mrs. Brookings, has been present at some of these discussions. Miss Wells stated that she believed the League would support the bill if it embodied the principles which they have endorsed.

#### Legal Status of Women - Miss Monahan

Miss Monahan reported that the national committee is at work on model laws for use by the states. No new program has been prepared.

New items in the programs of other committees were read by Miss Child in the absence of the committee chairmen.

Matters of current state legislation were discussed by committee chairmen.

#### Supplemental Aid

Miss Lawrence said that Mr. McConnell is reported in newspapers as saying that the pro-rating of supplemental aid resulting in a 50 per cent cut had not proved a serious disadvantage to rural schools. Miss Lawrence asked whether the proposed plan of writing to school districts asking them to write to legislators protesting against discrimination in the pro-rating of state aid by the appropriation committee should be carried out. Mrs. Ueland said that appropriations are not considered much until the end of the session but that on the other hand it is a good plan to reach men before they make up

their minds. It was suggested by Miss Wells that Miss Lawrence call Mr. McConnell and find out from him whether it is true that the rural districts did not suffer because of the cut in 1923 before deciding what action to take in connection with this legislation. Superintendent Campbell of Pipestone, legislative chairman for the county superintendents organization, is to draw a new bill for a detailed county unit system. Miss Lawrence asked in that event whether we would abandon our bill and support that of county superintendents. The more drastic bill will be difficult to pass, while we might be able to pass our simpler bill. Mrs. Thorp suggested we wait and ask for early discussion of the other bill in committee, thus learning what the reaction is to it, since it would not be considered friendly to introduce a duplicate bill. Mrs. Ueland agreed that the other bill should be given right of way. Miss Wells suggested that our bill should be gotten into committee before the other bill is reported out adversely or it would be too late to do anything if the first is defeated. This might be done by arrangement with the sponsors of the county superintendent's bill. The question of whether the League should actively support their bill was discussed and it was agreed that this was inadvisable because of its drastic form. It was further agreed that we should explain our decision to the sponsors of the bill to avoid misunderstanding.

#### Teachers' Retirement Fund

Miss Lawrence reported that a bill is now drawn at the instigation of the trustees of the Teachers' Retirement Fund. Mrs. Ueland reported that Mr. Schulz informed her that the Minnesota Education Association is trying to get someone on pay to lobby for the bill. They have not yet found anyone for this work nor has anyone been secured to introduce the bill.

Marriage Bill Miss Monahan

Miss Monahan reported the fact that the clerks of court have agreed to support this bill. A conference with the executive committee of the Association of Clerks of Court resulted in suggestions for some minor changes including an increase from \$3.00 to \$4.00 in the license fee. The

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 2:05 p.m.

Organization

Third District - Mrs. Glasoe reported on her attempt to hold a district conference in the fall. She wrote personal letters to 16 local League officers, inviting them to luncheon, but received replies from only eight of whom four could not come. She therefore gave up the meeting until a better attendance could be secured. The Northfield League was in danger of dying when it lost its chairman. She reported that the study groups in each of three wards are now being planned. If that succeeds Mrs. Glasoe will make the suggestion to other leagues in the district.

Sixth District - Mrs. Friedrich reported that St. Cloud is developing a speakers' bureau for the region. Mrs. Cobb reported upon a membership campaign and other activities in Brainerd.

Seventh District - Mrs. Dowling reported that Olivia is trying out the plan of having meetings in various towns in the county as the Olivia League has members from all parts of county. Mrs. Dowling stated that the time is ripe for organizing in the district if Miss Beggin is available.

Eighth District - Mrs. Colton reported that the Duluth League is trying to get other organizations to unite with it in a legislative council during the legislative session. There is possibility of reorganizing a League in Hibbing with a group of young matrons as a nucleus. Mrs. Colton also reported that she will probably appoint Mrs. Stark of Grand Rapids as Itasca County chairman to assist her there.



Ninth District - Miss Wells reported the suggestion made by Miss Beggin of Mrs. L C Weeks of Detroit as a possibility for appointment as Ninth District chairman, and asked for any information that could be given by board members as to her qualifications.

The question of League organization in the smaller towns of the state was discussed. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Cobb, that the recommendation should be made to the conference of district chairmen on organization that individual sustaining memberships at large should be secured wherever possible in towns where no League exists.

Study Outlines for League Use Three suggested study programs on "Government and Social Progress" "Administration of State Government", and "American Foreign Policy" as prepared by Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Hargreaves were read and discussed. It was decided to send these out immediately to local League chairmen with the suggestion that regular meetings be held with a program built around these outlines.

District Conferences Plans for holding district conferences in connection with state board meetings were briefly discussed and it was agreed that a conference of the Eighth District should be held in connection with a meeting at Duluth in May. There was a general expression of sentiment in favor of holding a second conference and state board meeting in Mankato or some other place in the southern part of the state.

Legislative Report Mrs. Ueland stated that the child labor amendment as the major issue in the legislative program has so far monopolized attention. She reported that the Governors of Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire and Wyoming have transmitted it to the legislatures in those states with a recommendation for ratification. The amendment has been transmitted by Governor Christianson without comment or ceremony and has been referred to the committees of Public Welfare in the House and Senate. She reported upon her poll up to date of members of the House and

Senate and urged that every effort be made to get messages to legislators from their constituents.

She reported that the various measures have been assigned for introduction and follow up as follows: - Mothers Pension, Mrs. C R Noyes; Infancy and Maternity, Mrs. F E Griswold; Amendment to the Adultery Law, Florence Monahan; Marriage Bill, Mrs. John M Gaus; Family Court Bill, Mrs. John M Guise; County Board of Education, Mrs. Walter Thorp; Teachers' Retirement Fund, Minnesota Education Association.

Mrs. Ueland further reported that Mr. Norton may introduce a bill providing for the proposing of a new city charter at a special election by petition which would make it unnecessary to clear the Minneapolis charter through the city council.

Pol Policy on Attitude of League Officers and Members toward Adopted Legislation

The question of the policy to be pursued by local Leagues in connection with division of opinion that arises on such an issue as the child labor amendment after the national and state organizations have given it official endorsement was discussed at some length. Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Dowling reported the situation as they knew it in their own League groups. It was agreed that while every member could not be expected to be in all instances with organization action, she should not publicly oppose a measure adopted as part of the legislative program of the League. In the event of her wishing to do so, she should resign from membership in the organization. Miss Wells pointed out that any other policy would be destructive of the prestige of the League in backing its legislative program. She also emphasized the fact that this places upon local chairmen the responsibility of adequately informing and educating the members in advance to avoid opposition resulting from lack of information.

Respectfully submitted

Emily Child, secretary pro tem



STATE BOARD MEETING  
February 27th,  
1925

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Marguerite Wells, Friday, February 27th, 1925. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the Board were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Tull, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Byrne. The following were also present: Miss Florence Harrison, Miss Child, Miss Roth, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Beggin, Mrs. Walker, Miss Jennings, and Mrs. Griswold for a short time in the afternoon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant read the treasurer's report as of the first of February, showing a balance January 1st of \$443.16, receipts during the month of January of \$1 017.96, disbursements totalling \$947.07, leaving a balance the first of February of \$514.05. Unpaid bills the first of February amounted to \$1 195.03. Unpaid bills as of February 27th amount to \$597.99, and the lowest estimate for bills due the first of March is \$695.10, or a total due March first of \$1 293.09. The bank balance February 27th is \$368.80, leaving a difference to be raised of \$924.29.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. Cobb, that the treasurer's report be accepted and that payment of bills as rapidly as possible be authorized.

Miss Wells mentioned the payment due to the National League for printed material. Mrs. Cant reported that a payment of approximately \$60.00 was made during the month of January.

Mrs. Cant asked what the prospects were of some of the League's paying their quotas. Miss Wells stated that a group of young women who have formed a Study League in Rochester will try to get enough sustaining members to pay at least part of the regular Rochester quota.

Mrs. Colton reported that the Duluth League is succeeding in paying off the tea room debt and that they may be able to contribute something more toward their quota before long.

Mrs. Tull reported that Fairmont is not able to pay just at present but she hopes that the League will have a reorganization meeting soon so that it will be able to meet its responsibilities.

Mrs. Cobb reported that Brainerd could send in \$25.00 she thought.

Miss Lawrence reported that St. Cloud could be depended upon to pay its full quota during the year.

#### Report of Organization Conference of District Chairmen (January 17th)

Miss Child reported the recommendations of the conference of district chairmen held January 17th.

(1) When a study league is formed in a community in which there is no League that the approval of the state board must first be secured. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Wittich, that no Study League be formed without authority of the State Board.

(2) That the March meeting of the Board be held either in Mankato, Winona or Little Falls. Both Winona and Mankato have reported that they could not invite the March board to meet in their city, but would be glad to have some future board meeting held there. Mrs. Ueland suggested that the March meeting take place in St. Paul since the Legislature will still be in session there. Mrs. McGuire extended an invitation to the Board to meet in St. Paul in March. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan, that the invitation to hold the March board meeting in St. Paul be accepted.

#### Field Report on the 3rd, 7th, and 9th Districts.

Miss Beggin gave a general summary of the results of her field work since the November board meeting as follows:

- (1) New Leagues formed or temporary Leagues organized permanently:  
Norwood and Young America in Third district; Marshall in Seventh District;  
Hawley, Lake Park and Frazee in Ninth District.
- (2) Revived Leagues: Moorhead, Graceville and Stillwater.
- (3) Disbanded Leagues recommended to be dropped: Pequot, Hubert, Fergus Falls,  
Crookston, Staples. Thief River Falls, International Falls and Litchfield  
were added by Miss Child. Temporary organization in South St. Paul and  
Cambridge has been given up.
- (4) Old Leagues visited: Jordan, Appleton, Watson, Granite Falls, Stephen,  
Wadena.
- (5) Possibility for a League: Warren

In the discussion following Mrs. Cobb stated that women from Brainerd have visited Crosby and reported that the League there is apparently inactive at the present time.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Wittich, that disbanded Leagues be dropped as recommended.

Miss Beggin made several recommendations regarding contact with local Leagues. There was discussion on the point of service of headquarters to local Leagues, particularly the literature service which is not used widely enough. Miss Monahan suggested that a sample agenda, naming as one item the discussion of new League literature, be sent to local League chairmen. Mrs. McKnight thought that this would be a practical aid to new chairmen in the planning of meetings. Miss Harrison suggested sending a return post card to Leagues asking them to report on various details of organization and activity during a certain period. Miss Byrne suggested that effort be centered upon one district at a time and that letters and literature be sent to six or eight representative women in a community for a certain period as a special attempt to increase interest in the work of the League. Miss Wells stated that we must make the task of League work so small and so possible that every chairman will



be able to handle it. She further stated that she would be satisfied to have six conscientious, loyal workers in every League. There was discussion of the advisability of sending letters to both chairman and secretary in a local League. It was the opinion that if the chairman knew that the secretary was also receiving communications from headquarters she would be more apt than before to be a "non-conducting" chairman.

Miss Beggin recommended that copies of all field reports be sent to the district chairman for that district. It was agreed that this should be done.

There was discussion of the League situation in Stillwater. There are two groups in Stillwater - the North Hill and the South Hill. The North Hill has organized as one half of the League, assuming one half the quota. The South Hill will not assume League responsibilities and will likely, according to last report, wish to form a study league made up of individual members. It was decided that it would be inadvisable to have an independent study group directly affiliated with state headquarters in a town where another group accepts responsibility and organizes as a League.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Cobb, that the North Hill group be recognized as the League in Stillwater with the understanding that it assume responsibility for half the quota due from Stillwater and increase this quota to the full amount in the future if membership becomes city-wide.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. Gaus, that the South Hill group be allowed a study league affiliated with the North Hill group, now the Stillwater League, and pay the required sustaining memberships to the North Hill group.

There was discussion of the League situation in Staples. Because of the removal of the railroad shops, many families are moving from Staples. Since the town is in this turmoil, Miss Beggin recommended that Staples be allowed to form a study league. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cobb, second by Mrs. McKnight, that Staples be granted a Study League.

Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. Dowling stated that Miss Beggin had covered the seventh district very thoroughly.

Mrs. Tull reported that her great hope was to reorganize Fairmont but she has not been able to accomplish this as yet.

Mrs. Colton went to Hibbing and met with ten young married women and thinks that she will hear from them soon regarding forming a local League.

The meeting adjourned at one p.m. for luncheon.

The meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Report of Education Committee

Miss Lawrence reported that she has received word from Mrs. Brookings of the National League Education Committee in reply to her suggestion on the proposed program that aid to schools should be on the basis of "need and endeavor" rather than "ability and endeavor". Mrs. Brookings wrote that need rather than ability was meant and that the phrase "need and effort" has been used in the printed program.

Public Welfare Legislation

Mrs. Gaus reported on the status of the Marriage Bill, which has now passed the House with certain amendments. She commented upon the excellent work of Mr. McKnight as sponsor of the bill and said that we owe him the fact that it was not further amended to weaken it.

Mrs. Ueland reported regarding the mother's pension bills.

Mrs. Griswold reported on the amendments proposed to the minimum wage law. She is watching the progress of these amendments with a view to preventing their passage.

Mrs. Dietrichson and Mrs. Griswold spoke on the bill introduced providing for the appointment of a woman on the Industrial Commission.

Miss Lawrence reported that the County Board of Education bill is dead for



this term of the legislature, and that there would be no use forcing it out of committee because of opposition.

Miss Lawrence reported that a bill has been introduced in the Senate (S F 195) to appropriate money to make up the deficiencies in pro-rating supplemental aid. A study of supplemental aid as distributed in 1923 and 1924 shows that 66.<sup>6</sup>4% of the total amount distributed went to 18 counties in the northern part of the state. The aid is thus distributed according to need and does reach the poorer school districts. Miss Lawrence said that there are possible provisions under which more money might be obtained for the ~~fund from~~ <sup>the local school funds</sup> ~~which state aid is paid~~. These are (1) that the state should pay to itself taxes on state lands, and (2) that certain corporations, such as the Northern States Power Co., should pay taxes <sup>on property in rural districts to the rural districts.</sup> ~~not to the city but to the county~~. Miss Lawrence commented on the fact that Mr. Hitchcock, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the House, is particularly interested in supplemental aid and she hopes that it will therefore be protected this year from being pro-rated after other aid is paid.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the Teachers Retirement Fund bill. Mr. Lord has said that he would do everything possible to bring this out of committee onto the floor of the House.

Miss Monahan reported that the amendment to the adultery law has been introduced in the Senate and is on the calendar.

Mrs. Ueland reported on the child labor amendment, which was rejected by the House Thursday, February 26th, by a vote of 68 against to 56 for. About ten men said they were personally for the amendment but were obliged to vote against it because of sentiment in their districts. Mrs. Ueland suggested that a resolution be adopted to be read at the annual meeting of the Minneapolis League on the subject of our future policy in regard to the amendment. Mrs. Ueland was

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asked to frame such a resolution to be acted upon by the Board.

IT WAS VOTED On motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Cobb, that the State Board of the Minnesota League adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment has been rejected by the Minnesota House of Representatives,

WHEREAS, we believe that the opposition to the amendment is based chiefly upon misinformation and misunderstanding, and

WHEREAS, the situation in regard to child labor is so serious, and is of such a nature as to constitute a national disgrace,

BE IT RESOLVED that the League of Women Voters reaffirms its belief that the evils of child labor can be adequately met only by federal action, and dedicates itself anew to saving young children from unsuitable labor and older children from long hours, and night work, and from dangerous occupations, by continuing its work for the Child Labor Amendment.

Miss Wells reported her attendance at a meeting of the Organizations Associated for Ratification while in Washington. A nominating committee of three has been appointed who are to nominate a committee of seven to make future plans. This committee will interview prominent people and use their opinions in forming the plan. Their suggestions will be voted on by the O A R. They all felt that the thing to do is to go ahead with the amendment as it is worded as the public has now been half convinced that it is the correct form.

Miss Wells also commented on the Wadsworth Garrett bill, introduced in Congress, which in effect would make it impossible ever to amend ~~the~~ the constitution again.

#### Bills Added to Legislative Program for 1925

Miss Child reported on the recent meeting of the Legislative Council. It was voted by the Council to add to its bills the Woman on the Industrial Com-

mission and Indeterminate Sentence, inasmuch as these were included on the legislative program two years ago. The Council decided that it would be unwise to pledge League support for the Part Time School bill. The Council voted to ask for a decision from the State Board regarding support of the One Day Rest in Seven bill which has been introduced. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dietrichson, second by Mrs. Wittich, that the Board go on record as adding the "One Day Rest in Seven" bill to its legislative program for support in this session. This was decided with the understanding that Mrs. Dietrichson would attend two hearings on this bill. There was discussion at this point regarding the League's endorsing bills to which they could not give active support. In this case the Federation of Labor would like our endorsement and support but they will carry the burden of lobbying for the bill.

#### Efficiency in Government Legislation

Mrs. Wittich commented upon the election bills and then discussed at length the bill providing for a Reorganization of State Administrative Departments. She said that the bill is in the Civil Administration Committee in both houses and that the Senate Committee has been working in executive session on specific amendments to the bill. The House Committee of 33 members is too large to work effectively and seems to be making little progress. There is a good deal of antagonism and suspicion evidenced toward the bill.

There was discussion as to what should be done by local Leagues throughout the state in support of the bill. Miss Wells said that she will call attention to the bill in letters to local League chairmen and suggest study of the bill. Mrs. Wittich thinks it unnecessary to ask local chairmen to take any action on it as yet. She would like to know more about what amendments are to be made before asking for local League action in writing their legislators. Miss Monahan told how it affects the Board of Control. She says institutions of Minnesota have been kept out of politics, but under this plan she thinks they will come back into politics.



International Cooperation to Prevent War

Mrs. Hargreaves read a letter from Miss Morgan urging that letters of telegrams be sent to President Coolidge recommending the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice, according to the reservations endorsed by Mr. Harding and Mr. Coolidge, and urging that he recommend this action to the new Senate, convened after March 4th in special session.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second by Mrs. McGuire, that the following resolution be adopted and sent to President Coolidge: -

WHEREAS, we believe that a large majority of both parties in the Senate are ready and desire to vote for the adherence of the United States to the Permanent Court of International Justice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, respectfully request the president of the United States to send a special message to the Senate, convened in extra session immediately after March 4th, 1925, urging that the United States become a member of the World Court as recommended by Ex-President Harding and yourself.

Mrs. McGuire brought up the question of the affiliation of the Ramsey County League with a group of organizations that have formed a central council for "peace" work. The question of endorsement of the bill to make military training at the University optional rather than mandatory has come up, and Mrs. McGuire has explained to the central council that the League could not support this bill as it is not on our legislative program, either nationally or in the state. Mrs. McGuire was advised to handle the situation herself as tactfully as possible. If the board of the council does not understand the impossibility of the League working for this bill, then the League will have to withdraw from membership in the Council.



Mrs. McGuire also reported that the Ramsey County League is making an especial effort to see that delegates to the national convention are instructed by an informed membership on the proposed Program of Work.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Electa Byrne, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
March 27th, 1925

The regular monthly meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Edwards Schons, St. Paul, Friday, March 27th, 1925. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the board were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Tull, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Friedrich, Mrs. Colton, Miss Warren, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Kercher, The following were also present: Mrs. Day of Farmington, Mrs. Leland of Kenyon, Miss Harrison, Miss Beggin, Miss Child, and the following members of the St. Paul Board: Mrs. Schwarz, Mrs. Benepe, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. White, Mrs. Schons, Mrs. Thian, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Scott, and Miss Jennings.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Finance Committee Report

Miss Wells stated that it was understood at the time the year's budget was made out last fall that the income from quotas would not meet the total budget planned. It has now become necessary to plan for some means of supplying the extra money needed. Various possibilities were discussed at a recent meeting of the finance committee, which Mrs. Cant reported as follows:

Two plans were suggested: (1) Enlarging the Voter to include advertising, and (2) Planning for some kind of a travelling circus or play which could be put on as a money-raising enterprise by local Leagues in the larger cities. Mrs. Cant commented upon the first plan that it involved changes in the size and printing arrangements of the Voter and that there is as yet no reason to believe that we could make money in this way after the increased printing costs were deducted. She reported writing to Gladys Harrison at National headquarters to learn of the experience of other leagues. Miss Harrison replied that only two leagues claim that they make a profit on advertising and that there is some doubt as to whether this is true for at least one of them. She expects to make a study of state bulletins after convention with a special view to discovering the facts.

Miss Wells reported a possible plan for a play which Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Hargreaves are working on now. There followed discussion as to whether a travelling company should be organized to go to various parts of the state or whether the play should be put on entirely by local peoples, perhaps with the help of Miss Beggin. It was agreed that this was the better plan. Mrs. Friedrich suggested that local moving picture men are often glad to have such a play to combine with the evening program and to give fifty per cent of the total receipts to the group sponsoring it. The question was also discussed of what arrangement should be suggested to local leagues as to sharing the profits. Miss Wells said that it is her idea that the play should be put on by leagues that would not otherwise be able to pay their quota as a means of bringing part or all of such quotas into the state treasury. Mrs. Marble and Mrs. Colton thought it would be difficult to make money by a play in Duluth since the Woman's Club there offers a play a week to the public without charge, as one of their activities. It was suggested that some of the smaller leagues might like to use the play, especially if it could be informational as well as entertaining, and in the event of their being able to meet their quotas, the proceeds might be divided fifty-fifty with the state league.

Mrs. McGuire suggested that we might do something with the Peace Pageant which has been suggested as an activity in connection with the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. Miss Wells thought it would be a mistake to depend upon anything that is clearly propaganda for the purpose of raising money - that it must be something amusing with any other appeal very secondary. Mrs. Ueland thought that it would be well to have the play both informational and amusing.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Beggin reported visiting the following old Leagues: Chaska, Pine Island, Hinckley, and Robbinsdale; she reported a new League organized in Watertown, and



that she visited Cannon Falls and Pine City where there is a possibility of Leagues being formed. She also reported on the situation in Stillwater and Staples.

Miss Beggin recommended that sustaining members at large in the state should have some concrete recognition of their memberships, perhaps a card. Mrs. Leland suggested that the privilege of attending all board meetings might be extended to them. Miss Child called attention to the fact that this would mean a considerable extra burden in sending out notices with very little possibility of attendance, but that all members at large might be invited to one or more special board meetings in the course of the year and asked to let us know whenever they visited the Twin Cities in order that we might inform them of any meetings falling within the time of their visits. Mrs. Ueland thought that members at large should be invited to attend at least quarterly board meetings. Mrs. Friedrich suggested that perhaps district chairmen might do something in the way of keeping members at large in touch with league activities if they had the list of members at large in their districts. This suggestion met with general approval and it was agreed that the office shall furnish district chairmen with such lists. Miss Child suggested that a special letter with selected leaflets giving the purpose and policy of League organization might be sent in every instance upon receiving a membership.

#### Reports of District Chairmen

Mrs. Tull, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Friedrich and Mrs. Colton reported briefly upon their districts. Mrs. Colton is still hopeful of organization in Hibbing and Mrs. Tull is arranging for a reorganization meeting in Fairmont at which Miss Beggin will be present and an attempt will be made to secure a new and active chairman.

#### County Chairmen

Miss Child reported that we are carrying upon our mailing list the names of seven county chairmen most of whom remain over from the time when league organization was on a county basis. We have no report as to whether some of these chairmen are still active or not, although in most instances it seems probable that they are



not. Miss Child asked for some action by the board on this list and suggested that county chairmen appointments should be renewed by district chairmen each year following the state convention, in order that inactive chairmen might be dropped from our mailing list.

Mrs. Leland reported upon her activities as county chairman in Goodhue County, speaking particularly of her effort to organize leagues in Zumbrota and Red Wing. Quite a few Voter subscriptions were obtained in Zumbrota at the time of the county fair last fall, due to Mrs. Leland's efforts, but she reported Red Wing as hopeless for organization due to the many women's clubs already existing there. Mrs. Leland said that she was in favor of doing away with county chairmen altogether and that she would offer her resignation realizing that she had been able to accomplish very little in the county. Several members of the board commented upon her report as showing the value of a county chairmen and it was agreed that no action should be taken to accept her resignation.

In connection with Mrs. Leland's suggestion that county chairmen be done away with, Miss Wells called attention to the fact that the decision was made, at the time the town rather than the county became the unit of organization, that district chairmen should appoint county chairmen as their lieutenants and that such appointments should be left entirely to the district chairmen. This results in there being county chairmen only in counties where the district chairmen find women who will cooperate with them in extending league activities and organization. For this reason it is unnecessary for the board to take further action. Several members of the board suggested that the title "vice-chairman" should be used in place of county chairman. Mrs. Colton said that she thought this change of title had been agreed upon at some previous board meeting. Inquiry into this point will be made and reported at the next board meetings.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Miss Monahan, that appointments of county chairmen shall be renewed by the district chairmen at the time of the annual convention.

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Action was taken upon the list of county chairmen as read by Miss Child as follows: -

Mrs. Hartwick Mathison, Alden, Freeborn county.

Assisted with arrangements for county fair exhibits last fall. In the absence of a district chairman in this district, Miss Child was asked to write her in regard to her continuing to act as chairman for Freeborn county.

Mrs. C V Everett, Redwood Falls, Redwood county.

The conflict between Mrs. Everett, as county chairman, and some of the officers of the local league in Redwood Falls was mentioned as an instance of a county chairman making a mistaken use of her position. It was decided that Mrs. Everett should be written from the office and that the district chairman should write her emphasizing the importance of county chairmen working in the county outside of the territory of organized leagues.

Mrs. George Ericson, Spooner, Beltrami county.

It was agreed that Mrs. Ericson should be dropped from the list, since no one knows of any connection with league activities on her part in the last year or more.

Mrs. N O Stadum, Warren, Marshall county.

It was agreed that since we are carrying Mrs. Stadum on our mailing lists as temporary chairman of a possible league in Warren she shall be dropped from the county chairmen list.

Mrs. C H Hubbell, Robbinsdale, Rural Hennepin county.

It was agreed that inasmuch as Mrs. Hubbell is secretary of the Robbinsdale League and involved in so many other activities that the possibility of her doing active county work is slight, her name shall be dropped from the county chairmen list.

Mrs. R Leland, Kenyon, Goodhue county.

To be continued as county chairman.

Mrs. Lowell Pierce, West St. Paul, Dakota county

To be continued as county chairman in Dakota county and a letter written her informing her of this decision.

#### Woman Voter Subscription Contest

Miss Child reported that about three hundred Voter subscriptions expire with the April issue, and that the total list is so reduced by expirations that an active campaign must be undertaken to build up the list. It was suggested that the contest of last year be held again covering a two months period beginning April 6th. Miss Child suggested that the prize be offered to the local league having the largest subscription list on June 6th in proportion to the 1920 population rather than to the district securing the largest number of subscriptions at

last year. The question as to the amount to be offered as prize was discussed and it was agreed that it should be \$25.00. Mrs. Ueland agreed to secure the money for the prize.

#### Report of Depta of Efficiency in Government

Mrs. Wittich reported the defeat of the bill to restore the party designation in connection with the election of members of the state legislature. The primary-convention bill is still in committee. The reorganization bill is a special order in the House for 11 o'clock on Tuesday.

The fate of the reorganization bill in the Senate was discussed by Mrs. Wittich. She mentioned the inclusion of a definite civil service provision in the bill as reported by the Civil Administration Committee and said that the delegation from the Citizen's Committee advisory to her department, which visited the governor undoubtedly had something to do with the inclusion of the amended section eight in the bill. She said that there are three amendments proposed which, if adopted, would make the sponsors of the bill feel that it had become worthless. These are:

- (1) Removing the Board of Control from the regulations of the bill in respect to purchasing and the erection of buildings.
- (2) Exempting the departments whose heads are elected officials from the operation of the provisions of the bill.
- (3) Substituting an Executive Council made up of elected officials for the Commission of Administration and Finance.

Miss Wellxs asked whether we can continue to support the reorganization bill as long as it has the backing of the Civil Administration Committee. Mrs. Wittich was of the opinion that we can do so since the committee will not agree to amendments that nullify the most important ends sought by the bill.

#### National Convention

Letters from national officers on the subject of convention attendance were read by Miss Child. Minnesota is entitled to representation for each standing committee in addition to twelve delegates and twelve alternates,



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because of the payment in full of the national quota due from Minnesota.

Action on Proposed National Program by Local Leagues

Miss Child read messages from local Leagues that have taken official action in support of the proposed program as follows: Brainerd, Redwood Falls, Robbinsdale, West St. Paul, Stillwater, Frazee, Minneapolis is to have a meeting to act upon the program on April 3rd. Mrs. McGuire reported affirmative action taken on all sections of the program by the Ramsey County League at its meeting for the members ip, except that an amendment was agreed upon to Section 5 in the program for the Committee on Legal Status of Women to read, "The abandonment by the husband of a wife alone, where there are no children, who is physically and mentally fit to support herself, is not an extraditable offense." Mrs. McGuire also reported the action of the Ramsey County League in recommending the inclusion in the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War of the only one of the findings of the Conference for the Cause and Cure of War not already part of our program, - support of the appointment of an undersecretary in the department of state who would be a Peace Secretary.

No action was taken by the Board on these proposals but it was agreed that they be reported to the proper committees by the Minnesota delegates at convention.

Report of Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Miss Wells asked the opinion of the board as to whether it favors changing the name of this department to cover efforts for peace that are domestic and not international in character. The question follows the suggestions that are being made that the League program include such subjects as reduction of armament in this country, making military training in public universities optional instead of compulsory, etc. There was brief discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of such a change in name and policy for



the department. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the present plan should not be changed.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported that the World Court was made a special order for December 17th in the United States Senate by a vote of approximately 70 to 2, and that it is probable that we shall get favorable action upon it in the next session of Congress. Mrs. Hargreaves emphasized her conviction that the League of Nations should not be moved from the program for study to the program for legislation until we have had favorable action on the entry of this country into the World Court.

#### Report of Standing Committee Chairmen

Mrs. Gaus reported that the marriage bill in the Senate will probably be rewritten to use the sections of the existing marriage law wherever possible. Since the sections resulting in the abolishment of common law marriage are stricken out, it seems to the lawyers in the Senate Committee best to retain wherever possible the wording of the present statute which has stood the test of court action. Mrs. Gaus asked whether we should continue to work for the bill in the Senate. Miss Monahan said that the bill represents a great step forward even in its revised form and it was agreed that we should continue to do what we can to see that it is passed in the Senate.

Miss Monahan reported that the adultery bill is on the calendar in the Senate. She said that Senator Lee had requested information as to provisions in the laws of adjoining states involving the seduction of an unmarried woman by a married man. Our law gives no right of action under the adultery law against the man in such an instance while other state laws, Miss Monahan said, all place particular emphasis upon the penalty for the man in such cases, instead of exempting him as our law does.

Miss Monahan stated that the subject of child marriages which has been studied by the Russell Sage Foundation reveals astonishing facts. The program

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for her committee may therefore include some action on a minimum age for marriage for girls even with the consent of the parents. Mrs. Ueland suggested that the age as named in the proposed marriage bill for this state, namely 16 years, seems right.

The subject of community property will again be attacked, Miss Monahan thought, in the legislative program of her committee. Various arguments were suggested by Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Ueland and others why it might not be desirable to enact such a law. Miss Monahan said that no satisfactory law on the subject has as yet been adopted in any state. It was agreed that it would be difficult to frame a law to give justified protection without in some instances having it work an apparent injustice. There was no official action taken by the board on this subject.

Mrs. Dietrichson reported that the best we can hope for in this legislature is to hold our own with the bills already enacted. There is little chance of getting the One Day Rest in Seven in the Senate, she thought, but she is hopeful of the defeat of the various bills directed against the 54 hour law for women and the minimum wage law.

#### Legislative Report

Mrs. Ueland reported on the status of all other bills in the legislature, and discussed particularly the Senate and House action on the Child Labor Amendment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MEETING  
May 27th, 1925

The regular monthly state board meeting of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Spalding Hotel, Duluth, Wednesday, May 27th, 1925. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., Miss Wells presiding. The following members of the state board were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Byrne. Miss Child, Miss Harrison and Miss Beggin were also present. The following Duluth women were present at the morning session: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Pary, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Hanft, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Selseth, Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Spear and Mrs. Grannis. Mrs. Roulo and Mrs. Colton attended the evening session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Cant. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, and seconded, that the treasurer's report be accepted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, and seconded, that the bills payable be allowed.

In making her report, Mrs. Cant called attention to the fact that in making up the budget last fall, expense of a paid organizer to work out over the state was included. It was known that we would exceed our known sources of income, but the need of such a worker was imperative. At the present time, we are running about \$150.00 a month short. This resulted this spring in a total of over \$700.00 in unpaid bills of several months standing, increasing each month. The emergency was met by a donation of \$700.00 from Miss Wells, who had already given as much as she should. The problem of the deficit each month has still to be met by discovering some new means of revenue.

Mrs. Cant reported that the cost of running the office is about \$650.00 per month, not including the field secretary. This covers rent, \$40.00, telephone, telegrams, which sometimes run as high as \$25.00 a month, the salaries of two secretaries, and one part-time worker, the clipping service, and incidental expenses such as stationery, stamps, mimeograph material, etc.

Miss Wells explained Miss Ludington's plan of national memberships. In Minnesota



we have about 40 people who pledge \$100.00 per year. Mrs. Ueland spoke of the work of Minneapolis women in soliciting these \$100.00 pledges. <sup>She</sup> ~~Mrs. Ueland~~ suggested that Duluth women try to secure national one hundred dollar members. Personal visits to possible donors mean much in the opportunity to explain League policies and work.

#### Report of Executive Secretary

Miss Child reported activities in the office since the last board meeting. In accordance with the decision of the executive committee, a letter was sent out on May 4th asking local Leagues to write the governor urging the appointment of a qualified woman to the approaching vacancy in the Industrial Commission. Two meetings of the executive committee were held in May to consider plans for future work and a committee was appointed, with Mrs. Silas Bryan of Minneapolis as chairman, to plan for talks to college seniors on the work of the League. Meetings were arranged at the University of Minnesota, St. Olaf's College, Northfield, and the Mankato Teachers College. St. Cloud Teachers College will have a speaker during the summer session.

On the question asked at the March board meeting as to previous action by the board to have the county appointees of the district chairmen known as "vice-chairmen", Miss Child reported that no such decision is reported in the minutes.

#### Report of Department of Efficiency in Government

Mrs. Wittich reported on the State Reorganization bill as it finally passed, and upon the delegation appointed by the Executive Committee, upon the advice of the Citizens' Committee on State Reorganization, to visit the Governor and call his attention to the League's interest in the appointment of qualified men to the Commission on Administration and Finance created by the reorganization law. He received the delegation in a friendly way and discussed very frankly the possibility of various appointments.

The question was asked by Mrs. Marble as to whether the law will result in a saving of state money. Mrs. Wittich said there is an opportunity for economy, which may be realized if efficient appointments are made.



Mrs. Wittich commented upon the new pamphlet issued by the National League on "Federal and State Law Making Bodies" prepared by Helen Rocca.

Mrs. Wittich told of the conference of the Efficiency in Government Department at the National convention. This conference centered around voting, non-voting, and the direct primary. The discussion of voting went back to registration laws, which in some states are very poor. Minnesota has a permanent registration law which has <sup>now</sup> ~~not~~ been extended to second class cities. The Leagues in these cities should do work similar to that of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth in interesting women in registering.

Mrs. Wittich discussed the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment as one of the principal new items on the program of study in her department. She said that amendment of the constitution had always been difficult, only <sup>19</sup> ~~29~~ out of 3800 amendments proposed since the constitution went into effect having been adopted. The proposed amendment makes all further amendment of the constitution practically impossible.

She also reported the adoption of taxation as a new subject for study, Minnesota having been the one state to suggest it in advance of the convention.

Miss Wells asked Mrs. Wittich what parts of the program of this department we should be especially concerned with. She replied - this matter of amendment, also the administration of the reorganization law, causes of non-voting, and state taxation.

#### Report of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported upon the program of work as outlined at the Richmond convention, speaking briefly on the various divisions. She spoke of the Protocol of Geneva, saying that it was not a dead issue, as the papers have said it was, but that a solution will probably be found to meet England's objections.

Mrs. Hargreaves brought up the question of Defense Day, which President Coolidge has finally appointed as July 4th. She thought this an acceptable plan as a substitute for the earlier suggestion of naming Armistice Day as Defense Day. She recommended no action by the League though commenting that the psychology of a defense day is all wrong. How can foreign countries believe that we want peace when we make gestures like this? Mrs. Hargreaves thought that the plan for a defense day may kill itself, as people are absorbed in other plans on July 4th.

She reported a recent letter from Miss Morgan telling of new material on the World Court, and other topics. The major thing the League has to do from now until December 17th is to disseminate information regarding the World Court. She made various suggestions, among them that in every district in the state official delegations of from five to six members should go and call on their congressmen and tell them of the sentiment in regard to the World Court. This would be good publicity and they would feel that their constituents were back of them. It would also be fine if delegations could call on the senators.

The second suggestion is to get newspapers to publish information furnished by the League regarding the World Court. The cooperation of the churches should be secured, and resolutions and letters sent to our own senators. They are both opposed. Each League ought to have a chairman to take care of the matter of the World Court and get all societies, clubs, etc., to pass resolutions. Study groups for discussion and study of the World Court and other subjects in this department are fine. Mrs. McGuire told of the exhibit of dolls portraying the World Court as prepared and used in St. Paul with great success.

Miss Wells, in speaking of the World Court work, said she thinks we must map out the six months from now until December and ascertain what work is to be assigned to different months. We must also have a clear idea of what the citadel is that we are attacking - what the opposition to it is. Bresh is a powerful

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opponent. There is a group in the Republican party that is opposed. We want the Republicans in Washington to know that the Republicans in Minnesota are for it. Then we'll have to work out the same problem for the third party. We must be willing to give publicity to this by doing something so good that the papers that are favorable to it can use it for propaganda.

A Duluth member said the Century Club asked Congressman Larson to talk to them. He urged women to let their will ~~and word~~ be known to congressmen and representatives. Mrs. Pary said they wrote to Senators Johnson and Shipstead.

Miss Wells said that our chief enemy to the World Court is inertia. Most people think we have it.

Mrs. Ueland said we have a powerful friend in Minnesota for the World Court, Mr. Kellogg. We should let Mr. Kellogg know how absolutely Minnesota is a unit for it.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. McGuire, that this board inform Mr. Kellogg of work that is being done in the state for the World Court and what the sentiment is in the state in regard to it.

#### Report on Social Legislation

Mrs. Ueland called attention to the fact that the May Woman Voter contains a very complete report on the fate of our legislative measures. We are pleased that the reorganization bill passed - but <sup>have</sup> little else. It is a reactionary period. The attitude of the Legislature was "don't spend one cent - even if it means a saving of one hundred dollars in ten years." The defeat of the child labor amendment in Minnesota was not half as easy as opponents thought it would be. The sentiment against it greatly decreased as time went on. Duluth had a splendid record in the vote of its members <sup>in the legislature.</sup> The St. Paul delegation had only three votes against it, and Minneapolis had an equally good record, even though <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ leading paper opposed it.



Mrs. Ueland spoke briefly on other bills on the League's program, and said that one bright spot in the session was that the League helped prevent the passage of a great many bad bills.

A problem we now have to consider, <sup>Mrs. Ueland said</sup> is following the enforcement of laws that are passed. Miss Kercher was appointed as chairman of a law enforcement committee. She feels that it is too big a job for one person. She suggests that the Legislative Council of the League follow up this work during the year when the Legislature is not in session. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Glasoe, that the question be put to the Council that it hold meetings the off-year to discuss ~~law~~ enforcement of those laws we have been instrumental in passing.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened for the evening session at 8:06 P. M.

#### "New Voters"

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Silas Bryan is now serving as temporary chairman to arrange speakers for senior girls in colleges, and presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee that she be appointed as the permanent chairman in Minnesota to communicate with the National League regarding young voters. Miss Harrison spoke about some of the plans for interesting girls in the work of the League, and Miss Wells again called attention to the fact that it is the policy of the League nationally to have these girls become members of the League rather than to form separate groups, except in colleges. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colton, second by Mrs. Glasoe, to ratify Mrs. Bryan's appointment as state representative in correspondence with National League regarding Young Voters.

#### Membership in Local Leagues

There was discussion of the question of interesting women in becoming

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members of ~~the~~ local Leagues. Mrs. McGuire told of the plan in St. Paul of interesting other groups, each of which have a sustaining membership in the Ramsey County League. Miss Wells thought this plan should be more fully tried out in St. Paul before it is suggested to other local Leagues. Miss Harrison told of the effort ~~of~~ the Minneapolis League is making to increase its sustaining membership list. The Duluth women felt that their membership could be increased, particularly if they had more interesting programs.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. Hargreaves together with <sup>her</sup> ~~an adequate~~ committee plan a program of work for the WORLD Court, to be sent to all Leagues for their guidance during the next six months. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colton, second by Mrs. Wittich, that there be appointed <sup>in</sup> ~~for~~ each local League a World Court chairman for six or seven months, appointed by the <sup>state</sup> President with the advice and consent of the local League chairman. ✓

#### The Woman Voter

Miss Child brought up the question of extending the time for the Woman Voter contest, which was planned to terminate June 6th. The Executive Committee decided to have a questionnaire sent to local Leagues, asking them if they wished to have the time extended to September 1st. All the replies to the questionnaire received to date have been in the affirmative. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Mrs. Hargreaves, that the time for the Woman Voter contest be extended to September 1st, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

#### Money-Raising Possibilities

Miss Wells reminded the Board that some way of supplementing our present income must be found unless our work in the state is to suffer. To make the rest of our work worth while, it is necessary to constantly expand our

organization and this cannot be done on our present <sup>income</sup> ~~budget~~. Therefore we are seeking ways of raising additional funds. Miss Wells then requested Mrs. Wittich and Miss Harrison to report on certain <sup>money raising</sup> possibilities to be called to the attention of local Leagues.

Mrs. Wittich presented the National League's plan to encourage local Leagues to make "every member a money-raiser". Miss Ludington is working constantly toward the goal of financing the League without depending upon large contributions from individual donors. A series of prizes will be offered to League classified in groups according to the size of the community. The prizes will be awarded for the greatest proportion of members who have contributed something to the League in addition to the payment of dues. Miss Wells suggested that Duluth might compete successfully for the prize.

Miss Harrison explained the Indiana League plan of using printed bonds to be sold for not less than \$10.00 ~~to use~~ in group meetings for the purpose of stimulating contributions. She also described the cardboard containers made in the form of a ruler, which are being used by the Illinois League with the caption "Yard of Dimes". Each ruler contains ten dimes and may be used to encourage League members in becoming "money-raisers".

Miss Wells suggested that the offer of the Woman Citizen to pay \$100.00 for 100 subscriptions to the magazine secured in any thirty day period is an excellent way for local Leagues to make money. Renewals are credited at 50 cents each at all times, and two renewals count as one new subscription in the thirty day effort for 100 subscriptions.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported that she, with Mrs. Allison and Mrs. McKnight, have been at work upon the play as suggested at the last board meeting, to be given through the state to raise money. She outlined the three acts planned and said that an effort will be made to finish the play before Mrs. McKnight leaves for Europe.



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State Convention and Institute of Government

There was brief discussion as to whether or not the state convention should be held in conjunction with an Institute of Government as in Minneapolis in 1923. Miss Wells said that if so the Institute might be held in St. Paul. Otherwise it would be well to hold ~~it~~ <sup>the convention</sup> outside the Twin Cities, perhaps in Duluth. The final decision was postponed to another meeting.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second by Mrs. McGuire that a vote of thanks be given the Duluth League for <sup>its</sup> ~~their~~ hospitality.

The meeting <sup>adjourned</sup> ~~convened~~ at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted

Electa Byrne, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
June 26th, 1925

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, June 26th, 1925, at the home of Mrs. J M Hannaford, Jr., at White Bear Lake. The Members of the Ramsey County and the Minneapolis League Boards were invited to attend the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the state board were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. C R Noyes, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. McGuire, The following Members of the Minneapolis League were present: Mrs. Jerome, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Chalmers, Mrs. Child, Miss Merrill, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Quint, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Wallis. The following members of the Ramsey County League were present: Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Greve, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Lott, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Benepe, Mrs. Fredine, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Beaver Wade Day, Mrs. Troy, Mrs. Johnson, Miss King, Mrs. McAndrews, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Whitehead, and Miss Jennings. The following were also present: Mrs. H S Hill and Mrs. O F Newman of Stillwater, Mrs. G R Day of Farmington, Mrs. Helen Lovell Million of Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Elsie D Burr, Bottineau, N Dakota, Miss Child, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Collins and Miss Jeffrey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Child in the absence of Miss Byrne and were accepted with corrections of certain words suggested by Mrs. Wittich and Miss Wells.

Mrs. Cant not being present, Miss Child reported for her that all current bills have been paid. This was made possible by the prompt payment of the full monthly quota by the Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues. Other quota payments received during the month were payments of \$15.00 by the Stillwater League and of \$8.00 by the Wells League.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, seconded by Mrs. Glasoe, that the bills for the month of June be allowed.

Miss Child reported the recommendation that a day other than the fourth Friday be agreed upon as the regular board meeting day for the future., to enable the treasurer to make her report to the board immediately following the closing of the books for the previous month. The question of changing back to Thursday as the board meeting day was briefly discussed. Mrs. McGuire was of the opinion that this was not so convenient a day as Friday. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, and seconded, that the second Friday of the month be the regular day for the state board meeting in the future.

#### Organization and Finance

Miss Wells reported that with the authorization of the Executive Committee she has arranged with Miss Beggin that she is to remain on the staff until next Christmas, instead of going back to teaching in the fall as she intended to do. Miss Wells expressed great appreciation of Miss Beggin's work in the field and said that she hoped it might be possible to keep her even longer than the time agreed upon.

Mrs. Wittich presented the plan for the award of prizes by the National League to stimulate the effort in local Leagues to make "every member a money-raiser". No league is eligible to enter the contest from a state that does not *secure its income by the quota method.* ~~pay its national quota.~~ The prizes offered are as follows:

A first prize of \$100.00, second prize of \$50.00 for which county or district leagues having a minimum of 100 sustaining members may compete. Two or more local leagues in a rural county may compete in this class even though there is no county-wide organization.

A first prize of \$100.00, second prize of \$50.00, for which cities of more than 25,000 may compete providing they have at least 250 sustaining members.

A first prize of \$75.00, second prize of \$30.00, for Leagues in towns under 25,000 having at least 50 sustaining members.



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The time limit for the campaign to make every member a money-raiser is one month and the report must be submitted a month in advance of the national convention where the prizes will be awarded. A certain amount agreed upon by the League in entering the contest must be raised by individual members, the amount being the same for each individual. Individuals may combine in groups for the purpose of cooperating in raising their money. Membership dues are not counted as meeting the terms of the contest. There was discussion on the points whether money contributions other than dues may be counted or whether the money must be earned in some way, and whether the proceeds of a joint enterprise of League members such as a rummage sale might be divided among those working in it. Mrs. Wittich volunteered to write Miss Ludington for definite statements on these points.

Miss Wells asked whether the board thought it a possibility to increase the state <sup>income</sup> ~~budget~~ by a drive in the near future for 100 subscriptions to the Woman Citizen within the required thirty day period, for which a bonus of \$100 is offered. There was discussion of the month when this should be undertaken and of whether Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues would give their help. It was agreed that the attempt which may be made now should not be considered as a great undertaking to be made only once, but that it should be merely the first of several campaigns to be scattered through the year. Mrs. Schwartz suggested that equally important with the money secured is the education resulting from extending the group of readers of the Woman Citizen. Mrs. Glasoe asked whether local leagues sending in subscriptions would be allowed the bonus on their subscriptions. Mrs. Wittich suggested that this would mean complicated bookkeeping and that local Leagues be asked to give this cooperation to the state in meeting the deficit in its budget. Miss Wells asked how many subscriptions Minneapolis and St. Paul would be responsible for. Mrs. McGuire

thought 31 subscriptions could be secured through her board of directors, and Mrs. Bissell accepted responsibility for 30 to be asked from the Minneapolis board. It was suggested that Duluth might be able to furnish ten subscriptions. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lawrence, that August be named as the month for the Woman Citizen drive.

Miss Child reported upon the extension of time for the Woman Voter contest to include the months up to September 1st and said that she hoped it would be possible to stimulate from the office the effort of local Leagues in connection with the contest. The Stephen League has sent in over 100 subscriptions and the new Leagues in Murray county are particularly interested in competing for the prize.

Miss Wells said that an index for the Woman Voter has been prepared and will be kept up to date, thus making a file of past issues of the Voter particularly valuable. This may be mimeographed at any time when there is a demand for it.

Mrs. Hargreaves stated that the play that has been partly written by Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Allison and herself, cannot be gotten into shape for use before early fall, in spite of the work on the third act done by Mrs. McKnight during her trip across the ocean. Miss Wells said that she hoped a substitute for this play might be found for use by leagues in small towns for which this may not be suitable.

#### World Court Plans.

Mrs. Hargreaves reported that World Court chairmen are now ready to act in ten leagues and that others will be appointed as soon as responses are received from local chairmen. The mimeographed material for the use of porch study groups will soon be ready to send out.

Mrs. McGuire reported that plans for porch parties are already well started in St. Paul, two homes having been offered. She said that they have considered asking those who come to these porch parties to bring a list of questions on the court that they would like to have answered and thus bring out the information. Mrs. McGuire also reported a plan for a series of six weekly luncheon meetings on different phases of our international relations to begin in September. Some of the speakers have been secured.

Miss Merrill spoke in favor of making the delegations to Congressman and Senators as impressive as possible and taking care that there are outstanding members of the party to which the legislator belongs included in the delegation.

Mrs. Hargreaves said that she is more and more convinced that an overwhelming number of messages and resolutions in favor of the Court should reach President Coolidge. The cause is not yet won. The question was asked as to how our Minnesota members in the House voted on the question this spring. Mrs. Hargreaves said that we must get the record and have this information. Mrs. Ueland spoke of the necessity of going over the heads of our two Senators who are opposed to the Court and seeing that Secretary of State Kellogg and the President are assured of favorable sentiment in Minnesota. Mrs. Hargreaves reported that it was impossible to send a delegation to Secretary Kellogg because of his short stay at the time of the Norse Centennial but that this should be done. Mrs. McGuire offered to notify Mrs. Hargreaves when Secretary Kellogg may be expected in St. Paul.

Miss Harrison said that the slogan suggested by Mrs. McGuire for use in county fair booths - "Keep your eye on Congress December 17th" - seemed to her a very good one for use on League stationery and envelopes to arouse interest in that date. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, seconded by Mrs. Wittich, that Miss Harrison's suggestion should be incorporated in the plans for World Court publicity as suggested in the report submitted by Mrs. Hargreaves.



IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that Mrs. Hargreaves report and recommendations on proposed work for the World Court be accepted..

Mrs. Glasoe reported her plan in Northfield for forming study groups on the Court. She plans to have a porch party for ten women to discuss the use of the study group material. She will at that time ask each of the ten to have a porch party for ten other women, and a large mass meeting with President Cowling as speaker will conclude the series of porch parties.

Mrs. McGuire gave the outline she has in mind for the dramatization of information on the World Court which she will prepare for use by school classes and other groups. She will choose a committee to work with her and will try to have the material ready before September. Miss Harrison suggested that churches and Sunday schools would probably be glad to use the sketch. Miss Lawrence said that she thought it might be possible to have it published in the M E A Magazine.

Mrs. McGuire also outlined the spectacle that may be planned as part of the program offered on two evenings at the state fair.

#### State and County Fair Exhibits

Mrs. McGuire as chairman of the exhibit committee reported briefly upon plans as outlined. The question as to the possibility of getting local Leagues to prepare their own model of the World Court was discussed. Miss Lawrence said that there will be more interest in the exhibit if it is prepared locally. Mrs. Wittich suggested that for those Leagues that will not accept the responsibility for preparing the model of the World Court with dolls, a pattern for a pasteboard model might be supplied. Mrs. Bryan said that it would not be difficult to prepare the models in such shape that they could be sent out to Leagues. Mrs. Bryan was asked to take charge of the preparation of such models for use in county fair booths. Miss Lawrence suggested that in Stearns County the League had combined with the Boys and Girls Agricultural Clubs in using booth space

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and that this had worked well as the other organization was glad to have the use of the booth attractively decorated by the League and that by alternating in using the booth each group was able to have a better booth than would have been possible if each had asked for separate space. Mrs. Morse of St. Paul thought this a good suggestion from her acquaintance with county fairs all over the state.

The meeting was adjourned for luncheon at 12:50 p.m.

The meeting convened after luncheon at 2:05 p.m.

#### State Convention and Institute

Miss Wells called attention to the fact that this would be a very good year for holding an Institute of Government in connection with the state convention, because it is not a legislative year, and the material this year is so appropriate for an Institute. She called attention to the fact that it would be advisable to decide whether or not to hold such an institute, and to make arrangements as to time, place and the chairman, although it is of course necessary to get the consent of the University of Minnesota before we have an Institute.

Mrs. McGuire reported the decision of the Ramsey County League Board to accept this opportunity to hold the convention and institute in St. Paul this fall. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second by Mrs. Bissell, that the invitation be accepted.

It was decided that the president of the Ramsey County League, Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child should make an engagement with the President of the University or the head of the Extension Department of the University, to ask them if they invite the Minnesota League of Women Voters to cooperate with them in planning such an Institute.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. McGuire, that the chair should appoint an Institute Committee, at some later date.

There was some discussion as to the best time to hold the Institute, and it was decided that the Executive Committee in consultation with the Ramsey County League and the Institute Committee should set the date. The place will have to be decided by St. Paul

### "Young Voters"

Mrs. Silas Bryan, chairman of this committee, reported on the work of the temporary committee to reach senior college girls throughout the state, to tell them of the work of the League and to secure their interest. Contacts were made at the University of Minnesota, Mankato Teachers College and St. Olaf's College at Northfield. The girls who signed cards at these colleges have each been sent a letter of welcome, enclosing a small pamphlet on the League, and will be sent the Woman Voter for three months. The temporary committee has now been turned into a permanent committee and will hold a meeting preceding the state convention in the fall to plan and consider college leagues.

There was discussion of how to interest young people in League work during the coming summer months. Local Leagues are to be asked to get young people to start porch parties on the World Court and to head committees for the county fairs. A "new voters" evening with all institutions of the state represented was thought a good idea for the state convention.

Mrs. Bryan explained the tentative idea for forming college leagues throughout the state. The plan is to make a college group distinct from the local League, affiliated directly with the State League, with a sponsor from the local League, to be on the board so that she can keep the local League in touch. Dues of 25 cents were tentatively decided, entitling them to material from the state office. In college leagues girls under voting age are eligible to membership, although they may be restricted to juniors and seniors.

### Department of Efficiency in Government

Mrs. Wittich told about the appointments recently made by the Governor



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to the new departments created under the reorganization plan, telling something of the personality and capabilities of the various appointees.

New Business

Chairmen of Education

Miss Lawrence brought up the question of the need of increasing information and understanding throughout the state on educational needs. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second by Mrs. Wittich, that we ask the chairmen of local Leagues to be sure to appoint a local chairman of education. It was agreed that the chairmen should not be asked to make this appointment until sometime later, possibly in September.

Miss Child read a letter from Miss Beggin written from Janesville, telling of her work in the first district.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, and seconded, that Pine City be dropped from the list of local Leagues.

Miss Child reported two new Leagues in Wright County, at Buffalo and Monticello.

There was some discussion regarding the arrangements between St. Paul and Minneapolis for having a breakfast and a luncheon for Mrs. Pinchot.

Miss Wells announced the following appointments to the Committee on the Institute of Government: Mrs. Wittich, chairman, Mrs. Walker, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Hargreaves, and a fifth appointment left open. Miss Wells and Mrs. McGuire will be ex-officio members of this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,  
*Corinne Collins*  
Secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

August 14, 1925

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Marguerite Wells, Friday, August 14, 1925., ~~Miss Wells presiding~~. Those present were: Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Tull, Mrs. Cobb, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Monahan and Miss Kercher. There were also present Mrs. H W Rubins, Miss Gladys Harrison, Miss Florence Harrison and Miss Child.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Child in the absence of Miss Byrne and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant gave a detailed report of bills payable amounting to \$368.09 and stated that the present bank balance amount to \$75.00. Mrs. Ueland reported that she has telephoned to several possible donors asking for contributions to meet this emergency and that she has received promise of two fifty dollar donations.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Dieudonne to accept the treasurer's report.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the bills be allowed and paid as fast as possible.

Mrs. Cant reminded the board that the monthly deficit amounts to approximately \$150 a month and said that the total deficit at present is some \$500.00. She reported that \$605 of the national quota has been paid and that we are now \$205 behind in our monthly payments which amount to \$162.00 per month. Miss Wells said that she regretted this as Minnesota was, last year, one of two Leagues in the country to pay its national quota in regular monthly installments.

Finance

Miss Wells stated that various plans for raising money to meet the deficit

in the monthly budget have been under ~~xxxxixkxix~~ discussion and asked Mrs. Wittich to report the action of the Minneapolis League. Mrs. Wittich explained that the Minneapolis League was anxious to do what it could to help the state league to reduce its deficit and therefore decided that it would relinquish its fifty percent share of national memberships secured in Minneapolis and allow the whole membership to be credited to the state. This will eventually mean a gift of \$600.00 to the state treasury though the money will not be forthcoming immediately as not all the national memberships secured in Minneapolis will fall due or be paid at this time. Mrs. Wittich remarked that an ideal way to relieve the situation would be to secure \$100.00 national memberships from various points in the state outside the Twin Cities but that this has not yet proved possible.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the "Every Member a Money-Raiser" contest and said that she had received a reply from Miss Ludington in regard to the question as to cooperation by League members in a joint financial enterprise being possible under the terms of the contest. The reply would indicate that it is the spirit of the contest that each member assume definite responsibility for raising a certain sum and that if there is cooperation it must be aside from general organization activities. The question as to securing contributions from individuals was not answered except as indicated above. Mrs. Wittich said that few Leagues in Minnesota will be eligible to enter the contest and that she will communicate individually with certain leagues in regard to the contest.

The drive for 100 Woman Citizen subscriptions in August has so far resulted in a total of 23 subscriptions reported by Mrs. Wittich as follows: from state board members 9, from Minneapolis League board members 12, and from Miss Child 2. Miss Gladys Harrison suggested that there might be places where the magazine could be displayed and subscriptions taken as in Dr. Ulrich's bookshop, the Business Women's Club and the City Club in St. Paul



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Miss Wells reported that the play written by Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Hargreaves to be used as a source of income in the state is now ready. The question as to whether local leagues using it shall share in the profit was briefly discussed. Miss Wells emphasized the fact that the purpose of the play has been to provide an additional income for the state league rather than to assist local leagues in paying their quotas.

Miss Gladys Harrison was asked to discuss the question of using the Woman Voter as a source of income through including advertisements. She said that the questionnaire sent out from national headquarters this spring brought replies from 16 leagues that publish bulletins and resulted in a wealth of material that is on file for future reference. Miss Harrison commented upon the fact that of the Leagues that are enthusiasts for selling advertising space in their bulletins, none have had a long sustained experience with this type of bulletin. Rhode Island and Wisconsin are probably the only League bulletins showing an actual profit and in each case there is an individual of unusual ability and experience in charge of the bulletin and giving considerable time to it.

Miss Harrison recommended that if it seems desirable to experiment with a different type of bulletin, the Massachusetts <sup>4</sup>~~15~~ page bulletin be considered as a model. Some ten per cent of space is given over to advertising in this bulletin, bringing in an income of between two and three hundred dollars a year. Miss Harrison said, however, that she has felt more and more approval of the form of the <sup>Minnesota</sup> Woman Voter since comparing it with the other League bulletins that are received in Washington. She remarked that she believes Minnesota to be the only league in which subscriptions for the bulletin are handled apart from memberships.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Dieudonne, that the chair appoint a committee to study other League bulletins and report a recommendation on changing the form of the Woman Voter for consideration by the Board.

Miss Wells named Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child as the committee.

Mrs. Ueland suggested the possibility of increasing the subscription price of the Woman Voter to \$1.00. Miss Child reported Miss Beggin as having expressed an opinion against such an advance in the subscription price. Miss Wells asked that the committee take this question into consideration in making its report as well as the further question as to whether local Leagues might be asked to secure ads for individual issues. Mrs. Cobb's feeling was that small town merchants would not feel that the number of local subscribers justified such advertising.

#### Woman Voter Contest

Miss Child reported that a certain few leagues are very active in the contest but that there are not many leagues competing. The question of extending the time once more was discussed and it was agreed that this should not be done. Miss Monahan suggested it is unfortunate not to have the contest continued during the months in which county fairs are held, September and October, and that a second prize might be offered for this period.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Cobb, that a prize of ten dollars be offered to the League securing most subscriptions in September and October provided the money for the prize shall be donated. Miss Monahan volunteered to be responsible for securing the money by contributions from members of the board.

#### Organization

Miss Child reported the organization of a new League in Caledonia with Mrs. Robert Sprague as chairman, Mrs. Sprague having held this office in the former local league in that town. Her interest has however continued and Miss Beggin recommended her for this office in the newly constituted organization.

Miss Wells reported that Miss Beggin has agreed to continue with her work

until Christmas when she expects to return to teaching. Mrs. Dieudonne and others expressed great appreciation of Miss Beggin's work in the field.

Mrs. Cobb reported that at Miss Wells' request during her recent stay in Detroit she had talked with Mrs. L C Weeks in regard to acting as chairman of the Ninth District and that Mrs. Weeks now feels that it will be possible for her to undertake the work. <sup>Great appreciation was expressed by the Board, but</sup> Action on the appointment was deferred to the September board meeting.

#### World Court Study groups

Miss Child reported that, in response to Mrs. Hargreaves' letter of July 8th, World Court chairmen have been suggested and accepted appointment in fifteen leagues, not including the cities where the International Cooperation chairman acts also as World Court chairman. In Wells, Northfield and West St. Paul (Sibley Unit) no chairman has been reported but World Court study groups have been formed. Great appreciation is expressed for the articles prepared by Mrs. Hargreaves for the use of such groups.

#### County Fair Exhibits

Requests from seven leagues already have been received for the World Court model to be used in fairs during September. Only <sup>one</sup> League exhibit has been shown up to date. This was in Warren the first week in July and occurred before the World Court model had been prepared.

The question of recommending to local Leagues the use of the World Court cardboard models for window exhibits following the county fairs was discussed. Miss Monahan suggested that the models used at fairs be later sold to local leagues at \$5.00 each. Miss Gladys Harrison suggested that a fee might be charged for loaning the models. By consent, it was decided to stimulate the use of the models in the ways suggested.



### State Fair Exhibit

Mrs. McGuire reported upon detailed plans for the booth at the state fair, including in addition to the model of the court reproduced from that used in St. Paul two years ago, a large map in color showing the nations in the court to be hung on the side wall. Miss Wells asked Mrs. McGuire for her estimate of necessary expenses for the exhibit. Mrs. McGuire thought that \$20.00 would cover the committee's needs.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Cobb that a maximum budget of \$25.00 be allowed.

Mrs. McGuire reported that no space could be secured on the evening program at the fair for a dramatization of the World Court.

### Institute of Government and Politics

Mrs. Wittich reported upon the organization of a joint committee for the Institute following a conference with President Coffman, and reviewed the tentative plans that the sub-committee on program is at work upon. Miss Monahan said that she hoped there would be a session devoted to Taxation and Miss Lawrence made a plea for the discussion of the financial condition of the state in connection with education.

### State Convention

It was agreed that there should be a convention session, probably in the evening, devoted to New Voters. The question of a speaker for the convention luncheon was discussed and Miss Gladys Harrison was asked as to what were the rights of a state in regard to the assignment of national officers for attendance at the convention. She replied that a state might have one national officer and the regional director in attendance, providing ~~arrangements~~ engagements could be made for the required dates.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lawrence, that the state board should invite Miss Ruth Morgan to be the speaker at the convention luncheon.

Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment

Mrs. Wittich stated that she would like to recommend that by action of the state convention the amendment be included in the program for study of the Efficiency in Government Department and that in the program for legislation of the department there be included a permit to work in opposition to new methods of amending the Constitution.

Miss Wells asked Miss Gladys Harrison to discuss the amendment. Miss Harrison said that it is the biggest and "scariest" issue the National League has ever had to meet. Last winter the best legislative observers thought that the amendment might go through Congress. It is possible that the whole proposal may be changed in the next session of Congress due to shifting in the groups aligned in support of the amendment. Concessions that have been made to hold certain groups, as the Democratic group in the House, will then be withdrawn. At the public hearing on the amendment, Miss Harrison said, no one appeared against the amendment while the groups appearing in favor of it were the <sup>well-known</sup> old groups that opposed woman <sup>social legislation, work for peace & generally progressive measures.</sup> suffrage. The organizations with us in opposition to the amendment are the labor group and the General Federation of Women's Clubs who passed a resolution on the subject at the West Baden meeting in the spring. The only groups with published material on the subject who stand ready to act are the American Federation of Labor and the League. The Anti-Saloon League takes no stand against the amendment. In view of the fact that the League is almost alone in being prepared to conduct an active educational campaign on the amendment, League officers and directors should become thoroughly informed on the politics of the question. Miss Harrison recommended against publicity directed against the amendment but spoke in favor of study groups that will thoroughly study the whole question of amending the

Constitution. She mentioned the need of mimeographed material as well as printed material for distribution to such groups in local Leagues. Miss Wells commented upon a recent editorial in the Minneapolis Tribune showing a lack of information on the subject that is probably general among newspaper editors. The importance of going to influential editors in the state to talk over this amendment before much writing is done by them was emphasized.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Dieudonne, that we begin fall work in September with suggestion that local Leagues follow study of the World Court with study of the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment.

#### Minimum Wage Law

In the absence from the city of Mrs. Dietrichson, chairman of the Women in Industry Committee, Miss Alice Kercher was asked by Miss Wells to report upon the situation with regard to the enforcement of this law in Minnesota. Miss Kercher reminded the board that following the decision of the United States Supreme Court in 1923 declaring a minimum wage law for women in the District of Columbia unconstitutional, Mr. Duxbury, chairman of the Minnesota State Industrial Commission, made a public statement upholding the Minnesota law and explaining that the Supreme Court decision had no application to any state law. Since that time, however, Mr. Duxbury's attitude in defense of our law has changed. On June 5, 1925, he wrote to the Attorney General of the state that the authority of the Commission to enforce the minimum wage law as it applies to adult women had been challenged on the ground of the Supreme Court decision mentioned above, and asking for an opinion from him on the constitutionality of the law. On June 8th, reply was made by the assistant attorney general stating that in his opinion the law is not enforceable in its application to adult women. The Industrial Commission accordingly discontinued enforcement of the provisions of the law dealing with women. Miss Kercher pointed out that under this situation the test of the law will now have to be made by an aggrieved worker instead of by



the employer. She also said that our own Supreme Court, in a decision rendered last January, made it clear, by implication, that if the question of the application of the law to adult women came up, it would hold the law unconstitutional in its application to them.

Miss Monahan said that she would suggest a delegation going to Attorney General Hilton to discuss the situation and thought that this should be done quietly and that there should be no publicity on the Industrial's Commission's action in regard to the law at present. She suggested that a second delegation might be sent to the governor if Mr. Hilton stood firm on the statement issued from his office. After this a meeting of the Legislative Council might be called to consider the situation.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Monahan, that the chair appoint a committee to interview the Attorney General and, if necessary, the governor. Miss Wells named Mrs. Wittich and Miss Kercher as the committee.

#### Celebration of Fifth Anniversary of Suffrage

A letter from Miss Morgan of the national Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War was read in which she urged emphasis upon the contribution of women to peace in connection with the observance of August 26th as the fifth anniversary of suffrage. Following the suggestion of various ways in which attention might be called to the day in newspaper publicity, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cobb, second of Mrs. McGuire, that a radio program be planned for Tuesday, August 25th, in commemoration of the anniversary.

#### Miscellaneous

The suggestion made at the last board meeting that a slogan be printed on our stationery calling attention to the World Court issue in Congress, was again discussed. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Cobb, that the decision on this question be left to the "office."

Mrs. Dieudonne suggested pushing the sale of Law-Not War stamps in connection with the December 17th date.

Mrs. McGuire reported that she has had no opportunity to put into form her outline for a dramatization of the information on the World Court for use in school or church groups. She can do so, she said, at any time when it is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Emily Child, secretary pro tem

## STATE BOARD MEETING

September 18, 1925

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at headquarters, Friday, September 18, 1925. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A. M., Miss Wells, presiding. Those present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Laws, Miss Warren, Miss Byrne. There were also present Miss Child, Mrs. Collins, Miss Owen, and Miss Merrill.

### Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported that receipts during the month of August totaled \$1036.78, disbursements \$679.37, leaving a balance September 1st of \$394.12, Bills payable as of September 1st totaled \$806.11. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling and seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills payable allowed.

### Executive Secretary's Report

Miss Child reported on the Woman Voter contest ending September 1st, that the Stephen League won the prize with 136 subscriptions. Other Leagues fell far behind this record. The second contest to extend through September and October has started off well with 70 subscriptions secured at the county fair by the Slayton League. A statement on the distribution of Voter subscribers in the state has been prepared by Mrs. Collins as a basis for knowing the status of each League, <sup>To assist us in</sup> working to secure a maximum list in every county of the state.

The August drive for Woman Citizen subscriptions resulted in a total of 110 subscriptions as follows: Minneapolis League board 46, Ramsey County League board 35, Duluth League Board 10; and --from members of the state board--Miss Lawrence 8, Mrs. Dowling 2, Mrs. Cant 2, Mrs. Glascoe 1; and 4 from Miss Child.



Exhibit material has been supplied for use at 10 county fairs up to date and 5 more fairs are scheduled. In two ~~of these~~ instances our material has been shown in counties where there is no League, Yellow Medecine and Rock counties, with special agreement by local people to have someone informed on the World Court in attendance to explain the court model and answer questions. Greater care has been taken this year to make sure that attendance in the booth is provided wherever our loan exhibit is shown.

Two hundred<sup>and</sup> thirty-nine pamphlets on the World Court were sold in the League booth at the State Fair with a total return of \$14.45. In addition 198 different people signed the form letter urging the support of our Minnesota senators for the World Court. Upon the question being raised by the chair as to how these letters are to be forwarded to Senator Shipstead and Senator Schall, the opinion was expressed by several members of the board that the letters should be sent individually rather than in one package. The suggestion was finally made by the chair and concurred in by the board, that Mrs. Hargreaves select the letters signed by well known men and women and forward these with a covering letter and that she do as she thinks best with the remaining letters.

Report by Miss Owen, Secretary of the Department of Legislation and Law Enforcement of the National League of Women Voters.

Miss Owen reported upon the legislative activities of the National League last year and reviewed the major issues upon our program, some of which will come up in Congress this year. The World Court and the Child Labor Amendment are still pending. Discussion on the World Court resolution will begin in the Senate on December 17th. Miss Morgan

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and Miss Schair will be in Washington from November 15th on to assist ~~with~~ Mrs. Park in marshalling the forces of the League in its behalf.

Renewal of the appropriation under the Sheppard-Towner Act may come up this year altho the former appropriation runs for another year. This would avoid the necessity of having it acted upon in a short session of Congress and of having a hiatus during which state legislatures might fail to make possible appropriations because of uncertainty as to federal action.

The Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment will probably be introduced early in the session since it almost reached a vote at the end of the last session. The League is now empowered by National Convention action to oppose the amendment.

The Sterling-Lehlbach Bill will come up again since, although it passed the House with a good majority last session, it was not acted upon in the Senate. In addition there will be the appropriation bill to which attention must be given.

Miss Owen discussed the campaign for the Child Labor Amendment both from the point of view of the National League and of the Organizations Associated for Ratification of the Child Labor Amendment, which group she served as secretary. She said on the question of changing the form of the amendment that no sound reason has been advanced against the form in its protection of children. The utmost care was taken when the amendment was drafted and we cannot hope to profit by a change in the form since the forces opposing it are, in all probability, against any federal legislation on child labor and possibly even against all state legislation on this subject. The task of every national organization supporting the amendment is now to undertake much more vigorously than ever before the education of its own members and to devise simple plans for peaceful penetration of the general public. They must

campaign with men and women rather than with pamphlets and money since they have something the opposition does not have and that is members. There are four groups that must be reached by this campaign of peaceful penetration:

- (1) Farm groups in each county. Some farmers realize that they are in an unnatural alliance with manufacturers. It is important to educate farmers and farmers' wives so that local farm bureaus will not go on record against the amendment during the coming year.
- (2) Editors of county newspapers and small farm papers. The larger papers that have opposed the amendment will probably continue to do so until there is a national change of opinion. The smaller papers will respond to favorable opinion brought to their attention in personal interviews.
- (3) Church groups. A great many women who are not represented in other organizations may be reached in this way.
- (4) Distinguished citizens in every community who are not publicly on record against the amendment should be personally interviewed and the facts brought to their attention. Judge Waite's pamphlet is particularly recommended for use with such individuals.

Miss Owen called attention to the fact that so far no national organization that has worked for the amendment has changed its position, but new friends must still be secured for it.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:03 P. M. and reconvened at 2:00 P. M.

#### Report on Convention and Institute

Mrs. Wittich reported that the program committee for the Institute has formulated plans for the ~~three~~<sup>four</sup> courses to be carried by the members of the University of Minnesota faculty. It is also planned to have three evening sessions with outstanding speakers on subjects falling within these courses and one evening convention session devoted to young voters.

The question of the division of responsibility for the convention and Institute was raised by the chair. The board agreed that all matters having to do with the Institute should be referred to Mrs. Wittich as chairman of that committee for the League and that responsibility for the convention should be borne by the president with the executive committee acting in an advisory capacity.



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Report of State Fair Exhibit Committee

In the absence of the committee chairman, Mrs. McGuire, the chair asked Miss Nellie Merrill to report upon the state fair exhibit. Miss Merrill reported <sup>that</sup> its success was largely due to Mrs. McGuire and the St. Paul women who assisted her.

An expression of the appreciation of the state board to Mrs. McGuire and to her committee for the excellence of the exhibit, was proposed by Mrs. McKnight. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Laws, that this message be sent to Mrs. McGuire and to the women who worked with her in preparing the exhibit and in attendance upon it.

Use of the Play - "The Last Word" - in the State

Discussion of the terms upon which the play should be offered for production by local Leagues was introduced by the chair with the statement that the play was originally written in response to the need for a supplementary source of income in the state budget. Mrs. McKnight suggested that, inasmuch as the production of the play in the larger cities offered somewhat different problems from its use by local leagues in the smaller cities, any action that was taken might exclude the Twin Cities and Duluth for the present. After considerable discussion,

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lawrence, that the play shall be offered to Local Leagues outside Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth on the basis of a 50-50 division of the profits and that the decision as to these three cities be postponed until the next meeting of the board.

Report of Progress by Committee on Advertising in The Voter

Mrs. Cant reported that it is estimated that the Woman Voter is now being published without a deficit owing to a revision of the subscription list for the Minneapolis League and a change in the basis of payment by Minneapolis. The revision of the Minneapolis list has resulted in reducing the total circulation

of the Voter and may have some bearing upon the inducement that can be offered to advertisers. The committee recommends that concentration of effort in increasing the list of paid subscribers to The Voter be undertaken to compensate for the decrease in the Minneapolis list as well as to extend the circulation of The Voter in new groups. The committee is not ready to make final recommendations on the questions submitted to it.

#### Woman Citizen Drive

Miss Child suggested that we undertake a new drive for Woman Citizen Subscriptions in the state at large and that the dates set be October 25 to November 25, thus carrying through the week of the Institute and Convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McKnight, that the Woman Citizen Drive for one hundred subscriptions in the state be set for October 25 to November 25.

#### Appointment of New Ninth District Chairman

Miss Child read an extract from a letter of Miss Beggin following her interview with Mrs. L. C. Weeks of Detroit in regard to her becoming chairman for the league in the ninth district. Since she is now free to accept appointment IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Monahan, that the board confirm the appointment of Mrs. Weeks as ninth district chairman.

#### Report of Department of International Co-operation to Prevent War

Mrs. Hargreaves reported that she will in the near future send out a letter addressed to World Court Chairmen in the leagues of the state urging that letters, petitions, and delegations be sent to Senator Schall and Senator Shipstead in behalf of the World Court. She emphasized the need of bringing pressure upon our Senators in the next two months on this subject. Slides for use in connection with talks on the World Court will be secured from the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association for use in Minnesota during October and November.

Mrs. Hargreaves asked the advice of the board in connection with the

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request made by the American Foundation that we assist in arranging general community meetings on the World Court all over the state. The consensus of opinion in the board was that it is more important to concentrate now in Minnesota upon direct messages to our Senators from individuals and small groups. It was suggested that the local league might co-operate with other organizations in arranging such a general community meeting whenever it wishes to present a special out-of-town speaker on the Court to arouse local interest.

#### Minimum Wage Law

Miss Kercher reported that it seemed best to vary the plan agreed upon at the last board meeting for interviewing Attorney Gen. Hilton on the subject of the opinion given the Minnesota Industrial Commission on the constitutionality of the Minimum Wage Law. Mrs. Paige called upon Mr. Hilton in place of Miss Kercher. She took with her a carefully selected body of material calling attention to former favorable decisions on this question and left the material with Mr. Hilton for his consideration. Later a follow-up interview will be held to learn his final attitude. Miss Kercher and Mrs. Wittich will see him if it seems desirable.

#### Organization of Young Voters

Miss Lawrence asked what plans are under way for the formation of college leagues and said that it is important to proceed immediately with some plan before college students become too involved in other activities. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second of Miss Monahan, that a meeting of the Young Voter's Committee be held immediately to make the necessary arrangements.

#### Celebration of Fifth Suffrage Anniversary

Miss Child reported that in addition to the radio talks agreed upon as desirable at the last board meeting in commemoration of August 26th as the fifth anniversary of the granting of woman suffrage, a successful luncheon was held at



the Hotel Radisson in Minneapolis. In spite of the date falling in vacation time more than 130 people attended and the resulting publicity both in newspapers in the Twin Cities and elsewhere in the state was noteworthy.

The Meeting adjourned on motion at 3:35 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Electa Byrne  
~~EMILY CHILDS~~, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

October 9, 1925

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Mrs. McKnight's Cabin, Lake Minn<sup>Tonka</sup>esota, Friday, October 9th, 1925. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M., Miss Wells, presiding. Those present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Friedrich, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Warren, Mrs. Laws, Mrs. Hargreaves, and Miss Child together with members of the Ramsey County League boards as follows: Mesdames White, Johnson, Peilen, Herbert, Briggs, Hayward, Walker, Scott, Troy, Colby, Schemann, Lott, Keegan, Gass, Miss Jennings, and from the Minneapolis League Board; Mesdames Cobb, Ladd, Marcley, Quint, Wiesner, LaFontaine, Gullette, Bouman, Bissell, Denny, Bryan, Rubins, Sherman Child, Coffman, Chalmers, McKnight, Thorp, Jeffrey, Seham and Miss Jeffrey.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported that the receipts during the month of September amounted to \$212.87, disbursements, \$568.56, which with the balance the first of September of \$394.12 left a balance October 1st of \$38.43. Bills payable as of October 1st totalled \$1022.13. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Laws, second of Mrs. Ueland, that the treasurer's report be accepted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Hargreaves, that the bills payable be allowed and paid as soon as possible. Mrs. Cant also reported that a total of <sup>690</sup>\$790.00 has been paid on the quota to the National League to date, leaving us one month in arrears in our monthly payments.

7) Mrs. Cant presented comparative figures for the total receipts from quotas for eleven months this year as compared with the same period last year. A total of \$6501.25 has been received this year as compared with \$5511.93 last year. The increase in receipts is due to the fact that the Ramsey County League has made regular quota payments this year and to the fact that a special donation of \$450.00 was received from the Minneapolis League for the get-out-the-vote campaign a year ago. Mrs. Cant called attention to the fact that the advantage as far as receipts from <sup>other</sup> local Leagues are concerned is slightly in favor

of last year and that a special effort must be made between now and the date of Convention to bring in remaining quotas.

Mrs. Cant presented comparative figures for the Voter subscription list showing a steady increase from 1921 through 1924 as judged by the figures for the month of October. In October, 1924 there were approximately 1700 subscribers/as compared (not including the Minneapolis list) with 1364 in 1921, 1438 in 1922, 1550 in 1923. The figure for October this year is 1633 exclusive of Minneapolis.

#### Institute and Convention

Mrs. Wittich reported upon the program as planned up to date. The board was asked for suggestions of women in the state who might be asked to serve upon the Honorary Advisory Committee for the Institute.

The question of the general registration fee for the Institute was discussed, on the basis of the tentative decision arrived at in a recent conference of those responsible for the Convention and Institute (Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Edwin White, and Mrs. Walter Ramsey) that single course tickets should be eliminated this year and that the general tickets should be reduced in price from \$3.00 to \$2.50. The chair asked the opinion of the board as to whether this reduction in price seemed desirable. The general opinion as expressed by those present seemed to be that it would be as easy to dispose of tickets at \$3.00 as at the lower price. Mrs. White and Miss Jennings did not agree with this opinion and the chair suggested that the final decision be left with Mrs. White, Mrs. Wittich, and Mrs. Noyes in conference.

Miss Child reported that the apportionment of Convention credentials and of a Special Credential carrying the privilege of attendance at all sessions of the Institute (awarded to leagues with quotas paid in full) was made in 1923 in accordance with the information about local Leagues known in the office. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Glasoe, second of Mrs. Dowling, that it be left to the president to allocate Convention credentials this year in the same way.

#### Action on Plan of Work for submission to Convention

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Laws, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that the board recommend as part of the Plan of Work for 1926, education in support of the following



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measures upon our program: The World Court, renewal of federal appropriation under Sheppard-Towner Act, the Child Labor Amendment, and methods of amending the Constitution.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that the board recommend to the convention that the Plan of Work include also other necessary education for federal measures on the national League program that may need support from time to time.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Laws, that the board recommend as part of our permanent program of work sustained work throughout the year directed to getting out the vote at each election.

Mrs. Wittich emphasized this as one of the outstanding pieces of work for the coming year and called attention to the fact that we now have practically state-wide permanent registration for voting and that this gives us an unusual opportunity to do consistent, unremitting work for a maximum vote. This is popular work for local Leagues.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Laws, that the board recommend to the convention that Institutes be planned in cooperation with the State Teachers' Colleges during the coming year to supply a background of information on the structure and theory of our government necessary for an understanding of the questions at issue in current politics.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Dowling that the board recommend to the convention that a series of One Day Voters' Schools be held in the state under the auspices of local Leagues ~~as a follow up of the St. Paul Institute.~~ Mrs. Wittich and Miss Lawrence reported that the five Institutes held in the spring of 1924 were very successful and that it should therefore be easy to enlist the cooperation of the State Colleges again. Mrs. Wittich mentioned the interest aroused by the later series of 34 Voters' Schools and characterized them as extraordinarily successful. Mrs. Laws said that the school held in Appleton had been a distinct source of strength to the local League. The desirability of having a larger faculty to conduct such schools was emphasized by Miss Wells who hoped that there might be from six to twelve speakers to

divide the burden of speaking in the schools.

Meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:00 P.M. and reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

### Report on Organization

Miss Beggin reported upon the organization of a Study Group in Staples as authorized by the board. She reported also upon her visits during September to Leagues in Hawley, Lake Park, Frazee and Wadena. The reorganization of the inactive League in Little Falls was accomplished at a recent meeting addressed by Mrs. McKnight. Miss Beggin has also recently visited the Sibley Unit League in West St. Paul where an evening meeting of the members was called at her request.

A report on local Leagues by districts to bring out changes occurring in the past year showed that six inactive Leagues have been recognized by board action as out of existence, while fourteen new Leagues have been added to the list. Three Leagues have been reorganized. These figures do not include the temporary Leagues that were formed in connection with the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign. One of these (Young America) is counted among the new Leagues.

Miss Beggin reported upon Hinkley and Crosby as inactive Leagues where there is no immediate possibility of securing the leadership necessary to effect reorganization. Upon the recommendation of Miss Beggin, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that Hinkley be dropped from our active League list. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the Crosby League be <sup>removed</sup> ~~struck~~ from the list.

Miss Beggin read at the request of the chair her suggested statement of minimum standards of organization in local Leagues to be recommended to the convention for adoption. Action was taken upon each as follows:

1. An Annual election of officers, the date of which is reported to headquarters. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lawrence, that the board recommend to the convention the adoption of this standard to be observed by local Leagues.

2. A minimum of seven members in a local League. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Laws, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that the board recommend to the convention the adoption of this standard to be observed by local Leagues.

3. Assumption of quota by each League. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Miss Lawrence, that the board

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recommend to the convention the adoption of this standard to be observed by local Leagues.

4. A minimum of three officers: chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the board recommend to the convention the adoption of this standard to be observed by local Leagues.

5. A minimum of four meetings, each one to advance League program as broadly and effectively as possible.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Friedrich, that the board recommend to the convention the adoption of this standard to be observed by local Leagues.

6. Each member a Voter subscriber, the effectiveness of this condition to be tested out until January, and then, if workable, to be adopted as a requisite.

The discussion on this suggestion brought out various objections such as that advanced by Mrs. Laws that several members of one family often have one subscription although all are League members. No action was taken to recommend this standard for adoption.

Miss Beggin read the following statement as a summary of points to be kept in mind in her future organization work:

Recommendations to the State Board Concerning Organization:

1. That the field secretary make a second visit to the Leagues visited once during past year in order to check upon essentials--a definite membership, increase in membership, increase in Voter subscriptions, a knowledge of what is League program and how to extend it, etc., a definite record of each detail to be on file at headquarters.
2. That the field secretary attempt to organize a new League only where location is especially convenient, being near a League visited, and where she is assured of good leadership, perhaps upon the recommendation of the district chairman or other member of State Board, the stress for the first half of the coming year to be placed largely upon strengthening old Leagues.
3. In regard to district chairmen; that a copy of field secretary's reports be sent to district chairmen, respectively, as at present, and that district chairmen aim to follow-up field secretary's work by at least one visit to each League during year; that district chairmen aim to visit Leagues with field secretary whenever possible; that district chairmen recommend new fields for Leagues in their districts to field secretary.
4. In regard to County Chairman; that County chairmen be recommended to Board by district chairmen, field secretary, etc. for appointment in order to solidify and stimulate organization and be instructed as to nature of work.



5. That state memberships be secured whenever possible from cities, such as Crookston, Fergus Falls, Albert Lea, etc. where there is no League.

The chair called attention to the fact in connection with Miss Beggin's statement on the organization of new Leagues that we must always have in mind the need of <sup>having</sup> Leagues in parts of the state where there is need for political strength.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that Miss Beggin report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Beggin asked discussion on the subject of supplying certain material other than the Voter to members at large of the state League. She recommended sending them in every instance the printed list of material published by the National League, in addition to a convention letter and one big study such as Mrs. Hargreaves' articles. Miss Wells questioned the advisability of such broadcasting of our information service where there is no League organization and to individuals who would merely divert the material to the use of other organization. Mrs. Wittich said that she is opposed to the idea that we must give something approaching equivalent money value for the sustaining membership fee. She thought that this membership should be recognized as an opportunity given individuals to ally themselves with the work of the state League and to contribute a small sum toward its support. The list of sustaining members is a good list to use if we wish to ask for assistance in some cause. We may wish at such times to send out special informational material.

Tentative plans for conferences on organization to be arranged at convention were reviewed by Miss Beggin who has prepared a list of women in local Leagues who might be asked to take part in the discussion.

#### Every-Member-A-Money-Raiser Contest

Miss Beggin reported her suggestions of local Leagues that may be able to qualify in membership for entry in the contest as follows:

- County League (100 Members required) - Faribault and Northfield in Rice County
- City League (250 Members required) - cities over 25,000- St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Town League ( 50 Members required) - towns under 25,000 - Winona, Brainerd, St. Cloud, and possibly Mankato and Redwood Falls

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IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ueland, that we communicate directly with the chairmen of the Leagues suggested as possibly eligible and suggest participation in the contest.

#### Young Voters' Committee

Mrs. Bryan reported that follow-up letters have been sent to the girls who signed cards at Mankato State Teachers' College and at the University last spring, asking them to become members of the League, either local or state. The next task of the committee is the formation of college Leagues wherever it is possible. Mrs. Bryan spoke briefly of the plan for a Young Voters section at the convention and said that she hoped it would be possible to have delegations from newly formed college Leagues attend.

Miss Lawrence reported that Mrs. Friedrich is in touch with a Woman's Forum group in the St. Cloud Teachers' College that she thinks can be easily interested in becoming a League as the subjects discussed in the forum are political.

#### Terms for Offering the Play to local Leagues

Mrs. McKnight presented the suggestion that the action taken at the last board meeting on the fifty-fifty division of the profits of the play with the state League, when produced by a local League, be reconsidered and an adjustment of the terms be made to give the advantage to those Leagues that have paid their quotas in full previous to the state convention.

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McKnight, and seconded, that during the coming year the play be offered to local Leagues that have paid their quotas previous to the dates of the state convention on the basis of 25 per cent of the profits for the state League and 75 per cent for the local producing League.

#### State Education Committee

To meet the need of consistent study covering the subject of financial support for the public schools of the state, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich, that the chairman of the state League Committee on Education appoint members upon her committee from Leagues in various parts of the state to study this and other subjects and to make recommendations to the state board in the future.

Law Enforcement Study for 1926

A statement was made by the chair of the decision arrived at by the Legislative Council to hold a series of meetings for the discussion of the enforcement of laws supported in the past. The Council has planned this program for the purpose of interesting member organizations in a similar study. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Dowling, that one of the activities for the coming year to be recommended for the action of convention be the follow-up of measures for which the League has been partly responsible.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M. on motion.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY CHILD,

Acting Secretary



## STATE BOARD MEETING

November 16, 1925

The pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Palm room of the St. Paul Hotel, Monday, November 16, 1925. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P. M., Miss Wells, presiding. Those present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Dieudonne, Miss Warren, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Child, Miss Beggin, and Miss Byrne.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mrs. Wittich suggested a correction in the fifth paragraph under the heading "Action on Plan of Work for Submission to Convention", stating that, to avoid confusion, the paragraph should read:

"IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Dowling that the board recommend to the convention that a series of One Day Voters' Schools be held in the state under the auspices of local Leagues," the rest of the paragraph to be omitted. With this correction the minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported the amounts received and expended during October and the bills payable as of November 1st, 1925. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Dieudonne that the treasurer's report be accepted and that the bills payable be allowed and paid as soon as possible. Mrs. Cant also read the report for the year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Meighen that this report be accepted.

### Suggested Budget for Year 1925-26

Mrs. McKnight presented the proposed budget for the coming year and asked for discussion on it. Miss Wells said that the question was, "Will we reduce our proposed expenditures or accept this budget and plan some way to raise the \$3150.00 deficit which appears in the suggested budget?". Mrs. Noyes asked what we are planning to spend more for than we did last year. Miss Wells answered that more is to be expended for extension work. Mrs. Ueland thinks that when a deficit occurs it should not be made up by the President's personal donation. (She thinks it should be divided amongst a number of people

who might act as guarantors. She proposed that we have a finance committee in case of an emergency to raise any deficit that might occur. Miss Wells stated that the National League has to go to individuals to get pledges to make up deficits. Miss Wells thinks we should have a finance committee to go to persons in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth to get donations.

Mrs. Wittich thought the <sup>allowance for</sup> district chairmen's travelling expenses could be reduced as they have never been used fully. Also we might reduce the Voter item by getting a contract with the printer whereby he would sell his own advertising, print and mail the Voter. Then the League would have the income from subscriptions.

Miss Wells suggested that the clipping service item might be cut \$50.00.

Miss Wells asked Miss Beggin if there is a possibility of getting money from the production of the play, and, if so how much could be estimated. Miss Beggin replied that she thought the play could bring in about \$500.00.

Mrs. Wittich said we could also have at least one Woman Citizen drive and raise \$100.

Following this discussion definite action was taken as follows:

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. McGuire, that we cut the <sup>allowance for</sup> travelling expenses of the District Chairmen from \$800 to \$400.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Marble, that we cut the item "General Expenses" from \$200.00 to \$150.00.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Marble that Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. White be asked to interview the printer to see if a contract could be made whereby he would solicit his own advertising to cover the cost of printing the Voter and mail it to subscribers.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that we put in the "Estimated Receipts" the item of \$500.00 from proceeds of the play.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Dieudonne, that we put in the "Estimated Receipts" \$100.00 from a <sup>Woman</sup> Citizen drive.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. McKnight, that a finance committee be appointed to get guarantors to help meet any deficit that may occur and also to raise the balance of the deficit from donations <sup>secured</sup>  ~~gotten~~ any place in the state.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Thorp that the item "Office Salaries" be reduced from \$5000.00 to \$4500.00.

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Convention Expense

Miss Wells stated that Mrs. Herbert had asked that the Board authorize her to spend \$20.00 to decorate the stage for the "New Voters" session. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Dieudonne, that \$20.00 be allowed for decorating the stage for the "New Voters" session.

Mrs. McKnight stated that she would need about \$50.00 to pay for renting of costumes for the luncheon finance stunt. Miss Wells stated that this would be taken care of under regular convention expenses.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Marble, second of Mrs. Ueland that the Suggested Budget be accepted as changed.

Revision of By-Laws.

Mrs. Roulo, chairman of the committee on Revision of By-Laws offered the following recommendations:

~~To amend Article II (Section()) of the By-Laws which now reads:~~

~~"The ten district vice-presidents shall constitute a nominating committee which shall present the names of candidates for each office except for district vice-presidents. One of the members of the nominating committee shall be designated as chairman by the executive committee".~~

*Article II of the By-Laws*

- To amend the second sentence of Section I to read:

"The chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the executive committee."

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Roulo, second of Mrs. Marble, that the amendment be adopted. *Recommended to the convention for adoption.*

Change in Nominating Committee Chairman

Miss Wells announced that Mrs. Glasoe was forced to resign as chairman of the Nominating Committee because of illness and Mrs. Dowling has accepted the chairmanship in her stead.

Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment

Miss Wells asked Mrs. Wittich to explain the chief provisions of this amendment. Miss Wells discussed this amendment briefly. ~~She stated that it came very near passing.~~



~~at the last session of the Legislature without anyone's knowing it.~~ We should begin quietly to interview influential people and forewarn them before they are prejudiced against it by insidious propaganda.

The meeting adjourned on motion.

Electa Byrne,

Secretary

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POST CONVENTION BOARD MINUTES

Friday, November 20, 1925

3:00 P. M.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Ramsey, Miss Lawrence, and Miss Warren.

Miss Wells called the board members together for a brief meeting immediately following the convention luncheon. At this time she announced the reappointment of the department and standing committee chairmen of the state League.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,

Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
January 8th, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Thorp, 4428 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, on Friday, January 8th, 1926. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the State Board were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Cant, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Dieudonne, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Treloar, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Colby. There were also present: Miss Child, Miss Beggin, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Collins, Miss Merrill, Mrs. Quint, Mrs. Lynam, Mrs. Barkuloo, and after lunch Mrs. Marcle and Miss Kneubuhl.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Child and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the first of December of \$219.14, receipts during the month of December of \$1 594.49, of which \$871.72 was received in quotas from the districts and \$166.74 from "The Last Word." Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1 327.38, leaving a bank balance January 1st of \$486.25. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and the bills allowed. Mrs. Cant also reported on the status of the quota to the National League of Women Voters, which showed a balance of \$888.50 to be paid by March 25th.

Executive Secretary's Report

Miss Child reported on the results of the Woman Citizen drive in the state at large during November and December. Some 76 subscriptions were secured with the possibility of others coming in too late to be included in the drive. This entitles us to a bonus of 70¢ for each subscription. It was suggested that drives be scheduled in corresponding months next year to take advantage of the opportunity to secure renewals.



The plan of publishing the Woman Voter under an agreement with a St. Paul printer, who will attempt to cover the cost by securing ads, went into operation January 1st. The cooperation of board members was asked in suggestions of possible advertisers. The arrangement is an experiment. It is to our interest to help make it a success, ~~xx~~ thus assuring us the <sup>return</sup> ~~income~~ derived from Voter subscriptions as a source of income.

## Organization

Miss Beggin reported on the Leagues she had visited since October 9th. She reported forty-nine functioning Leagues with good boards and definite membership fees.

In the First District she visited Wabasha, Winona and Rochester. Miss Wells commented that this spring there were no new leagues organized from headwaters. In the Second District, Mankato was visited. Mrs. Carrington, chairman, is leaving for a trip abroad. She and Miss Larson wish the Mankato League to be considered "sleeping" for the present, but not "dead". Leagues visited in the Third District were Norwood, Young America, Chaska, Pine Island, Bayport, Oak Park, Kenyon, Northfield and Stillwater. She reported that Oak Park and Bayport may both form Political Science Study Groups to be affiliated with the League in Stillwater. In the Sixth District, Staples was reported as having a flourishing Study League, which may in time become a reorganized League. In the Ninth District, Moorhead, Hawley, Frazee, Lake Park and Detroit were visited. A new League has just been organized in Detroit. Monticello and Columbia Heights were visited in the Tenth District and were reported as progressing well.

There was discussion regarding the Watertown League which has not properly functioned since its organization. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second by Mrs. Dowling, that Watertown be dropped from the list of local Leagues.

Mrs. Treloar, First District chairman, reported on the League in LeRoy, and the prospects of a League in Austin, where she said there is money available from the old League.

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Mrs. Dowling reported that she has been unable to do any active work in the Seventh District, but hoped to get around to visit the Leagues very shortly.

Mrs. Weeks, the new Ninth District chairman, reported briefly on the Leagues in her district.

Mrs. McGuire made a report of the activities of the Ramsey County League, and Mrs. Bryan reported on the Minneapolis League.

Miss Wells urged that expressions of appreciation of the weekly radio talks, broadcast under the auspices of the Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues, be sent to the radio station, to insure their continuance.

Miss Wells commented, at this point, on the number and type of letters sent out from headquarters to Local League chairmen during the past year. She said that nineteen 'form' letters had been sent to each chairman, dealing chiefly with two topics, International Cooperation to Prevent War, and the Child Labor Amendment. During the coming year, one or two general 'program' letters will be sent out, to be supplemented by letters, not oftener than once a month, pertaining to new issues that arise in our state or national legislative program. She commented on the fact that the League now has a "past", having been in existence five years.

#### Organization of Young Voters

Mrs. Bryan reported that St. Cloud State Teachers College has the first and only College League in Minnesota, with officers elected and a program arranged for the coming year. The organization of this group is due to Mrs. Friedrich, who is now liaison officer between the St. Cloud League and the college League. Dean Garvey has been most helpful.

The obstacle most frequently met in attempting to organize in other colleges is the plea of "too much outside activity". The Deans of Carlton and St. Olaf's. will do what they can to help organize, and Dean Blitz of Minnesota and Dean Fogg

of the Moorhead State Teachers College are interested.

There was then discussion of the suggestion that a Young Voters' issue of the Woman Voter be arranged for and edited by a committee of young voters. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Hargreaves, that there be during the present year an issue of the Woman Voter called the Young Voters' Issue, and that a chairman to arrange for the issue be appointed by the president. Later in the meeting Miss Wells announced the appointment of Mrs. Walter Ramsey as chairman in charge of the Young Voters' issue of the Woman Voter.

Tentative plans for Miss Ely's proposed trip in Minnesota the last week in February were discussed.

#### Institutes, Schools and Study Groups

Mrs. Wittich called attention to the new series of four pamphlets on "Current Questions in Government", which are now available for study groups. Three of these, on Amending the Constitution, States' Rights and Federal Aid were prepared by Miss Wells; and the fourth, on Taxation, by Prof. Wm. Anderson.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the Second Institute of Government and Politics held in cooperation with the University of Minnesota in November. The total attendance at the Institute was estimated at 1,000, and the total income at \$420.00. The largest meetings were the Carl Fish lecture and the annual convention luncheon with Miss Ruth Morgan as speaker on the World Court. Approximately 300 attended each of these sessions.

An interesting comparison was drawn between the First and Second Institutes, with the larger attendance and income of the First Institute being attributed partly to the presence of nationally-known speakers.

Plans for holding Institutes and Voter Schools in the State were discussed. It was the consensus of opinion that we should not try for Institutes in all of the Teachers Colleges this spring, but should attempt only two at first. Miss Lawrence stated that the situation in St. Cloud for an Institute is very



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promising. She suggested that she should communicate with the heads of all the state Teachers Colleges at this time, rather than singling out certain ones. Immediate follow-up can, however, be limited to St. Cloud and Moorhead.

Miss Wells asked what Board members would be willing to prepare themselves on some subject and volunteer as speakers for the schools. Mrs. Spear and Mrs. Weeks both responded, to prepare on the subject, "Amending the Constitution."

#### Present Status of the World Court

Mrs. Hargreaves reported on the present situation in the Senate, and also told of the injunction directed against work for the World Court in Minneapolis.

#### Present Status of Wadsworth-Garrett Proposals

Mrs. Wittich gave a brief history of the proposals, calling attention to the fact that in the present Congress the form of the Garrett resolution has been introduced in both Houses.

Mrs. Wittich recommended a course of action by the state League, to include interviewing representative people, discussing with them the proposals, and keeping a record of their opinions.

#### Appointments

The question of a delegate from the Minnesota League to the Women's Industrial Conference called by the U S Department of Labor was discussed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Dieudonne, that Mrs. Paige be appointed delegate to that conference.

In considering someone to prepare a list of women holding public office in Minnesota, Miss Child submitted the name of Mrs. Charles Schafer. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Treloar, that Mrs. Schafer be appointed to compile such a list.

In considering names for an Immigration Study Course, conducted by the National League, under Miss Frances Perkins, Miss Child read a list of names submitted from the Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues. The following

additional names were suggested outside the Twin Cities: Mrs. J M Freeman of Olivia, Miss Isabel Lawrence and Mrs. Kurt Stai of St. Cloud, Mrs. James A Starkweather and Mrs. John S Pardee of Duluth, Mrs. O J Hagen of Moorhead, and Mrs. O M Botsford of Winona. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second by Mrs. Wittich, that the names as read by Miss Child, in addition to the ones named here, be accepted to receive material on the Immigration Study Course.

There was discussion regarding a Young Voters' chairman to succeed Mrs. Bryan, whose duties in connection with the Minneapolis League necessitate her resignation. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Hargreaves, that Miss Josephine Benz be asked by the president to accept the Young Voter Chairmanship. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Spear, that if Miss Benz does not accept the appointment, Miss Roberta Hostetler and Miss Annette Bardwell be considered as possibilities for this office. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Spear, that the Executive Committee form a <sup>Young Voters'</sup> committee ~~from groups~~ of representative young women, to work with the chairman secured to head the committee.

Mrs. Ueland urged the importance of appointing a finance committee to raise the \$1500 difference between the estimated expenses for the year and the estimated receipts. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Wittich, that Mrs. Ueland be appointed chairman of a permanent Finance Committee with power to appoint her own committee members.

Miss Emily Kneubuhl reported on the new city manager charters of Cincinnati and Rochester.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

February 12th, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, February 12th, at the home of Mrs. Wittich, 625 Fulton Street S. E., Minneapolis.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Friedrich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Gaus, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mrs. Spear. Others present were Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Collins, Miss Jeffrey, Miss Beggin, Mrs. Maroley, Miss Akre, and Miss Child.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M., Miss Wells presiding.

The minutes of the last Board meeting were read by the secretary and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance January 1st of \$486.25. She read the amounts paid by the several districts, totalling \$652.32, with receipts from other sources bringing the total to \$1586.85. Disbursements were \$1014.43, leaving a balance February 1st of \$572.43.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Spear, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as read.

Mrs. Cant reported bills for January amounting to \$882.75 of which \$229.09 are unpaid. She stated that \$386.00 of the National quota is still owing, and payable not later than March 25th.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Cobb, that these bills be allowed and paid as early as possible.

Report on Field Work

Miss Beggin reported upon work in the field since January 8th. Stillwater, Northfield, Faribault, St. Elmo, and Bayport were visited in the THIRD DISTRICT. Faribault has its League work particularly well in hand. Good work was done there on



the World Court, three study groups are working using the Current Questions pamphlets. "The Last Word" is to be presented. Bayport and <sup>Lake</sup>~~St.~~ Elmo are both potential Leagues, though the present plan is to try for groups there affiliated with the Stillwater League. Wayzata and Robbinsdale were visited in the TENTH DISTRICT. Miss Beggin stated that Mrs. Spencer has promised assistance in organizing a League in Wayzata. Mrs. Ware has resigned as chairman of the Robbinsdale League, to be succeeded by Mrs. H. H. Livingston. Winona in the FIRST DISTRICT reported to Miss Beggin six study groups which were formed after Mrs. Wittich's visit.

#### Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. Ramsey reported the continuance in St. Paul of the Monday luncheons sponsored by the Efficiency in Government Committee, at which, with a local election near at hand, it has seemed timely to present the functions of city and county offices in detail. She spoke of the tentative plans for candidate meetings in the twelve wards of the city. There will probably be three meetings before and three after the primaries.

Mrs. Friedrich (Sixth District Chairman) reported less finances but an increased interest throughout the district. Mrs. Cobb reported that the response to the "Last Word" as presented in Brainerd was very satisfactory.

Mrs. Spear (Eighth District Chairman) reported increase in both interest and membership in Duluth. She stated that the Duluth note has been paid and finances generally are on an excellent footing. Many new persons have become interested at the regular paid luncheons where the League is "talked up", she said. She reported the organization of a study group at Riverside, and the plans for organization of similar groups at Carleton and Cloquet this month, the former to be a part of the Duluth League, with a fair promise of becoming a full League later.

Mrs. Weeks (Ninth District Chairman) reported that monthly meetings are planned for Detroit from now on instead of quarterly meetings <sup>as originally planned.</sup> ~~formerly held.~~ Four of these meetings will be luncheons with outside speakers, to which members may bring a guest, she said.

### The Woman Voter

Miss Child reported that the Voter in its new form has been very favorably received. The first few numbers will probably be published at a loss, but that loss will be made up later, it is hoped, through advertising. One half-page ad for the entire year has now been secured together with a few additional ads for the March and April issues.

### Institutes and Voter Schools

Miss Lawrence stated that only the State Teachers Colleges in Moorhead and St. Cloud have been asked to consider Institutes in the near future. The question arose as to whether an Institute could be conducted without a local League in Moorhead. Miss Beggin recommended that Moorhead maintain a Study Group rather than attempt to reorganize the League under present circumstances. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Cobb, that Moorhead be given a special dispensation to have a Study Group in the absence of a League. Miss Lawrence urged that a special committee be formed in Moorhead to sponsor an Institute, <sup>omit</sup> since there is no local League now functioning.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Miss Monahan, that such a committee be formed by Miss Beggin. Miss Wells suggested that Mrs. Weeks as district chairman be asked to serve on that committee.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that Miss Beggin be delegated to discuss Institute plans with President McLean when she goes to Moorhead March 2nd.

<sup>omit</sup> Miss Lawrence said that Duluth and Mankato are for the present out of the question, and that Winona's full program almost precludes an Institute in the immediate future.

### Young Voters

Miss Child reported that Miss Josephine Benz has accepted the state chairmanship of the Young Voters and that Mrs. Paul Shlick has been named local chairman in St. Paul. Miss Child suggested that chairmen of St. Paul and Minneapolis Young Voters automatically become vice-chairmen of the State Committee. Miss Ely's ~~entire~~ schedule of engagements in the state was read by Miss Child and her program for Minneapolis was

~~read in detail~~ <sup>reported</sup> by Mrs. Bryan.

## PROPOSED NATIONAL PLAN OF WORK

### Efficiency in Government

Mrs. Wittich reported Federal Aid as a new item under recommendations for study and, under recommendations for legislative support: first, the office type of ballot (which lists candidates according to office - not party - and which has been used in this state for years); second, the executive type of budget (which provides that state and Federal departments recommend to the legislatures instead of visa versa).

### Public Welfare in Government

(for Mrs. Dieudonne)  
Child Welfare - Mrs. Thorp reported in recommendations for study the new item, a preventive program in schools and juvenile courts and, in recommendations for legislation, the extension of the period of operation of the Maternity and Infancy Act.

Education - Miss Lawrence reported that, although no new recommendations for study are made for this committee, there is an entirely new bill on Education known as the Curtis-Reed Bill, from which Federal Aid to the states has been dropped. This merits our attention and study.

(for Mrs. Laws)  
Living Costs - Miss Kercher reported two new recommendations for study: first, study of the most effective utilization of the hydro-electric resources of the country from the standpoint of public welfare; second, study of the production and distribution of the necessities of life.

Social Hygiene - Mrs. Gaus called attention to the recommendation for study of criminal court procedure, now amended to read, "especially as it relates to women". Three new recommendations are: provision for open clinics for treating social disease rather than closed quarantine for women; further study of anti-prostitution measures; and study of the relation of the work of police women and probation officers to the prevention of delinquency.

Women in Industry - Mrs. Dietrichson reported the transfer of two items from the legislative recommendations to a place under recommendations for study. Study of effects of minimum wage legislation upon women's wages and of the operation of



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the maternity benefit laws are recommended. Mrs. Dietrichson <sup>recommended against</sup> ~~objected particularly~~ <sup>items</sup> to the omission of ~~the~~ minimum wage under ~~recommendations~~ for legislation, since it cannot be considered that Supreme Court decisions have changed the attitude of the League in support of such legislation. It was the consensus of opinion among the Board members that this item be included again under recommendations for legislation.

Legal Status of Women - Miss Monahan reported no new recommendations for her <sup>committee</sup> ~~department~~ but called attention to the willful exclusion of women from jury service in many places where County Commissions purposely omit women from lists for jury panels.

← International Cooperation to Prevent War - Mrs. Hargreaves reported three new <sup>See copy</sup> recommendations for study in her department. The recommendation for investigation of the causes of war is divided into four divisions; psychological causes, economical, political, social and contributing causes. The second recommendation is the study of problems of the Pacific which involves the question of the Japanese Immigration Act. The third recommendation concerning the duties and powers of the President brings up the question of the executive's right of appointment and the question of the actual legality of the World Court reservations under future administrations.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS

##### Proposal for Biennial Sessions

Miss Wells said the advantages of the present annual conventions are the opportunity for publicity, the stimulating contacts made and the growth of the local League where the Convention is held. These advantages are offset by the disadvantage of the great expenditure of time and energy on the part of the National officers and staff. No <sup>final</sup> action was taken on the question.

##### Nominations for National Officers

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Wittich, that Miss Belle Sherwin be nominated as president.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Hargreaves, that Miss Morgan be nominated as third vice-president.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Ueland, that Miss Hauser

be nominated as secretary.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McKnight, that Miss Wells be nominated as Fifth Regional Director.

#### Special Visitors Plan

Mrs. Wittich submitted the plan for "special visitors" to the Convention whose only requisite shall be a more than ordinary interest in some special phase of the program. Miss Ludington will send a special invitation to attend the Convention to such visitors and they will have all privileges except a vote. "It is a means of making warm friends for the League", said Mrs. Wittich.

#### Minnesota Delegation

Those present who signified their intention of attending the St. Louis Convention or who were reported as planning to go were:

Miss Wells	Miss Lawrence	Mrs. Colby
Mrs. McKnight	Mrs. Gaus	Mrs. Dietrichson
Mrs. Thorp	Mrs. Cobb	<del>Mrs. Paige</del>
Miss Beggin	Mrs. Ramsey	Mrs. Marble
Mrs. Spear	Mrs. McGuire	Mrs. Botsford
Mrs. Friedrich	Mrs. White	Miss Kercher
		Miss Child

Those suggested as additional members of the Minnesota delegation whom an effort should be made to interest in the Convention were:

Miss Elizabeth Owens	Miss Lusk	Mrs. Banning of Duluth
Miss Foley	Mrs. Batchelder of Faribault	Mrs. H. G. Harrison
Mrs. Burr	Mrs. Noyes	Mrs. Lilian Hall of
Mrs. Holman	Mrs. Sommers	Redwood Falls

Whether some of these persons should go as special visitors was left to the Executive Committee to determine.

#### Status of Federal Measures on League Program

Mrs. Hargreaves presented the facts as to the final action by the Senate on the World Court. She called attention to the fact that the first four reservations adopted were substantially the Harding-Hughes reservations. The fifth reservation embodying two resolutions represents the old struggle for supremacy between the Senate and the Executive. Other federal measures that are major legislative activities now are opposition to the Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment and support of an extension of time

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for the Sheppard-Towner Act.

Miss Wells asks that members of the Board immediately write to their representatives and Senators in the Congress urging their support of a renewed appropriation for Infancy and Maternity work. The time has now come for state activity in behalf of this measure similar to the support given in connection with the World Court.

A report on the Women's Industrial Conference in Washington by Mrs. James Paige was read, in her absence, by Mrs. Dietrichson. This was followed by a brief talk on the present status of our immigration policy by Mrs. W. J. Marcley. We may lose the good will of the world and arouse a dangerous hostility by continuing too long in the restrictive policy established by the Johnson Immigration Bill of July 1, 1924. Mrs. Marcley said, however, she would like to see immigration restricted in some way, for a generation at least, until we have assimilated foreign groups already admitted. The question of national quotas was only temporarily settled in 1924 and will come up again in 1927. The League of Women Voters, Mrs. Marcley thought, should bear its share in building up an enlightened public opinion on this subject.

Miss Wells reported the resignation of Mrs. John M. Gaus as chairman of the state Committee on Social Hygiene. Members of the board were agreed that no action should be taken upon Mrs. Gaus's resignation since there is no active work for her committee at the present time. Her resignation will be placed on file and she will continue as a member of the State Board.

Miss Child reported the invitation of the Ramsey County League board that the March meeting of the State Board be held in St. Paul in the Teachers' Federation Room of the Woman's City Club which has been offered to the Ramsey County League for this meeting. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Spear, that the invitation of the Ramsey County League be accepted.

Mrs. Weeks then extended an invitation to the Board to hold a midsummer meeting, preferably in July, at her summer cottage near Detroit, Minnesota. The Board acted favorably upon this invitation and the definite date will be set later.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary



# STATE BOARD MEETING

March 12th, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the headquarters of the Ramsey County League of Women Voters, 328 Cedar Street, St. Paul, on Friday, March 12th, 1926.

The meeting was called to order at 10:38 A.M., Miss Wells presiding.

The following members of the State Board were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Monahan, Miss Kercher, and Mrs. Colby. Other Minneapolis guests present were Mrs. Schafer, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Collins, and Miss Child. Members of the Ramsey County Board attending were Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. White, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Schons, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Holman, Miss Williams, and Miss Lusk. Ward Chairmen present were Mrs. Lott, Mrs. Keegan, Mrs. Fredine, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Micheud, Mrs. William Smith; there were also present Mrs. Schlick, Miss Benz, and Miss Jennings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance February 1st, of \$572.45. Total receipts during the month amounted to ~~\$1407.44~~ <sup>\$935.01</sup> of which \$517.09 was received in quotas from the several districts and \$102.75 from the "Woman Voter"; disbursements for the month totaled \$817.83 which effected a balance of \$589.61 March 1st. Mrs. Cant also read the amount in bills payable March 1st as \$892.26.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Spear, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant reported to the Board that there was a balance of \$351.00 payable on the National quota, due March 31st. Mrs. White reported that the Ramsey County League could be counted on for two \$100 national memberships, which would cut the amount to be raised to \$251.00.

Mrs. Ueland said that since only half of what is collected can be used for National quota payments, the sum actually needed is \$500.00 rather than \$250.00. She

made personal responsibility in such a crisis the basis of a plea for funds large or small. Minnesota has never failed to meet its National pledge and must not fail this year!

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

##### The Woman Voter

Miss Child reported a page and three-eighths of advertising secured for the March issue. The question of soliciting ads from candidates was brought up <sup>late in February</sup> by the printer and referred <sup>by the state League</sup> to the Executive Committee of the Ramsey County League since the primary election in St. Paul was then approaching. It decided against authorizing such solicitation and the state League Executive Committee agreed in the decision.

Miss Child made two suggestions for securing advertising in compensation to Mr. Keller:

First. Through individual effort of Board members to secure ads ~~from their~~ "intimate shops".

Second: Through special local League issues of the Voter - particularly adaptable to larger towns like Duluth and Winona - which would (1) feature the local League with a page similar to "Minneapolis Milestones"; (2) give the picture of the local president on the cover; (3) make it possible to approach local merchants for advertising in that special issue.

Both plans were well received by the board. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Cant, that each Board member <sup>attempt to secure</sup> ~~solicit~~ one advertisement for the Woman Voter.

##### Legislative Council Membership

Miss Child reported the new representatives appointed by various state organizations <sup>to the Legislative Council,</sup> as a result of her effort to bring the membership list up to date. They are: Miss Elizabeth Fish of the Minnesota Education Association; Mrs. James Paige of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs; Professor R. Justin Miller of the Minnesota Committee on Social Legislation; Miss Harriet Vance of the Y.W.C.A.;

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Mrs. F. B. Spafford of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Samuel Halpern of the Council of Jewish Women; and Mrs. K. E. Moe of the Council of Americanization Agencies. Appointments are still pending from the Minnesota Parent-Teacher Association, The Woman's Club of Minneapolis, and the Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary.

A few words of explanation about the Council were added by the Chairman. It is merely an advisory body, she said, organized by the League. Actually the League of Women Voters has accepted all its recommendations. Other organizations are free to accept or not and are never quoted as responsible for Council recommendations unless they have definitely adopted the recommendation in question. The Council does not function just as the Joint Congressional Committee does at Washington.

Miss Child recommended that the Rural Advisory Committee of the Council be checked over and that those not actively interested be replaced by new members. Mrs. Ueland suggested that a letter be sent to members of the committee and the list revised on the basis of replies received.

Mrs. Ueland reported upon the series of meetings being held by the Council to discuss the enforcement of all laws supported by the League in past legislative sessions. Three meetings have already been held and a fourth will end the series.

#### Study Groups

Miss Child stated that there are 21 study groups in the state using the "Current Questions in Government" pamphlets. She also reported that a study outline for six meetings on the Child Labor Amendment, prepared by the National League, has been sent to all our County Child Welfare chairmen asking them to form study groups. Excellent response has been received and 15 study groups are already under way. The outline was also sent to members of the Rural Advisory Committee of the Council with the same request.

Miss Wells asked for information from Board members as to comments or discussion they may have heard recently representing sentiment on the Child Labor Amendment. Objections were quoted to the wording such as "age limit being too high", etc. One woman reported an awakened recognition of the fact that much of the adverse propaganda came



from prejudiced sources. Another reported her father as having definitely changed from an unfavorable to a favorable position. Otherwise the consensus of opinion was that men in general are absolutely opposed to the amendment, with no change for the better in their attitude.

#### Wadsworth-Garrett Amendment

In the absence of Mrs. Wittich, Miss Wells reported on the Committee Hearing recently held in Washington, which Mr. Wells attended. It seems to have been considered with a good deal of favor by the Committee. Miss Wells commented on the oddity of a situation where, in the face of the most profound governmental change ever proposed, the bulk of the interest lies with women.

Miss Wells urged an interview with at least one opinion-making person by every Board member each month. The National League leaflet on the amendment may be given to those interviewed. Reports will be called for at future board meetings. There has so far been only one Associated Press release on the amendment in Minnesota. People are in general wholly uninformed.

#### National Convention

Nominations to fill two possible new national vice-presidencies were left without any action by the Board owing to lack of information concerning qualified persons available for these offices.

In connection with discussion of biennial instead of annual conventions of the National League, a letter from Miss Gladys Harrison was read reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of each plan.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Marble, second of Miss Monahan, that the State <sup>board</sup> ~~of Minnesota~~ recommend to the Convention the adoption of the biennial Convention.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Marble, that Minnesota

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recommend to the Convention that the Council be enlarged and that its meetings be held annually.

Miss Wells urged the importance of attendance at the Convention Committee Conferences by state chairman, and of choosing highly capable substitutes in the event of their not being able to attend. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Spear, that the Executive Committee, in consultation with the state chairmen, select delegates to represent ~~the~~ absent chairmen at the National Convention.

Miss Wells referred to the discussion at the last board meeting on retaining the Minimum Wage in the legislative program of the Committee on Women in Industry. Miss Kercher was asked to review the court decisions that affect this law. A letter from Miss Carroll, national League committee chairman, to Mrs. Dietrichson was read saying, "I don't know what I think about the idea of legislative support of the principle of the Minimum Wage" until the personnel of the Supreme Court changes".

Mrs. Bryan reported the Minneapolis League's recommendation to have the Minimum Wage again included under items for legislation in the National Plan of Work. The State Board again ~~went~~ <sup>placing</sup> on record as favoring the ~~return~~ of the Minimum Wage under legislative recommendations on the National Program.

Plans for the National Convention Delegation included Miss Child's statement of rates and estimates of total expenses and Miss Wells' roll call of board members on attendance which resulted in Mrs. Marble, Mrs. White, Mrs. Bryan, <sup>Mrs. Dowling,</sup> ~~Miss Wells,~~ and Miss Jennings being placed on <sup>the</sup> list of delegates.

#### YOUNG VOTERS

#### Report of Miss Ely's Tour

Miss Child reported on Miss Ely's trip to Minnesota, which included visits to Winona, /Rochester, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud, Duluth and Moorhead. College Leagues were organized at Winona and Moorhead.

Mrs. Schlick reported on Miss Ely's visit in St. Paul where three important meetings were held: luncheon at the St. Paul for Old and New Voters, the Hamline

Chapel Meeting for college ~~girls~~<sup>students</sup>, the meeting at the Agricultural College for University girls in the Home Economics Department.

Mrs. Bryan reported Miss Ely's Minneapolis visit during which there took place a dinner for 100 Y.W.C.A. and other working girls, a luncheon for 20 Junior League girls at the home of Mrs. McKnight, and a tea at Mrs. Wittich's home for a group of 70 University girls.

Mrs. Spear reported Miss Ely's visit to Duluth where the Board members gave a luncheon for her and where a dinner was planned for 150 college and business girls.

#### List of Women in Public Office

Mrs. C. E. Schafer read an interesting report of Women in Public Office in Minnesota based on inquiries sent out to 87 counties, 65 of which have replied. The report is not yet completed.

#### Renewal of Sheppard-Towner Act

Before requesting action in support of the renewal of the Sheppard-Towner Act, Miss Wells read entertaining extracts from the printed record of the Hearing of the House Committee on the ~~Sheppard-Towner~~ Act.

Miss Wells then urged the members of the Board to write their Senators and have others write regarding the support of the renewal of this Act.

Miss Child stated that a mimeographed statement on the Sheppard-Towner Act is now ready to be sent out to all local Leagues for their information and use in stimulating group action, letters, etc.

#### New Business

The resignation of Mrs. Harley Treloar was read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Dowling, that Mrs. Treloar's resignation as First District Vice-President be accepted with regret.

A letter from Mrs. Cavanor regarding appointment of a representative to the Advisory Committee for the Women's Department of the Minnesota State Fair was read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Marble, that the Executive Committee make the appointment.



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A plan for promoting <sup>the naming</sup> ~~inclusion~~ of women in local jury panels was proposed by Miss Monahan who recommended a systematic inquiry at county seats by local Leagues to determine whether women's names are really handed in or simply not used when drawn.

Mrs. Dowling reported for Renville County that women are on jury panels in every term of Court.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

## STATE BOARD MEETING

May 21, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. O. M. Botsford in Winona on Friday, May 21st. There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Spear, Miss Beggin and Miss Child. Members of the Winona League Board and other invited guests present were Mrs. O. M. Botsford, Mrs. O. F. Burlingame, Mrs. Mary K. Swain, Mrs. E. S. Selle, Mrs. E. G. Ward, Mrs. G. E. Maxwell, Mrs. John Shannon, Mrs. D. E. Tawney, Mrs. R. E. Seaton, Mrs. J. D. Morrison, Mrs. L. L. Brown, Mrs. George Winters, Mrs. W. D. Abbott, and Mrs. John W. Murdock (Wabasha). Others attending the afternoon session were Dean Florence Richards and Mrs. Simmers of the State Teachers College, Mrs. Milton Spencer, state chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. O. A. Bierce.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M., Miss Wells presiding.

### Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported that the quota to the National League of Women Voters for 1925-26 was paid in full, and that \$180.00 has been paid on the current national League quota, which amounts to \$162.00 per month.

The bank balance April 1 was \$548.92 and receipts during April were \$1228.98, of which \$669.59 represents quotas from local Leagues. Disbursements for April were \$1119.75, leaving a bank balance May of of \$658.15. Bills payable May 1 amounted to \$613.88, this including only current bills. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. McKnight, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills payable allowed.

As May 1 marked the end of the first half of the state League fiscal year, Mrs. Cant made a brief statement on the total receipts and expenditures for that period. It has been possible to keep within the budget figures for expenditures, and it has also been possible to raise, to a very considerable extent, the funds counted upon to meet the budget. The amount received from quotas is within \$300 of the estimated

figure. She called attention to the fact that only 27 percent of the total budget is expected to be raised by quotas from local Leagues, the balance of the budget being supplied by receipts from Woman Voter subscriptions, sale of printed material, special money-raising activities (such as Woman Citizen drives and the state share of income from productions of "The Last Word") together with donations and national League memberships from individual contributors. Mrs. Cant spoke of the fact that the Minneapolis League has waived its right to credit for one-half the national memberships customarily applied upon the local League quota. She also reminded the board of its action in voting that national memberships may be solicited by the state League in any community in the state, with the knowledge and cooperation of the local League.

Mrs. Ueland, chairman of the Finance Committee responsible for raising \$1600 in the current budget, made a plea for constantly increasing the number of small contributors to the League, those who pay memberships of three to five dollars. This is the democratic way to support the League and assure its continuance.

The necessity of planning definitely to pay the state quota to the national League in monthly installments during the coming year was urged by the chair. This has always been a goal in the payment of the national quota, but it has not always been possible to live up to it, the result being that a desperate effort has been necessary just before the national League convention in the spring to pay the quota in full and thus qualify for the honor roll announced at convention. The necessity of urging similar monthly payments to the state by local Leagues was mentioned as a necessary part of the plan. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Cant, that the state League make a special effort this year to keep up monthly quota payments to the national League. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mes. Spear, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the <sup>state office</sup> ~~president~~ be authorized to send a letter to local Leagues ~~in the state~~ urging their cooperation in the plan of monthly quota payments. Mrs. McGuire suggested that the letter be sent to the finance chairman in Leagues where they exist.



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# The Minnesota Woman Voter

Miss Child reviewed the facts as to the present arrangement for publishing the Woman Voter and urged the help of board members just at this time, in securing ads. The agreement with the printer calls for no such assistance but it is important that the plan be saved from failure since, under ~~the present plan~~<sup>it</sup>, the budget is relieved of an expense amounting to approximately eleven hundred dollars a year. Mrs. Woodward Colby has secured two ads for the June issue of the Voter, and similar help from other board members may make the difference between success and failure.

Mention was again made of the suggestion that local advertising be secured for a special issue of the Voter devoted to a certain local League. Miss Child suggested that, if the State Board goes to Detroit for the July board meeting, it might be possible to make the July issue a Duluth League number and try to secure ads from Duluth and other vacation places in the northern part of the state.

## Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. McGuire reported for the Fourth District. She told of very successful candidates' meeting and the publication of a civic handbook for St. Paul before the May city election. She also explained the plan of supplying each ward chairman with a "kit" containing special printed material on the program, together with the names of the representatives of the ward in Congress and in the state legislature, showing their votes upon measures in which the League was interested. Legislative measures supported or opposed by the League in the last state legislature are also recorded for the information of the ward chairman.

Mrs. McKnight reported for the Fifth District, explaining the plan of doing intensive Get-Out-The-Vote work in the two weakest voting precincts in every ward in the city before the June 21 primary. She reported that the Minneapolis League has made arrangements with the W.C.C.O. radio station to broadcast talks by all candidates for governor the evening of June 14 and suggested that local Leagues in the state and neighborhood groups in the cities form radio parties to hear the talks. Finkelstein and Ruben has consented to donate movie trailers with voting slogans supplied by the

Minneapolis League for use in connection with all moving pictures ten days before the primary. A luncheon for candidates for Congress is planned on June 17.

Mrs. Spear reported for the Eighth District that a League Study Group affiliated with the Duluth League is functioning in Carleton and that there seems every indication that this group will later develop into a local League. She will follow up plans for the organization of a similar Study Group in Cloquet. Mrs. Spear also reported the ceremonious burning of the note that has long been an obligation of the Duluth League and the existence of a surplus of some two hundred dollars at present in the Duluth League treasury.

Winona League - Mrs. Botsford reported the cooperation of the Winona League in plans for the first registration day in Winona under the Permanent Registration Law and explained that League women aided registration clerks in every ward in the city but one.

First and Second Districts - The chair called attention to the fact that there are vacancies in the chairmanships of the First and Second Districts which it is the duty of the board to fill.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Beggin reported the organization of New Leagues in Wayzata and Atwater since the last board meeting and the reorganization of the Northfield League and of a Study League in Moorhead. Inactive Leagues which it is hoped may be reorganized in the near future are Stillwater, Robbinsdale, and Buffalo. Miss Beggin has talked upon the St. Louis convention at special League meetings in West St. Paul, Columbia Heights, and Jordan.

Miss Beggin recommended that the Norwood League be dropped from the local League list. She explained that the woman who gave the best leadership in the local group has moved out of the state, and there is no one to take her place. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Hargreaves that the NORWOOD LEAGUE BE DROPPED as recommended.

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### Young Voters

Miss Beggin reported that talks to college seniors have been made as follows:

St. Olaf's - Miss Beggin talked to a special meeting of senior girls on May 14.  
Winona - Mrs. Hargreaves addressed the college assembly on May 21.  
Carleton - Mrs. Hargreaves is to address the students on May 23.  
Moorhead - Arrangements will be made by the college League for a speaker (if one can be supplied) May 24-27

Miss Beggin also reported the organization of a college League of Women Voters at Hamline University following a tea arranged by Dean More in the Mankor House on April 9. This makes the fourth college in which definite organization has been effected. Others where it is expected that college Leagues will be organized before the close of the present term are the Mankato State Teachers College, and Macalester College in St. Paul.

Mrs. McKnight suggested the use in Young Voter groups of a plan reported by Miss Wright, formerly executive secretary in Wisconsin. This is in the form of a breakfast menu with information supplied by the Living Costs Committee under the general caption "Uncle Sam Serves Breakfast." Mrs. McKnight has the material to use in presenting this material to YoungVoter groups and thinks it would interest them greatly.

### Department of Public Welfare in Government

Mrs. Ueland reported upon the status of the Sheppard-Towner Act in the Senate and upon other federal measures that are active issues in the national League program of this department - government operation of Muscle Shoals; the federal Department of Education and opposition to the so-called Equal Rights amendment.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M. and was re-convened at the Hotel Winona at 3:30P.M. following a post-convention luncheon there under the auspices of the Winona League.

The chair called attention to ratification of the Child Labor Amendment as a federal issue that is now the concern of the states. Those present were requested to report upon sentiment on the amendment in local communities as indicated in discussions heard in the last months. The statements made brought out the following facts:



that there is still much misunderstanding of the facts; that there is some - but not much - discussion of the amendment;; that League members need to be supplied with specific information to use in meeting objections.

It was stated by the chair that plans for the introduction of the amendment into the next Minnesota legislature are not yet definitely made, but that in the continuous educational work of the League for the amendment we should have in mind two aims: first, that every League member should be able to answer all false objections to the amendment; second, that conscientious and intelligent people shall at least be given the opportunity of knowing the correct facts on this subject. She said that in her experience a considerable body of opinion opposed to the amendment was based on ignorance of the facts and that we should somehow change this situation so that only those opposed to the amendment after knowing the facts are in the opposition. A plan for a sketch in dialogue to be placed in the hands of League members for use during the summer at porch parties and afternoon gatherings was outlined. Miss Wells has already prepared the first draft of such a sketch involving four characters: the farmer father, the League mother, a lawyer son from the city, and a daughter running for the legislature. Great interest in the proposed material and conviction of its value and usefulness was expressed by board members.

#### Review of Current Periodicals

Mrs. Cant reported the suggestion made by Mrs. Wittich that members of the board each assume responsibility for reading certain periodicals in order to call attention to anything of particular significance bearing upon the League program. The periodicals suggested with the names of those volunteering to review them each month are:

U.S. Daily	Mrs. Wittich
Manchester Guardian	Mrs. Bierce of Winona
Yale Review	Miss Wells
Springfield Republican	Mrs. Simmers of Winona
New York World	Mrs. Hargreaves
The Nation	Miss Beggin
The New Republic	Mrs. McKnight
The Natl. Municipal Review	Mrs. McGuire
Minnesota Municipalities	Miss Child
Annals of the Academy of Political Science	Mrs. Hargreaves
Nation's Business	Miss Wells
American Mercury	Mrs. Wittich
Minnesota Law Review	Mrs. Spear
Current History	No one volunteered

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Mrs. McKnight suggested adding Harpers magazine to the list and volunteered to review it.

### State Convention

Mrs. Spear reported the invitation of the Duluth League to hold the annual state convention of the League in Duluth. She reported that Mrs. Pary, vice-chairmen of the Duluth League, has inquired as to dates and that the week of October 4 is a possible week so far as other meetings in Duluth are concerned. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second of Mrs. Cant, that the invitation of the Duluth League for the state convention be accepted and that the convention be held during the week beginning October 4.

### State and County Fair Exhibits

Miss Child reported that the first county fairs are held the end of June and that it is not too early to begin work upon plans for League exhibits at the state fair as well as at county fairs. Mrs. McGuire suggested Mrs. Woodward Colby as an excellent chairman for the state fair exhibit committee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Ueland, that Mrs. Colby be asked to accept appointment as chairman of the State Fair Exhibit Committee.

Miss Child reported that Mrs. Shafer has now finished her very complete report on Women in Public Office in Minnesota and that she has expressed her willingness to undertake a new piece of work for the state League. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second of Mrs. Spear, that Mrs. Shafer be asked to accept appointment as chairman of the County Fair Exhibit Committee.

### Report of Women in Public Office

Miss Child reported the forwarding of Mrs. Shafer's report to Washington and the receipt of a letter from Miss Gladys Harrison acknowledging the report and commenting upon its excellence with the statement that such reports have been received from only three states, Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, ~~and that Minnesota's report is quite the best of the three.~~

### Candidates' Questionnaires

The Executive Committee met recently and decided against sending out the usual

questionnaire to candidates for Congress before the primary election on June 21. Questionnaires addressed to candidates for both state and congressional office will therefore be sent out following the date of the primary and will be used in connection with the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign for the November 2 General Election.

Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War

Mrs. Hargreaves called attention to the abandonment of the National Defense Day by the U. S. War Department as the result of the antagonism aroused by the effort to celebrate such a day. She reviewed the facts as to the preliminary conference on disarmament among the nations and emphasized the responsibility of America as a member of this conference. Mrs. Hargreaves also called attention to the plan for a conference of jurists arranged by the League of Nations to consider reservations in connection with American entry into the World Court.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem



## STATE BOARD MEETING

June 11, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Mrs. McKnight's cabin at Criss Cross Farm, Lake Minnetonka on Friday, June 11, 1926. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 A.M., Miss Wells presiding.

The following were present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Lusk, Miss Monahan, Miss Beggin, and Miss Child.

By consent the reading of the minutes was postponed until after consideration of a question upon which the chair wished immediate action; namely, the decision as to what request should be submitted to the national League for the attendance of a national officer at the state convention. A tentative request for Miss Hauser was made by the chair at the time of the post-convention board meeting in St. Louis. Since then word has been received that Mrs. Harris T. Baldwin will make a speaking tour in the west in the fall making her available for Minnesota in combination with another state in the Fifth Region. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second of Miss Lusk that formal request for the attendance of Miss Hauser at the Minnesota state convention be made.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read by Mrs. Hargreaves. Mrs. Wittich reported that Mrs. Friedrich has offered to review Current History in the list of periodicals. Following the suggestion by the chair that the Christian Science Monitor should be included in the list, Miss Lawrence volunteered to find someone in St. Cloud to review it.

### Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich reported a bank balance the 1st of May of \$658.15, receipts during the month of May totalling \$776.35, of which \$398.58 was in quotas from local Leagues, making a total of ~~balance and~~

~~receipts of~~ \$1434.50. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$770.24, leaving a bank balance June 1 of \$664.26. Bills payable June 1 amounted to \$630.36. Mrs. Wittich also reported that it is necessary to send in to the National treasurer \$181.00 during the month of June to bring the monthly quota payments up to date.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

#### Duluth Number of the Woman Voter

A letter from Mrs. Spear of Duluth was read announcing the decision of the Duluth League Board to undertake to secure advertising for the July issue of the Woman Voter as a Duluth number, in accordance with the suggestion made at a previous board meeting. Help such as this, the chair said, will mean much in saving the plan by which the Voter is an asset instead of a liability in the budget.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Beggin reported visits made to St. Charles in Winona County to confer as to the possibility of organizing a League, to Rochester for a conference with the chairman of the Study Group there, ~~to Atwater for a League organization meeting~~, to Robbinsdale, Stillwater, and Kenyon in connection with plans for reorganizing the local League. Mrs. McKnight reported having received an invitation from the College Club in Rochester for a talk in September. It was suggested that if Mrs. McKnight goes to Rochester, the local Study Group might plan to have her meet with them, and Miss Beggin was asked to write Miss Farr to this effect.

#### Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. McKnight reported upon plans in Minneapolis for work in support of the proposed city charter and for precinct get-out-the-vote work in which Young Voters will be used.

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Miss Lusk reported upon the agitation for the city manager plan of government in St. Paul. Appointments of department chairmen in the Ramsey County League will be made on June 18. The League is planning for a candidates' meeting at which congressional candidates will be heard.

Mrs. Dowling reported no news for the Seventh District.

The resignation of Miss Mary Warren as Tenth District Chairman was reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Wittich, that her resignation be accepted with regret.

#### State Convention

There was discussion of the exact dates in the week of October 4 to be named for the convention. Miss Lawrence advised that Saturday would be the best day for a luncheon at which delegates of college Leagues might be present. Word is expected from Duluth as to whether the end of the week is a good time for the convention, from the viewpoint of the local League.

The problem of securing delegations from the colleges in the state for attendance at convention was discussed. Miss Lawrence suggested that if it is known at the beginning of the college year that such attendance is desired, it may be possible to plan for it before other activities are started. Mrs. McKnight suggested that speakers be sent to the various colleges in September to interest students in the convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Hargreaves, second of Mrs. McKnight that Mrs. Gaus be named chairman of a special committee to plan for the Young Voter session at the convention. It was suggested that Miss Florence Harrison who arranged for the national convention New Voter session might be consulted by letter.

The following recommendations for the convention Program Committee were reported from the Executive Committee: Mrs. Wittich, chairman; Mrs. McKnight; Miss Josephine Benz of St. Paul; Miss Wells; and Miss Child. In addition the chair reported having requested Mrs. Roulo to recommend Duluth women to serve upon the



committee. She named Mrs. Marble and Mrs. Spear. Miss Lusk recommended the appointment of Mrs. Ramsey as the St. Paul member. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lawrence, that the board approve the appointment upon the Program Committee of those named, with the addition of Mrs. Gaus.

Attention was called by the chair to the need of special work in the Eighth District to assure attendance at the convention. Board members who may be in that part of the state during the summer were asked to assist in every way possible to arouse interest in the convention.

#### Young Voters

Miss Beggin reported the recommendations formulated by Miss Child and herself upon follow-up of college seniors interested in the League by talks at St. Olaf's and the Winona State Teachers' College during May. They were:

- 1) That a letter be sent to each student enclosing a sample copy of the Woman Voter and a subscription blank and
- 2) That a reply postal be enclosed asking for volunteer assistance in county fair exhibits during the summer.
- 3) That League chairmen be given the names of girls whose homes are in the local League community.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Monahan, that these recommendations be approved for action.

#### Report on Legislation Council

In the absence of Mrs. Ueland, Miss Child reported the plan for consideration of the legislative program by the Council in four meetings from June through September as follows:

1. Educational measures
2. Measures affecting women in industry
3. A Family Court measure and proposals affecting the marriage and adultery laws.
4. Child Welfare measures.

Miss Child further reported the resignation from the Rural Advisory Committee of the Council of Mrs. Froelich of Thief River Falls, Mrs. Willard Bayliss of Chishom, and Mrs. <sup>H. J.</sup> ~~Paul~~ Bailey of St. Paul Park. The desirability of recommending to the Council the appointment of three members in their places was discussed.

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Suggestions were made of Mrs. Harrigan of Stillwater (by Miss Beggin) and of Mrs. Morton of Sauk Center (by Miss Lawrence). IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Wittich, that no recommendation be made to the Council until the individuals suggested have been interviewed and their interest in Council membership assured.

#### County Fair Exhibit

A conference called by Mrs. C. E. Shafer, chairman of the County Fair Exhibit Committee, was reported by Miss Child. The opinions of board members present was secured upon various suggestions for the exhibit, to be reported to the committee by Miss Child.

#### Candidates' Questionnaires

Attention was called by the chair to the decision to postpone the sending of questionnaires to candidates until after the primary election. Board members were asked to submit, before the end of June, questions which they recommend for inclusion in the questionnaire.

#### Child Labor Amendment Dialogue

The four parts of the dialogue prepared by Miss Wells dealing with the Child Labor Amendment were read aloud <sup>by</sup> with Miss Monahan, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Hargreaves, and Mrs. Wittich. There followed discussion of the question of preparing the material for distribution. The opinion was expressed by several members that it should be printed rather than mimeographed in order to make possible its widespread distribution. Mrs. Bennett suggested submitting the material to the Good Housekeeping magazine which has given vigorous support to ratification of the Amendment. Others suggested the Woman's Home Companion or Colliers' as a magazine that might publish it with the possibility of securing reprints. The chair reported that copies of the dialogue have already been sent to the national League for consideration by the Executive Committee, meeting next week. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Hargreaves emphasized the importance of making the material available for use during the summer.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bennett, second of Miss Monahan, that the suggestion of placing the material with a magazine be forwarded to the national League with the understanding that early publication must be assured; ~~this summer~~ and that the national League be asked to report, immediately following the Executive Committee meeting, whether it ~~can~~ wishes to make a plan for publishing the material in the near future and that, otherwise, it be asked to return the material for publication by the Minnesota League.

#### Report upon Special Material

The chair reviewed the facts connected with the decision of the International Suffrage Alliance, meeting in Paris, to refuse membership to the Woman's Party. The report of the U. S. Women's Bureau upon the special committee for the investigation of the results of protective legislation for women was then reviewed by Mrs. Gaus. Extracts from the speech of Mr. Edgerton, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, to the conference group called together in January by the U. S. Women's Bureau were read by Miss Monahan. She ~~was also requested to~~ read the article by Mrs. F. C. Bursch of Connecticut entitled "Who is Madam Kollontai?" prepared in refutation of unfounded charges <sup>made</sup> by Mr. Edgerton and in articles published in the Dearborn Independent, that women's organizations have been under the dominating influence of this Russian writer. Various members of the board expressing an interest in having copies of both the Edgerton and Bursch reprints, Miss Child was asked to order 12 of each.

The chair called attention to the excellent article by Henry W. Farnam in the April number of the Yale Review entitled "Law, Liberty and Progress" of which the Minnesota League has one hundred reprints as a donation from Mr. Farnam. The chair asked that those present prepare a carefully selected list of four or five influential men to whom the reprint <sup>may</sup> ~~might~~ be mailed with a personal letter, and Miss Child was asked to supply the necessary copies when the



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lists are received. In the meantime, a copy of the reprint will be mailed to members present.

July Board Meeting

No recent word has been received from Mrs. Weeks in regard to a possible July board meeting in Detroit. The chair reported Mrs. Bennett's invitation to the board that it hold a summer meeting at her home. The decision as to the July meeting was left to the Executive Committee, to be made after hearing from Mrs. Weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem

## STATE BOARD MEETING

July 9, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Detroit, Minnesota, on Friday, July 9th, 1926. Owing to a heavy railfall, the roads to Mrs. Weeks' summer home were impassable and Mrs. L J Norby kindly offered her home for the board meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m., Miss Wells presiding. Members of the State Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Colby. Miss Child and Miss Beggin were also present. Members of the Detroit Board present at the morning session were Mrs. L J Norby, Mrs. H D Shove, Mrs. R J Lindberg, Mrs. H Langslet, Mrs. F W Laing, Mrs. Paul Paulson, Mrs. E A Rosenquist, Mrs. A T Anderson and Mrs. A C Quigley. Other members of the Detroit League attended the meeting after luncheon, and Mrs. Ritteman, Mrs. Bue and Mrs. S Berghheim of Hawley also attended the afternoon session. There were twenty-nine persons present for the afternoon.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McKnight read the treasurer's report. The balance June 1st was \$664.24. Receipts during the month totalled \$922.80, of which \$423.38 was in quotas received from local leagues. Expenditures totalled \$1009.93, leaving a balance of \$577.11 July 1st. Bills payable July 1st were reported as amounting to \$470.43, of which \$347.50 was in salaries.

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

Miss Wells spoke of the different services rendered local leagues by headquarters (form letters, literature, etc.) in order that a close contact may be maintained between the state and local organizations, all of which make for expenditure of state funds; for which funds the state is, in turn, dependent

upon local Leagues. The result is that an incoming check, particularly a quota check from a local League, is a matter of celebration at headquarters. Mrs. Weeks, speaking for the Detroit Board, promised that Detroit would set a good example to other leagues and endeavor to pay its quota in monthly installments.

At the request of Mrs. Laing, treasurer of the Detroit League, Miss Child explained special items in the Treasurer's Report, particularly "office maintenance".

#### Woman Voter Report

Miss Child summed up the experiment of having the Woman Voter printed on its advertising as a dubious success. She again urged individuals to solicit advertisements and particularly hoped that other local Leagues would undertake to be responsible for the advertising in certain issues of the magazine featuring their local organization, as did Duluth.

The plan of having some Board member act as general chairman of advertising, to cooperate with the printer to the extent of securing other Board members to do intensive work on each issue's advertising was suggested by Miss Child.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Colby, that Mrs. McGuire be asked to serve as such a chairman.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Beggin reported no field trips since the last meeting. She gave a very interesting summary, however, of the work of the last two years, during which time the whole state has been covered, with the result that there are today fifty functioning local Leagues in Minnesota. Almost as often as the League has sought out the town, the town has sought the League, she said, citing Atwater as a noteworthy example of a League beginning on its own initiative.



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In response to Miss Wells' question as to what first interests women in the League, Miss Beggin answered unqualifiedly "National measures". It was the consensus of opinion of those present that interest in national problems inspired by current reading (and greatly stimulated during the last few months by study of the Current Questions in Government series) did generally form women's early interest in the League. Miss Wells remarked that since National issues rarely involve a personal issue, they undoubtedly serve as the best beginning League training, holding state and local problems for a day when the power to be unprejudiced has been developed.

#### Reports of District Chairmen

In the Fourth District Mrs. Colby reported for Miss Lusk that the Ramsey County League will follow the plan of the National organization in assigning to each of its new vice-presidents one of the five main departments of League work. International Cooperation to Prevent War, Efficiency in Government and Public Welfare in Government will be headed by Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Colby and Mrs. White respectively. The Departments of Finance and Organization will be headed by Mrs. Noyes and Mrs. Smith. Miss Lusk's report of appointments for the various chairmen and vice-chairmen under the department heads was read. The pre-Primary work in Ramsey County consisted of one large meeting, where the nine candidates for Congress spoke, and a systematic telephoning to get out the vote.

Mrs. McKnight reported for the Minneapolis League that they have broadcasted a gubernatorial pre-Primary program over the radio, they used get-out-the-vote "trailers" in the motion picture theatres, and that young voters had worked in the precincts in the get out the vote campaign.

She then told of the hard work in the lost campaign for a City Manager charter in Minneapolis, involving a house-to-house canvass in many wards. Miss Wells spoke of this campaign for the charter as being a brilliant example of the

way the League works, entailing as it did years of careful study on an issue, than an organized attempt at realizing it.

In the Ninth District, Mrs. Weeks reported that their get out the vote work in Detroit had resulted in the largest vote ever polled. She told graphically of the great extent of territory her one district covered. Apropos of Mrs. McKnight's story of the City Manager Charter campaign, Mrs. Weeks told of her interesting meeting with Mrs. Landis, Mayor of Seattle, who favored a City Manager form of government despite its meaning her own loss of office.

At the request of Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Norby gave an amusing account of the first candidates' meeting in Detroit, over which she presided.

For the part of the Ninth District around Hawley, Mrs. Ritteman reported considerable interest in the primaries and an awakened interest in politics generally since the League organized in Hawley.

Miss Wells spoke, stressing the fact that in League work, program alone is not enough; it is essential that organization balance with program."

#### Department and Committee Reports

In the absence of Mrs. Hargreaves, Mrs. Weeks read her report for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, giving the most recent developments in international affairs. Mrs. Hargreaves mentioned particularly Prof. Quigley's trip, with forty other professors of international relations, as guests of the Carnegie Endowment Fund, visiting Paris, the Hague and Geneva. Prof. Quigley has agreed to give a course of four lectures on his return, and the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues will cooperate with the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association in giving this course.

In the absence of Mrs. Wittich, Miss Wells reported on the "big work" of the Department of Efficiency in Government, the influence it brought to bear in securing state reorganization in Minnesota. She credited Mrs. Marcley and Mrs. Wittich as being largely responsible for the League's success in this endeavor.

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No report was given for the Department of Public Welfare in Government, but the resignations of Mrs. Bertha Dahl Laws, as Living Costs chairman, and Mrs. Eugene Dieudonne, as Child Welfare chairman, were reported by Miss Child with the recommendation of the Executive Committee that they be accepted by the State Board.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the recommendation of the Executive Committee to accept the resignations of Mrs. Laws and Mrs. Dieudonne be ratified.

Several names were suggested as possibilities for successors, including Mrs. Donald Carman, of Park Rapids, who was suggested by Miss Beggin for Living Costs chairman. Mrs. W L Taylor, Jr., was suggested by Mrs. Rosenquist, and Mrs. J M Bishop of Thief River Falls by a Detroit member as possibilities for Child Welfare chairman.

#### Sheppard-Towner Act

Miss Wells spoke of the recent failure of Congress to re-appropriate funds to carry out the provisions of the Infancy and Maternity Act. Although the House took favorable action, the Senate failed to act. It will, however, remain on the Senate Calendar and if early action can be secured in the next session, state legislatures may still be assured of federal aid in this worthy work. She urged League members to write their senators during the summer, expressing their approval of the measure and their reasons for desiring its continuation.

#### Legislative Council Work

For the benefit of the members of the Detroit Board, Miss Child told of the organization of the Legislative Council. Membership upon the Council is by representatives officially appointed by state-wide organizations of women and a few outstanding city organizations concerned with legislation and not by individuals



selected by the League of Women Voters. It is expected that these representatives will suggest for consideration by the Council such measures as are of particular interest to the organization they represent and that they will report back to their respective organizations matters of interest to them that may be discussed in the Council, as well as the final legislative program recommended for support in the legislature. There is, however, no commitment on the part of member organizations to any legislative measures discussed or recommended by the Council except upon official action by that organization in connection with its own legislative program. Since no other organization than the League has ever accepted all its recommendations, it can really be said to be the official body which formulates the legislative program for the League of Women Voters.

#### Questionnaires to Candidates

The questionnaire prepared for the candidates for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and State Legislature was read by the secretary.

#### League Exhibits at State and County Fairs

Mrs. Colby, chairman of the State Fair Exhibit Committee, reported that a meeting was held July 6th at her home. Sub-chairmen were appointed to provide daily attendants at the booth, to provide transportation for the properties of the booth, and to execute the plan of depicting some national legislative measure supported by the League, preferably the Child Labor Amendment.

Miss Child reported regarding the tentative plan for the county fair exhibits, which will feature the get-out-the-vote campaign.

#### State Convention

Miss Wells reported for Mrs. Wittich, general convention chairman, that the program committee is doing its best to secure good speakers on the subjects that it is necessary to take up at this convention.

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IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the convention be held in Duluth the 7th, 8th and 9th of October.

The Program Committee's tentative plans were reported by Miss Child as including a reception for delegates at the home of some Duluth member; a meeting addressed by the three candidates for governor; an automobile ride in and around Duluth, the annual President's Address; a speech by Prof. Gaus of the University of Minnesota, a breakfast for young voters, and the annual gala-finance luncheon.

Miss Wells stressed the subject of attendance, and asked that every one present at the meeting attend herself and urge others to attend. Miss Child asked whether reports read by delegates might stimulate a more personal interest in the Conventions, and it was the consensus of opinion that the absence of long and tiresome reports was one of the distinguishing things about the League convention programs, and to change it would mean a decrease rather than an increase of delegates, save for those who had to go to present their reports.

#### Other Business

Actual business of the meeting was finished at 3:45 when Miss Wells turned the meeting over to Mrs. Weeks, in order that she and the other board members from Minneapolis might catch the four o'clock train. The Child Labor Amendment dialogue was read by four members of the Detroit Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
August 13, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Andreas Ueland, Calhoun Boulevard and Richfield Road, Minneapolis.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M., Miss Wells Presiding. Members of the State Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Glasco, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Spear, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Collins and the following Mpls. members: Mrs. Paige, and Mrs. Colby. There were also present Miss Child, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Bessessen, Mrs. Chalmers, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Lonergren, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Merrill, and Miss Jeffrey. Mrs. Charles Short was a visitor from Montana. Miss Marguerite Owen of the National League staff and Mrs. A. F. Mellon, chairman of the Columbia Heights League, were also present.

Treasurer's Report

*Correction of date here.*

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich read the treasurer's report, showing a balance <sup>July 1st.</sup> June 1 of \$577.13. Receipts during the month amounted to \$497.17, making a total of \$1,074.30. Disbursements amounted to \$766.50, leaving a balance of \$307.80 <sup>Aug 1st.</sup> July 1. Bills payable were reported as amounting to \$389.50. ~~Mrs. Wittich then reported having just received \$100.00 from the Minneapolis League which effected a balance on hand of \$407.80, covering all bills.~~

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

Miss Wells spoke of the \$162.00 monthly quota to the National as having been forwarded in June and July. Henceforth, she said, Minnesota will be among the few record states making regular quota payments each month.

There followed an interesting report by Mrs. Wittich of the number of local Leagues, by districts, having made full quota payments to the state.



### Woman Voter Report

Mrs. Colby reported on her experience in securing advertising for the August number. She asked other members to attempt it for future issues and particularly urged that the Board patronize the advertisers. Several board members promised to deal with certain firms in the near future. Mrs. Bryan said she would willingly secure "ads" for the September number in Minneapolis and Mrs. Colby said she would try again in St. Paul.

### Reports of District Chairmen

Miss Lusk reported for the Fourth District that intensive organization work is being carried on in St. Paul by Miss Jennings who called on leading ward women every afternoon during July with much success and will continue her organization work through August and possibly September. Miss Lusk further reported the scheduling of candidates' meetings for each ward with one large downtown meeting planned for the candidates for governor.

"Our most important problem is money raising in every ward", she said. "There must be many more two dollar League memberships secured and one hundred percent subscription to the 'Woman Voter'."

Mrs. Bryan reported for the Fifth District that she had been calling the entire membership on the telephone this summer. The results have been most satisfactory. Members have expressed their preferences among the activities suggested to them. Several new study groups will be added to the growing list. Many have expressed a desire to attend convention and other such activities.

She also reported on renewed efforts in ward organization with an attempt to divide the wards into districts, each with a representative on a ward executive committee.

~~She further reported~~

Mrs. Spear reported for the Eighth District that Mrs. Roule of Duluth has completed her appointments of committee heads. The department heads have practically completed their respective outlines for the year's work, she

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added. The Department of Efficiency in Government will hold a weekly course of lectures on "Taxation" in November and a series of lectures on City Government including the City Manager Plan, in February; while the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War has weekly lectures scheduled for January. The immediate work at hand in the district, is to get in better touch with the range women, by means of personal visits which are being planned for September. She concluded with the plan of her district to pay the state regularly each month. "If not the full quota, at least a definite amount at a definite time", she said.

Mrs. Glasco reported for the THIRD DISTRICT the plan to use the dialogue on the Child Labor Amendment at small gatherings saying these groups were the potential study groups of the coming year.

Miss Wells reported for Rochester in the FIRST DISTRICT that the Mayo Clinic study group met with her at luncheon, where she promised them a study outline for this fall and winter.

Miss Child read a letter from Monticello which reported an interesting meeting where Miss Lawrence spoke on the Federal Education Bill.

#### State and County Fair Exhibits

Mrs. Collins reported for Mrs. C. E. Shafer, county fair exhibit chairman, on the number of fairs where the League would be represented. She displayed the original posters designed by Miss Olive Boe, the National League posters and the fliers to be used at all fairs.

Miss Lusk said she would arrange to have a League exhibit at the Ramsey County Fair, August 26-29.

Mrs. Colby submitted tentative plans for the State Fair exhibit; in which exhibit it was decided to feature only such legislative needs as could be "supported" by printed League material - (to be available at the booth). Two such types, namely Child Labor, and Maternity and Infancy legislation, were approved for portrayal, as a way to stimulate interest in voting,

"keeping the importance of the vote the motif of the exhibit, of course", she said.

#### Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign

The need of an immediate letter to local Leagues suggesting Get-Out-The-Vote activities for the next two months was mentioned by Miss Wells. She reported a recent communication from Miss Sherwin mentioning the plan of the American Legion to carry on Get-Out-The-Vote work through their local units this fall and suggesting that it will be necessary to instruct local Leagues in regard to cooperation with Legion posts.

The use of the National League vote posters on bulletin boards and in shop windows was suggested. Mrs. Ueland urged the house-to-house canvass as the most important means of getting out the vote. Candidates' meetings were discussed and it was agreed that classes for voters, even more elemental than the One Day Schools for Voters held two years ago, would be valuable in local communities and in city wards.

Mrs. Spear expressed the opinion that the questionnaires stimulated candidates to take stock of themselves more conscientiously than they otherwise might and asked if their answers would be made available to everyone interested. Miss Child said that some of the replies may be printed in the Voter and that any of them may be seen at headquarters at any time.

The suggestion that there be a get-out-the-vote chairman was made and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Glasoe, that such a chairman be appointed. In the absence of suggestions of suitable persons for the chairmanship, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Miss Lusk, that the Executive Committee make the appointment.

#### Reports of Department Chairmen

Mrs. Wittich reported for the EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT emphasizing the importance of being informed about the Direct Primary now under heavy fire on account of the exposures of great sums of money



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spent during the recent Pennsylvania and Illinois primaries. She prefaced her account of these scandals by saying, "We are not blind to the faults of the present primary system of nomination but we are aware that the machinery of the old convention system could be manipulated with less money and publicity". She also said that party politicians inside the machine are fighting the primary harder than any other group of people.

She reviewed the situations in Pennsylvania and Illinois saying that, in the case of the former, state prohibition was emphasized as the issue and, in the latter, the World Court. Both of these issues were used as smoke screens for the real ones. In Illinois, where some half a million was expended for the two senatorial candidates, more than two-thirds of the amount spent for the successful candidate, Smith, was contributed by three people representing the public utilities. Smith is president or chairman of the public utilities commission in Illinois.

In the discussion that followed two of the defects in the present primary system in Minnesota were reviewed: the system of filing, where almost anyone who is a citizen and has the small fee necessary to place his name on the ballot can do so; and the fact that many candidates are nominated by a plurality rather than a majority vote, because the candidate getting the highest number of votes is nominated. The former defect might be remedied by petition filing, the latter by requiring a definite percentage vote of all the votes cast, before nomination could be declared.

Mrs. Wittich urged everyone to interview prominent people on this question which is receiving so much unfavorable publicity now, in an effort to have the primary better understood.

Mrs. Ueland reported for the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE IN GOVERNMENT that the Legislative Council has now appointed three sub-committees which are working upon groups of measures preparatory to action upon the final legis-

lative program to be recommended by the Council. There is one more meeting covering Child Welfare measures before the Committee on Final Program is appointed by the Council to complete the work.

The chair asked what action should be taken to fill the chairmanships of the committee on Child Welfare and Living Costs that are now vacant.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Spear, that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint chairmen to these committees in the Department of Public Welfare in Government.

In the absence of Mrs. Hargreaves there was no report from the DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO PREVENT WAR.

#### State Convention

Mrs. Wittich reported upon tentative plans for the convention program. There was general discussion of ways of stimulating attendance at the convention from the state at large.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The possibility of holding the next state board meeting in Faribault was mentioned and Mrs. Glasoe expressed a wish to have local League chairmen of the Third District invited to attend if this plan proves possible. Miss Child was asked to communicate with the Faribault League and make the necessary plans.

Miss Wells called the attention of board members to the new National League vest-pocket edition of the Constitution, a most useful and convenient form for reference.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
September 9, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Elwood Stevenson in Faribault, on Friday, September 9.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M., Miss Wells presiding. Members of the State Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Glasoe, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Lawrence, and Mrs. Colby. Miss Child and the following members of the Faribault League were present: Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Steinmetz, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Bachelor, Mrs. Kester, Mrs. Loyhed, Mrs. Hedrick, Mrs. Theopold, Mrs. Sime, Mrs. Klemer, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. O'Neale. Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Herr, and Mrs. Fairbanks of Northfield were also present after luncheon.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$307.80 August 1, and receipts during the month amounting to \$746.73 of which \$458.53 was in district quotas. Disbursements totalled \$585.56, of which \$275.00 was for salaries and \$192.50 for national quota, leaving from the total of \$1054.53 a balance of \$468.97 September 1. Bills payable were reported amounting to \$437.91.

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

Woman Voter Report

Mrs. Colby gave a brief account of her further experience in getting advertising for the September issue of the Voter, again urging the cooperation of Board members.

Miss Child announced a way out in the plan for using political advertising which Mrs. Wittich then proposed in some detail citing the dangers and means of controlling such advertising. "A quarter page 'ad' would be set as a space limit" she said, "and a complete list of candidates for office would be



published beside the paid advertising of candidates who subscribe to the plan."

Candidates approached would include those for Congress, State offices and the State Legislature, whose advertising would be solicited by a form letter from the state office and not personally, she stated. After entirely favorable discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Colby, that the League solicit political advertisements for publication in the October Voter, subject to the regulations outlined.

Mrs. Ueland suggested adding to the letter an offer of extra copies to candidates.

#### Woman Citizen Report

Miss Child read a letter from Miss Chamberlain, Circulation Manager of the Woman Citizen, offering the State League one dollar on each of 100 new subscriptions and renewals of old subscriptions, or on any number over 100. Miss Wells said that a Citizen Drive is one of the best known ways to raise money outside the quotas.

Miss Child called attention to the Citizen's request for pictures of historical events in which women played the leading roles, which would be suitable for reproducing on Citizen covers.

#### State Fair Exhibit Report

Mrs. Colby told briefly the story told by the two scenes of which the exhibit is composed, namely: pictures of the workings of Maternity-Infancy legislation and of Child Labor Laws. Photographs of the booth were successfully taken, one copy of which will be sent to the Citizen and one to Senator Sheppard, father of the Sheppard-Towner.

Miss Wells asked for personal League "histories" out of which grew an interesting disclosure that all but two League members present had come to the League out of Suffrage. There followed an even more interesting series of personal opinions called forth by Miss Wells' question "What stands in the way of

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member-getting for the League?" Some of the obstacles presented were: Two few leaders and a "need of genuine neighborhood leadership as a key to growth and strength." (Mrs. Ueland) "Failure to comprehend the quiet two-sided study of the League by the partisan-minded woman." (Mrs. Colby) "Unpopularity of the 'subjective organization'. It is the concrete piece of work such as sewing on aprons that interests many women." (Mrs. Thorp) "The immensity of the League's program certainly offers enough work for everyone, but undoubtedly frightens many. It must be systematized into jobs that individuals comprehend." (Miss Wells) "Too much domesticity necessary in these servantless days with 'bridge' easier relaxation than the League job." (Mrs. Kester) "League work is too hard work." (Mrs. Glasoe) "A neglect on the part of local Leagues to select and train promising women for definite departmental work." (Mrs. Spear) "Lack of any background in childhood which would lead to interest in government. The need of vital civic training in early years." (Miss Lawrence) "The League presents only one side of subjects on the program." (Mrs. O'Neale), to which objection Miss Wells replied with an explanation of the League's legislative procedure. State Leagues and national Leagues first present two sides for study purposes before adopting one side to actively work for.

#### Reports of District Chairmen

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that Duluth is still the one League but that Carlton has an active study group. Plans for the Convention are well underway, she said. She told of the comprehensive program of lectures in each department to be printed and distributed to members at an annual Membership Tea, in the fall. For the Get-Out-The-Vote campaign, she said, the Organization chairmen in Duluth had hopes of organizing down to blocks and of keeping it strictly a League job.

She reported three County Fair Exhibits, Proctor, Two Harbors and Barnum, all of which had not only good publicity but interest and approval from the most important local groups.

Mrs. Colby reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT on information from Mrs. Gage, local League chairman at Olivia, that the dialogue on the Child Labor Amendment had been read before the League and two other clubs in town; that it is to be read this month in every town in Renville County to a group of representative women and also in the townships to groups of rural women, with the hope of materially changing the attitude of that section toward the Children's Amendment. An exhibit was used at the Renville County Fair.

Miss Child read a letter from Mrs. Stai, chairman of the St. Cloud League, in the SIXTH DISTRICT which reported the League Exhibit at their County Fair a success.

Mrs. Wittich reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that Mrs. Bryan continues her calling of the Minneapolis membership, finding out as she proceeds the "special job for the special woman". She told of Professor Quigley's plan for a series of lectures on returning from Geneva. She also told of the special conference to be held with Miss Hauser, national Efficiency in Government chairman, on September 21, following which forty women have promised their homes for Study Groups on the Primary, besides planning forty follow-up meetings to compare experiences.

The importance of follow-up work cannot be overemphasized, said Miss Wells, and suggested follow-up on all Convention delegates with letters or cards.

Mrs. Glasoe reports for the THIRD DISTRICT ten functioning local Leagues, four of which have paid-up quotas. She said that the lack of reports from her local chairmen slowed up her work badly. Miss Child said for all district chairmen that a program of personal contact with local chairmen would better accomplish the necessary cooperation than dependence on written reports, which are always difficult to get.



Mrs. Wittich reported the feature of her department's program to be the Direct Primary, but pointed out the necessity of keeping it related properly to other things, such as the short ballot and executive type of budget. It is not only true that we need a better system of nomination and election, but a simpler administration through city, county, state and federal government, making our duties as voting citizens clearer and easier, she said.

Another interesting round of opinions were quoted in answer to Miss Wells' question: "What do you hear against the Direct Primary?" Among them:

- 1) Not as high type of candidate as under the convention;
- 2) Expense of two elections beyond a poor man;
- 3) anybody with ten dollars can file;
- 4) Only rich men can run;
- 5) Too many candidates resulting in nominations by minority of voters;
- 6) primaries controlled by bosses;
- 7) The public not as qualified as an experienced political boss to nominate the practical official for a certain office;
- 8) breaks down party adherence.

There is only one alternative for the primary ever suggested by its enemies, Mrs. Wittich said; that is, the return to some kind of delegate Convention. The pre-primary type of Convention has already been tried and found wanting. She then cited examples of abuses and unrepresentative procedure under the Convention which make us feel that we should not relinquish the Primary for the Convention but should carry on under the League's slogan: The Direct Primary is not perfect, but let's use it and improve it."

The two possible methods for improving the Primary as presented at the August Board meeting were again stated:

1. Filing limited by requiring petition signed by a given number of qualified voters.
2. Nomination by plurality precluded by requiring a definite percentage of all votes cast to constitute a nomination.

#### State Convention

Mrs. Wittich reviewed the program for the Convention. Miss Wells urged official delegates from local Leagues with expenses paid in part by the

League.

Other Business

Miss Wells spoke of the exceedingly excellent article by Mr. H. W. Farnam reprinted from the April number of the Yale Review and available for distribution. She further called attention to the vest pocket edition of the Constitution published by the National League.

Miss Wells thanked the Faribault Board and Mrs. Stevenson for the pleasurable and profitable day.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

## THE PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

Duluth Hotel, Duluth - October 7, 1926

The Pre-Convention Meeting of the Executive Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Thursday morning at nine o'clock, October 7th, at the Duluth Hotel in "Parlor A" to vote on measures of the Legislative Program adopted by the Legislative Council for recommendation to the Executive Board and thence to the General Convention.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A. M., Mrs. Wittich presiding, At 9:15 A. M. Miss Wells took the chair and presided throughout the meeting.

Members of the Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Ramsey, Miss Luck, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Colby.

Mrs. Ueland read the following measures dealing with Education, which have been adopted by the Legislative Council of the Minnesota League of Women Voters as a part of the Legislative Program to be recommended to the Eighth Annual State Convention.

### EDUCATIONAL MEASURES.

#### 1. County Board of Education.

The proposal is that there shall be a County Board of Education of five members elected by the district school officers assembled in annual convention. This board, it is proposed, shall take over all educational matters now handled by the Board of County



Commissioners and in addition shall have power to appoint the County Superintendent.

2. Teachers' Retirement Fund.

The proposal is that provision shall be made in the law to secure the necessary income to realize in practice the existing theory of a teachers' insurance and retirement fund supported jointly by payments from teachers and from the State. This income, it is proposed, shall be derived by fixed assessments on teachers' salaries and by an increase in the tax levy.

3. Changes in State Aid to Increase School Term.

The proposal is that increased aid shall be given to eight month schools and that certain aid shall be withheld from seven month schools, thus tending to lengthen the school term for the 3.6% of the State's school-children who still attend seven month schools.

4. Changes to Improve Supplemental Aid Law.

The proposal is to further equalize the educational opportunities of children in poor school districts by providing them education equal to that afforded in the more fortunate districts of the State. The present law provides for payment of supplemental Aid in any school district in which a tax levy of 20 mills does not yield the equivalent of \$40 for each pupil attending the district school at least 40 days.

5. Teachers' Tenure.

The proposal is that, in order to assure stability in the teaching profession, there shall be a three year probationary period during which teachers may be dismissed without reference to standards set by the bill and after which a teacher shall be subject to dismissal only for cause and in accordance with a special procedure, including a hearing by the Board of Education and representation by legal counsel.

Miss Wells asked that the five Educational measures be discussed and voted on separately.

1.

Mrs. Ueland cited the advantages of a County Board of Education appointing the County Superintendent of Schools.

1. Relieves him (or her) of campaign expenses.
2. Prevents diversion of his time and attention from school affairs.
3. Precludes his becoming politically involved in ways that handicap the best performance of official duties.
4. Puts appointment in hands of experienced educators.
5. Makes possible the choice of a trained superintendent, irrespective of his residence in the county.
6. Assures County Superintendent of advisory help of a board devoted to the educational interests of the county.
7. Involves no extra cost to the tax-payer.

A discussion ensued, lead by Miss Lawrence, as to the advisability of the manner of election in the proposal, and IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Dowling that the measure be amended to read: "an elected Board of Education of five members", omitting the rest of the sentence, continuing with the proposed powers as stated in the printed program.

It was voted on the motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Wittich to approve the adoption, by the Legislative Council, on the League's Legislative Program of the measure, as amended by the Board, relating to a County Board of Education and to recommend it to the Convention for final adoption .

## II.

There was brief and favorable discussion of the proposal to revise the Teachers' Retirement Fund and IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. McGuire to approve the Council's adoption of the measure to revise the Teachers' Retirement Fund and to recommend it to the Convention for final adoption.

## III.

In discussing the changes in State Aid to increase the school term, Miss Wells said "The change in aid will undoubtedly effect the desired change in the school term." Further discussion followed as to whether an eight months term was the desired term and IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich to amend the measure to read: "aid shall be given to longer term schools" omitting the words "eight months" wherever used in the measure, continuing "withholding certain aid from



short term schools" omitting the words "seven months." IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. U~~l~~eland, second of Mrs. Wittich to approve the Council's adoption of the measure to change State aid to increase school term, as amended by the Board, and to recommend it to the Convention for final adoption.

#### IV.

There was entirely favorable comment on the proposal to change the Supplemental Aid Law, leading to further equalization of educational opportunities for children in all sections of the State. IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. U~~l~~eland, second of Mrs. McKnight to approve the Council's adoption of the measure to improve the distribution of supplemental aid and to recommend the measure to the Convention for final adoption on the Legislative Program.

#### V.

In discussing the provision for Teachers' Tenure a question rose as to the desirability of a definite probation period and IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Weeks that the wording be amended to read: "a provision for a probationary period," omitting the words "of three years" and continuing the provisions as stated in the printed progra,. IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. U~~l~~eland, second of Mrs. Wittich to approve the Council's adoption to the Legislative Program of the measure, as amended by the Board, providing for teachers' tenure.

#### CHILD WELFARE MEASURES.

Mrs. U~~l~~eland read the measures relating to child welfare

relating to child welfare which have been adopted by the Legislative Council for recommendation to the Executive Board and thence to the General Convention for final adoption.

1. Support of the Child Labor Amendment.

The proposal is that, since ratification of the Child Labor Amendment by the last Congress failed by only two votes in both House and Senate, and since PROGRESS in State Child Labor laws as well as enforcement of existing child Labor laws will suffer a handicap if support of a Federal Amendment should be abandoned, Minnesota, with a good Child Labor Law should support a Constitutional Amendment which shall empower Congress to set a minimum standard for child labor, below which no state shall legislate.

2. Support of Appropriation for Maternity Infancy Work.

The proposal is that, since the five year period (June 30, 1922-June 30, 1927) of the Maternity-Infancy Program under the Sheppard-Towner Act is drawing to a close and since Federal aid to the States to match the appropriation made by the states for Maternity-infancy work will then cease, Minnesota, being one of the first to accept the offer and having appropriated sufficient to secure maximum Federal aid, \$21,000, plus a gift of \$5000 (given all states supporting the Act) should support (for favorable action by the re-convened Congress) a bill to extend the Federal appropriation (at least) an additional two years.

3. Support of Appropriation for Refund under Mother Pension Law.

The proposal is that, since no State Legislature later than 1917 has made the necessary appropriation to permit a refund to Counties as provided under the Mothers' Pension Law, of one third the amount paid by the Counties in allowances to Mothers, there should be granted a renewal of the appropriation sufficient to cover the refund according to the law.

Miss Wells asked that the three child welfare measures be discussed and voted on separately.

I.

Mrs. Uleland made a characteristic statement of the case for the children in the face of present day toleration of child labor which toleration is fed and encouraged by organized propaganda. IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Uleland, second of Mrs. McGuire that the Board approve the Council's re-adoption to the League's Program of a measure for the ratification of a Federal Child Labor Amendment and recommend it to the Convention.

II.

Mrs. Uleland made a plea for the Mothers and Babies, for whose well being even so insignificant an expenditure as .06% of the total income of the Government is bitterly opposed by certain Senators and others. She read the percentage cost to the Government of several Departments in carrying out their respective programs. Maternity-Infancy work is by far the least expensive.



IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Uelaland, second of Mrs. McKnight that the Board approve the Council's adoption to the League's Program of a measure for Federal Reappropriation to carry on Maternity-Infancy work under the Sheppard-Towner Act, and recommend it to the Convention.

### III.

There was favorable discussion concerning the renewal of an appropriation to enable the State to refund to counties one third of their expenditures for County allowances to Mothers under the Mothers' Pension Law. It was agreed that it would be unwise to ask for back appropriations other than the last biennium (1925 & 1926) for in Mrs. Wittich's opinion, there was good chance of losing out altogether by asking too much and, in case the back appropriations since 1917 were granted, an equally good chance of having so large a sum of money fall into undeserving hands.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Uelaland, second of Mrs. Dowling that the Board approve the Council's adoption of the measure to continue appropriations for refund under the Mothers' Pension Law and recommend it to the Convention.

Mrs. Uelaland read two other measures, one, relating to the Marriage Law, the second, dealing with an amendment to the Minimum Wage Law, both of which have been adopted by the Legislative Council for Recommendation to the Executive Board and the General Convention.

1. Changes in the Marriage Law.

The proposal is that, since the Marriage code of the State is not up to date, there shall be made in it certain important changes which shall make it conform to the best known progressive standards for this type of legislation.

2. Amendment to the Minimum Wage Law.

The proposal is that the word "minor" shall be defined in the law to be a person under twenty one years of age, making the age of majority under this law the same as for men.

Miss Wells asked that these measures be discussed and voted on separately.

I.

Mrs. Uxeland cited the changes in the late defeated bill, some or all of which will be presented again to the 1927 Legislature.

1. Abolition in the future of common law marriages by requiring a licensing and celebration for all valid marriages.
2. Provision for raising the age at which women shall be capable of contracting marriage, with or without consent of parents, from 15 to 16 years.
3. Requirement that both parties to the license must appear before the license officer at some time before the license is issued.
4. Provision for a five-day waiting period between the application for and the issuance of the license.

5. Provision that among those ineligible to contract legal marriage shall be included habitual drunkards, persons afflicted with venereal disease, and persons using narcotic drugs. The suggestion has been made that in addition it is desirable to require license clerks to "take judicial notice" of information submitted to them on epileptic, feeble-minded and insane persons who are not permitted to marry under the EXISTING law; and provide for a penalty for non-observance of such a regulation.

There was favorable discussion and IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Uleland, second of Mrs. Ramsey to approve the Council's adoption of the measure to change the Marriage laws and recommend it to the Convention for final adoption.

## II.

Miss Child said, in explaining why the Minimum Wage Law (enacted 1913) had not <sup>been enforced</sup> ~~worked out well~~ lately in this State, that the Chairman of the MINNESOTA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION had appealed to the Attorney General on the constitutionality of the law and found it could not be upheld, and it ceased to be enforced after June 1925. It was previously stopped by a restraining order obtained by the MINNESOTA EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION, 1918, at which time however the Minnesota Supreme Court decided in favor of its constitutionality.

Mrs. Uleland said the amendment defining a minor as a "person under 21 years of age" would give women workers protection for three additional years and would serve to remove one of the



legal discriminations against women which remain on the Statutes.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Ueland second of Mrs. Weeks to approve the Council's adoption of the measure to amend the Minimum Wage Law and to recommend its adoption to the Convention.

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT.

Mrs. Wittich read the measures relating to Efficiency in Government which have been adopted by the Efficiency in Government Department for recommendation to the Convention.

##### 1. Support of State Reorganization.

The proposal is that, in order to reaffirm its belief in the simplification of state administrative departments, the Minnesota League of Women Voters shall continue to support legislation which purposes to strengthen the existing law, within the standards adopted by the Convention in 1924.

1. Legislation that will effect further consolidation of state departments in order to eliminate waste and duplication and to make clearer the responsibility of the governor for departments over which he has appointive power.
2. Legislation that will strengthen the executive budget procedure now in operation.
3. Legislation that will make possible improved personnel administration so that:
  - a. There will be standardized titles based upon the

actual duties of the various positions in the public service;

- b. There will be equal pay for equal work;
- c. There will be a guarantee of recruitment and promotion through merit, in line with the best personnel standards of public and private employment.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McKnight to approve the recommendation of the Department of Efficiency in Government to support legislation which will further State reorganization within the League's Standards, and to recommend it to the Convention.

## 2. The Direct Primary.

The proposal is that in order to reaffirm its belief in the Direct Primary as the most representative method of nominating candidates to office yet divided, the Minnesota League of Women Voters shall continue to favor legislation which shall maintain and improve the system.

- 1. Oppose any legislation that would abolish the Direct Primary.
- 2. Favor any legislation that would improve the provisions of the existing primary law.
- 3. Oppose any legislation that would reestablish the former convention system of nominating candidates to office.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lusk to approve the recommendation of the Department of Efficiency in Government, to support legislation which will further a successful operation of the Direct Primary system, and to recommend it to the Convention.

IT WAS THEN VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Wittich that the Executive Board adopt the Legislative Program of the Legislative Council and the Legislative program of the Department of Efficiency in Government and refer said programs with the Board's recommendation for final adoption to the Eighth Annual Convention.

#### THE BUDGET.

Miss Child read the most important items from the proposed Budget and explained that in case the "Voter" <sup>is being</sup> succeeded <sup>in it</sup> ~~on~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~the~~ advertising the allowance for that item would be saved.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Marble that the Board accept the Budget and recommend it to the Convention for final acceptance.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Cant read the Treasurer's report. IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. McGuire second of Mrs. Ramsey that the Board accept the treasurer's report and recommend it to the Convention for final action.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary



## STATE BOARD MEETING

October 9, 1926

The Post Convention board meeting was called to order at 12:20P.M. Saturday, October 9th, at the Duluth Hotel, Miss Wells presiding. Members of the board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Marble, and Mrs. Wittich.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Weeks, second of Miss Lusk that the personnel of the Executive Committee stand re-elected.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ueland, to accept with regret the resignation of Mrs. Hargreaves from the chairmanship of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Miss Lusk, that the secretary write to Mrs. Hargreaves.

The following action was taken on Standing Committee chairmanships:

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Marble, second of Mrs. Wittich, that Mrs. Dietrichson be re-elected chairman of the Committee for Protection of Women in Industry.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the appointment of a chairman for the Committee on Child Welfare be left with the executive committee as previously voted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ueland, that Mrs. Gaus be re-elected chairman of the Committee on Social Hygiene.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Wittich, that Miss Lawrence be re-elected chairman of Education.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Weeks that Miss Monahan be re-elected chairman of the Committee on Legal Status of Women.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Spear, that the appointment of a new chairman for the Committee on Living Costs be left

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with the Executive Committee as previously voted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Spear, that Miss Kercher be re-elected chairman of the Committee on Law Enforcement.

There was a unanimous vote to re-elect Mrs. Ueland chairman of the Advisory Legislative Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

## STATE BOARD MEETING

November 12, 1926

The regular meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the headquarters of the state League, 1639 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, November 12, 1926.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M., Miss Wells presiding. Members of the Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Dietrichson, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Colby. Others present were Mrs. James Paige, Miss Beggin, Miss Child, Miss Hampe, and Mrs. Rowley of Brainerd.

The minutes of the last meeting at Faribault and of the post-convention meeting of the Executive Board at Duluth were read by the secretary and approved. The secretary was authorized to make the minutes of the pre-convention board meeting a permanent record for the files, the reading being dispensed with by consent.

### Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$498.18 October 1. Amounts received in quotas totalled \$1108.17. Other receipts amounted to \$1009.43. The total disbursements during the month were \$956.75, leaving a balance on hand November 1 of \$979.68. Bills payable amounting to \$858.68 were reported and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the bills be allowed.

Mrs. Cant also reported total receipts and disbursements for the year ending October 30. Expenditures totalled \$11,543, the estimated budget for the year being \$12,294. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the treasurer's report for October and for the past fiscal year.

The League's books, Mrs. Cant reported, were audited as usual on November 11 by Mr. Jones, through his generosity in giving his holiday to the work. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Spear, that a letter of thanks be sent Mr. Jones.



### Finance

Miss Child reported on the follow-up by letter of Woman Citizen subscribers listed during the drives in August and November 1925. Thirty-five renewals were secured.

Mrs. Colby reported a favorable outlook for the advertising in the Woman Voter under a new agent employed by Mr. Keller.

Mrs. Wittich reported favorably for the plan of political advertising, as tried out in the October number of the Voter.

### Organization

Miss Beggin reported upon field trips since September as follows:

9th District - Moorhead, Lake Park, Frazee, Hawley  
8th District - Virginia, Hibbing, Coleraine, Grand Rapids and Eveleth  
6th District - Staples, Wadena, Brainerd, Park Rapids and Bemidji

In Bemidji a group of women asking for League organization were tentatively offered affiliation with the state League as a study League, since the group was not representative of the whole community. Miss Beggin recommended that the Board approve this plan. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich, that the Board accept Miss Beggin's recommendation permitting Bemidji to have a study League.

The question was raised of the desirability of allowing Moorhead to continue its study League, in view of the interest and activity shown there. Miss Beggin recommended that no action to urge organization as a League be taken until the year is up <sup>in March 1927</sup>. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Weeks, second of Miss Lawrence, to accept Miss Beggin's recommendation to permit the Moorhead study League to continue for the present.

### Reports of District Chairmen

Third District - Mrs. Ringstad reported that a promising chairman of the Northfield League has been found in Mrs. Fairbanks. A series of meetings have been planned on county problems; one addressed by Mr. Regan, chairman of the Taxpayers' Union, and two others by local lawyers. Excellent Get-Out-The-Vote work was carried

on before the election.

Fourth District - Miss Lusk reported that candidates' meetings were conducted in every ward in St. Paul. Voting information ~~was~~<sup>booths</sup> were conducted two weeks preceding election, ~~to~~<sup>to</sup> register ~~the~~ voters and teaching the mechanics of voting. The play, "A Voter's Dream" was given at seven ward teas. A luncheon was held for Mrs. Baldwin, national Living Costs Chairman.

Fifth District - Mrs. Bryan reported on work to get-out-the-vote. Thirty neighborhood meetings were arranged, with an average attendance of 10 women. A leader was present at each meeting to stimulate interest in volunteering for house-to-house canvassing. Report blanks were issued to be filled in by canvassers.

Seventh District - Mrs. Dowling reported on the get-out-the-vote campaign directed by the Olivia League in the whole community. "Block chairmen" were provided in the towns and township chairmen in the country, who called all late voters by telephone and sent cars to take them to the polls! The vote of Renville County was raised 20%.

Eighth District - Mrs. Spear reported on the aftermath of the state convention. She said it stirred Duluth but missed many outside towns on account of the M.E.A. section <sup>at</sup> meeting in Virginia. In the get-out-the-vote campaign the League cooperated with the Duluth Kiwanis Club. At one meeting for candidates, 300 attended. She outlined the proposed program for the coming months - two talks on Taxation, "A Public Welfare in Government" tea at which the Child Labor Amendment Dialogue will be read, and the Rowell Luncheon, scheduled for November 22. Mrs. Spear has hopes of organizing Leagues or study groups at Barnum and Nashwauk.

Ninth District - Mrs. Weeks reported that the Detroit Lakes League is meeting regularly every other week, using "Current Questions in Government" as a part of each program. A get-out-the-vote campaign of systematic telephoning was

used in several towns of the Ninth District and proved very successful, Mrs. Weeks said.

A letter was read from Mrs. G. W. Friedrich of St. Cloud submitting her resignation as chairman in the Sixth District. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan, that the resignation of Mrs. Friedrich be accepted with regret.

#### Action on Committee Vacancies

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Bowling, that the chair appoint a committee to make suggestions as to chairmen for the committees on Child Welfare and Living Costs. Miss Lusk, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Ringstad were named by the chair.

#### Young Voters and College Leagues

Miss Child reviewed the history of the college Leagues in Minnesota. St. Cloud was the first state teachers' college League with representatives at the Young Voter session of the St. Paul convention; Moorhead was second, Winona third, both organized at the time of Miss Ely's visit; Hamline organized the fourth college League last April, as a result of follow-up by Miss Beggin, with cooperation from Dean More. Macalester has a committee on organization named last spring but the St. Louis Convention came just when this committee wished to meet at state League headquarters and the coming of a new Dean of Women to the college has since then held up the plan. At the University of Minnesota a group of law and political science students organized as a League recently. In several classes on Modern Social Reform in the Sociology Department, <sup>at the University of</sup> the League has been assigned as a topic for study by certain members of the class.

Mrs. McGuire reported having addressed students at Hamline University and the members of the St. Paul Junior League, where the girls expressed a desire to attend some of the legislative sessions at the Capitol.

Mrs. Spear asked about dues for college Leagues. ~~Miss~~ Miss Child reported that there is no specific National League recommendation on this subject.



It is suggested that individual memberships or a group affiliation fee should be paid to the state League. Subscriptions to the Woman Voter for each member is the only request made so far of our Minnesota college Leagues. Miss Wells suggested a flat quota of five dollars, more or less, depending upon the size of the group, to be paid to the state League. Mrs. Spear thought the minimum payment from a college League to the state ought to cover the cost of sending a subscription to the Voter to each member.

Mrs. Wittich reported the House Party given recently by Mrs. McKnight, at her Criss Cross Cabin, to the college League group at the University. The work of the League was discussed by state officers and committee chairmen.

#### Distribution of "The Voter's Dream"

Mrs. McGuire's play dramatizing the plea to vote is being distributed in mimeographed form. The National League has a supply of copies and requests for it have been received <sup>here</sup> from various states including New York, where the League wishes to use it at the annual Convention in December.

#### Department Reports

Mrs. McGuire reported for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War by giving the present status of the World Court.

Mrs. Wittich's report for the Department of Efficiency in Government was a resume of the League's part in the last election.

There followed general discussion of the League's policy of sending questionnaires to candidates and of whether more detailed information might be furnished <sup>the public</sup> by the League on points not covered in the questionnaire.

#### State Legislative Plans

The letter on the Child Labor Amendment recently sent over Miss Wells' signature to legislators was read by the secretary. The suggestion was made that One-Day Schools on the legislative measures might be recommended to local Leagues and planned in connection with organization work where no local League exists.

There was ~~was~~ discussion as to whether local speakers could be secured, qualified to

discuss the legislative measures, and attention was called to the danger that local speakers might erepresent a personal prejudice in speaking rather than presenting the subject from an adequate background of information. Miss Monahan was asked to report on the travel<sup>ling</sup> forum arranged by the Illinois League of Women Voters under the auspices of the joint legislative committee of Illinois with speakers on each subject in the legislative program. Miss Monahan who was one of the speakers said that one-day schools lasting from 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. were held in the leading town of five different districts in the state. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the chair name a member of the board to investigate the possibilities of such a plan in Minnesota. Mrs. McGuire was appointed ~~by the chair~~ to follow up this suggestion.

The desirability of having study groups on the legislative program in each local League was emphasized in the discussion. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the plan be recommended to local Leagues of asking state legislators to speak before the League on legislative procedure at the first meeting on the legislative program.

Mrs. McKnight reported having interviewed Mr. Bellows of the W.C.C.O. radio station and secured his approval of weekly talks under League auspices during the winter months. The period allowed is half an hour and the board was agreed that 4:00 P.M. Tuesday was preferable to the 2:00 P.M. hour that we have had in the past. Mrs. McKnight <sup>said</sup> ~~reported~~ that the Executive Committee ~~discussed a possible plan and~~ recommended dialogues instead of the usual talks as a method of presenting the information. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Spear, that a committee of six be appointed by the chair to pool ideas on dialogues and to be responsible for their preparation.

#### Federal Legislation

Mrs. J. M. Gaus reported that, following a request from Miss Sherwin that the state League plan to have U. S. Senators and representatives informed of the maternity and infancy work in the state before their return to Washington, the Executive Committee delegated to her responsibility for the immediate work necessary

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to reach the senators who were expected to return to Washington in advance of the representatives. Mrs. Gaus stated that it had been impossible to reach Senator Schall, because of illness, but that written material will be sent him at his request. An interview was arranged for Senator Shipstead with Dr. Boynton, in her office, to enable him to see how the work is administered there. The interview proved, in Mrs. Gaus' opinion, most worthwhile. Mrs. Gaus recommended that further effort be made to arrange for an interview with each congressman by a member of the League and a local physician in close touch with the work in the state, in order to enlist their active interest in talking with members of the Senate who will vote upon the measure in December. At the request of the chair, Miss Child read the names of representatives from each congressional district and agreement was reached as to a representative of the League <sup>in each district</sup> to be responsible for carrying out the plan suggested. Mrs. Colby agreed to assist by writing, or asking Dr. Colby to write to physicians known to be favorable to the work in certain of the districts.

#### Other Business

A letter from Miss Sherwin was read by the secretary asking that delegates be appointed to represent the state League at the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington, December 5-10. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dietrichson, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Paige be named as a delegate. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, that Mrs. McKnight be named as a second delegate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING  
December 10, 1926

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Thorp, 4428 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, on December 10.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M., Miss Wells presiding. Members of the State Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Ueland, Miss Lusk, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Cant, There were also present Miss Merrill, Miss Beggin, Mrs. John R. Parkes, Mrs. Griswold, and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Child in the absence of Mrs. Colby and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$979.68, November 1, and receipts during the month amounting to \$1002.22, of which \$668.08 was in quota receipts. Disbursements amounted to \$1231.00 of which \$458.05 was in salaries and \$162.00 for the national quota, leaving a balance December 1 of \$750.90. Bills payable were reported amounting to \$323.01.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. McKnight that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

The Woman Voter

Miss Child reported that the agent secured by Mr. Keller to solicit advertising for the Woman Voter has broken her ankle and will not be able to do any work for several months. Mr. Keller's statement, was also quoted by Miss Child, that he cannot continue to publish the Woman Voter under the present arrangement since the advertising does not reimburse him for the cost of publication.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that, when the arrangement with Mr. Keller is terminated, it might be well for the League to attempt to finance its publication by secur-

political advertising before each election since, in her opinion, the soliciting of advertising from candidates be those qualified to tell them about the work of the League, is a worthwhile piece of educational work. She interviewed various candidates in connection with the ads in the October Voter and found the men interested. Mrs. Wittich suggested that an arrangement might be entered into with the Minneapolis League by which they would be offered commission on ads secured from candidates before the primary election next spring. This would be a source of income for both the city and the state League. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lusk, that the plan suggested by Mrs. Wittich be approved and followed up in the future, and that, while waiting for a written communication from Mr. Keller, tentative inquiries be made as to the possibilities of printing the Voter in Minneapolis. It was suggested that our first approach should be to Mr. Kranhold since he had proved so satisfactory in the past.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Beggin reported field trips during the period since the last board meeting as follows:

- 2nd District - Janesville, Mankato
- 3rd District - West St. Paul, Chaska, Young America, Farmington, Shakopee, and Norwood
- 10th District - Columbia Heights

Young America, in the Third District, has lost the teachers who were the active members of the League and who have removed to Norwood. She therefore recommended that Young America be dropped from our list of local Leagues. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Dowling, that Miss Beggin's recommendation be approved by the board.

#### Reports by District Chairmen

First District - Mrs. Botsford reported that the Winona League had Mrs. Wittich to speak at its meeting on December 13. The study groups that were formed last spring will resume their work after the holidays using the

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program of League legislative measures.

Third District - Mrs. Ringstad reported the election of a new chairman of the local League in Northfield to take the place she has been holding until a chairman could be secured. She said that plans have been made to join with the Faribault League in interviewing state legislators before their departure for St. Paul.

Fourth District - Miss Lusk reported that the Ramsey County League has been holding a series of legislative luncheons for committee and board members, with an attendance of about 30 at each luncheon. The object is to review the measures in the legislative program. Miss Lusk reported a very successful luncheon meeting late in November in cooperation with the Association <sup>St. Paul</sup> of Commerce with Chester H. Rowell as speaker. She estimated that 150 out of 229 attending were not League members.

Fifth District - Mrs. McKnight reported that study groups have been forming rapidly in many wards of the city as the result of Mrs. Bryan's efforts. ~~to organize them for work on the legislative program. Some groups have outside leaders of discussion and some handle the work themselves. In this connection.~~ A speakers' file is being organized with the names of those in each group who become equipped to speak on individual measures. The Minneapolis League luncheon for Mrs. Landes, mayor of Seattle, was reported as having been exceedingly interesting and stimulating in its emphasis upon the importance of city government, ~~as the last stronghold of democracy.~~ A smaller group invited to confer informally with Mrs. Landes' campaign manager proved very interesting as showing the method of work. Mrs. McKnight also reported plans for entertaining members of the Hennepin County delegation in the <sup>coming</sup> legislature at luncheon. At this speakers will explain the measures in the League legislative program. The series of five lectures on the international situation by Professor Quigley of the University resulted in a net income to the League of approximately \$200. Mrs. McKnight reported that the moving picture with diagrams illustrating the activities of the League of Nations proved exceedingly



interesting and informing although it should be brought up to date for events in the last few months. The picture can be secured from a local Minneapolis firm. The plan in the Minneapolis League of arranging for all-day board meetings three times a year in which the work of each of the three departments of work is featured in the afternoon session, was mentioned as a successful plan.

Seventh District - Mrs. Dowling reported that the Olivia League in Renville County has communicated by letter with each representative and senator in the U. S. Congress in regard to renewal of the Sheppard-Towner appropriation and also with the members of the state legislature in regard to measures in the state League program. She read a letter from the chairman of the Atwater League reporting upon local League activities.

#### Federal Legislation

In the absence of Mrs. Gaus, Miss Child reported upon further work in behalf of the renewal of the federal maternity and infancy appropriation. A letter was sent each congressman over Miss Wells' signature together with a statement on the work in Minnesota prepared by Dr. Ruth Boynton and, in certain instances, interviews were arranged with physicians in touch with the work by local League officers. This was arranged in Duluth by Mrs. Spear and Mrs. James Mills, Public Welfare in Government chairman.

At the request of the chair, a communication was read from Miss Morgan of the National League to her department chairmen, asking that resolutions urging the president to continue negotiations in behalf of the World Court be sent to National League headquarters. The chair reported word from Miss Harrison of the National League, in answer to a message calling attention to the desirability of deciding just what form action for the court now should take, in which the action of the National League Executive Committee in addressing an official communication to the president was reported, together with the

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committee's recommendation that letters of this type be sent also by state and local Leagues. It was agreed that the state board should address a similar communication to the president and that a committee of two appointed by the chair should be asked to prepare the wording of the letter. Mrs. Ueland<sup>and</sup> Miss Lusk were named by the chair and reported the following recommendation: "that the secretary be authorized to write to the president of the United States reaffirming our support of the entry of the United States into the World Court and respectfully urging that he continue negotiations for the purpose of making adjustments that will permit American adherence to the Permanent Court of International Justice". IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to authorize the letter as recommended. There was further discussion whether other letters should go from Minnesota and IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. ~~Sank~~ McKnight, that the Leagues in the larger cities (the Twin Cities, Duluth and Winona) be asked to send a communication from their boards to the president.

#### State Legislation

Miss Child reported discussion in the Executive Committee in regard to responsibility for legislative work resulting in the recommendation that Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis be named to assist Mrs. Ueland in clearing information from the legislature to state headquarters through following the House journals and committee announcements. Tentative assignment of responsibility for the various measures was reported with the state<sup>League</sup> chairman for each subject in the program in general charge, under Mrs. Ueland, of work for public welfare measures and Mrs. Wittich in charge of Efficiency in Government measures. Chairmen of similar committees in local Leagues will be asked to assist in the legislative work. Mrs. Wittich commented that the most important and valuable work for measures in her department would consist in directing the educational work<sup>throughout the state in</sup> rather than direct lobbying at the state capitol.

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Miss Lusk reported ~~that~~ the committee consisting of herself and Mrs. McGuire who were asked by the Executive Committee to interview the governor on the subject of the appointment of a woman on the Industrial Commission, that such an interview was obtained a few days ago. The term of office of Mr. Williams, at present acting as chairman of the commission, expires in July 1927. The requirements for his successor according to recognized custom, are that the appointment be made from Minneapolis and that it shall be someone acceptable to labor, which is the group Mr. Williams has <sup>represented</sup> ~~reported~~ on the commission. ~~No limitation as to party exists since the law provides that not more than two members of the same political party shall serve in the commission.~~

#### Opinions on the success of Woman Suffrage

The chair reported a communication from the National League asking for the cooperation of the state League in securing for the use of Mrs. Catt, in the campaign for woman suffrage in Japan, opinions from leading public officials, judges and educators, on the success of woman suffrage in this country. No publicity is to be given this undertaking until the mass of opinion is assembled in Washington. It was agreed that Minnesota should supply at least 200 opinions, that they should be secured by personal interview rather than by letter, and that only those that were easy to secure should be attempted. It was agreed that Minneapolis and St. Paul might be asked to supply 50 opinions each, Duluth 25, and each local League, 2 each. In addition it was agreed that each board member should try to obtain <sup>Five</sup> ~~further~~ opinions by individual effort.

#### Committee Vacancies

Miss Lusk, chairman of the committee <sup>named</sup> ~~asked~~ to suggest possible chairmen for the committee vacancies, reported ~~in~~ the recommendation of Mrs. Myra Griswold of Minneapolis for the Committee on Child Welfare. IT WAS VOTED on



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motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. Griswold be named Child Welfare committee chairman.

Mrs. Wittich reported having, at the suggestion of the Executive Committee, talked with Miss Martha Botsford while in Winona recently, in regard to the chairmanship of the Living Costs Committee. Miss Botsford has an excellent background for the work of this committee through the work she did at Smith College previous to her graduation last June. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ramsey, to ask Miss Botsford to accept appointment to this committee.

A letter from Miss Josephine Benz submitting her resignation as Young Voter chairman was read, the reason for her resignation being her approaching marriage. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Ueland, to accept the resignation of Miss Benz.

#### Vacancy in Sixth District Chairmanship

The chair reported that Miss Ruth Mitchell will remain in St. Cloud during the coming year, and It was agreed that Miss Wells should write her to learn whether she will consider accepting appointment as chairman of the Sixth District.

#### Young Voters

Mrs. McKnight reported the organization of a University of Minnesota League of Women Voters, which group meets at the home of Mrs. Wittich. Miss Beggin reported the organization of a League of Women Voters at the Mankato State Teachers College, as the result of a general talk at the assembly hour in November and a follow-up visit in December to confer with an interested group, and of the active cooperation of Mrs. Fraser, dean of women, and of faculty members, three of whom serve upon an advisory committee to the College League. The members of the new League number between 75 and 80 girls. The question was asked by Mrs. Bryan whether the quota of the University League should be paid to the state or

to the Minneapolis League. This aroused again the question of quota payments by college Leagues, no definite ruling having been made by the board on this subject. Miss Child asked whether local League chairmen letters should be sent to college League as has been done so far.

Mrs. Ramsey asked about the plans for a special Young Voters issue of the Woman Voter and Mrs. Wittich suggested that we might be able to arrange for a conference, in January, of delegates from college Leagues to consider together the question of college League quotas, the Young Voters issue, and to plan for a visit to the legislature.

Mrs. Wittich reported the results of a questionnaire sent to secretaries of state to secure brief information on the status of Direct Primary legislation in the various states. Miss Lawrence discussed problems in connection with the educational measures in the legislative program to secure the reaction of board members to various suggestions. Mrs. Dowling reported, upon request by the chair, information that has reached her in regard to the recent conference of Republican women in the United States called by Mrs. McCormick of Chicago to consider plans for activities separate from the party proper where women have been unsuccessful in obtaining equal representation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem