



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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STATE BOARD MEETING

February 11, 1927

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Jane Humbird Burr, 943 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Friday, February 11.

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. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Botsford, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Spear and Mrs. Colby. Others present were Miss Merrill, Miss Owen and Miss Child. There were two out of town guests: Mrs. Glasoe of Northfield and Mrs. Colton of Duluth. The Ramsey County League was represented by Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Gass, Mrs. White, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Bassindale, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Fredine, Mrs. Michaud, Mrs. Kavanaugh, Miss Troy and Miss Jennings.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$719.46 January 1. Total receipts were \$967.52. Expenditures totalled \$932.31, leaving a balance of \$754.67, February 1. Bills payable amount to \$685.78. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Spear, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Woman Voter and Woman Citizen

Miss Child reported that publication of the Voter financed by advertising, under an arrangement made a year ago, would cease March 1. The board must now consider plans for the future publication of the Voter.

Miss Child gave a report of the return on the circularization of the Voter subscription list by the Woman Citizen magazine. The sum of \$100 in commissions is now credited to our League.

Organization

Miss Beggin reported visits to Leagues in the Ninth District during January. A conference with Mrs. Stadum of Warren did not indicate a possibility of reviving League organization there. ~~In spite of Mrs. Stadum's great interest in the League, she is not the right leader.~~ In Crookston a group of young women - among them Miss Hovland, the Judge of Probate Court and several others in public office - were interested in organizing a Study Group. In view of the impossibility of forming a League there at present, Miss Beggin offered them (pending Board action) temporary affiliation with the state League as a League Study Group. Miss Mae Rideout, one of this group is a splendid possibility for a future League chairman, she said.

Miss Beggin then made two recommendations to the Board as follows:

- 1) that the board approve the organization of a Study Group in Crookston;
- 2) that the board recognize that there is no local League in Warren. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Ramsey, that Crookston be permitted to organize a study group. IT WAS

STATE BOARD MEETING

January 14, 1927

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. John M. Guise, 2214 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, on Friday, January 14.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35, Miss Wells presiding. Members of the State Board present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Botsford, ~~Mrs. Quint~~ ^{Mrs. James Paige, Mrs. J.A. Quint,} and Miss Lawrence. ^{Miss Child,} Miss Marguerite Owen and the following Ramsey County League board members were ^{also} present: Mrs. Herbert, Holman, Hermann, Burr, Day, Elmer, Fredine, Fetter, Kavanaugh, Michaud, Benepe, Meyers, Lott, Keegan, and Flynn; Misses Crowley, Troy, Furness, Perry and Jennings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich read the treasurer's report. The balance on hand December 1 was \$750.90. Receipts during the month totaled \$1,017.84, of which \$660.00 was in district quotas. Expenditures totaled \$1,049.28, leaving a balance of \$719.46 January 1. Bills payable were read, amounting to \$638.48. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. Miss Wells spoke of the improvement of the local League's quota payments.

Reports by District Chairmen

For the FIRST DISTRICT Mrs. Botsford reported that the annual meeting of the Winona League will be held January 28. Seventy-five members were reported enrolled in study groups, whose programs include study of county organization and city government, and the legislative program. She announced the tentative plan of giving "The Voter's Dream" before the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield and Winona Leagues arranged a joint luncheon in Faribault to which state legislators

were invited to hear the League legislative program discussed.

For the FOURTH DISTRICT Miss Lusk reported that the Monday legislative luncheons would be continued, with a series of three talks on city charters, under the Efficiency in Government Department. Preceding the luncheons, a course on the foreign policy of the United States will be arranged. under the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. Mrs. Herbert is chairman of a committee to secure opinions on the success of Woman Suffrage. The organization of radio study groups has begun with a group in St. Anthony Park and an effort is being made to secure an executive committee to act with the chairman in each ward.

Mrs. Quint reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that Mrs. C. B. Winter has been appointed chairman of the Committee on Suffrage Opinions and has 65 names of persons to interview. She reported the luncheon for Kirby Paige, January 20, in which several men's clubs will cooperate.

Miss Lawrence reported upon the St. Cloud League and Mrs. Colby upon the Olivia League, in the absence of chairmen for the SIXTH and SEVENTH Districts.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that Duluth held a meeting for legislators. The Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War has arranged a series of four lectures. Radio groups are being formed to hear state radio programs, and a committee to attend meetings of the City Council and School Board. She spoke of waning interest in Carlton and Grand Rapids. It was agreed, however, that the initiative for any further effort to continue the League in Grand Rapids should come from local women. Miss Lawrence volunteered to write to a friend about the situation. Mrs. Spear reported the organization of a new League in Nashwauk which promises well.

In the absence of Mrs. Weeks, there was no report from the NINTH DISTRICT.

Young Voters

A National League report of College Leagues in all states was read by the secretary. Miss Owen then told interesting stories of Young Voter organizations in Nevada, North Dakota and other places. A letter from Miss Beggin was read

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reporting upon a very successful meeting of the Moorhead College League and excellent cooperation from the new dean of women, Miss Lumley.

State Board Vacancies

The resignation of Mrs. Weeks as ninth district chairman was reported to the board with the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the board accept her resignation and ask her to accept appointment as chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Spear, that the board ratify this recommendation.

The chair reported that a final answer has not yet been received from Miss Martha Botsford in regard to her acceptance of the chairmanship of the Living Costs Committee. Miss Ruth Mitchell, will be unable to fill the vacancy in the sixth district chairmanship owing to the fact that she expects to be out of the state much of the time during the coming months. She will, however, be very glad to keep in touch with work through attendance at state board meetings when she is at home.

Department Reports

Mrs. Wittich reported for the Department of Efficiency in Government that two bills have been introduced in the legislature affecting the direct primary law; one proposes a return to ~~the~~ party designation in the election of members of the state legislature; the other proposes a consolidated party ballot in the primary which would substitute an "open primary" for the present "closed primary" — in effect in Minnesota. Mrs. Wittich explained that the effect of the latter measure would be definitely to weaken party responsibility and thus justify criticism of the direct primary law which is not justified at present. She therefore thought the proposed bill not a desirable one from the League point of view but ~~thought~~ advised that there is no occasion for taking immediate action upon it.

Mrs. Wittich reported upon a recent visit in the offices of the Department of Administration and Finance and said that no bills affecting state reorganization have so far been introduced into the legislature.

Reports on the Present Status of League Measures in the legislature were made by Mrs. Ueland and Miss Wells.

Federal Legislation

Miss Owen reported upon the status of federal measures in the National League program. She spoke in detail of the renewal of the appropriation under the Sheppard-¹owner Act. Miss Owen also reported the latest facts bearing upon the Child Labor Amendment.

Conference on Cause and Cure of War

Mrs. James Paige reported upon the recent conference which she attended in Washington, D. C. and which was sponsored by nine leading national organization of women. She reported many inspiring addresses and several social events that comprised one full week's program. The conference ended with a resolution "to establish peace between the nations by political, economical and diplomatic cooperation" and a recommendation "to study the implication of the Monroe Doctrine and to know the new American neutrality stand."

Miss Child reported ^{upon} the Radio program ^{of legislative dialogues} ~~to be given by the State~~ ^{planned for} ~~League~~ every Tuesday at 4:30 P.M. ~~for three months.~~ Miss Wells urged personal notes to acquaintances in small towns ~~to call attention to this~~ program.

Miss Lusk extended to the state board the invitation of the Ramsey County League to hold the next state board meeting in St. Paul and reported that Mrs. Burr will open her home for the meeting. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. Wittich, to accept the invitation and to invite the officers and directors of the Ramsey County League to attend the meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Guise for her generous hospitality and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, secretary

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VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, that the League at Warren "be dropped". In reply to Mrs. Ueland's question: "Is interest in the League growing?", Miss Beggin replied unqualifiedly, "Yes". To Miss Wells': "Is understanding of the League growing?", she replied, but more reservedly, "Yes".

Reports of District Chairmen

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT the completion of the charter classes and the beginning of a series of tariff classes to be held as Monday noon luncheons, as were the charter meetings. She said the Young Voters group continues to meet regularly at Mrs. White's home and that the tenth ward study group is most successful. The International ^{Cooperation} ~~Relations~~ classes will continue indefinitely as a morning class on Mondays. A rummage sale is being planned for April. And the greatest achievement is a completely outlined quota basis for the wards in order to solve the problem of finance.

Mrs. Gaus reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Kirby Page luncheon was attended by 175. ~~His topic was "Dictatorship White and Red"~~. She said the Annual Meeting would be held the following day ~~to elect Board of Directors~~, a feature, being the tariff luncheon to be given by girls from the University League each of whom will discuss the tariff on some article of the menu. She said, ward study groups were flourishing, their procedure being three discussion meetings to one larger meeting at which some League headquarters' speaker addresses the members. Telephone campaign continues from the Minneapolis office to get individual workers correctly placed.

Mrs. Dowling reported among activities in the SEVENTH DISTRICT radio parties for the Tuesday League hour and a Silver Tea, held in Olivia, which amounted to a county meeting in its representative attendance.

Mrs. Spear reported ^{for the Eighth District} a successful membership tea ^{in Duluth}. She said a candidates' meeting for the municipal election would be held. At the last League meeting the Charter Commission and Duluth charter were explained to the members. And several new radio groups have started to meet each Tuesday for the League program.

The Carlton study group continues as a branch of the Duluth League and Barnum and Moose Lake are possibilities for League organization in the spring. ~~The Duluth College League progresses under the fine cooperation of Dr. Bohanan.~~

Department and Committee Reports

The chair announced the acceptance of appointments to the chairmanships of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War by Mrs. Weeks and ^{The Committee} Department of Living Costs by Miss Botsford. Both were present and were welcomed by the board.

Mrs. Weeks gave her report as new chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. ~~She spoke of President Coolidge's invitation to the powers to a new conference for naval limitation and his suggestions to the preparatory commission now conferring at Geneva to draw up a naval agreement supplementing the Washington Arms Treaty of 1921, in effect that naval competition among the nations be removed. Also in a message to Congress he announced a program of strict limitation to naval armament in this country pending the outcome of the next International Disarmament Conference. While the House upheld the president, the "big navy" groups in the Senate will force the naval appropriation bill through as originally reported, a sum above the budget approved by the president.~~

Nicaragua and Mexico put a double responsibility on Secretary of State Kellogg in protecting interests of the United States in both countries. Mexico's new oil and land laws are obviously intended to apply particularly to certain holdings of United States citizens. This is complicated in Mexico's recognition of Sacaso, the former vice-president of ~~Ma~~ Nicaragua as the real president rather than Diaz to whose presidency the United States gives recognition. In this contest North American interests are difficult to protect, and the presence of 5000 naval men and officers for this purpose is highly displeasing to South America generally.

The World Court has reached a state of anti-climax for us, she said. The Commission on Reservations has turned in an unfavorable decision and Great Britain is among the powers who have sent formal notice to the State Department to reject U. S. ^{this} adherence with the reservations standing, ~~which brings an end to hopes of adhering to~~

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~~the Court for the present. Question of the President's acceptance of the decisions of the foreign representatives is raised.~~

Mrs. McGuire spoke briefly of the Chinese situation.

Legal Status of Women - In the absence of Miss Monahan, Miss Child gave the background for the question of jury service for women. In 1921 a law was secured which provided for the inclusion of women on panels from which jurors were drawn. The panels are made up by the Board of County Commissioners ^{in the smaller counties} ~~who draw 12 names for jury service.~~ In cities of the 1st class this is performed by the judges. Last fall an inquiry was inaugurated by Miss Monahan, which lead to the sending out of questionnaires to the counties asking if women were called to serve on the grand jury and the petit jury and if not, the reason why. Miss Child reported replies received from 76 counties showing 22 counties in which no women are listed for jury service. ~~20 counties in all replied.~~

~~3 reported that women "refused to serve."~~

~~4 reported no accommodations for women in Court House -
12 women served but in smaller proportion than men.
reported~~

Mrs. Dowling reported the situation in Renville County where the women are threatened with the loss of their right to serve on juries. She said Mr. Baker, county attorney of Renville County) had advised that the commissioners pass a resolution excluding women from juries. Opposition to the resolution after it was ~~obediently~~ passed by the commissioners gave rise to mandamus proceedings, which brought the commissioners into court to hear a discussion of the facts. The Court reprimanded Mr. Baker and spoke highly of those women serving as jurors in the present term of Court, said Mrs. Dowling. The secretary read the county attorney's explanation as printed in The Olivia Times. Miss Child read the resolution of the Commissioners in which the notable reason for the exclusion of women from the jury was "to speed up prosecution" of criminals! ~~Mrs. Thorpe quoted Judge Hallen as to the difficulty in getting convictions with women jurors.~~

Federal Legislation

Miss Owen told of the last days preceding the passing of the Sheppard-Towner Reappropriation Bill, after it had been made the "unfinished business" of the Senate and come up automatically each day at two o'clock. She described the "filibuster" organized by seven senators, the perils of which the bill survived

without even having to accede to the objectionable 1 year amendment. This she called an outstanding victory against a filibuster in a short session. Although victory was bought at the price of repealing the act in 1929 it was clearly understood that one Congress cannot bind another.

She reported the bill granting suffrage to the District of Columbia lost in this session.

She spoke briefly of the Cramton Bill and the Smoot Bill, both dealing with placing the enforcement of Prohibition under the Civil Service. She read a telegram requesting that the League support one of these pending bills.

She gave the status of the Wadsworth-Garrett bill to amend the provisions for amending the U.S. Constitution. Senator Garrett was very desirous for a favorable report from the Judiciary Committee of the House who it is believed have decided not to report it out, she said.

In discussing group lobbying in general she said the "Woman's Lobby" was more frequently attacked than any other probably because it was easier to attack and gave the "Monday Lunch Club" as an example of pernicious influence.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ueland, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the ^{secretary} ~~board~~ write our Minnesota senators to convey a message from the board ~~take action~~ in support of the principle of putting prohibition agents and officers under civil service.

State Legislation

Mrs. Ueland reported the ratification of the Child Labor Amendment by both houses of the Montana legislature, the fifth state to ratify. Later Miss Owen explained the ratification in Montana as a "good job, county by county". The status of the amendment is uncertain in Minnesota in that it requires a majority in both houses to ratify. In the Senate where 34 favorable are necessary barely 34 are available. It may be introduced into the Senate by Senator Adams, as author. Ratification by one house would indicate to the country a slight protest against the disbelief in the measure shown two years ago, she said. She reported the bill for Mothers' Pension Refund to counties introduced into both houses.

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Reports on the status of League bills in the legislature were made. Mrs. Guise reported on the Educational bills, Miss Child on the amendments to the Marriage Law and Mrs. Dietrichson on the industrial measures.

Miss Child reported that letters from local Leagues stating that letters have been sent to legislators on this bill are being received. She recommended that Women in Industry chairmen send telegrams from large cities.

National League Communications

Suffrage Opinions

In response to a request from the National League for opinions on suffrage from representative men and officials, special chairmen were appointed to carry out the work in St. Paul & Minneapolis and letters requesting two or more opinions were sent out to local Leagues. Twenty opinions have been received from out-of-town; ¹² ~~thirty five~~ ¹² from ~~St. Paul~~ ~~The Minneapolis report was incomplete.~~ and 12 from Mpls.

Voting Habits Study

A communication received by Mrs. Wittich proposed the careful study of voting habits in different sections of the country in various types of localities. Minnesota has been assigned the rural type. Monticello, LeRoy and Olivia have each been considered as prospective places. Basis for the studies will be two general elections and two municipal elections.

Speakers Available

Madame Grinberg, a French ^{lawyer} ~~Feminist~~, will be in this country ^{Feb. 10} ~~and~~ and will be available to the League as a speaker. ^{One of} her topics is "What French Women Have Done and Are Doing for World Peace". The Duchess of Athol, assistant ^{minister} ~~secretary~~ of Education in England, may possibly be available as a speaker in the event of her proposed visit to America.

With many thanks to Mrs. Burr for her hospitality to the state board and the Ramsey County board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby

STATE BOARD MEETING

March 11, 1927

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Home of Miss Wells, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, March 11, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Spear, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Botsford, Miss Martha Botsford, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Griswold, Miss Kercher and Miss Monahan. There were also present Miss Marguerite Owen, Mrs. Carrol W. Sherwin of Monticello, Miss Child, Miss Beggin and Miss Hampe.

Miss Wells spoke of the great loss felt by the members of the state board in the death of Mrs. Ueland and asked Mrs. Thorp to report the resolution prepared by a committee of three, consisting of Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Lusk for submission to the board. The following resolution was then read by Mrs. Thorp and adopted by the board:

MISS WELLS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Your Committee appointed to give expression to the feeling of this Board in the death of its most honored, most beloved member, Mrs. Ueland, realizes its utter inadequacy. There are no words with which to fittingly voice our grief and our sense of irreparable loss.

It would seem that only in the quiet inner chamber of the heart of each of us can there be the deepest appreciation of her life and work among us. Mrs. Ueland was to us all so supremely a dear friend, a sympathetic counsellor, a wise leader that each member of this Board must personally and continuously mourn her loss.

Since its inception this Board has never faced a crises in its affairs when we have not looked to her for clarifying judgment and wise decision. We have faced many apparently insuperable difficulties lead by her dauntless

courage and splendid faith.

There are many of us to whom she gave the same sympathy and loving counsel in the various crises of our individual lives. We find it difficult indeed, to face our work and our lives without the sense of her abiding friendship.

She needs from us, who knew and loved her, no epitaph and no eulogy. She has achieved for us an assured and unassailable immortality.

Her legacy to us lies in her unfinished tasks, and to the accomplishment of these, her labor of love, we stand committed in so far as we are able and are found worthy. In such a dedication of ourselves we offer her the praise and love we believe she would most desire.

Harriet H. Weeks
Cornelia Lusk
Vivian S. Thorp

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Gaus in the absence of the secretary and approved ~~x~~ after correction.

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of February of \$754.67, ^{and} receipts during the month of February of \$1211.73, of which \$812.58 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$965.49, leaving a bank balance March 1 of \$1000.91. Bills payable amounting to \$616.59 were reported. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Messages from the National League officers who knew Mrs. Ueland, ~~and~~ ^{from} the St. Paul Federation of Churches and the Duluth, Northfield and Redwood Falls Leagues were read by the secretary and it was agreed that Miss Wells should reply in the name of the board. A message was also read from the Duluth League Executive Committee reporting twenty-five dollars subscribed ~~x~~ by committee members to the state League in memory of Mrs. Ueland.

The chair called attention to the necessity of appointing successors to Mrs. Ueland to take over the responsibilities she carried in connection with legislative work, as a member of the Executive Committee and as chairman of the

Finance Committee. The board approved the suggestion that the Legislative Council be asked to choose one of its members as acting chairman for the remainder of the year. The chair reported a conference of the Twin City women who have been doing active work at the legislature recently at which Mrs. L. C. Weeks was chosen as acting chairman of legislative work ^{at the Capitol} for the remainder of the session. Mrs. Weeks ~~Botsford~~ appealed to the board for volunteers from outside the cities for work. The following volunteered: Mrs. Botsford (will be in the city the last of March); Mrs. Dowling (can come for one day); Mrs. Sherwin.

The responsibility carried by Mrs. Ueland as chairman of the Finance Committee must also be divided among members of the board and the chair called for volunteers for this work. Mrs. Thorp suggested that Mrs. Partridge be asked to follow-up the national memberships secured by Mrs. Ueland and herself. Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Gaus, and Mrs. Thorp volunteered to give time also to the calls necessary to secure renewal of memberships already pledged. In the matter of securing pledges to be reported to the national League in advance of the General Council meeting in April, Mrs. McKnight offered assistance and Mrs. Cant suggested that a letter be sent to those who have heretofore made pledges at the national convention.

The chair reported two vacancies in the Executive Committee and reminded the board that the custom has been to appoint the department chairmen to service upon the committee. The vacancies, therefore, represent the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, formerly held by Mrs. Hargreaves, and the Department of Public Welfare in Government. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Botsford, that Mrs. Weeks be appointed to serve upon the Executive Committee. It was agreed that the chair be asked to recommend ^{at} the next board meeting someone to fill the other vacancy.

Plans for Memorial Service for Mrs. Ueland

Mrs. McKnight reported plans being made by a Citizens' Committee, of which she is chairman, for an inspiring memorial service at the State Capitol on Sunday afternoon, March 20. St. Paul high schools have been asked to send three

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representatives each and state and city organizations are asked to name official delegates. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Spear, that Miss Wells be authorized to write to local Leagues in the state asking them to name delegates to attend the service.

Memorial Issue of the Woman Voter

The chair reported the tentative plan to make the next issue of the Voter a Memorial Number and asked Mrs. Thorp, as the special editor of this number, to report upon plans. Mrs. Thorp ~~told the board that she suggested~~ the inclusion of an abstract of the addresses made by Miss Wells and Mr. Sageng in the Memorial Service on Sunday, together with special statements on Mrs. Ueland's public work by those who have known it most intimately. She also read clippings from Mrs. Ueland's scrap book that she hopes to use. It was agreed that extra copies of the special number should be ordered ~~to be available for distribution~~ and that local Leagues be asked to place advance orders for additional copies of this number.

Publication of the Woman Voter

Miss Child reported that the arrangement by which Mr. Keller assumed the cost of publishing the Woman Voter terminated with the last (February) issue and that, pending new plans, the cost of publication must be met from the League treasury.

Reports by Department and Committee Chairmen:

Mrs. Weeks reported recent developments in the field covered by her department. Mrs. Thorp reported that Mr. Dillon of the Tribune plans to go to Geneva this summer and visit the League of Nations. She asked that a letter of introduction be given him to Dame Crowdy and the chair asked Miss Owen to ^{Rachel} ~~write~~ ^{forward this request to} the National League.

Letters from Senators Shipstead and Schall in response to communications from the League in support of federal action to place prohibition

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enforcement officers under civil service were read by the secretary. Miss Owen reported the passage ^{by Congress} of the Smoot Reorganization Bill in which is incorporated the Cramton bill embodying this principle.

State Legislation

Miss Owen reported that the poll on the Child Labor Amendment in the Senate showed no certain majority in its favor and a similar situation exists in the House. A ratification resolution will therefore not be introduced into this legislature although there is certain work that must be done immediately as well as in the future to hold the friends ~~for~~ ^{has} the amendment now ~~and~~ to make new ones. She suggested as necessary:

- 1) A letter to members of the legislature shown to be favorable to the amendment by the poll;
- 2) A personal visit to the 9 sponsors secured by Mrs. Ueland in the Senate for a possible ratification bill, ~~in order~~ to explain to them the decision in regard to its introduction;
- 3) A plan during the coming ^{two} years for sending speakers on the amendment to other organizations in places where there is no League of Women Voters; ~~special~~
- 4) ~~Whatever educational can be carried on.~~
Other special educational work.

~~It was suggested that~~ The fact that there are still several legislators who, though personally won over to the amendment, say they cannot vote for it because of the sentiment in their districts, points to the necessity of educational work in such districts.

Miss Owen also reported upon the status of the 54-Hour Bill in the legislature and general discussion followed of the opposition to it and the need of such a law. Other bills were reported upon briefly.

Young Voters

Miss Child suggested the possibility of arranging for attendance of a representative of the various college Leagues at state board meetings, each League being given an opportunity to send a representative to a certain board meeting. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Gaus, that the board approve this plan and that the necessary notification be sent to each college League.

Mrs. Spear reported that a temporary committee on organization has been named at the Duluth State Teachers College and that it is her hope that a college League will be formed there in the near future.

Survey of Voting Habits

Miss Beggin reported upon the surveys already conducted in Monticello and Olivia and said that it is planned to carry on two additional surveys in Hinckley, in the northern part of the state, and in Slayton, in the southern part of the state, in time to forward the results to the National League. Miss Child read a letter from Mrs. Wittich who is working upon the data secured in Monticello and who complimented Miss Beggin and the Monticello League upon the excellence of the work. Mrs. Sherwin of the Monticello League and Mrs. Dowling of Olivia contributed to the discussion of the value of the survey.

Representation from Minnesota at General Council Meeting in April

The chair asked the board to take action in the appointment of delegates to attend the meeting of the General Council. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Ramsey, to name Mrs. McKnight to represent the Minnesota League and to authorize the Executive Committee to appoint the second delegate.

Attention was called to changes suggested in the national Program of Work for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War by Mrs. Weeks. The chair asked that the board name one of its members to prepare a report for the next board meeting on the recommendations submitted by the standing committees of the National League on Immigration and Prohibition enforcement. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Monahan, to ask Mrs. Gaus to make such a report.

Jury Service Questionnaire

Miss Monahan reported that replies have been received from all but 9 counties in the state to the questionnaire sent out on service of women on juries. She suggested that an effort be made to secure the information for these remaining

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counties. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lusk, that an appeal be sent to local Leagues to assist in getting information that cannot be secured in other ways and that a plan be made for securing the assistance of local Leagues in furthering the service of women upon juries.

After the reading of a statement from the National League quoting a passage in a recent study of adult education by the Carnegie Foundation, speaking of the excellence of the League's work and publication in the field of political education, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

April 8, 1927

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight, 2200 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, April 8, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Gaus, Miss Martha Botsford, Mrs. Ringstad, and in the afternoon, Mrs. Griswold. There were also present Miss Ruth Mitchell of St. Cloud, Miss Child, Miss Beggin, Mrs. Silas Bryan and the following members of the Minneapolis League board: Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Rubins, Mrs. Long, Miss Watkins, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. F. E. Cobb, Mrs. Blakey, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. Quint, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Maroley, and Mrs. Wiesner.

In the absence of the secretary, the minutes were read by Mrs. Ringstad and approved. Letters of sympathy, following Mrs. Ueland's death, from the state League in North Dakota and from the Grand Forks League were read by Miss Botsford.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$1000.91 March 1. Receipts during March were \$1085.64, of which amount \$607.83 represented quota payments. Disbursements for March were \$1027.46, leaving a balance on April 1 of \$1059.09. Bills payable amount to \$840.95. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. Mrs. Cant made a supplementary statement of quota payments received since the last board meeting. In addition to the regular monthly installments of the quota received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, the following quota payments were received: Brainerd, \$20.00; St. Cloud, \$20.00; Detroit Lakes, \$22.00; and Norwood, \$5.00 (payment in full).

Delegate to National Council Meeting

The chair reminded the board that the Executive Committee was authorized to name the second delegate to the National League Council and reported that three members of the board named by the committee had found it impossible to accept appointment.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Cobb, that it be left to the president to name the delegate.

Action on Proposed Changes in National Program of Work

Mrs. Weeks reported upon changes in the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. These were approved by consent of the board.

In the absence of Mrs. Wittich, the chair called attention to the ~~addition~~
^{new}
~~fixxxx~~ item "Study of Corrupt Practice Legislation" in the Efficiency in Government program. This was approved by consent.

Mrs. Griswold reported upon the Child Welfare Committee program, calling attention to the addition of an item under federal and state legislation covering measures for the promotion of state maternal and infant hygiene work. There was discussion as to whether it is possible to support a new federal bill following the expiration of the Sheppard-Towner Act as agreed to by its friends in this Congress. It was pointed out that this action controls in no way the introduction of a new bill. Upon recommendations of Mrs. Griswold, the program changes were approved by consent.

The final letter sent out by the special Committee on Immigration of the National League to those registered for the study course was read by Miss Child. The resolution adopted by the committee for submission to the General Council was reported by Mrs. Gaus, ~~xxxxxxx~~ She pointed out that the resolution calls for support of the humane enforcement of existing legislation and therefore belongs in the program for legislation, rather than for study. Since new subject matter of this type should be acted upon in convention, she recommended that no action be taken on the committee resolution this year. The board approved her recommendation by consent.

The chair asked Mrs. Gaus to report also upon the proposed addition of a new subject to the program, "Study of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act", justification for its inclusion in a non-convention year being the fact that 8 states have held referenda on prohibition during the past year, thus presenting altered

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conditions as a basis for Council action. Mrs. Gaus stated that an intensive study of the prohibition situation is now planned by the National Social Science Research Council financed by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Foundation and, that until this study is made, there is no conclusive data to consult in studying the question. Miss Kercher suggested that pending the results of such a study it would be very worthwhile to further information upon and comparison of the federal and state enforcement statutes. The chair then named Mrs. Gaus, Miss Kercher, and Miss Child as a committee to formulate a recommendation to be acted upon by the board. After the noon recess Mrs. Gaus reported the following recommendation:

"That action by the National Council be confined to setting up a special advisory committee to make a study of the legal machinery provided by both federal and state governments for enforcement of the 18th Amendment."

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Weeks, that this recommendation be accepted as the sentiment of the board.

Organizations

Miss Beggin reported upon field work in Slayton, Fulda and Wells incident to her trip to Slayton for the voting habits survey. New chairmen were secured in Wells and Fulda and a group of young women were interested in the Slayton League thru work on the survey.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that ^{the}Northfield League has recently held a successful rummage sale and has paid \$40.00 of its quota to the state League. Three members of the board visited the state legislature in response to the request made of local Leagues from state headquarters.

Mrs. McKnight reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Minneapolis League added a worthwhile sum to its treasury by sponsoring one evening's performance of the play "Craig's Wife". Telephone requests for information recorded in the Minneapolis League office were reviewed by Mrs. McKnight who also told of the informational talk on the coming city election prepared by herself and four other members of the board to be given before groups gathered together in various parts

of the city. A series of questions used in connection with the talk have proved very successful in stimulating interest in the information each voter should have. A discussion group under the leadership of the chairman of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War has met at League headquarters following each meeting of the Foreign Policy Association. In response to general demand for information on China, two lectures are planned with Mr. Bryn-Jones and Professor Quigley as speakers and an admission fee of 50¢ for each lecture.

Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Cobb reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT. The St. Cloud League plans to invite the Montidello League to a dinner meeting this month at which Miss Colcord is to speak. Mrs. Cobb reported ~~that~~ ^{on} the Brainerd League.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the ~~Nx~~ new League in Nashwauk is well organized and had a well planned program. The annual meeting of the Duluth League occurs April 12, the plan being to feature the work of the three departments. Committee reports at the last board meeting showed real growth in the League.

Young Voters

Mrs. Spear reported the organization of a League at the Duluth State Teachers College ~~xx~~ in March. A review of the suffrage movement was given at the first meeting and Mrs. Roulo addressed the girls on the League. Four additional meetings are planned this spring with the Duluth League department chairmen speaking at one of them. A meeting on the legislature and League legislation; a meeting on the Child Labor Amendment, and a joint meeting with the Duluth League complete the plan.

Mrs. Ringstad reported that there is no prospect of a League at St. Olaf's College before the summer vacation because of the crowded schedule but that she hopes one may be started in the fall.

Appointment of Ninth District Chairman

The chair reported that the Executive Committee, authorized by the board to fill the vacancy in the ninth district chairmanship, has named Mrs. J. Pierce Wolfe of Moorhead.

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State Legislation

Mrs. Weeks reported upon bills in the legislature. She reported that a suggestion has been made in the House that it is necessary to increase the weekly limit of hours from 54 to 56 in order to save the bill. A letter from Miss Schutz of the Industrial Commission was read stating that in the opinion of the Commission and of investigators for the Division of Women and Children, the bill so amended would still be preferable to the situation that would follow upon failure to pass the bill. Mrs. Weeks and Miss Monahan spoke in opposition to agreeing to further weakening of the bill in view of the possibility that the constitutionality of the 1923 law might be upheld by the Supreme Court. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Miss Monahan, that the League refuse ~~its~~ support ~~to~~ a bill ~~amendment~~ extending the weekly hours beyond 54 ~~unless~~ except upon the advise of a committee consisting of Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Dietrichson and Miss Kercher.

Miss Lawrence reported upon the educational bills and commented upon the fact that the bill to promote a longer school term met with opposition from friends as well as enemies.

There was discussion of what action the League should take on bills to repeal the Teachers' Retirement Fund Law and the refund provision in the County Allowance law, introduced by Senator Rockne. Upon the recommendation of Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Griswold, it was agreed that no action should be taken in view of the fact that there is no prospect of these bills being enacted into law.

The chair asked for volunteers for attendance at the legislature during the remainder of the session. Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Long, and Mrs. O'Neill offered to give time.

Reports on Surveys for General Council

Miss Shafer reported upon the work she has directed in assembling the results of the surveys on voting habits conducted in ~~Monticello~~, Olivia, Slayton, and Hinckley at the request of the National League. Mrs. Wittich having completed

work on the first survey in Monticello.

Mrs. Shafer also reported that she is bringing the report on Women in Public Office in Minnesota up to date in response to a request from the National League.

Women in Office

Discussion was asked by the chair of the possibility of League members giving leadership in the organization of special committees to interest women in running for office in each community; the question being whether this can be done without committing the League to support of individual candidates. After discussion, it was agreed that a board meeting should be devoted to discussion of this subject after the adjournment of the legislature.

Jury Service for Women

Miss Monahan reported that the Renville County Board has taken an appeal to the Supreme Court following the mandamus proceedings resulting in the court's instructing the Renville County Board to include women in the jury panel. A decision is expected early in May. Miss Monahan said that she plans to secure opinions from judges and lawyers on the question of the legality of a jury panel from which women's names have been omitted. Opinions indicating the possible illegality of such panels would undoubtedly be effective in promoting the inclusion of women's names in jury lists providing the Supreme Court decision sustains the district court decision in Renville County.

Radio Program

Miss Child reported the completion of the program of legislative dialogues broadcast from WCCO and asked suggestions for further subjects. The following topics were suggested as of general interest: Women in Office; Women in Parties, Voting Habits.

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Permanent Memorial for Mrs. Ueland

Mrs. McKnight reported that a committee headed by Mrs. A. E. Zonne of Minneapolis has undertaken ~~the work of~~ to receive contributions toward a permanent memorial for Mrs. Ueland to include the placing of a bronze tablet in the State Capitol and some further project such as a fellowship in her name at the University. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Griswold, that local Leagues in the state be informed of the plan in order that they may contribute if they wish.

Invitations for Future Board Meeting

~~Mrs. Spear reported that the Duluth League board~~

The chair reported a letter from Mrs. Roulo conveying the invitation of the Duluth League board to the stateboard to hold the May or June meeting in Duluth. It was agreed to leave the decision to the Executive Committee. Mrs. Ringstad reported an invitation from the Northfield League for October.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child,
Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

May 13, 1927

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters invitation the State Reformatory for Women in was held at the ~~home~~ of Miss Florence Monahan at Shakopee, on Friday, May 13, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 A.M., Mrs. Wittich presiding in the absence of Miss Wells.

The following members of the state board were present: Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Gaus, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Cant, and Mrs. Colby. Miss Child and Miss Beggin were also present. Guests in attendance were ^{Mrs. Quint of Minneapolis} Mrs. Gage, chairman of the Olivia League, Mrs. Colton of Duluth and Mrs. Henry Smith of St. Paul. Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Boppel, Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Pass of the Shakopee League attended the afternoon session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$1059.09 April 1. Receipts during the month local League totaled \$1286.89 of which \$786.58 was in ~~district~~ quotas. Expenditures totaled \$1043.60, leaving a balance of \$1302.38 May 1.

Mrs. Cant reported the number of local Leagues paying quotas in full. She then read bills payable May 1 amounting to \$635. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Woman Voter Advertising

Miss Child reported that the Minneapolis League has agreed to solicit advertising from candidates for city office in the June election, under an agreement for sharing the profits with the state League.

Organization

Miss Beggin reported visits to Elk River, Columbia Heights and Northfield. Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT a most successful luncheon meeting in

Northfield, at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Fairbank. A successful membership drive was also mentioned as ~~an~~ evidence of the activity of the Northfield League.

In Miss Lusk's absence Mrs. Colby reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT on the two outstanding events of April and May: the rummage sale in April resulting in a handsome profit, and the Annual Meeting, May 6, at the Minnesota Club.

Mrs. Quint reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the chairmen of all standing committees had met in two all-day board meetings to give reports and talk policies. Dr. She reported two successful lectures on China by Bryn-Jones and Professor Quigley and also an interesting round table discussion group following the Foreign Policy Association dinners. Among the events named for the near future were a luncheon at which Mrs. Van Winkle, national president of police women would speak, a tea for senior girls at the University, a benefit bridge at the Radisson, May 17, and a house party for the girls in the University League at Mrs. McKnight's cabin, May 18.

Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT on the special piece of work done by the Olivia League on the rural voting habits survey.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the annual meeting in Duluth in April was most successful. She reported the new Nashwauk League as flourishing. The teachers' college League has had two recent meetings with state legislation and the Child Labor Amendment as subjects of talks. Mrs. Marble added to the report an interesting description of the annual dinner given for the graduates of the Americanization Schools in which the League participates. Mrs. Colton added a word about the committees to observe city departments in Duluth where delegations under Mrs. Marble make their interest and influence felt by regular visits

General Council Meeting

Mrs. Wittich ~~xxxxx~~ reviewed the Committee of Nine report. ~~Shexsaid~~ The purpose of this committee was to draw up a series of recommendations to be stressed by the League in its activities preceding the 1928 campaign. The ~~xx~~ recommendations

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include ballot marking^{classes,}, political calendars, candidates' meetings, information campaigns for booths, participation in primary conventions, women on juries and the continuance of voting surveys.

Mrs. Spear summarized the discussion method as presented to the Council by Harrison Elliott of Columbia University. Practical application was made of his method at the Council by assigning to several groups visits to the different departments of government to supply subject matter for discussion.

Mrs. Wittich said that two impressive facts were apparent at the Council meeting:

I. Growth of the League,

301 of 433 Congressional Districts have Leagues
19 city Leagues of 1000 or more members
16 city Leagues of 500 " " "
28^{state} League headquarters
46 Local League headquarters
81 college Leagues~~headquarters~~

II. The careful procedure in taking on new tasks.

Surveys were asked for preceding all proposed new work and in some cases surveys were recommended; among them surveys of Women in Public Office, Women on Juries, Women in the Parties. A committee was appointed to determine whether or not the 18th Amendment, and the Volstead Act ought to be added to^{the} study programs.

Outstanding addresses at the Council were those by Miss Sherwin and Mrs. Maud Wood Park.

Federal Legislation for State Support

Mrs. Wittich reported that the new items of federal legislation recommended for state support were the Sheppard-Towner Act and Muscle Shoals. In the first it is a question of further funds from the U. S. treasury for infancy and maternity work ^{of} the whole program~~is~~ being carried ~~out~~ by the state. There are therefore two possible ways to proceed: to work for a new federal measure or to work for double the present state appropriations.

In the second matter she reminded us that the League's stand is for government

operation of Muscle Shoals. She ventured the disposal of these holdings would be one of the most vital problems of the next Congress.

Final Report on State Legislation

Mrs. Weeks spoke of the passage of the Teachers' ~~Retirement Fund Bill~~ Tenure bill. She read a letter from Mr. George Rief of the M.E.A. commending the League on its work for the Teacher Retirement Fund Bill.

She recommended that the board send a copy of the current issue of the Voter with the article by Miss Wells on the legislature to each representative and senator in the state. The board by consent approved this recommendation.

In connection with reporting the failure of the 54-Hour Bill she spoke of a two-year survey of women in industry conducted in New York which led to passing a bill for an 8-hour day and a 48-hour week.

She brought to our attention that Minnesota is surpassed only by Florida and California as a tourist state and that girls working in our summer resorts are unprotected which will inevitably lead to a grave situation if not met in some way.

Miss Monahan restated at Mrs. Wittich's request, the plan worked out in Illinois where under the auspices of the leading women's organizations, a group of speakers carried a Legislative Forum to the leading centers of population to extend information on legislative measures supported by women's groups.

~~The Minnesota~~ Voting Surveys

Mrs. Wittich said that certain general conclusions were arrived at as a result of voting surveys reported at the General Council, such as the fallacy of using one election where only 50% of voters are represented as a basis for study, that a presidential election is not as indicative of interest as some others, that a big primary vote occurs in states with a dominant party vote, that there are some serious handicaps put on voters in certain states, such as long residence requirements, poll taxes, lack of uniformity in registration and in

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requirements for absentee voting.

The Minnesota Survey

Miss Beggin, who made the surveys with the aid of local League women in four Minnesota towns, reported that a period of 2 1/4 years was covered, involving elections, 2 local elections, 2 general/ and 2 primaries. Generalizations were that men vote more than women, heads of families come first, grown-up sons, second; daughters, third, and mothers, last. 13% of the registered voters voted ~~100%~~ in all six elections and / in the period of the survey, ~~though~~ as high as 90% and over voted in ~~some~~ one or more of the six elections. ~~elections in some localities.~~ Olivia held the best record.

Summer Study Groups

Mrs. Weeks gave a brief summary of the international situation before presenting the plan of summer study groups. Material will be prepared on outstanding subjects in the program of her department for use of local study group.

State Convention and Institute

Miss Child reported that President Coffman has agreed to University cooperation in an Institute next fall, October 4-8, and has appointed a committee to represent the University. His letter was read by Mrs. Colby.

Mrs. Quint, vice-president of the Minneapolis League, extended to the board the invitation of the city League to hold the meeting in Minneapolis. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Marble, to accept the invitation of the Minneapolis League.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

June 10, 1927

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at state Headquarters on Friday, June 10, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ramsey, Bennett, Miss Kercher, Miss Lusk, Miss Lawrence, Miss Beggin and Miss Child.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported total receipts for May of ~~\$1961.31~~ ^{641.92} and total expenses of ~~\$888.27~~ ^{910.27}, leaving a balance June 1 of ~~\$1063.04~~ ^{1034.03} with bills payable amounting to ~~\$619.83~~ ^{728.20}.

In addition to regular monthly installments of the year's quota from the Leagues in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, a quota payment in full (\$7.00) was received during May from the LeRoy League.

Mrs. Cant read a letter from Miss Ludington expressing her appreciation for the regular monthly installments of the National League quota ^{received} from the Minnesota League during the past fiscal year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lusk that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

The Woman Voter

Miss Child reported that the state League will receive ^{from the Minneapolis League} \$93.75 as its share of the proceeds of candidates' ads in the May issue of the Voter. This will cover the major part of the expense of publishing the May number. A tentative offer has been received from the Lund Press covering a cooperative arrangements with the League for publishing the Voter.

Organization

Miss Beggin reported visits to Chaska, Norwood and Faribault in the THIRD DISTRICT and to Kenyon and Farmington where new chairmen and board members were secured for these Leagues that have been inactive during the past year. Miss Beggin recommended that the board take action to remove Chaska from our mailing list of local Leagues since there is no immediate prospect of reviving organization there. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bennett, Second of Miss Lusk, to approve the recommendation, and ~~omit~~ remove Chaska from the local League mailing list.

Mrs. Wittich reported upon her speaking engagement on June 8 in Monticello, TENTH DIST where she spoke on the General Council meeting. Miss Beggin reported a visit to Wayzata in the same district where a new chairman is needed owing to Mrs. Spencer's removal to Minneapolis following the death of her husband.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League in St. Paul is preparing for a campaign for a city manager charter in the fall. It is planned to secure vice-chairmen in all the wards who, with the chairman, will be asked to attend board meetings and thus keep in close touch with the work of the League.

Mrs. McKnight reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Minneapolis League has planned a contest during the summer months with prizes to the wards in which one or more new members are secured in every precinct in the ward. She also reported a meeting at her cabin of members of the nine League study groups with 42 women present and a discussion led by Mrs. Wittich on the question, "Does the League fill a Necessary Place in our Present Political Life?", the discussion being planned according to the method explained by Harrison Elliott at the ^{National League} General Council. Mrs. McKnight reported ^{that} the share of the Minneapolis League ^{in the receipts} from ~~the~~ candidates' ads in the ^{May} Voter amounted to \$120.25.

Summer Activities

The suggestion of the National League that each state League make a special study of Sheppard-Towner work was reported by Mrs. Wittich who called attention to the importance of bringing home to women throughout the state in this way the value of ^{the} ~~the~~ work, ^{in each com} ~~preliminary~~ ~~to the question of the desirability of supporting the passage of a new federal act by Congress.~~ She mentioned the fact that a research study of the ^{results} ~~value~~ of the work that has been carried on under the Sheppard-Towner Act is to be made by the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Foundation. The purpose of the League study will be to mobilize legislative support for state and federal appropriations ~~for the work~~ if these are to be continued. Mrs. Wittich reported a conference already arranged with Dr. Boynton of the Division of Child Hygiene, State Board of Health, and League representatives to plan for the questions that are to be sent out to local Leagues in the near future.

Miss Child reported that the plan for preparation of material on foreign affairs for the use of summer study groups is still incomplete. Mrs. Hargreaves has been asked to

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prepare certain subjects, supplementing statements that are being prepared by Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. McGuire. No reply has come from Mrs. Hargreaves as yet.

Receipt of a questionnaire on Jury Service ~~by Women~~ from the National League was reported by Miss Child. It was stated that the Executive Committee discussed the advisability of further work on this question in the state and that it was agreed that the way to handle it at present would be to ask the presidents of the Leagues in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth to ask the chairman of the Committee on Legal Status of Women to pursue the inquiry in her own county and report upon it early in the fall.

* *(read paragraph below on State Convention)*
Other Business

Miss Wells called the attention of the board to new publications received from the National League during recent months as follows:

Special Legislation for Women in Industry
 A Printed Questionnaire for Use by Local Leagues on
 Domestic Electric Power Rates
 The Hazard of the Child
 Proceedings of the General Council
 Revised Program of Work Council
 Miss Sherwin's national ~~conventionxxxxxx~~ address

* State Convention

Miss Wells reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the following committee represent the League in acting jointly with the committee appointed by the University for the Institute of Government and Politics to be held in conjunction with the state Convention: Miss Lusk, chairman; Mrs. Wittich, Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Gaus, and Mrs. Frank T. Lynam. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Cant, to approve the committee as named.

A letter has already gone out to local Leagues informing them of the plan for the Institute, October 4-8 and asking cooperation in securing attendance.

~~ThisxMissWellsxxsaidxxisxxonexxofxxthexgreatestxxproblems.~~

The meeting adjourned on motion at 12:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

July 8, 1927

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Russell M. Bennett, Northome, Lake Minnetonka on Friday, July 8, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ramsey, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Spear, Miss Martha Botsford, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Cant, Miss Monahan, ~~and~~ Mrs. Colby, and Miss Child. There were also present as guests Mrs. H. G. Harrison, Mrs. Frank Lynam, Mrs. James Paige and Mrs. Silas Bryan.

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

Miss Wells then spoke of the death of Mrs. Glasoe of Northfield on June 18th and named Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Dowling to prepare a resolution for submission to the board after the noon recess. In the course of the afternoon session Miss Lawrence reported the following resolution and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Botsford to accept the resolution as written and to send copies to the Northfield League, and to Mr. Glasoe.

WHEREAS Mrs. P. M. Glasoe, one of the dearest members of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters has entered the joy of the life beyond,

RESOLVED that we feel the irreparable loss among us of one whose unfaltering loyalty and enthusiasm were ever an inspiration and that, missing the help of her loving thought for others, we shall try to make our future work a tribute to her memory.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of ^{June} ~~July~~ of ^{\$1034.03} ~~\$858.51~~ and receipts during June of \$752.56, of which \$357 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$928.08, leaving a bank balance July 1 of \$858.51. Bills payable amount to \$577.01. Mrs. Cant reported that, in addition to the regular installments of the annual quota received from St. Paul, Duluth, and Minneapolis,

two local Leagues have paid the quota in full during the past month: Redwood Falls, and Stephen. ~~Shaxmantiowad~~ IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Organization

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that ^{the} Duluth League is one of the organizations represented in a Civic Council that concerns itself with municipal government and is now about to start an educational campaign in behalf of a business manager for the city. There followed general discussion of the ~~proceedings~~ ~~discussion~~ support a local League can offer such a movement and it was urged by the chair that Mrs. Spear, as League representative upon the Council in Duluth, keep in close touch with Mrs. Roulo as the local Efficiency in Government chairman, and that Mrs. Roulo keep Mrs. Wittich informed of the situation in order to have her advice and help.

Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT that the Olivia League is planning to have a monthly meeting during the summer and that it is interested in carrying ~~turning~~ out the study of maternity and infancy work suggested as a summer activity by Mrs. Colby who spoke at the last meeting.

Miss Lawrence reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT that the St. Cloud League is not active at present owing to the absence during the past weeks of Mrs. Stai, chairman.

Mrs. Bryan reported for the Minneapolis League that a pamphlet on the Harrison Elliott discussion method called "Talk It Over" embodying Mrs. Wittich's interpretation of his plan together with a suggestive illustration, is now being printed and will be available for general distribution by the state or national League. She announced that Mrs. Lynam is succeeding Mrs. Denny in the chairmanship of the Department of Public Welfare in Government.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League in St. Paul has now practically completed the organization of an Executive Committee in every ward but one. This has been accomplished through luncheon conferences in the League

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office with promising women in each ward to talk over League work. ~~Mrs. Ringstad~~

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that it is impossible to carry on League activity in Northfield during the summer because so many women leave town. She expects to visit the reorganized League in Kenyon next week at the request of the new chairman.

Miss Child reported, at the request of the chair, the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Mrs. Carrol Sherwin of Monticello be appointed to the vacant chairmanship in the TENTH DISTRICT. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Spear, to ask Mrs. Sherwin to act as tenth district chairman.

Department of Efficiency in Government

Mrs. Wittich reported that she ^{AND Miss Beggin} prepared, at the request of the National League, ^a suggested plan of instructions for making surveys of voting habits similar to those made in Minnesota early in the spring. She recommended the continuance of local surveys in Minnesota and said that she would like to see ~~the Leagues~~ the Leagues in the three first-class cities conduct studies of certain representative precincts as a way of securing a sample of the city. She offered her help and that of the state League in meeting groups of workers and tabulating and assessing results. Monticello and Olivia were reported as planning to continue the surveys already made when new election facts are available.

Mrs. Wittich mentioned the desirability of central counting of election ballots to avoid error and eliminate costly recounts and said that the Minneapolis League is planning to make a study of this question from facts available for Minneapolis.

Miss Wells reported the decision of the National League to ^{Consider} ~~address~~ state department chairmen in future as members of the ~~National League~~ same department of the National League, and asked whether the time may now have come, particularly in view of the plan for voting surveys, to try to secure Efficiency in Government chairmen in each local League. Miss Child reported 14 local Leagues as now having

such chairmen.

International Cooperation to Prevent War

Attention was called to the National League quiz questions and the Twenty questions on Disarmament prepared by Mrs. Weeks were read by Miss Lusk to be answered by members of the board. There followed discussion of the present disarmament conference. Mrs. Paige ~~mentioned~~ said that the printed report of the Second Conference on the Cause and Cure of War with very valuable material, is now available.

The chair reported the offer of Mrs. W. J. Maroley to conduct study groups under the joint auspices of local A.A.U.W. groups and local Leagues for a fee plus travelling expenses. It was suggested that local Leagues keep her offer in mind in planning future programs.

~~State Convention~~

~~Miss Child reported a conflict of dates between the League and the Federation of Women's Clubs the first week in October. After considering carefully the schedule of other meetings, and consulting with Mr. Price of the University and Mr. Mellony of the Curtiss Hotel, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lusk, that the Institute and Convention dates be changed to November 1 - 5.~~

Public Welfare in Government

Miss Child reported that, at the suggestion of the National League, two conferences have been held on the subject of maternity and infancy work in the state; the first, on June 4 at which a plan was made for intensive study of local work by each League; the second, on July 6 being a conference with other organization representatives to decide upon a minimum of work by each group to interest its own membership in the situation.

The study of maternity and infancy work planned by the American Child Health Association was reported. Dr. Crumbine will visit Minnesota during the coming month. Mrs. Colby also reported the decision of the State Medical Association recently made to cooperate with the state Board of Health in making an intensive study of maternal deaths in Minnesota.

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State and County Fairs

Miss Child reported that Miss Olive Boe who prepared the posters for county fair exhibits last year is at work upon a cardboard model to show the right kind and the wrong kind of a woman citizen. Her work will be completed in the next two weeks.

New Name for Woman Citizen

Miss Wells mentioned the request of the magazine for suggestions for a new name. The following names were mentioned by various members of the board:

The Tat/ler
The Complete Woman
Woman
The Woman Resurgent

State Convention and Institute

Miss Child reported a conflict of dates between the League and the Federation of Women's Clubs the first week in October. After considering carefully the schedule of other meetings, and consulting with Mr. Price of the University and Mr. Mellony of the Curtis Hotel, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lusk, that the Institute and Convention dates be changed to November 1 - 5.

Miss Lusk, chairman of the Program Committee for the League, reported upon the plan for courses agreed upon in conference with University members of the Program Committee. The question of speakers for the evening mass meeting and for the Convention luncheon was discussed and Mrs. Paige suggested the possibility of learning of famous men and women from other countries who may be on speaking tours in the United States and available for our program.

Miss Wells voiced the enjoyment of board members of the delightful day with Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Harrison. The meeting adjourned on motion at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

September 9, 1927

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in Northfield, Minnesota on Friday, September 9, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 11:15 P.M., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Sherwin. There were also present Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. John R. Parkes, Miss Child and the following special guests: Mrs. Bursch of Connecticut, Mrs. Downing of Michigan, Mrs. Palmer Berg and Mrs. Wenzel of Kenyon, Mrs. Gage and Miss Northrup of Olivia and the following officers and members of the Northfield League: Mrs. Fairbank, Mrs. Boraas, Mrs. Herr, Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Doyle, Miss Baker, Mrs. Andreg, Mrs. Cheney, Mrs. Hearn, and Mrs. Kelsey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after correction.

Finance:

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Miss Kercher read the treasurer's report. The balance August 1 was \$1417.10. Receipts during the month totaled \$587.78, of which \$282.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during August amounted to \$733.60, leaving a balance September 1 of \$1271.28. Bills payable were read, amounting to \$625.23. Miss Kercher also read the honor roll of Leagues ~~which have~~ making monthly quota payments or having paid their quota in full for the year 1926-27 ~~which are~~ as follows: Appleton, Duluth, Jordan, Minneapolis, Northfield, Norwood, Watson, St. Paul, West St. Paul, LeRoy, Redwood Falls, and Stephen. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the treasurer's report be accepted, the bills ratified, and the outstanding bills allowed.

Miss Child reported having received through the National Club Service Publishing Company a page ad for Sapolis to be inserted in the September, November and January issues of the Woman Voter. This will mean an income of \$50 for each of the three issues with prospect of having the ad for three additional issues

if the response warrants it. Miss Wells made a plea to board members to mention the Woman Voter in placing orders for Sapolio.

A letter from Mr. L. J. Lauerman of Olivia, ~~the~~ attorney in the Renville County case to compel the county board to list women in the jury panel, was read by the secretary. Mr. Lauerman asked that the expense of \$67 involved in appealing the case to the Supreme Court be assumed by the state League. In the course of the discussion the following facts were brought out: that neither the local League in Olivia nor the state League was asked to assume or did assume responsibility ~~in the~~ ~~action taken~~ either for the plan followed or for the expense incurred, that the case is nevertheless of particular interest to the League of Women Voters since it resulted in a statement by the Supreme Court on the possibility of challenging a jury drawn from a panel showing discrimination against women, that it might be well to assume a share of the expense if precedent for similar post-facto requests in future could be avoided. It was suggested that the Federation of Women's Clubs, of which Mrs. Passer, in whose name the case was brought is an officer, might be asked to share the expense with the League. It was also suggested that Mrs. Passer be consulted to learn her ideas as to the payment of this sum. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Marble, second of Mrs. Dowling that Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Gage be asked to follow out this inquiry and make a recommendation to the board at its next meeting.

Organization

Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin is visiting Leagues in the NINTH DISTRICT and will attend the Annual Meeting of the Detroit Lakes League this week.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that she visited the reorganized Kenyon League last month and that the Northfield League held a successful summer meeting with a spell-down on disarmament questions. Mrs. Fairbank, chairman of the Northfield League, said that the League will meet monthly with afternoon meetings alternating with evening meetings to which men will be invited since this plan proved successful last year.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the St. Paul League is

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having Judge Florence Allen as a luncheon speaker on November 5. Mrs. McGuire has arranged to secure Mrs. Marclely for a course of six lectures to a group made up of the organizations represented in the Cause and Cure of War Conference. Organization work in St. Paul includes the assignment of a quota to be paid into the League treasury from the various wards in St. Paul with all receipts credited to the ward.

Mrs. Wilson D. Wallis reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT, in the absence of Mrs. McKnight, that a series of discussion groups on foreign affairs is being arranged by the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. A luncheon is scheduled at the Nicollet Hotel for September 26 with Mrs. McKnight as speaker.

Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT that meetings have been arranged for September by the Leagues in Appleton, Olivia and Watson and that the Olivia League is arranging for a League exhibit at the county fair next week.

In the absence of Mrs. Spear, representing the EIGHTH DISTRICT, Mrs. Duluth Marble reported that the League held a picnic meeting at her home in August and that a membership tea is planned for September 13. Mrs. Pittenger now assumes the office of president and Mrs. Roulo that of chairman of the Department of Efficiency in Government. Miss Child reported that Mrs. Spear had carried on correspondence with various women in her district in regard to arranging exhibits at the county fairs and that the Nashwauk League has requested to use the exhibit as a local window exhibit.

Mrs. Wolfe reported for the NINTH DISTRICT that the Moorhead League will continue as a study group for the present with the possibility of being converted into a strong local League later on. Mrs. Kempfer will be invited to speak at the first meeting in October.

Mrs. Sherwin reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that the only active Leagues are in Monticello and Columbia Heights but that she has talked with women in Buffalo and Maple Lake and ~~will~~ hope to secure Leagues ~~there~~ in those places in her district. Her assistance has been asked by Elk River women in planning a program for the coming year.

Work in Support of Sheppard-Towner:

In the absence of Mrs. Griswold, Miss Wells reviewed the situation resulting in the renewal of the federal appropriation for two years and the automatic repeal of the act itself at the end of this period. She explained that the compromise agreement was entered into with the understanding that friends of the measure could ~~not~~ try for re-enactment of a similar law in another Congress. It is therefore necessary that our Congressmen be interviewed before leaving Minnesota for the coming session of Congress. The desirability of having women in every local community acquaint themselves with the concrete results of the work there and bring it directly to the attention of the Congressman for the district was emphasized. Dr. Boynton of the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Board of Health has furnished the state League with a list for each county of names of women benefitting by the correspondence courses and pre-natal letters sent from the Division, and these can be forwarded to local League chairmen for follow-up. Mrs. Gage of Olivia reported that such a list was furnished her from state League headquarters early in the summer and that she had written asking for a statement by these women on the value of the courses. She then read several of the letters received in reply and IT WAS AGREED that such letters would prove very effective in securing the interest and support of Minnesota Congressmen in behalf of a new federal measure. The chair named Mrs. Marble to prepare a recommendation to the board as to what request should be made of local Leagues in this connection. The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:15 P.M.

The meeting re-convened at 2:15 P.M.

Mrs. Marble offered the following motion as embodying her recommendation and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Marble, second of Mrs. Dowling, that a communication be sent from state League headquarters to local Leagues containing suggestions for the study of local maternity and infancy work and for interviewing their Congressmen to acquaint them with the results of the inquiry and to urge their support of a new measure.

Resignations:

Miss Child reported the resignation of Mrs. O. M. Botsford as chairman of

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First Congressional District, owing to ill health. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Marble, that her resignation be accepted with regret.

The resignation of Miss Martha Botsford as chairman of the Living Costs Committee was also reported. She does not expect to be in Minnesota during the coming year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lusk, that her recommendation be accepted with regret.

State and County Fair Exhibits

Mrs. McGuire reported on the League exhibit at the state fair and explained that under the new superintendent of the Woman's building an effort is being made to unify the exhibits and to replace static exhibits with demonstrations of actual activities. Mrs. McGuire suggested that next year an effort be made to make our League exhibit an actual demonstration of some political activity.

Mrs. Bryan reported upon the cardboard models prepared for county fair exhibits. Miss Child reported that a county fair exhibit has been arranged by the following Leagues: Detroit Lakes, Faribault, Olivia (in Bird Island) Atwater (in Willmar). In addition the Duluth League is using the models as a window exhibit this week. Miss Child explained that the number of League exhibits at county fairs this year will be smaller than in previous years, due perhaps to less active follow-up of each local League but due also to the fact that there seems to be a general feeling on the part of local women that the exhibit in past years has not been worthwhile. The fact was also mentioned that less money is available to county fair organizations this year and ~~therefore there is less interest in them~~. *attendance and interest has therefore decreased.*

Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Wolfe thought that Farm Bureau picnics might be worth following another year since the attendance at these is excellent. Miss Child suggested that the cardboard model be offered every local League for use during the year as a window exhibit, especially since many of our local Leagues are situated in a different town from that in which the county fair is held.

Institute and Convention

Miss Lusk reported upon the plan for courses and speakers for the Institute. Miss Wells mentioned the plan this year of having only one course scheduled for a certain hour instead of duplicate courses as previously. The question of attendance at the Institute was briefly discussed and Miss Wells stated that she will bring the question of the responsibility of board members for attendance at the Institute and Convention before the board at its next meeting.

Other Business

The request of Mrs. Bayliss, president of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs, that the League send a representative to convey its greetings to her organization at its convention in Crookston early in October was reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Wittich, that Mrs. J. Pierce Wolfe be requested to represent the League. Mrs. Wolfe agreed to do so. The chair thanked Miss Kercher in behalf of the board for representing the League in this way at the recent meeting of the National W. C. T. U.

Recent National League publications were called to the attention of the board by Miss Child. Particular mention was made of the printed and mimeographed statements in explanation of the Program of Work of the various committees and departments. Distribution by the National League of the leaflet printed by the Minneapolis League "Talk It Over" was mentioned and Mrs. Wittich made a brief report on the use by the Minneapolis League of Harrison Elliott's discussion method described in the leaflet.

Miss Wells introduced Mrs. Bursch, chairman of the Committee on Living Costs of the Connecticut League, who spoke on the program of that Committee.

Miss Wells voiced the appreciation of the board to the Northfield League for its hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

October 14, 1927

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, October 14, 1927. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Sherwin, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Dietrichson, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Colby and Miss Kercher. There were also present Mrs. T. A. Pederson, chairman of Dakota County, Mrs. D. L. Grannis of South St. Paul, and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk read the treasurer's report. The balance September 1 was \$1,271.28. Receipts during the month totaled \$560.80, of which \$330.75 was received in quotas. Disbursements during September amounted to \$960.66, leaving a balance October 1 of \$871.42. Bills payable were read, amounting to \$427.15. Miss Lusk also read the honor roll of Leagues making monthly quota payments or having paid their quota in full for the year 1926-27. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Griswold, that the treasurer's Report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Dowling reported a recommendation made by the Olivia League that the state League do not assume responsibility for the bill of \$67 for fees involved in appealing to the Supreme Court the Renville County case affecting the listing of women in jury panels. It was therefore agreed to let the matter drop and Miss Child was asked to communicate the decision to Mr. Lauerman.

Representative at P.T.A. Convention

Miss Wells reported that, at the request of the Executive Committee, Mrs. John Ordway of St. Paul has accepted appointment as representative of the League of

Women Voters at the convention of the Minnesota Congress of Parents and Teachers in Fergus Falls next week.

Surveys of Voting Habits

At the request of the chair, Miss Child reviewed the suggestion discussed by Mrs. Wittich in past board meetings that representative precincts in the three first-class cities be surveyed before the state convention. Mrs. McKnight reported the plan for the survey in Minneapolis which will begin on October 21st.

Mrs. Spear reported that the survey in Duluth will be under the direction of Mrs. Roulo as Efficiency in Government chairman and that Miss Beggin is to assist in the work which will be started next week. The secretary read letters commenting on the excellence of the survey plan from Professor Holcombe of the Department of Government of Columbia University and Dr. Sheppard of the Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government. Miss Lusk reported that the survey in St. Paul will be conducted by the organization department, of which Mrs. White is chairman.

The question as to whether the state or local League meet the cost of the printed or mimeographed blanks needed for the survey was discussed. Miss Child reported Mrs. Wittich's recommendation that the state League should supply the necessary blanks and should take charge of the work of tabulating and analyzing the data obtained. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Miss Lusk, to approve Mrs. Wittich's recommendation.

Work in Support of new maternity and infancy measure

The secretary read a letter from Miss Sherwin urging active work by state Leagues, in communicating first-hand information about Sheppard-Towner work already undertaken in the state to each congressman before his return to Washington. ~~The letter contained also a review of the status of other federal legislation on the League program that is not of such immediate importance.~~ The chair then explained that the questionnaire received last spring from the National League of Women Voters Child Welfare Committee, covering Sheppard-Towner activities and the problems involved in their continuance, had been filled out for return to the National League with the

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assistance of Mrs. D. L. Grannis, in view of Mrs. Griswold's inability to give the necessary time to the questionnaire.

Mrs. Grannis gave the board a resume of the questionnaire and the information supplied for Minnesota and reported the appointment of Dr. Hattley ~~has~~ part-time director of the Division of Child Hygiene of the Department of Health, following the resignation of Dr. Ruth Boynton. Mrs. Grannis also showed a small outline map of the state on ~~the~~ ^{which} Sheppard Towner activities in the various counties has been marked. Various members of the board commented upon the fact that the activities carried on in certain counties are not shown on the map and IT WAS AGREED that additional information should be obtained to complete the map.

At the request of the chair, Miss Child reported upon the follow-up in each congressional district of the September letter to local League chairmen, to assure each congressman being interviewed by a League representative in company with a "Sheppard Towner mother". Information as to the date of return to Washington for each congressman was secured by wire last week. In two districts, the seventh and the ninth, the congressmen have already left for Washington.

District I - ^{Follow-up} Special letter to Leagues in Winona and LeRoy

II - Special letter to Redwood Falls League

III - Special letter to Kenyon League. Mrs. Grannis said that Congressman Andresen is expected in South St. Paul on November 10 and agreed to arrange an interview with him. Mrs. Ringstad also agreed to see him in company with women from Northfield who have first-hand knowledge of the value of the Sheppard-Towner work.

IV - Miss Lusk agreed to report the results of an interview arranged with Congressman Maas of St. Paul by the Ramsey County League Child Welfare chairman.

V - Mrs. McKnight asked Miss Wells to represent the Minneapolis League in interviewing Congressman Newton.

VI - Special letter to Leagues in St. Cloud & Elk River. Miss Lawrence reported that Congressman Knutson is to be invited to attend one of the Mothers' Classes conducted in St. Cloud by a member of the nursing staff of the Department of Child Hygiene.

VII - The Olivia League communicated with Congressman Kvale and arranged to send him the original letters secured from women in Renville County who had benefited by the correspondence course in the hygiene of maternity and infancy.

VIII - Mrs. Spear reported that the Duluth League has delegated to Mrs. Searls, the new Public Welfare in Government chairman, responsibility for interviewing Congressman Carss.

IX - Mr. Selvig drove to Washington with his family early in September. Since he was head of the University extension School of Agriculture in Crookston and has now left that position, he will probably not return to the state this fall. Letters from individual women will be sent him.

X - Mrs. Sherwin reported that she expects to drive to Cambridge with some women from Monticello to interview Congressman Goodwin.

State Convention

Mrs. Weeks reported a tentative outline of the convention program, prepared at the request of the Executive Committee. Two buffet supper meetings in private homes on Tuesday and Friday were suggested to substitute for the reception to delegates and the organization conference held in previous years. Miss Child recommended also that arrangements be made for luncheon or late afternoon conferences of local League department chairmen with the state League chairman.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee for X chairmen of convention committees were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dietrichson second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Colby be asked to accept appointment as chairman of the committee on budget. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan second of Miss Lawrence that Mrs.

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~~Miss~~ Roule of Duluth be asked to accept appointment as chairman of the committee on nominations. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan second of Miss Lawrence, that Mrs. Spear ^{be appointed} ~~serve~~ as chairman of the committee on revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The following proposals for possible changes in the Constitution and By-Laws were discussed:

Personell of Nominating Committee - to be changed to consist of a representative from each congressional district instead of the chairman of the congressional district as at present.

Membership and Dues - Miss Wells asked ~~whether~~ the opinion of each member of the board as to the desirability of changing the present provisions ~~pro~~ ~~viding~~ that no dues shall be required as a condition of membership. Miss Monahan and Miss Lawrence favored keeping the present provisions while other board members spoke in favor of requiring dues, the amount to be determined by local Leagues.

Size of the State Board - Miss Wells asked the board to discuss the suggestion of increasing the size of the board and reported the following facts for the present board: it allow^sed for 32 different members but actually has, owing to duplication and vacancies, a present membership of 23. The average attendance for the ten meetings since the last convention is 13.2.

The attendance of individual members of the board at these 10 meetings was:

9 meetings - Miss Wells	5 - Miss Monahan, Mrs. Gaus
8 - Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Colby	4 - Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Griswold, Miss Kercher, Miss Botsford and Mrs. Weeks
7 - Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Lawrence.	3 - Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Botsford and Mrs. McGuire
6 - Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. McKnight	2 - Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Dietrichson

The secretary read from the minutes of the National League board, recommending that board membership be restricted to active workers. The possibility of

an having/honorary, advisory group was mentioned. The desirability of increasing the size of the board in order to have more women informed on the policy and procedure of the state League and ~~be~~ prepared to fill vacancies in committee or department chairmanships was discussed. It was suggested that the danger in adding to the board would be to decrease the responsibility of the individual members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M. for luncheon and re-convened at 1:49 P.M.

Institute of Government

The question of Institute finance and registration fees was submitted to the board by the chair. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Griswold, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that Mrs. Colby be asked to serve as chairman of the Committee on Institute Finance. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dietrichson, second of Mrs. Dowling, that Mrs. Wittich be asked to serve on the committee. There was general discussion of the amount of the registration fee and it was thought that a fee of \$3 would not limit attendance from the state at large. It was agreed that the decision as to the fee be left with the Finance Committee.

The ^{chair}~~board~~ asked that the responsibility of board members for securing attendance at the Institute be discussed. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Colby, that Mrs. Weeks be asked to assume responsibility for conferring with each board member as to possible help in promoting Institute attendance. Mrs. Weeks called the roll of members present and recorded the statement of each, covering specific help volunteered. It was agreed that each member of the board ^{also} should be asked ^{to} assume responsibility for the sale of 15 Institute tickets.

It was agreed that Mrs. Sherwin ~~should~~ be asked to represent the state League in hospitality to out-of-town women attending the Institute and convention and that the district chairman and Miss Beggin should share this responsibility. Mrs. Dowling suggested that Mrs. Dieudonne be asked to assist.

Supplementing this plan, it was suggested that entertainment in private homes be arranged through the Hospitality Committee of the Minneapolis League and

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through the assistance of ~~the~~ state board members for out-of-town women who could come if saved hotel expense while in the city. Miss Lusk reported the tentative plan of the Ramsey County League to arrange for automobile transportation from certain points in St. Paul each day to the Institute sessions in the Curtis Hotel.

1927-28 Program of Work

The secretary read the recent letter from Miss Sherwin to state League presidents outlining federal measures in the League program which state Leagues might be called upon to support. There followed discussion of the items in a proposed Program of Work for Minnesota to be sent out to local Leagues in advance of convention. The following items were agreed upon:

- Maternity and infancy
- Jury service for women
- Reorganization of state government
- Arbitration and disarmament
- Pre-election activities such as:
 - Vote surveys
 - Candidates meetings

It was further agreed that the following Methods of Work should be proposed as part of the program:

- One-day schools
- Study Groups
- Discussion method
- Speakers

It was agreed that the measures supported in the last state legislature, for which additional ~~appropriation~~ preparation must be made before the next legislature, should be included in the program of one-day schools, together with a discussion of the organization and work of the League as one subject in the program.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the above program be sent out to local Leagues preliminary to its proposal for adoption at the state convention.

Miss Monahan asked whether anything had ever been done to request the U. S. ^{Women's} ~~Children's~~ Bureau to conduct a survey in Minnesota of conditions affecting women in industry, as a preparation for the support of needed legislation. Mrs. Dietrichson explained that such a request should clear to the Women's Bureau from the State Industrial Commission. It was suggested that such a study might possibly be made by an Interim Committee of the state Legislature or by a special commission appointed by the governor. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Weeks, second of Miss Kercher, that the board authorize Mrs. Dietrichson to make inquiry as to the possibility of securing a state-wide survey of conditions for working women through one of the agencies suggested.

Reports of District Chairmen

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT mentioning recent activities in the Northfield League. Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that organization is now practically completed in all wards. Mrs. William Morris is to be in charge of study groups that will be conducted in the various wards with ward chairmen as leaders. Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT upon activities in Duluth. Mrs. Roulo is to go to Nashwauk to speak before the new local League there. Mrs. Spear plans to visit Nashwauk and Carlton in the interest of ~~state~~ organization, in the near future. Organization and meetings of the League in the Duluth State Teachers College will be resumed in December ~~at a welcoming party~~. Mrs. Sherwin, chairman of the TENTH DISTRICT, reported a visit to the Elk River League in the SIXTH DISTRICT and said that the Monticello League will join with the Elk River League in planning League activities for the coming year.

Miss Child reported a message from Miss Beggin that she recently talked with Mrs. J. D. Morrison in regard to serving the state League as FIRST DISTRICT chairman, to succeed Mrs. Botsford of Winona resigned. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Miss Monahan, to ask Mrs. J. D. Morrison of Winona to accept appointment as chairman of the first district.

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New National League Officers

The chair announced the changes in the official personnel^m of the National League during the last year and the secretary read descriptive statements on the new officers received from the National League press department.

November Board Meeting

An invitation from Mrs. McGuire to hold the next meeting at her home was reported. There was discussion of whether the date might be changed to November 4 to avoid Armistice Day and to make it possible for out-of-town board members to attend the board meeting and the luncheon for Judge Allen in St. Paul on successive days. It was agreed that the regular board meeting day should not be changed.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

November 11, 1927

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. McGuire, 444 Otis Avenue, St. Paul, on Friday, November 11, 1927.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Ringstad; later Mrs. R. M. Bennett, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Thorp, and Miss Monahan. Members of the St. Paul board present were Mrs. White, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Keegan, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. McDonell, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Allan Briggs, Miss Feay, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Guise, Mrs. Fetter, Mrs. Herbert. Other guests were Mrs. Stai of St. Cloud and Mrs. Wallace of California.

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

As the whistles sounded the hour of the signing of the Armistice, thoughts on peace progress were expressed by Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight, and Mrs. Weeks.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Miss Kercher read the treasurer's report. The balance October 1 was \$871.42. Receipts during the month totaled \$1668.43 of which \$1241.02 was received in quota payments. Disbursements during October amounted to \$1606.15, leaving a balance November 1 of \$933.70. Miss Kercher also read the honor roll of Leagues having paid their quota in full for the year 1926-27. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. McGuire that the treasurer's report be accepted and bills allowed.

A letter from the Woman Citizen Magazine was read by the secretary explaining that the offer of a bonus for subscriptions is good only up to January 1. IT WAS AGREED that there should be a Woman Citizen subscription drive at the convention.

Reports of District Chairmen

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that three delegates, in

addition to the official representative of the local League, would attend the convention and Institute. Mr. Andresen was interviewed and promised his support for a new infancy-maternity measure. Mrs. Ringstad mentioned the fact that certain members of the medical association were the worst enemies of the work.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT on the success of the Judge Allen luncheon and the coming interview with Mr. Maas on infancy-maternity work. M

Mrs. McKnight reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT on recent activities and work for the convention, and the interview Miss Wells is to have with Mr. Newton. Mrs. Stai gave a resume of activities during the past year in St. Cloud, for the SIXTH DISTRICT.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT on the voting survey and other activities. ~~Mrs. Spear~~ Mrs. Spear also spoke of the difficult situation in Nashwauk. Mrs. Marble reported an informal interview with Mr. Carss who will support the work, as usual.

Mrs. Weeks reported for the NINTH DISTRICT of a meeting at which Mrs. Kempfer was guest speaker.

Reports of Speaking Engagements

Mrs. McGuire reported her trip to St. Cloud, to their annual meeting. Mrs. McKnight reported her trips to Duluth and Winona, and to Chicago. Mrs. Weeks reported her trip to Mankato, Waseca and Faribault.

College Leagues and Young Voters

Miss Child's report of college Leagues was read by the secretary. There are six actual college Leagues, five of which are at state Teachers' Colleges. Mrs. McKnight questioned the advisability of speaking again in Mankato. Miss Child was to be consulted.

Miss Jennings reported the young voter activities in St. Paul. A report of Miss Ely's visit to Mankato State Teachers' College was read by the secretary. She recommended that college Leagues pay membership dues and affiliation dues to the state League.

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The question of a new counselor for Young Voters was not acted upon.

Request from Brainerd League

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Armstrong, secretary of the Brainerd League, asking permission "to become a study group". It was agreed to leave the question to the Executive Committee.

Message from P.T.A. Convention

A letter from Mrs. Ordway who represented the League of Women Voters at the Parent-Teacher Congress at Fergus Falls was read by the secretary, expressing her appreciation of the opportunity and the pleasure it afforded her to represent the League.

Committee Child Welfare/Chairmanship

Mrs. Griswold's resignation as chairman of child welfare was read by the secretary. IT WAS VOTED that her resignation be accepted with regret.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that Mrs. D. L. Grannis of South St. Paul be appointed to the chairmanship of the child welfare committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 for luncheon and re-convened at 1:50 for the afternoon session.

Department Reports

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich gave a report of the vote surveys in the three cities of the first class.

Public Welfare in Government - The secretary read letters telling of the various activities in the different districts in calling the attention of congressmen to infancy-maternity work. Mrs. Wittich reported that a change on the editorial board of the American Medical Association might change the policy. She was delegated by the chair to ascertain the best way of reaching the new medical appointee with the true story of the Sheppard-Towner work.

State Convention

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Hixon in regard to her attendance

at the convention and the latest local League letter on convention. Mrs. Spear as chairman of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution and By-Laws read proposed changes. In discussion of dues it was the sentiment of the board that dues shall in the future be expected from the local Leagues. Miss Wells introduced Mrs. Wallace, legislative chairman of ^{the} California League who gave her personal opinion in favor of dues, rather than large contributions as a means of financing League work. The change in the nominating committee was approved. It was the consensus of opinion that the report was acceptable and the board recommended its acceptance to the convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Miss Kercher, that Mrs. McGuire fill the position of chairman of nominating committee in place of Mrs. Roulo whose resignation was read and accepted with regret.

A plan for DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES was suggested by Mrs. Weeks who thought department chairmen should arrange conferences with local chairmen of departments (or representatives of such departments) and report plans to Miss Child who could clear plans to prevent conflicting meetings.

Mrs. Weeks called for reports of individuals on the board of results in securing attendance at convention. State board members gave encouraging reports such as getting it before other organizations than the League, getting newspaper publicity, personal letters written, announcement at business and professional lunches, distribution of fliers, etc.

Institute of Government and Politics

The question of complimentary tickets to University of Minnesota Young Voters League was discussed and it was suggested that at least two tickets be given the University League to encourage attendance. Mrs. Herbert offered to contribute one ticket, and the chair suggested that further offers might be received before the Institute.

A letter from Miss Sherwin to the state president was read by the secretary.

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Appointments of delegates to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War were made on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lusk as follows: Mrs. White, Mrs. Marcley, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Holman, Ten delegates are allowed and the chair suggested that additional appointments may be made later.

Miss Wells expressed the board's enjoyment of Mrs. McGuire's hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 and reconvened immediately.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to ratify Mrs. Kurt Stai's appointment to the chairmanship of the Sixth District.

Mrs. Thorp invited the board to hold its January meeting at her home. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING
Ninth Annual Convention
Minnesota League of Women Voters
November 29, 1927

The pre-convention meeting was held in Dining Room A of the Curtis Hotel Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The meeting was called to order promptly at 5 o'clock, Miss Wells presiding.

Members of the board present were: Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Griswold, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Colby, Misses Kercher, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Miss Lusk. Miss Child and Miss Beggin were also present.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Spear, that the minutes of the last board meeting be omitted.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Thorp, second of Mrs. Spear, that the monthly report of the treasurer be omitted.

Mrs. Cant, the treasurer, then read the annual Treasurer's Report.
(Report filed.)

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Thorp, that the annual Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Mrs. Colby read the proposed budget and explained several points such as traveling expenses and salaries, "office and field," as well as the increase in Woman Voter receipts.

The question of Voter receipts brought up the problem of including the Voter in dues. Since the dues are ~~not~~ to be required under the new by-laws. Each board member expressed her idea on methods of handling the Voter and it was the consensus of opinion that the inclusion of the subscription in dues as well as the question of raising the subscription price be left without decisive action.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Miss Kercher, that the acceptance of the budget be recommended to the Convention.

Mrs. Spear presented the proposed changes in the by-laws in latest amended form. (Report filed.)

The question of dues was discussed at length and it was the consensus of opinion that the decision of the amount of local League dues be left with the local Leagues and the amendment to the by-laws on dues be accepted as read.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the *report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-laws be recommended* ~~message of by laws be recommended~~ to the convention *for adoption.*

The Executive Committee recommended to the board that Mrs. Weeks be appointed to head the new Department of Public Welfare in Government and that Mrs. McGuire succeed her to the chairmanship of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Week's resignation from the chairmanship of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War be accepted and that she be appointed to the chairmanship of the new Department of Public Welfare in Government and that Mrs. McGuire be appointed to the chairmanship of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War to succeed Mrs. Weeks.

The subject of delegates to attend the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War to be held in Washington January 15-19 was reviewed. By checking the list of those members of the board who plan to go at the time of the last board meeting with the list of those actually going to Washington, ten delegates are allowed from the Minnesota League. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Kempfer be appointed to represent the League at the Washington conference as one of the ten delegates.

The meeting was adjourned on motion at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

POST-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING
Ninth Annual Convention
Minnesota League of Women Voters
December 3, 1927

The post-convention board meeting of the Ninth Annual Convention was called to order Saturday afternoon at 3:30, Miss Wells presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to re-appoint the chairmen of the various standing committees of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, and to appoint chairmen to vacancies where such vacancies occurred.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lawrence that Miss Monahan be re-appointed to head the committee on Legal Status of Women.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Ringstad that Miss Lawrence be re-appointed to head the committee on Education.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Ringstad that Mrs. Grannis be appointed to the chairmanship of the Committee on Child Welfare.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. McGuire that Miss Kercher be re-appointed to head the committee on Law Enforcement.

It was the consensus of opinion that the re-appointment of Mrs. Dietrichson to head the committee on Protection of Women in Industry be left until Mrs. Dietrichson had been written to and her plans made known.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Bennett that Mrs. Colby be appointed to the chairmanship of the committee on Public Health and Social Hygiene.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire that Mrs. Spear be appointed to the chairmanship of the committee on Living Costs.

IT WAS VOTED on the motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Colby that Mrs. Spear's chairmanship of the Eighth District be confirmed.

Members of the board attending the post-convention board meeting

were: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Colby, Miss Lawrence, Miss Lusk, and Miss Child was also present.

The meeting was adjourned on motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

January 13, 1928

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 13, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Harrigan, Mrs. Colby, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Lawrence and the following district chairmen: Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. Sherwin. There were also present from Minneapolis Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Lynam, Mrs. Bessessen, Miss Merrill and Mrs. Bryan; from St. Paul, Miss Anita Furness; from the national and state League staffs, Miss Marguerite Owen, Miss Beggin, Miss Child and Miss Schweizer.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting on November 11 and of the pre-convention and post-convention board meetings of November 29 and December 3 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of December of \$402.92 and receipts during the month of December of \$2150.55, of which \$626.58 was received in quotas. Disbursements for the month amounted to \$2146.38, leaving a balance January 1 of \$407.09. Bills payable were read amounting to \$922.84. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. The honor roll of Leagues making monthly payments of quotas, or having paid a part of the 1927-28 quota included Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud, Watson and Duluth.

The financial report of the Convention and Institute was read, as follows: Receipts from convention luncheon, \$160.11; fee for luncheon speaker, \$300.00; other convention expense, \$42.50; receipts from Institute \$760.61; expenditures, \$355.02.

Woman Voter Advertising

Miss Child mentioned the fact that the ad for Sapolio secured for three months (September, November and January) may possibly be placed for another three months if the return justifies it. She urged that board members notice the ad that will appear in the January issue of the Voter and let the company know that they have seen it. Mrs. Weeks reported having written a letter to the company, at the request of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Appointment

The chair reminded the board that no action was taken at the post-convention board meeting to name the Executive Committee for the coming year and mentioned the fact that there is one vacancy in the committee as constituted at present. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant to name Miss Lusk for the vacancy. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Miss Monahan, to reappoint Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Cant as the other members of the committee.

Model Constitution for College Leagues

Miss Child reported that Miss Davis, president of the St. Cloud College League, requested a copy of ^a ~~the~~ model constitution for that group. She suggested that the model constitution prepared some years ago for local Leagues is in need of revision. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Bennett, that the chair appoint a committee of two members to report to the board at its next meeting and suggested Model Constitution for Local Leagues and College Leagues.

Organization

Miss Beggin reported upon her visits to Leagues in the ninth district following the holidays. She also mentioned her visit to Duluth before the holidays to assist in a Survey of Voting Habits; to Mankato to organize a college League at the State Teachers' College; to Janesville, Brainerd and Staples where it is hoped the present study group may grow into a League. Miss Beggin reported a personal conference with Dean Lumley of the Moorhead State Teachers' College leading her to

for membership in this group were recorded by the secretary. Mrs. Wittich said that it may be that the time has come to try for improvement in our direct primary law but that we must be sure the proposals made represent improvement and not a return to the convention system with its well-known abuses.

She urged board members to inform themselves by reading the pamphlets published by the National League on the Direct Primary and to interview local newspaper editors and prominent citizens in their communities to urge them to avoid definite commitments against the primary until they have carefully considered all the facts.

Monthly Calendar for local League Activities

The chair asked the board to consider month by month activities to be recommended to local Leagues. Miss Child reported the suggestion in a letter from Mrs. McGuire to local League International Cooperation chairmen that one local League meeting be devoted to ~~the history of Arbitration and present proposals before this country~~. IT WAS ~~VERY~~ AGREED that this program, with a program on the Direct Primary as suggested by Mrs. Wittich, should take care of meetings in February and March. April and May should be devoted to pre-primary election activities, including One-Day Schools for Voters. These schools might be continued through the summer and early fall months preceding the November election. IT WAS AGREED, on Miss Beggin's recommendation, that no general recommendation to local Leagues should be made in regard to undertaking vote surveys but that the suggestion ~~might~~ be made to selected Leagues when Miss Beggin can be there to assist with the study.

M Miss Monahan recommended that our questionnaire to county officers on the inclusion of women's names in jury panels be repeated in March to learn the facts up to date. ~~She thought that the Supreme Court decision in the Renville County case and the publicity given to the results of our 1927 questionnaire may have resulted in the listing of women's names in additional counties. She said that these lists are made up by the county commissioners outside the Twin Cities, in January and July, and~~ ^{She} recommended that after the results of our March questionnaire are known, a letter be sent to county attorneys where women were not included

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hope that the college League there may be re-established.

During the afternoon session reports were given for the THIRD DISTRICT by Mrs. Ringstad, for the FOURTH DISTRICT a report prepared by Mrs. Colby was read by the Secretary ~~in the absence~~ ^{the report} of an officer of the St. Paul League, ^{the report} for the FIFTH DISTRICT ^{was given} by Miss Merrill in the absence of Mrs. McKnight, for the SIXTH DISTRICT by Mrs. Stai, for the EIGHTH DISTRICT by Mrs. Spear, for the NINTH DISTRICT by Mrs. Wolfe and for the TENTH DISTRICT by Mrs. Sherwin, who reported having received from Congressman Goodwin a long letter expressing his favorable attitude toward a new federal infancy and maternity measure. The chair asked Miss Owen in this connection to tell something of the situation in the present The Direct Primary [→] Congress.

At 12 o'clock, by consent, discussion of the Direct Primary took the place of other business. Mrs. Wittich introduced the subject by a general review of the history of Direct Primary measures in Minnesota and of the operation of this type of nominating procedure as compared with the party caucus-Convention system still used before the presidential election, to ~~secure~~ ^{name} delegates to the national party Conventions, ~~for the nomination of presidential candidates~~. She also discussed proposals that have been made for modifying the Minnesota primary law and mentioned the organization of the Minnesota Representative Government League to campaign for legislative changes in the law. She summarized newspaper items on the Direct Primary that have appeared in certain local newspapers and asked board members to watch for and report editorial comments or articles appearing in their local newspapers.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:10 p.m. and re-convened at 2:10 p.m.

The chair asked discussion of ways of extending information on the direct primary throughout the state. A letter to local League Efficiency in Government chairmen prepared by Mrs. Wittich for mailing this week, was read by the secretary. The chair then reported the plan proposed by the Executive Committee of calling together an advisory committee of men representing the whole state to assess the value of the proposals that have been made or that may be made for changing the present nominating procedure in Minnesota. Names ~~was~~ suggested by board members

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in the January panel, calling their attention to the Supreme Court decision.

One-Day Voters Schools

Mrs. Weeks reported a tentative plan for One-Day Schools of the type carried on in 1924. IT WAS AGREED that the details of the plan and of the program should be left for decision by the Executive Committee.

State Convention Dates

The chair asked for discussion of the date and place of our next state convention. IT WAS AGREED that inquiry should be made as to whether the first week in October is free from conflicting dates and that the St. Cloud League be consulted by Mrs. Stai in regard to the possibility of their inviting the state League to hold its convention there.

Other Business

There was general discussion of the responsibility of local Leagues to the National League radio program. The chair explained that it was not a service for women only but a general educational service for voters which it is hoped will reach both men and women.

Mrs. Weeks reported a conference held by Miss Wells, Miss Kercher and herself with members of the State Industrial Commission in regard to inviting the U. S. Women's Bureau to make an industrial survey of Minnesota. No final decision has yet been reached.

~~Miss Child reported that Mrs. Edwin White of St. Paul has extended an invitation to the board to hold its next meeting at her home.~~

In view of reports of failure to receive the Voter, board members were asked by the chair to make inquiries of Voter subscribers and report to the office irregularities in the mailing of the Voter.

Mrs. Wolfe reported that she had been unable to attend the meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Crookston last fall but that she sent a telegram to convey the greetings of the state League.

Miss Monahan reported the appointment of Dr. Sophonisba Breckenridge of Chicago as the new National League chairman of the Committee on Legal Status of Women and Mrs. Weeks, in the absence of Mrs. Dietrichson, reported upon Mrs. Avis Ring of Winnetka Ninabuck/as the new chairman of the Committee on Women in Industry.

Appreciation was expressed ~~by the chair~~ to Mrs. Thorp for her hospitality to the board and the meeting adjourned on motion at 4:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

February 10, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Edwin White, 767 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul, on Friday, February 10, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Present: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, ~~Mrs. McKnight~~, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Beggin and Miss Child. Arriving later were Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Harrigan, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Sherwin, Miss Kercher and Mrs. Ramsey. Members of the Ramsey County board and Miss Jennings were also present as guests — (List attached).

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

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Wittich in the absense of Mrs. Cant. She ~~Mrs. Cant~~ reported a balance the 1st of January of \$407.09 and receipts during February of \$1183.21, of which \$705.83 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1164.22, leaving a balance February 1 of \$426.08. Bills payable amounting to \$940.03 were reported. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Organization

Miss Beggin reported field trips in the second and third districts to / Leagues in Wells, Fulda, Slayton, Shakopee and Jordan. She also visited Mankato, and Mountain Lake. The Mankato State Teachers College League is following out the study program suggested and hopes to be able to present a League speaker before the whole student body some time this spring. Albert Lea

Mrs. Spear reported that the League in the Bluth State Teachers College is having difficulty in finding time to meet free from other activities. She hopes that a recently formed study group under the leadership of a faculty member may cooperate with the League group in future plans.

Report on Cause and Cure of War Conference

By consent, the time from 11 to 1 O'clock was reserved for Mrs. McGuire's report upon the conference. Following her review of the four resolutions adopted by the conference, the chair introduced a discussion of what follow-up of these resolutions can be undertaken by the National and state League within the program of work adopted by each. It was made clear that the conference cannot commit a participating organization to action outside its authorized program. New items in the program of work must await convention action. It was also agreed that state League action on these resolutions should be taken ^{only} at the suggestion of the National League so that the effectiveness of such action would be enhanced by that of other state Leagues.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:15 P.M. and re-convened at 2:15 P.M.

The Caucus-Convention System

Mrs. Wittich reviewed this system ^{in Minnesota} for choosing party convention delegates and party officials and committees in the presidential election year. It was announced that the same material will be printed in the February Voter.

Experiences of those present in participating in the party caucuses and conventions four years ago were asked for by Mrs. Wittich and recorded by Miss Child as a permanent record for our files. The suggestion was approved, by consent, that the board recommend to League members in the various congressional districts that they write to their congressmen urging that the best appointments possible be made to the chairmanship of the district party conventions.

State League Convention

Letters from Mrs. Friedrich of the St. Cloud League and Mrs. Morrison of the Winona League were reported conveying an invitation to hold the state convention in each city. A motion was made by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded, and later withdrawn that the convention be held in Winona. IT WAS VOTED on motion of

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Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the final decision be left until the next meeting of the board, further inquiries being made in the meantime as to accommodations for convention sessions and delegates. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Kercher, to authorize the Executive Committee to decide upon the time of the convention, the first or second week of October being under consideration.

Chairmanship of Committee on Women in Industry

The resignation of Mrs. Dietrichson, owing to her departure from the city, was reported by the chair. Miss Child presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee that Miss Kercher be asked to accept appointment to the vacant chairmanship. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Spear, that Mrs. Dietrichson's resignation be accepted with regret. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that Miss Kercher be asked to serve as committee chairman. Miss Kercher said that she would be glad to accept the appointment since it represented one of her chief interests.

National League Circular Communications

Attention was called by the chair to the printed bulletin issued by the National League to state board members and local League chairmen. Various board members expressed themselves as having read it with great interest.

The call to the National League convention in April was reported by Miss Child, who also mentioned the printed postals with questionnaires on the radio program that we are asked to have individuals fill out and return to the League radio committee in New York. These have been mailed to local League radio chairmen in the state. The chair asked those present to take as many of the cards as they could have filled out. ~~by friends.~~

Voters Schools

Miss Beggin reported that, during her recent field trip, she made tentative plans for an immediate series of schools. Mrs. Weeks reported that she is preparing her talks for the schools. ~~material that will be used in the schools.~~ A program of two sessions is planned with talks on public welfare legislation, The direct primary and American foreign policy.

A talk on the League of Women Voters is to be a feature of the program in every school.

Miss Wells expressed the appreciation of the board to Mrs. White for her hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

Present at board meeting ~~yesterday~~ February 10, 1928

Saint Paul

Mrs. Norman Fetter

Mrs. A.A. McDonell

Miss Townsend

Mrs. Allan Briggs

Mrs. Adolph Meyer

Mrs. J. C. Holman,

~~Mrs. A. J. McGuire~~ State Board

~~Miss Cornelia Lusk~~ ..

Mrs. Edwin White,

Mrs. J. M. Guise,

Mrs. C. P. Herbert

Mrs. L. M. Benepe

Mrs. Jane Humbird Burr,

Mrs. Beaver Wade Day

Miss Anita Furness

Mrs. Louis Michaud

~~Mrs. Rayn~~

Mrs. Thomas Keegan

Mrs. Jerry Flynn

Mrs. August Fredine

Mrs. Angell

Mrs. William Morris

Mrs. Laura Kavanaugh

Mrs. J. V. Kennedy

Mrs. Thomas Shea

Miss Gertrude Troy

Mrs. Anna Purcell

Mrs. H. C. Wilson

~~Mrs. Walter Ramsey~~ State Board

Miss Mary Jennings

Mrs. A.W. Moulton

Mrs. C. P. Noyes

STATE BOARD MEETING

March 9, 1928

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Wittich, 1822 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis, on Friday, March 9, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

There were present Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Weeks, ^{Mrs. Lawrence} Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Cant, Miss Child and Mrs. Bryan and members of the Minneapolis League board. Mrs. R. T. Hargreaves also attended as a guest. Members of the board arriving later were Mrs. McKnight, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. Harrigan.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance February 1 of \$426.08 and receipts during February of \$1270.65, of which \$785.08 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1076.50, leaving a balance March 1 of \$620.23. Bills payable amounting to \$830.45 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lawrence, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant also reported that the following Leagues have paid their quota in full for the current year: Watson, Jordan, Sibley Unit, Redwood Falls. The following Leagues are paying their quotas in installments: monthly - St. Paul, Duluth, Minneapolis and Faribault; quarterly - Winona, Northfield, St. Cloud and Brainerd. Olivia and Lake Park were reported as having very nearly paid their full quotas.

Organization

Portions of a letter from Miss Beggin describing a visit to the Atwater League were read by Miss Child. The importance of personal visits to local Leagues, not only by the field secretary but also by district chairmen was emphasized.

Mrs. Weeks reported recent speaking engagements in Detroit Lakes, where 85 members were present and 27 new memberships secured, in Graceville, Atwater and

Appleton.

Reports of district chairmen were given later in connection with the discussion of attendance from each district at National Convention. Mrs. Wallis reported for the Minneapolis League, Mrs. McGuire, for the Ramsey County League, Mrs. Morrison for the FIRST DISTRICT, Mrs. Ringstad for the THIRD DISTRICT, Mrs. Stai for the SIXTH DISTRICT, Mrs. Spear for the EIGHTH DISTRICT and Mrs. Sherwin for the TENTH DISTRICT.

Place of State Convention

The chair asked Mrs. Morrison to speak of the accommodations that would be available in Winona if the convention were held there. Mrs. Morrison explained that it will be possible for the Hotel Winona to give space to all the convention sessions and conferences except the candidates' meeting for which the Armory nearby will be secured by the Association of Commerce free of charge. At the request of the chair, Mrs. Stai then made a similar statement as to accommodations in St. Cloud in the adequate new hotel there and spoke of the interest and cooperation that would be assured from the State Teachers' College. After discussion IT WAS AGREED to leave the final decision until the afternoon session. Later IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Morrison, that the Executive Committee be authorized to make the final decision as to place and time for holding the state Convention.

Suggested Constitution for local Leagues and college Leagues

Mrs. Spear reported for the committee consisting of herself and Mrs. Stai to whom the revision of the Model Constitution for local Leagues dating from 1924 had been referred. She explained the changed provisions incorporated in the revised model constitution and, after discussion, IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Cant, that the board approve the recommended forms for future use.

Minnesota Delegation at National League Convention

Miss Child reported the definite facts about the Convention and the messages by letter from Miss Sherwin to Miss Wells. She said that a list of possible attendants from Minnesota, either as delegates, alternates or visitors, is being

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made up in the state office to whom special information about the convention will be forwarded. The chair asked each member of the board and especially each district chairman to feel responsible for reporting names to be added to the list. The possibility of having a distinguished group of visitors attend the convention from Minnesota, in addition to the official delegation was mentioned. Mrs. Hixon, National League treasurer, will be responsible for seeing that special courtesies are extended to such visitors. Women who have already expressed an interest in attending the convention were named as follows:

First District -

Mrs. J. D. Morrison (E in G)	Winona
Mrs. A. C. Loomis (Living Costs)	"
Mrs. Adolph Bauerlen (wife of co. auditor)	"

Third District

Mrs. Mabel Johnson Leland	Kenyon
Miss Florence Monahan	Shakopee
Miss Alice Murdock (as special visitor)	Stillwater (Suggested by Mrs. Harrigan)

Eighth District

Mrs. R. N. Marble	Duluth
Mrs. C. S. Roulo (E in G)	"
Mrs. Abrams (Pub. Welfare)	"
Mrs. George H. Spear	"
Mrs. John Stone Pardee (Int. Coop)	"
Mrs. Stephenson	"
Mrs. C. D. Mitchell	"

Tenth District

Mrs. Carroll W. Sherwin	Monticello (may drive to Chicago)
Mrs. Thomas P. Welsh	"

Pre-Election Activities

A letter from Miss Sherwin to Miss Wells entitled "The Political Year" with suggestions for action was reported by Miss Child. The state League has already carried out its suggestions in the publication of the following pieces of informational material: Mrs. Wittich's article on the Caucus-Convention system in the February Voter, the Caucus Skit distributed to local Leagues and the questionnaire to women participating in the party caucuses. Miss Child explained that a similar questionnaire was distributed in 1920 and in 1924. It is therefore hoped that many

questionnaires may be returned this year to complete the record of observations in each presidential election year since women were enfranchised.

Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Sweetser of the Minneapolis League told their experiences in attempting to participate in the Democratic party caucuses March 8. Direct naming of delegates by party leaders without holding a delegate election seemed to be the plan in many precincts. Mrs. Bissell of the Minneapolis League told of her difficulties in trying to get information in regard to the plans for the Republican caucus to be held in the Ramsey county township in which she is now living.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:05 P.M. and re-convened at 2:10 P.M.

The question being asked as to the follow-up of the suggestion made at the last board meeting that League members be advised to write their Congressmen about qualified appointments to the chairmanship of the party county conventions, Mrs. Sherwin reported that she had written Congressman Goodwin of the tenth district. Mrs. Battle of ^{the} Minneapolis League also reported having written.

Mrs. McKnight outlined, at the request of the chair, the actual procedure connected with the decision as to the ^{damming} ~~damming~~ of the northern waterways, to illustrate how little real connection this issue has with the selection of presidential candidates in Minnesota, it being merely a smoke screen for the activities of the campaign committees.

One-Day Schools for Voters

Mrs. Weeks reported that she is to go to Slayton on March 14 for the first school. The mimeographed sheet describing the school will be sent out to local Leagues in the near future although correspondence with local Leagues by Miss Child and Miss Beggin has indicated that most prefer to wait until the roads are clear before planning a school. Mrs. Harrigan suggested that a number of clubs of farm women in her community might unite in planning a One Day School in Stillwater. Mrs. Sherwin reported that Monticello would like to arrange for a school during Easter

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vacation, the week of April 1-8.

Muscle Shoals and the Norris Bill in Congress

Mrs. Spear reported in detail upon the facts concerning Muscle Shoals and Senator Norris' bill now before the Congress. The chair reported the action of the Executive Committee, in response to a letter from Miss Sherwin of the National League, in authorizing letters in the name of the state League to Senator Shipstead and Senator Schall urging their support of the Norris Bill and explaining that the League's stand on it does not indicate a general commitment to government ownership. Replies from both senators were read by the secretary.

Review of Minnesota Legislation for Women in Industry and New Proposals in the National League Program

Miss Kercher gave the facts as to the progress of legislation of this type in Minnesota from the date it became a state (1858), emphasizing the present situation under which the Minimum Wage Law of 1913 and the hour law of 1923 are not enforceable. She then commented upon the National League program of work for the information of board members.

International Cooperation to Prevent War

Mrs. McGuire reviewed Senator Gillett's resolution on the World Court and reported that local Leagues have been asked to communicate with our senators in support of it. She recommended that individual board members also write individual letters urging the reporting of the resolution from committee.

Mrs. McGuire then supplemented her report at the last board meeting on the Cause and Cure of War Conference by a special report on the round table discussion of Latin America.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
April 13, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Wittich, 1822 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis, on Friday, April 13, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan. There were also present Miss Gladys Harrison, Mrs. John R. Parkes, Mrs. W. D. Wallis, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Hampe and later Miss Edith Rockwood.

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich read the treasurer's report. She reported a balance of \$620.23 on March 1. Receipts during March amounted to \$1104.84, of which \$698.83 represents quota payments. The second quarterly payment on the year's quota was received from Northfield and Winona in addition to monthly quota payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Stephen and Olivia were added to the list of Leagues that have paid their quotas in full. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1089.29, leaving a balance April 1 of \$635.78.

Bills payable were reported amounting to \$1229.80. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Weeks, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Reports of District Chairmen:

In the absence of Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT. The outstanding event in March was the round table conference on the Cause and Cure of War. Ward study groups are flourishing. A citizenship school has been organized in St. Anthony Park under the leadership of the Federated Clubs. Mrs. McGuire thought that the use of the League's study material should be limited in such instances unless League methods are back of its use. The chair asked Miss Harrison what the policy is in Washington as to requests for League material. She replied that ree

quests for material for club papers, etc. are answered by sending pamphlets and information on the League.

In the absence of Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wallis reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT. The Efficiency in Government department of the Minneapolis League is interested in charter amendments at the present time. A series of round tables on the direct primary are to be held at Mrs. Wittich's home. The afternoon radio hour has had to be changed, because of baseball, to 10 A.M. on Thursdays. The Department of International Cooperation is cooperating in the youth peace program of sponsoring talks to youngpeople on Sunday evenings. The Young Voters group has now disbanded after clearing \$100 on the series of five evening lectures. Tabulation of Minneapolis voting surveys is almost complete.

Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT. She expressed appreciation of the Voters' Service in Olivia. She reported that the question of citizenship study groups under the Federated Club had come up in Olivia also.

Talks to college Seniors

Mrs. Weeks addressed the senior girls at St. Olaf's college in Northfield yesterday. Miss Hilleboe, dean of women, is very much interested in the League but feels that there are too many other organizations on the campus.

One Day Schools

The school held at Slayton March 14 at which Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Wittich spoke was most successful, there being 100 in attendance in the evening. The Monticello school April 3 conducted by Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. McGuire had a very small attendance but was considered worthwhile.

Action on Proposed Changes in National League Program of Work

Mrs. Wittich reported upon the changes in the program of the Department of Efficiency in Government. These were approved by consent of the board.

Mrs. McGuire reported upon changes in the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War. The second change adding "interpretation of neutrality" to the fourth item for study was considered misleading. There

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seemed to be general dissatisfaction with the arrangement of items under recommendations for legislation. Miss Rockwood reported similar reaction of the Illinois board and read the re-arrangement of this part of the program as proposed by the Illinois League board. It was the opinion of the board that such a re-arrangement is an improvement and that Miss Morgan should be requested to submit it to ~~the~~ her department. ~~convention.~~ According to the re-arrangement, this section of the program would read

Support of proposals and measures which provide for

1. Entry of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice.
2. Progressive codification of international law
3. Outlawry of war
4. International reduction of armaments
5. Official participation in economic and humanitarian conferences and commissions designed to promote international harmony, whether called by the League of Nations, by individual nations, or initiated by the United States.
6. Settlement of international difficulties by arbitration or other peaceful means and the support of treaties having the same end in view.
7. Economic policies in the interest of peace.
8. General reduction of expenditures for war

The board's attention was directed by Miss Harrison to the fact that it is a bad policy to ask a committee or department to discuss arrangement of program at the time of their pre-convention meeting. This precious time should be given to discussion of policy. It was the sentiment of the board that the chairman should be asked in advance to re-arrange the wording when it does not interfere with the meaning.

~~This policy and the chair directed Mrs. Wittich to write to Miss Sherwin~~ expressing this opinion. Mrs. Wittich was directed to write to Miss Sherwin also about the policy of inserting under "recommendations for study" an item which had been under "recommendations for legislation", as in the case of the item on the Permanent Court of International Justice.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon changes in the program of the Committee on Child Welfare. These were approved by consent of the board.

Miss Monahan reported upon changes in the program of the Committee on Legal Status of Women. The whole program has been re-stated along the same general lines. The program was approved by consent of the board.

In the absence of Miss Kercher, a communication was read suggesting an addition to the program for the Committee on Women in Industry. By consent of the

board, Miss Wells was directed to refer the suggestion to Miss Kercher.

The committee chairmen for Living Costs, Education and Social Hygiene were not present. Mrs. Spear forwarded a written report which is on file.

Questionnaires

Miss Monahan reported that a jury service questionnaire had been sent out to clerks of court in the state similar to the one sent out last year but that returns were as yet incomplete.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the party caucus questionnaires. Some of the comments on the conduct of the caucuses were "scene of strife", "disgraceful", "farce", etc. In general, women were less effective in the caucuses than ever because of the use of the steam roller.

Federal Legislation

X Mrs. McGuire reported that ^{the U.S. Daily represents} the Gillett resolution ~~was~~ smothered in the Foreign Relations Committee and that ^{Mr. Borah says} the War Court is ~~now~~ ^{now} closed to the United States.

State Convention

The chair reported that the Executive Committee which was authorized by the board to make the final decision as to time and place of the state convention, has named October 4, 5, and 6 in St. Cloud. The chair reported a telephone conversation with Mrs. Friedrich of St. Cloud saying that the hotel had been engaged for that time.

National League Convention

A suggested list of delegates and alternates for Minnesota was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Monahan, to accept the 11 delegates as read including Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Weeks, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Roulo and Mrs. Batchelder. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan, that Mrs. Stai be consulted about a delegate from St. Cloud and that if ~~she~~ ^{neither} ~~advised against making either Miss Merz nor Miss Bunnell~~ ^{could attend} ~~the twelfth delegate,~~

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Mrs. T. A. Pederson of West St. Paul be named. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Weeks, to accept as alternates the following: Mrs. Edwin White, Mrs. H.S. Paul, Mrs. R. K. Abraham, Mrs. J. S. Pardee, Mrs. O.M. Botsford, Mrs. Adolph Bauerlen, Miss Rose Merz, Miss Edna Bunnell, and Mrs. T.A. Pederson.

Replies have not yet been received as to college League delegates.

Miss Wells expressed the appreciation of the board to Mrs. Wittich for her hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
May 11th, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Wells, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, May 11, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Morrison and, after lunch, Miss Kercher. There were also present Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Botsford and Miss Child.

In the absence of Mrs. Pearce, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Grannis. A statement of Mrs. McGuire's in the minutes was questioned and it was suggested that she be consulted in regard to a possible correction.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance April 1 of \$635.78 and receipts during the month of April of \$634.89, of which \$466.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$864.50, leaving a balance May 1 of \$466.17. Bills payable amounting to \$809.27 were reported. IT WAS VOTED that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. She reported February and March unpaid bills totalling \$517.80, in addition to the present month's deficit. In reply to a question about the items making up the deficit, Miss Child mentioned the bill of \$228 for the printing of the Institute addresses for which we hope to be reimbursed by their sale.

There followed discussion as to methods of pushing the sale of these pamphlets. Mrs. Wittich suggested the preparation of a mimeographed statement indicating the contents to use in promoting their use by study groups and their sale in One Day Schools and other League meetings. Mrs. McKnight suggested communicating with other state Leagues as to their use in connection with activities based on the League program. Miss Wells will write the National League in regard to

to the possibility of promoting the distribution of the pamphlets outside of Minnesota. It was also suggested that the civics teachers in the public schools of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth and the faculty of the State Teachers Colleges be reached in regard to using the pamphlet in their classwork. Miss Child reported having circularized 57 public libraries in the larger cities of the state. The actual sale up to date amounts to only 26 copies in addition to the complimentary copies sent Institute faculty members and sample copies sent the National League.

One Day Schools for Voters

Mrs. Wittich reported the school at Bemidji which she and Mrs. Weeks addressed on May 5, following the annual luncheon of the Women's Community Club. ~~The attendance was so small and interest~~ The attendance was so small and interest so lukewarm that Mrs. Wittich recommended our making no further efforts to interest Bemidji in League organization until there is a definite request for it from a representative group of women.

She reported schools scheduled for May 15th in Columbia Heights and for May 24th in the Mankato State Teachers College and recommended that, following these schools a new program should be prepared ~~to make the definite program~~ preparatory to the general election.

Reports from Local Leagues

Mrs. McKnight reported for the Minneapolis League upon the success of talks the radio ~~program~~ prepared by Mrs. Maroley. A post-convention luncheon is planned for May 14th and support of amendments to the city charter to be voted on at the primary is under consideration.

Mrs. Ramsey reported for Ramsey County that the annual meeting is to be held on May 16th and that recent activities are a candidates' meeting, securing political ads for the Women Voter and conducting a very successful rummage sale, in which new workers have been secured for the League.

Mrs. Morrison reported for Winona that the annual meeting is to be held on May 18th and that \$60 was recently realized from a bake sale.

Mrs. Stai reported for St. Cloud an interesting piece of work in securing

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the appointment of women as election judges and clerks and asking for instruction of the whole group by the city clerk previous to the election. The chair asked Mrs. Stai to prepare an article for the Voter giving the facts.

Miss Child read letters from League officers in Kenyon, Appleton and the Staples Study Group illustrating the League's educational campaign on the direct primary in local groups.

State Convention Plans

Mrs. Stai reported upon places available for convention sessions and Mrs. Ramsey, at the request of the board, said she would visit St. Cloud during the month to advise as to the selection of meeting rooms. ~~for the convention sessions.~~ The chair asked the board to name the National League officers for whom they wish to place a request as speaker at the convention luncheon. Miss Child ~~reported~~ ^{recorded} the names and Miss Wells will send the message to the National League. It was agreed that the candidates' meeting should be arranged for Thursday evening as in former conventions.

National League "Voters' (radio) Service"

The chair mentioned the fact that the change in the hour due to the daylight saving time schedule in the East has resulted in the discontinuance of this program by WCCO. IT WAS AGREED that an effort should be made to discover whether the continuance of the service for Minnesota can be assured. In the meantime expressions of the disappointment of listeners in the discontinuance of the service should reach WCCO from various parts of the state. Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Stai were asked to assume responsibility for the sending of such messages. Miss Child suggested that a communication should be addressed to local League radio chairmen in the state.

Commonwealth Conference in Iowa City

Miss Sherwin's letter to Miss Wells in regard to National League representation at this conference on "Political Issues in 1928" to be held in Iowa City ~~June 9-11~~ July 9-11, was read. IT WAS AGREED that an effort should be made to interest women from the Twin Cities in attending and that information on the expense of

the trip should be available in state headquarters.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1 o'clock and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

National League Convention Reports

Mrs. Wallis reported on the executive session of the Department of Efficiency in Government and Mrs. Wittich supplemented her report with information on the constitutional amendment affecting the "lame duck" session of Congress adopted in the legislative program of the department. The chair called attention to the National League pamphlet "State and Federal Law-Making Bodies" (price 8¢) containing information on this question. Miss Child reported the names of those who would like to have the pamphlet mailed to them. IT WAS AGREED that a question on this measure should be included in the next questionnaire to congressional candidates.

Mrs. Grannis reported for the Committee on Child Welfare, Miss Kercher for Women in Industry, Miss Lawrence for Education, Miss Child as proxy for Mrs. Colby of the Social Hygiene Committee. The chair asked Mrs. Cant to report on the recommendations of the special committee on the question of adding prohibition to the League program.

National League Questionnaire on Civil Service Examination for Prohibition Officers

Mrs. Colby reported a communication from the National League early in the year mentioning the possibility of congressional action to change the Crampton law for placing prohibition officers under civil service by which those already in the service would be "covered-in" without examination. Only about a third of this group passed the examination given. The facts for Minnesota covered in an accompanying questionnaire were secured by Mrs. Colby from Mr. Volstead who favors the "covering in" proposal. ~~since~~ ^{he said,} The best agents in this state were among those who failed to pass the examination. Mrs. Colby was asked to secure the facts as to the actual proportion of agents already in the service in Minnesota who passed, since this question was not included in the questionnaire.

The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, acting secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

June 8, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Ramsey, 214 South Grotto, Saint Paul, on Friday, June 8, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

Board members present were Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Stai and Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. Herbert of Saint Paul, Mrs. Roulo of Duluth, Mrs. Pribyl of Monticello and Miss Child.

In the absence of Mrs. Pearce, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Miss Lusk and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

- Mrs. Cant reported a balance May 1 of \$466.17 and receipts during May of \$1367.65, of which \$836.91 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1187.53, leaving a balance June 1 of \$646.39. Bills payable amounting to \$534.26 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Lusk, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant also reported having received monthly installments on the quota from Leagues in Saint Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Faribault.

Mrs. Cant submitted the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the plan of taking orders for Christmas cards during the fall months be considered as a possible source of income for the state and local Leagues. She reported upon the offer of the Colonial Art Company in Minneapolis ^{of a} ~~for offering~~ 50 per cent bonus on all cards sold (less the cost of postage and insurance). The portfolio of cards will be available in August for a fee of one dollar. Mrs. Sherwin thought this an excellent plan in small towns where no great variety of cards is offered. Mrs. McKnight and Miss Lusk thought that ~~cards might be sold in this way by~~ ^{the plan might be presented to} board members and working committees of the city Leagues. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Cant prepare a letter to local League informing them of this money-raising possibility.

Miss Child presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee that advantage be taken of the special offer of the Woman's Journal to pay 50 per cent on one hundred dollars' worth of subscriptions by ^{asking} ~~securing~~ the cooperation of local Leagues that do not meet their quotas in ^{sending us} ~~securing~~ subscriptions to be credited as quota payments. Mrs. McKnight and Miss Lusk suggested that ^{this} ~~that~~ information of the bonus offered be included by Mrs. Cant in her letter to local Leagues.

Organization

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that, following the election of the new board of directors, officers and committee chairmen have been named and organization of the League for the coming year's work almost completed. Mrs. McKnight reported for the Minneapolis League activities during the past month including establishment of information headquarters for voters in a downtown store as part of its campaign for two charter amendments to be voted on at the primary. Mrs. Stai reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT that the St. Cloud League has not been active recently but will be ready to work with the state League in making plans for the state convention. Mrs. Dowling SEVENTH DISTRICT that the reported for the Olivia League has held only one meeting this spring. Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Marble and Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that 64 new members were secured by a membership tea to which old members were admitted if accompanied by a new member, that a successful school for election judges was recently arranged by the League in the form of a dramatic sketch and presented through the cooperation of the city clerk. Mrs. Sherwin reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that a by-product of the One Day School in Monticello is the invitation that has reached her to speak on legislative issues to a study group of women in Big Lake ^{where the} ~~she thinks this~~ ^{may perhaps} ~~can~~ be made a possible basis for League organization.

Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin will probably be able to return to Field Work for at least part-time during August and September. The Executive Committee thought it best to wait for Miss Beggin rather than try to fill her place during her absence. By consent the board approved the plan and expressed appreciation of Miss Beggin's work.

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Miss Wells' suggested plan for using the printed Institute addresses in summer study groups for a series of four meetings was reported by Miss Child. Miss Wells has prepared quizz questions on the pamphlets as a means of stimulating interest and directing attention to the important points. Mrs. Cant suggested that her study group is devoting eight meetings to this study.

Miss Child also reported upon the ^{National League's} ~~questionnaire~~ questionnaire on college Leagues, ~~received from the National League~~, which constitutes a comprehensive outline of possible college League organization and activities. She mentioned the fact that the state League has never required a quota or affiliation dues of college Leagues although this year the University of Minnesota League voluntarily paid a quota of five dollars. Mrs. Herbert suggested that the payment of college League dues may be a way of impressing upon student members their connection with the League. Mrs. McKnight asked about follow-up of the members after they left college and said that the Minneapolis League has not been successful in tying up these girls to League work out of college. IT WAS AGREED that the question of quota or dues and of follow-up of college League members after they leave school should be studied by a special Young Voter chairman whom we should secure as soon as possible.

League Measures in Congress

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the new Maternity and Infancy bill introduced by Mr. Newton before the adjournment of Congress. Active work in support of it will be a state League responsibility in preparation for the next Congress.

Mrs. Spear reported upon the procedure by which the Muscle Shoals bill was finally passed by Congress and the probability that it will fail to become a law by the president's "pocket veto".

Pre-Election Activities

Mrs. Cant reviewed the report of the Committee on Activities of the Campaign Year submitted to the National League Convention. Mrs. McKnight told in detail of the organization of the information headquarters of the Minneapolis League and Miss Child reported upon the outline received from Gladys Harrison giving suggestions for informa-

tion service that will be incorporated in the printed handbook of the National League. Mrs. McKnight asked about the vote surveys as a pre-election activity to stimulate interest in voting and said that, in Minneapolis, these will take the place of the House-to-house canvass of former years. Mrs. Wittich explained that a simplified form of questionnaire to the individual voter has been prepared for this purpose. She thinks it will ^{cover} ~~give~~ the necessary ground and involve a much smaller expenditure of time and effort on the part of workers. The information is to be secured over the telephone in the Minneapolis survey. *as far as possible - but by other means*

Party Delegates Interviewed on League Planks

The chair made a general statement on state League work in writing, and appointing representatives to interview party delegates to the Republican and Democratic national conventions in behalf of the League planks for the party platforms. Mrs. Dowling reported that she has been unable to see Mr. Murphy, the Minnesota member on the ^{Republican} Resolutions Committee, but that she has written him at his home. Mrs. Stai suggested sending a night letter to him at Kansas City telling him of the planks and asking his help. IT WAS AGREED that such a telegram should be sent from state Headquarters.

Mrs. McKnight reported upon the interview she, Miss Wells and Mrs. Decker had with Mr. Coleman of Minneapolis. Miss Lusk told of the interviews of Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Wolfe, with Judge Hallam and Mr. Sterling of Saint Paul. Mrs. Sherwin reported her interview with Mr. Berg of Buffalo; Mrs. Stai told of her plan to talk with sixth district delegates on the way to Kansas City. Miss Monahan reported having interviewed Mrs. Duffy of Shakopee, a member of the Democratic delegation.

Questionnaires to Candidates

The chair ~~recommended~~ reminded the board that our questionnaire to state and congressional candidates must be sent out immediately following the primary election. Suggested questions for Efficiency in Government and International Cooperation to Prevent War prepared by the department chairmen were read. Miss Lawrence's suggestion for the question on education were also read, ~~in her absence~~. Miss Monahan suggested that there should be a question to state legislators dealing with common law marriage.

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Questionnaire on Jury Service for Women:

Miss Monahan reported that the replies to the questionnaire repeated to county clerks this year late in March have come in from all but two ^{counties.} ~~candidates.~~ She read and commented upon remarks accompanying ~~certain of~~ the questionnaires. The case of the successful challenge of a jury by an attorney in Thief River Falls, on the ground that the panel listed no women, was cited by Miss Monahan as a significant follow-up of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Renville County case. She suggested that it would be well now, before the final making up of the jury panels in July, to send a letter to county attorneys in the counties where women are not now serving, calling their attention to the Supreme Court decision and the action under it in Thief River Falls. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis, that such a letter should be prepared by Miss Monahan and sent out over her signature.

Commonwealth Conference in Iowa City

At the request of the chair, Mrs. McKnight called attention to the subjects to be discussed at this conference in July. She, Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Wallis of Minneapolis will attend as representatives of the state and national League. Mrs. Spear thought she might also plan to attend and Miss Lusk will see if there are Saint Paul women who might make up a party to go. Miss Child was asked to write for information about possible accommodations although Mrs. Wittich thought it would be easy to secure them on fairly short notice.

State and County Fairs

A request for the Sesqui-Centennial exhibit from the National League for use at the Minnesota State Fair was made some time since, Miss Child said. The task of the state fair chairman will therefore be simplified. IT WAS AGREED that the naming of this chairman should be left to the Executive Committee.

The chair reported that the Executive Committee has asked Mrs. McGuire to talk with representatives of the Agricultural Extension Division to learn their advice as to ways of reaching rural groups other than through county fair exhibits which have been considered not so successful in late years as formerly. The question

of whether to prepare a routine exhibit this year was discussed and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that active Leagues should be asked to make their own plans on the basis of the experience of former years, with whatever help the state League can give from existing material, and that an effort shall be made to develop a substitute plan for reaching the public in other counties. Mrs. Ramsey suggested that an effective flier might be prepared to be distributed at farmers' picnics. Mrs. Dowling thought that some plan might be made for furthering information on the new Maternity and Infancy measure in cooperation with the county fair exhibit of the county nurse and the state Sheppard-Towner nurse. It was suggested that an unattended or unsuccessful county fair exhibit under League auspices takes from the prestige of the League.

Other Business

At the request of the chair, Mrs. Sherwin summarized the written report of the National League press secretary showing the increase in space and improvement in accuracy of the publicity this year over former years.

Mrs. Spear told of having placed the National League Convention Bulletin in the hands of newspaper editors in Duluth who were interested and impressed with its contents. Mrs. Stai suggested that it would be worthwhile to send one of the Bulletins to every local League chairman. IT WAS AGREED that further distribution at the state convention would be opportune.

Invitations from Mrs. Jule M. Hannaford of Saint Paul for the July board meeting and from Mrs. Woodward Colby for the August board meeting were reported. There was brief discussion as to the possibility of omitting one of these meetings but IT WAS AGREED that both invitations should be accepted.

The chair called the attention of the board to the necessity of discussing at the next board meeting plans for securing attendance at the state convention and said that it is not too early now to try to interest people in planning to go.

Miss Child asked whether the National League radio program is heard out in the state over WRRM. Several reported having heard recent programs.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING

July 13, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Jule M. Hannaford, Manitou Island, White Bear Lake, on Friday, July 13, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 A.M., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. Bryan and Miss Schweizer. Members of the Ramsey County League board were also present as guests.

The minutes of the June meeting were read by the secretary. Mrs. Wittich asked that her statement under pre-election activities that information in the Minneapolis voting surveys is to be secured over the telephone be corrected by adding "as far as possible but by other means also". The minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of June of \$646.39 and receipts during the month of June of \$831.49, of which \$575.83 was received in quotas. Disbursements for the month amounted to \$762.49, leaving a balance July 1 of \$715.39. Bills payable were read amounting to \$787.67. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed. Mrs. Cant also reported having received monthly installments on the quota from St. Paul and Minneapolis, the third quarterly payment of the Winona League quota, and the full quota of the Watson League for the next fiscal year, 1928-29.

The Woman's Journal subscription drive was reported on by Mrs. Cant. A letter was sent to local League treasurers informing them of the bonus offered and asking them to assist in the state League drive. Three types of postals have also been sent - one to subscribers to the Woman's Journal who live in cities where there is no local League, asking them to renew; one with a reply postal attached sent to a select list of fifty women living in towns where there is no local League and another to a list of 130 women also living in towns where there is no local League. Mrs. Cant

asked the board to decide what thirty day period before September 1 would be best for the drive. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan that July 15-August 15 be decided upon as the dates for the drive. The chair urged that each board member get one renewal or subscription.

Organization

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield League held its last meeting in April but that the Kenyon League has had a meeting on the convention system. The Faribault League is holding summer meetings on the Institute addresses, Mrs. Pearce said.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the young voters met recently at Mrs. White's house, elected a chairman and secretary and planned a study course for next winter. All agreed to join the League.

Mrs. Bryan reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT on the Minneapolis League campaign in behalf of the charter amendments. She explained that upon examination of the tally sheets, the League committee found sufficient obvious errors to justify a recount. Members of the Minneapolis League are busy now observing the work of recounting. Mrs. Wittich explained the disadvantages of presenting two amendments to be voted on on the same ballot and said that the Saint Paul and Duluth Leagues might profit by the experience of the Minneapolis League. Three members of the Minneapolis League attended the Commonwealth Conference at Iowa City: Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Tillotson, and Miss Wells. Mrs. McNally of New Richmond, Wisconsin accompanied them.

Discussion followed with regard to merits of central counting at election time.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the Duluth League held a candidates' meeting before the June primary which she felt was not very successful. She reported that she has met with the industrial girls at the Y.W.C.A. who decided to hold weekly meetings from the time of organization in September to election day, taking up the political issues of the campaign. She thought this might lead to the organization of a Young Voters group.

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Mrs. Sherwin reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that the Monticello League is having regular meetings and there is considerable interest shown because of its being presidential election year.

Voters' Service Radio Program

Miss Wells asked about interest in recent Voters' Service programs. Several reported not being able to hear the programs because of interference. The chair asked that letters be written to WRHM if results are not satisfactory and that at the next board meeting everybody be prepared to report whether the program can be heard.

Plans for Legislative Council and for Committee for Consideration of 1929 Legislative Program to be submitted to St. Cloud Convention

The chair reported that no meetings of the Legislative Council have been held since Mrs. Ueland's death. The recommendation of the Executive Committee for changes in the Council was adopted on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Spear.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee for a committee consisting of the chairmen of departments and committees to scrutinize and propose to the board at its next meeting a program of legislation for next year was adopted also on motion of Mrs. Ramsey, second of Mrs. Spear.

Extention of League to Rural Women

Mrs. McGuire reported that there are several existing agencies by which information is given rural women: The Department of Home Economics, The General Extension Division and the Farm Bureau. She suggested that talks might be made by League speakers at Farm Bureau picnics. Miss Julia Newton of the Home Economics Department of the University, with whom she has recently talked over the telephone, says that her department is getting away from county fair exhibits by holding these unit meetings in various places. Mrs. McGuire suggested that a committee be appointed to plan a program for the League in reaching rural women through farm bureau picnics. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Ramsey, chairman, Mrs. McGuire, and Mrs. Grannis to plan and arrange speaking engagements at farm bureau picnics this summer.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:10 P.M. and re-convened at 2:05 P.M.

Follow-up of Questionnaire on Jury Service for Women

Miss Monahan read the letter sent over her signature to the county attorney in the nineteen counties in which women have not been included in the jury lists and the replies received to date from Dodge, Winona and Hubbard counties. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the county commissioners, enclosing the letter to the county attorney.

Mrs. Sherwin reported talking with the county attorney recently and being informed that no women serve in Wright County. The information obtained from the county clerk in the 1928 questionnaire indicated that two women served. Mrs. Sherwin was asked to follow this and report.

Department and Committee Reports

Child Welfare - Mrs. Grannis reported an interview with Dr. Hartley in regard to the appropriation to be asked of the 1929 legislature. He has prepared a budget showing the 1927-28 expenditures and the probable expenditures for 1928-29. The Division will ask for ~~\$25,000~~ ^{\$35,000} and a separate budget of \$10,000 for work among the Indians. He has also prepared a second budget of \$30,000. Mrs. Grannis was asked to find out what part of the work has been left out in the \$30,000 budget and report to the board at its next meeting. Mrs. Wittich suggested that it might be well to find out how far along the Commission of Administration and Finance are with the executive budget and to ascertain its attitude toward the appropriation for the work of the Child Hygiene Division. She was asked to do this.

A letter from Miss Schutz of the Industrial Commission calling attention to the change in the law relating to children in theatres was read by the secretary. Mrs. Grannis was asked to investigate this further.

Women in Industry - A written report from Miss Kercher was read by the secretary and filed.

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich reported the tabulation of the

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survey of voting habits made in a precinct in Saint Paul last fall.

Pre-Election Activities

The Get-Out-the-Vote kit from the National League containing samples of material for pre-election activities was displayed. Miss Schweizer was asked to inquire whether the National League has any kits assembled and available for sale to local Leagues for possible use as an exhibit, etc.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the state League enter the silver loving cup contest to be awarded to the League that has worked most successfully to increase the percentage of the eligible vote cast for president in 1928 over that cast in 1924 was reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan, that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be approved. Mrs. Wittich is to draw up a plan for submission to the National League in this connection.

One Day Schools for Voters

The recommendation of the Executive Committee about One Day Schools was read. The program of the schools held from now until election time is to cover issues of the campaign, mechanics of voting and offices to be filled. Volunteers being requested, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Spear and Miss Monahan consented to assist by speaking at these schools.

State Fair Exhibit

Miss Jennings volunteered to secure a committee of three young women to take charge of the exhibit and to consider a plan supplementary to the doll exhibit, such as ballot marking demonstrations, fliers to be distributed, intelligence quizz, etc.

National League Communications

A letter was read from Miss Sherwin, enclosing the prohibition enforcement resolution passed at the national convention and stating that it is now appropriate to communicate with state and local officials in accordance with the terms of the resolution. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that a

copy of the resolution be sent to Governor Christianson and to local League chairmen with a letter similar to Miss Sherwin's.

A letter from Miss Sherwin was read calling attention to the state Conference on the Cause and Cure of War to be called soon by Mrs. Arthur Brin of the Council of Jewish Women.

Report on National Party Conventions

Mrs. McGuire reported on the Democratic convention at Houston which she attended as a visitor. No one present had attended the Kansas City convention. The chair said that at the August board meeting at Mrs. Colby's further reports will be made on the party conventions.

State Convention

The chair said that it is time now to plan for getting attendance at the state convention in St. Cloud, October 4, 5, 6.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
August 10, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Woodward Colby, 2103 Iglehart Avenue, St. Paul, on Friday, August 10, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Stai, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Wallis of Minneapolis, Mrs. Gage of Olivia and Miss Child were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich read the treasurer's Report. The balance July 1 was \$789.95. Receipts during the month totaled \$929.88, of which \$653.33 was received in quotas. Disbursements during July amounted to \$922.59, leaving a balance August 1 of \$797.24. Bills payable were read amounting to \$408.95. Mrs. Wittich also read the honor roll of Leagues making ~~monthly~~ partial or full payments of quota/as follows: since the last board meeting Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth - monthly installments; St. Cloud - partial payment; Winona - paid in full.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Miss Lusk, to accept the treasurer's report. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Ringstad to order the bills paid.

Woman's Journal Subscriptions

Miss Child reported that only 10 of the 40 subscriptions we want to secure before September 1 have come in. Board members present gave their own and other names for renewal subscriptions that may be counted in the drive.

Candidates' ads in the Voter

Miss Child spoke of the need of following up the letter to candidates in regard to advertising in the Voter, with a personal interview. Mrs. Wittich said that this has proved worthwhile even if no ad is secured since it gives an opportunity to

inform candidates about the League. The following volunteered their assistance:

Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Gage, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lusk, Miss Kercher (in rural Hennepin county) and Miss Lawrence (in Benton County).

Organization

Mrs. Ringstad of the THIRD DISTRICT reported that the Northfield League may wish to have a Voters' School in the fall since considerable interest in the election is already being shown. Miss Lusk of the FOURTH DISTRICT described a new organization in St. Paul, the United Improvement Council, upon which the League has three representatives. In the absence of Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wallis reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that vote surveys are in process in single precincts of several wards as a piece of pre-election work. The recount of the vote on the amendments to the city charter is considered worthwhile although it did not change the result of the election. Mrs. Stai of the SIXTH DISTRICT reported that a membership drive is planned by the St. Cloud League for the fall. A silver tea early in the summer brought in money for the quota payment made this month. Mrs. Spear of the EIGHTH DISTRICT reported that the Duluth League is to have a board meeting in September to discuss plans for fall work. Study classes on proposed changes in the city government are already being formed. Mrs. Sherwin of the TENTH DISTRICT reported that the Monticello League has held meetings through the summer. In the absence of Mrs. Morrison of the FIRST DISTRICT, the secretary read a letter from her telling of plans for fall work in Winona.

Committee on Farm Pionics

In the absence of committee members, Miss Child reported a message from Mrs. McGuire in regard to pionics scheduled this month. IT WAS AGREED that Mrs. Spear be asked to take charge of securing a speaker for the Duluth meeting and that Miss Florence Monahan be asked to speak at the Scott county meeting, if invitations for these pionics can be secured from the committee in charge.

Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Wittich reported an interview with members of the Commission of Administration and Finance in regard to the appropriation for maternity and infancy work.

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The budget has not yet been received from Dr. Hartley. The Commission suggested our asking him to let us know when he submits it in order that a representative of the League may be prepared to appear before the Commission immediately following its submission, to present a statement in its behalf. It is always possible to arrange such an interview with members of the Commission during their consideration of items in the executive budget. It was agreed that Mrs. Grannis should be asked to assume responsibility for this follow-up.

Mrs. Sherwin reported in regard to the service of women jurors in Wright County, that two women were included in the panel after the Supreme Court decision in the Renville county case. She explained that the county attorney has not favored women jurors but that, following her recent talk with him in regard to qualified women in the county, she hopes for the inclusion of more women's names in the jury panels. She plans to talk also with the county commissioners, ~~in this connection~~. The chair asked Mrs. Sherwin to make further reports to the board in this connection.

Mrs. Wittich reported upon the vote of Minnesota congressmen last spring on the "lame duck" amendment. The sixth district congressman was the only Minnesota member voting in the negative.

The hour from 12 to 1 o'clock was assigned to Mrs. Wittich ^{for} ~~that~~ her report on the state Reorganization Act and the various court decisions affecting it, particularly the recent Supreme Court decision involving the University.

The board adjourned at 1 P.M. for luncheon and re-convened at 2 P.M.

Proposed Legislative Program for Submission to State Convention

The chair announced that department and committee chairmen met, as instructed by the board at its last meeting, and agreed upon recommendations for consideration by the board. Miss Child reported the following general recommendations:

That in case any of the legislative measures supported by the League in past state legislatures are threatened by new legislation proposed in

the 1929 legislature, active work in their behalf shall be undertaken;

That if measures embodying standards defined in the National League program should be attacked, such measures shall be defended by the League as part of its legislative work in the 1929 session.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Sherwin to accept these recommendations.

The chair reported the committee's further recommendation that certain of the measures recommended for inclusion in the 1929 ~~legislative~~ program have special emphasis in the League's legislative work, and that certain other measures be listed in the program with the understanding that there will probably be no active legislative work in their behalf by the League in the 1929 session.

The list of measures in the two groups was read by Miss Child at the request of the chair. There followed discussion of each measure with a review of the facts by the respective committee and department chairmen. The board then voted as follows upon the inclusion of each measure in the program to be recommended to local Leagues and to the state convention as part of the plan of work for the state League in 1929.

Measures for Emphasis in 1929

Maternity and infancy appropriation - included upon motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Sherwin

Amendment to Minimum Wage Law making age of minority the same for girls and boys - included upon motion of Mrs. Sherwin, second of Mrs. Wittich

Re-enactment of standards of 1923 hour law for women - included upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Spear

Amendment of marriage law to provide 5-day waiting period in issuance of marriage licenses - included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Ringstad

Support of direct primary law by opposing attacks upon it and supporting desirable changes - included upon motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Miss Lusk

Provision for improved method of counting ballots - included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich

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Measures for Possible Support in 1929

- Legislation affecting state reorganization - included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich
- Appointment of county superintendent of schools by county board of education - included upon motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lawrence
- Teachers' Retirement Fund - included upon motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Wittich
- Child Labor Amendment - included upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Kingstad
- Abolishment of Common Law marriage - included upon motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Miss Lawrence

The new measure, improved counting of ballots, was discussed in connection with the recent recount conducted by the Minneapolis League, showing the serious need of such improvement. Mrs. Wittich said that the change might be restricted to first-class cities or perhaps extended to include cities of the second-class. Miss Lusk mentioned the fact that the city clerk in St. Paul proposed a central counting measure in the last legislature. Mrs. Spear thought the Duluth city clerk would be opposed to such a measure. Mrs. Wittich explained that improvement may be secured in other ways than by central counting; e.g., providing for different personnel to make the count when the polls are closed, making an earlier closing hour for the polls, etc.

In regard to the measures "for possible support", it was understood that the League's general educational work for them would continue but that its 1929 legislative work would probably be limited to appearing at committee hearings if bills on these subjects are introduced by other individuals or groups. The possibility of taking a poll on the Child Labor Amendment as in the last legislature, to determine the advisability of introducing a ratification resolution was mentioned. It was also understood that the board might decide at a future meeting to include additional measures in the group for "special emphasis" providing they are in the program adopted at the state convention.

State Fair Exhibit

IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lusk, to name the following committee to take charge of the League exhibit at the state fair: Mrs. Paul Schlick, Mrs. Glen Millard, Miss Sabina Fisher of St. Paul, Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis.

State Conference on Cause and Cure of War

The chair reported upon the meeting of organization representatives called by Mrs. Arthur Brin of the Council of Jewish Women to consider plans for a state conference. She explained that Mrs. Brin is the one named by the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War to assume responsibility for the plan in Minnesota. The state League is asked to name representatives upon a series of committees that will be set up to plan for a conference during November. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Stai, that the executive committee be authorized to make the necessary appointments.

State Convention

The chair reported having had a conference with Miss Mitchell on convention arrangements when it was agreed that she and Miss Child would meet with a group of St. Cloud women who will work upon convention committees whenever such a meeting can be arranged in St. Cloud. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Spear, that the executive committee be named as the program committee for convention.

National League Radio Program

The chair asked for information in regard to the Voters' Service programs as heard in various parts of the state. Mrs. Spear reported having been called by the League president in Superior in regard to their failure to get the programs clearly. Mrs. Gage reported poor reception in Olivia. It was reported that the program did not come at all last week. Miss Child was asked to make this report to the radio station.

Other Business

Mrs. Stai made a very interesting report of her observations at the National Republican Convention in Kansas City.

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Miss Child reported the message from Mrs. Grannis that she will be glad to entertain the state board at the Town and Country Club for the September meeting. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Spear, to accept Mrs. Grannis' invitation.

Appreciation was expressed for Mrs. Colby's hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

September 14, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held, at the invitation of Mrs. D. L. Grannis, at the Town and Country Club in St. Paul, on Friday, September 14, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

There were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. Pearce. Later Mrs. McGuire came for a short time. Mrs. Nightingale of the Minneapolis League and Miss Child were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance August 1 of \$797.24 and receipts during August of \$960.69, of which \$628.87 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1041.91, leaving a bank balance September 1 of \$716.02. Bills payable amounting to \$519.44 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Morrison, to accept the report and order the bills paid.

The question of taking a two-year subscription to the United States Daily at the special rate of fifteen dollars was discussed. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Cant to authorize this expenditure for the benefit of department and committee chairmen in connection with their program subjects.

Miss Child reported that the state League will receive approximately forty dollars for the subscriptions it secured in the August Woman's Journal drive. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Spear, to have another thirty-day drive following the state convention (October 10 to November 10).

Mrs. Cant ^{again} presented the possibilities of ~~any~~ ^{earning} ~~getting~~ money for the League by the sale of Christmas cards. No response has come from the letter sent out to local League treasurers. It was suggested that the district chairmen get in personal touch with local presidents and that several sample copies of the portfolio be

taken to St. Cloud for display at the convention.

Miss Child asked that board members who have not already done so write in response to the offer made in the Sapplio ad recently published in the Voter. Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Ringstad and Mrs. Sherwin volunteered to do this.

No candidates ads have yet been secured for the October Voter. Mrs. Nightingale was asked to confer with the Minneapolis League about their plans for followingup the candidates in this connection and to secure ~~that~~ replies to the questionnaires.

Organization

Miss Child reported the resignations of Mrs. Belle Colby Carrington as chairman of the second district, due to absence from the country; and of Mrs. Robert Harrigan as director, due to illness. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that the resignations of Mrs. Harrigan and Mrs. Carrington be accepted with regret.

Miss Child reported the recommendation of the Executive Committee that a special committee on immigration problems, similar to the National League's special committee on this subject, be established and that Mrs. W. J. Maroley of Minneapolis be asked to accept the chairmanship. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Spear, to set up the new committee and name Mrs. Maroley as chairman.

The question of a chairman of young voters was discussed. Various suggestions were made but no definite appointment resulted.

State Fair Exhibit

Mrs. Cant^{and Mrs. Colby} reported upon her observations as an attendant at the state fair in the League booth. She suggested that a marionette show would be an excellent feature for our exhibit since it always attracts a crowd. Miss Child suggested for the next election year, an enormous state ballot with actual candidates names in print large enough to be seen from ~~xxxxxx~~ the other side of

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the building. The plan of having information given in the form of sheets turned over in succession or in the form of an electrical sign ^{familiar in} ~~various~~ outdoor advertising was also mentioned.

Mrs. Morrison of the first district reported upon plans for pre-election activities in Winona. A membership tea and young voters birthday party will be held at Mrs. Botsford's home on September 28. Old members will be asked to bring a new member and their ^{own} dues to secure admission. The city clerk will be asked to conduct a school for election officials. The Winona League is also following the matter of securing the listing of women in the jury panel.

Mrs. Ringstad of the THIRD DISTRICT reported that the Northfield League is considering making a survey of voting habits. It has arranged to have an exhibit at the county fair the end of September and to conduct a contest for the best vote slogan. Mrs. Pearce reported that the Fairbault League expects to maintain information headquarters before election.

of the FOURTH DISTRICT

Miss Lusk reported that plans are being made in St. Paul for an information headquarters, and for calling the attention of the public to the duty of registering and voting.

Mrs. Nightingale reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that a rummage sale is planned and that vote surveys are in progress in several wards. Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT that the Olivia League is to have a membership tea, a window display preceding election and that it expects to give ballot marking instruction to the public. She reported visits to Watson, Granite Falls, and Appleton in her district.

Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the activities planned by the Duluth League include a membership tea, a young voters birthday party, downtown headquarters before election and voters schools in various parts of the city.

Mrs. Sherwin reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that Monticello hopes to continue to study voting habits to supplement the survey made last spring. There is much interest in pre-election work.

The chair called the attention of district chairmen to the fact that, because of the absence of Miss Beggin from the field for so much of the time ~~in~~ since April, their help is particularly needed in stimulating convention attendance by visits to local Leagues. ~~Each chairman expressed~~ The list of local Leagues was read by Miss Child and plans were made to have a personal message from district chairmen or board members ~~sent to each~~ reach each League.

State Conference on the Multilateral Treaty

Mrs. McGuire reported upon plans for the conference and discussed the objections that are being brought before the public by opponents to the treaty.

State Convention

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Colby, that the nominating committee be made up of ^{district} representatives as ~~board~~ suggested by board members present and that Mrs. Pearce be named as chairman. ~~There will be~~ A record of the names was made by Miss Child.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of ~~Miss Lusk~~ Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Spear, that the budget committee for convention consist of Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Cant. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Spear, that, in view of the ~~present~~ inability of board members to arrive in St. Cloud in time for a pre-convention board meeting, the budget committee be permitted to report to the executive committee instead of the board preceding convention.

Plans for the convention round tables were discussed and suggestions made as to ~~participants~~ participants.

The chair asked the advice of the board about the candidates' meeting, ~~in view of our inability to secure the governor as one of the speakers.~~ IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to withdraw the invitations for talks by the other two candidates for governor.

Mrs. Morrison invited the board to hold its November meetings in Winona. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept this invitation. Mrs. Grannis was thanked for her hospitality and the meeting ~~was~~ adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

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November 10, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in Winona, at the invitation of the Winona League, at the home of Mrs. O. M. Botsford on Friday, November 9, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present

~~There~~ were present Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. F. S. Bissell and Miss Helen Thorp of Minneapolis, Miss Child and members ^{and guests} of the board of directors of the Winona League.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported ~~xxxxxxx~~ for the months of September and October, since the October board meeting was omitted following the state convention. The balance in the treasury September 1 was \$1,271.28 and receipts during September totalled \$560.80, of which \$330.75 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$960.66, leaving a balance October 1 of \$871.42. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to accept the report and approve the payment of bills amounting to \$427.15.

The report for October showed receipts during October of \$1668.42, of which \$1241.02 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1606.15, leaving a balance November 1 of \$933.70. The bills payable total \$777.46. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Dowling that the report be accepted. ~~xxxxxxx~~ IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Wittich that the bills be allowed.

Mrs. Cant made a statement in explanation of the quota paid by the state to the National League. For the last three years this quota has been paid in monthly installments.

Pre-Election Activities

Mrs. Wittich reviewed the findings of the surveys of voting habits in

Minneapolis and discussed the value of these surveys both in arousing the interest of individual voters and in helping the League ~~build its program~~ plan its activities to meet actual conditions.

Mrs. Ringstad reported upon pre-election activities conducted by the Northfield League, including a vote slogan contest at the county fair, letters to teachers and talks to students
/with information on absentee voting, information headquarters and a vote survey of the whole city.

Legislative Program

Miss Wells made a statement in explanation of the procedure by which the League program is adopted. Mrs. Wittich presented and discussed the state legislative measures for the Efficiency in Government department, and explained the Federal "Lame Duck" Amendment.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1 o'clock and re-convened at 2 P.M.

Mrs. Bissell, in the absence of Mrs. McGuire, spoke on the status of the World Court and the Minnesota Campaign for the Multilateral Treaties. The work of the state organizations associated in the Minnesota Committee for the Treaty was outlined. It was suggested that the group present might act upon the resolution and, at the request of the chair, Mrs. Milton Spencer, Winona League chairman of International Cooperation to Prevent War, read the resolution and moved its adoption. Miss Monahan seconded the motion and IT WAS VOTED to adopt the resolution as read.

Miss Helen Thorp, at the request of Miss Wells, reported upon her attendance at the International Institute in Geneva last summer and reviewed the subjects
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discussed ~~at~~ the League of Nations Assembly.

Miss Monahan discussed the amendments to the marriage law in the legislative program for ~~the~~ Public Welfare in Government. Miss Child reviewed the facts on the federal and state maternity and infancy ~~appropriations~~ measures.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to send Mrs. Weeks a telegram congratulating her upon her election to the legislature.

The board offered a vote of thanks to Mrs. Botsford for her hospitality.
The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

December 14, 1928

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Wells, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis on Friday, December 14, 1928. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Monahan, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Weeks and Miss Kercher. There were also present Miss Child, Mrs. J. R. Parkes and Mrs. Barkuloo of the Minneapolis League. Mrs. Bryan came for the afternoon session.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Stai, in the absence of Mrs. Pearce and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance November 1 of \$966.41 and receipts during the month of \$1168.91, of which \$445.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1284.84, leaving a bank balance December 1 of \$850.00. Bills payable this month amount to \$548.42 up to date. IT WAS VOTED ~~on~~ that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Organization

Miss Child read a letter from Miss Mitchell received immediately after the convention, conveying the appreciation of the St. Cloud League to state League officers for the convention.

The chair asked the board to act in naming the executive committee for the coming year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Stai, that the following officers be ~~named~~ named: upon the committee: the president, treasurer, department chairmen, and the district chairmen for Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Finance Report

Mrs. Cant reported that some 38 Woman's Journal subscriptions have been forwarded in our recent drive, the amount of bonus not being known yet. Our

share of the sale of Christmas cards from state League headquarters direct amounts to \$7.25 (six orders). Mrs. Cant reported also a contribution from Miss Wells of the check she received for her recent service on the jury amounting to \$27.50.

The generous service of Mrs. Mary Scales in donating her service for the preparation of an auditor's report was mentioned by Mrs. Cant. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Wittich, that a letter of appreciation be sent Mrs. Scales.

Organization (Continued)

The chair reported having received a ^{favorable} letter from Mrs. Tellier of Farmington to whom she wrote ~~inxxxxxxxwithxxxx~~ at the recommendation of the executive committee to learn whether she is free to help in League work. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. Grannis, to appoint Mrs. Tellier to the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Harrigan, as a representative of farm women upon the board.

The acting secretary, Mrs. Stai, read Mrs. Weeks' resignation submitted in view of her election to the legislature. There followed discussion of the question whether membership in our legislature elected upon a non-party ballot necessitated such action. The case of representatives of other organization groups among the legislators was mentioned but it was decided that this was not a desirable precedent to follow. Mrs. Weeks made the point that it would be difficult for her to consider legislation ~~xxxx~~ "from inside and from outside" the legislative body at the same time. Members of the board also thought Mrs. Weeks' position with relation to her ~~confreres~~ might be better if she were without definite organization ~~alignment~~ responsibility.

At the suggestion of the chair, the discussion was continued upon the question of what our policy should be in regard to a state League officer who accepts responsibility for party work. IT WAS AGREED that, while party work of a routine and spasmodic character was compatible with official responsi-

bility in the League, it might be necessary occasionally to release a League officer to give her whole effort to party work if she should feel that this ~~wax~~ had first claim upon her. The ~~possibility~~ of possibility of a League officer resigning her position in the League, or securing a ^{temporary} leave of absence from League work, during ~~xxxx~~ active party work in campaign such as that preceding the presidential election, was discussed favorably. The chair called attention to the fact that the League furnishes definite preparation for practical political work and it is inevitable that it should lose some of its workers to the parties when the right time comes, and when there is a possibility of replacing them in their particular League position.

IT WAS VOTED, upon motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept Mrs. Week's resignation as chairman of the Department of Public Welfare in Government. It was decided to give no ^{newspaper} publicity to this action.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M. and re-convened at 2:15 P.M.

Miss Child

Legislative Measures for First Consideration

Miss Child read, at the request of the chair, the list of measures "for emphasis" in our legislative work as named at the August board meeting. In regard to the Efficiency in Government measures, Mrs. Wittich reported on conferences with the city clerks in Minneapolis and Duluth regarding a measure for the improvement of counting ballots. She thinks it possible that there may be no measure introduced in the present legislature that will merit active League support. She ~~is~~ will report further at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Grannis reported the recent interview of herself and Mrs. Wittich with the Governor, following an earlier interview with Dr. Chesley, in regard to the appropriation for MATERNITY AND INFANCY work to be included in the executive budget. The governor explained that, unless some new source of revenue is provided by the legislature, ~~furnished~~ such as by a tax on cigarettes, it will be impossible to increase depart-

ment appropriations. He indicated that if the available revenue should be increased, he will give careful consideration to an increase in this item. The advisability of interviewing the chairman of the appropriations committee of the House and Senate, in behalf of this appropriation when it is under consideration, was mentioned and Mrs. Grannis was asked to assume this responsibility and to learn also the personnel of the sub-committee that will ~~have the appropriation~~ be assigned to special work on the Department of Health budget in order that she may interview them as early as possible.

Miss Monahan ~~reported upon the~~ recommended in regard to the amendment of the marriage law to provide for a FIVE-DAY WAITING PERIOD that a very simple bill be drawn containing this provision only and omitting the appearance of both parties before the clerk. The board approved her recommendation and asked Miss Monahan to proceed with the preparation of a definite bill and the securing of sponsors, in conference with Mrs. Denny of the Minneapolis League and Mr. H. A. Johnson, member of the House who worked hard for the bill last year. Mrs. McGuire will write Senator Thwing to learn if he will consent to sponsor the bill in the Senate.

Miss Kercher reported having prepared a bill for a 54-HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN, in accordance with the recommendation of Miss Anderson of the United States Women's Bureau that the blanket form of bill be avoided and that the occupations to which it shall apply be named definitely. Mrs. Weeks stated that the opposition of country store keepers to the bill is due to the daily limitation of hours, restricting the long day on Saturday which they consider necessary. One of them said that the girls prefer a half holiday once in two weeks to the restricted daily hours. IT WAS AGREED that this concession might be made in order to secure the weekly limitation of hours. Miss Kercher will write Miss Anderson to learn her opinion. Miss Kercher was also asked to ~~suggest~~ assume responsibility for securing sponsors for the bill.

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The same AMENDMENT TO THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW will be presented as in 1927. Sponsors for the bill will be recommended by Miss Kercher.

Miss Lawrence reported that there have been instances of the SUPPLEMENTAL AID to rural schools being used to pay the tuition of high school pupils going away from home to attend school. This defeats the purpose of the aid. She will assemble the facts in regard to this situation and report them at the next meeting.

Delegates to the Fourth Conference on the Cause and Cure of War

Miss Child reported that Mrs. J. A. Vye of St. Cloud will be glad to attend the conference as a representative of the League. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Miss Lawrence, that she be named a delegate and that further appointments be left to the executive committee.

Protest on Permits to Stage Children

Miss Kercher recommended protesting to the Industrial Commission against the wholesale grant of permits to children to appear in commercial theatrical engagements. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Kercher, that Mrs. Grannis be asked to ~~arrange~~ interview the Industrial Commission to learn their attitude on the granting of these permits, for future report to the board.

~~The meeting adjourned~~

Interviews with Legislators

Miss Child reported that a plan was made by the executive committee for having legislators reached by letter or by personal interview from some League representative in their part of the state. Miss Beggin has been concentrating upon this task since December 4 and letters have been written from the office asking the help of League officers and friends in supplementing her work. The November VOTER has been mailed with a letter to each new member of the House and to each old member who answered our questionnaire. It is hoped others will receive it in the course of the working out of the plan mentioned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne H. Stai, Acting Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

January 11, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Walter H. Thorp, 4428 Fremont Avenue S., Mpls., on Friday, January 11, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Thorp, ^{Mrs. Spear} Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Pearce; later - Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Tellier, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Stai/^{Mrs. Cant} and Mrs. McKnight. There were also present Mrs. L. C. Weeks, Miss Nell Merrill and Miss Child.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Dowling, pending the arrival of Mrs. Pearce, and were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance December 1st of \$831.92 and receipts during December of \$921.05, of which \$621.58 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$734.62, leaving a bank balance January 1 of \$1018.35. Bills payable amounting to \$561.60 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the treasurer's report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Organization

Miss Child reported the winning of honorable mention by the St. Cloud College League, as one of four college Leagues given special mention in the ^{GOV} contest conducted by the National League of Women Voters, preceding the election. Miss Child also read the letter received from the Mankato College League ~~reporting~~ describing its float in the Homecoming parade last fall, awarded second prize.

During the afternoon session, Mrs. McKnight showed a sample of the program pamphlet printed by the Minneapolis League of Women Voters for use in its ~~neighborhood~~ ward study groups. IT WAS AGREED that the pamphlet might be very helpful to local Leagues and that the Minneapolis League be asked to allow the state League

to buy a supply.

Department Reports and Committee Reports

Mrs. McGuire gave an up-to-date report upon the multilateral treaty under consideration by the Congress. Approximately 1000 resolutions/have been secured from 201 communities in Minnesota by organizations cooperating in the campaign for the treaty.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, to ratify the appointment of Mrs. H. J. Atwood of Duluth and Mrs. W. J. Marcley of Minneapolis as delegates from the state League to the Fourth Conference on the Cause and Cure of War. Mrs. McGuire read the report of Mrs. J. S. Pardee, department chairman in Duluth, on activities in her department.

Mrs. Grannis reported the confidential communication received from Miss Sherwin asking for letters from distinguished physicians in Minnesota in behalf of the Newton bill now under discussion by the House committee in Congress. Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Pearce offered to supplement the effort already made by Miss Wells to secure such letters.

Mrs. Spear reported upon the status of the measure dealing with Muscle Shoals.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon her interview with Mr. Duxbury of the State Industrial Commission in regard to the issuance of permits to children under 10 to appear upon the stage. She said that the Commission has interpreted the 1927 amendment/^{em}powering it to grant such permits as an instruction to grant all permits requested which are not actually prohibited by statute, as in the case of contortionist acts. Mr. Duxbury said that the Commission would neither support nor oppose in any way a bill to eliminate permits for such stage appearances of children. Mrs. Grannis also reported upon the amount included in the executive budget for state maternity and infancy work.

Miss Kercher reported upon the status of the women in industry bills to be introduced into the state legislature. Sponsors for the bills have not yet been secured.

Mrs. Grannis

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Miss Monahan reported that the amendment to the marriage law will be drawn with the five-day waiting period clause incorporated in the present statute. There followed discussion of the opposition to the bill expected from the clerks of court. Mrs. Pearce has talked with the woman clerk of court in Faribault who is not opposed to the measure, and will see her again to request her help in learning the attitude of other individual clerks and of the organization as a whole toward this year's bill. The following agreed to interview the clerk of court in the county in behalf of the five-day waiting period bill: Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Monahan. Mrs. McKnight said that she would arrange for an interview by a representative of the Minneapolis League with the Hennepin County clerk of court.

Legislative Preparation

The chair reported the second meeting of the Legislative Council in December held for the purpose of exchanging information among member organizations on state legislative measures in the program of each organization. A joint communication was sent ~~xxxxxx~~ to the governor in behalf of the maternity and infancy appropriation, signed by six interested organizations.

Mrs. Weeks reported upon the class for lobbyists that met with Mrs. Paige in her committee room at the Capitol recently. Mrs. Grannis was asked at this time to take charge of legislative work at the Capitol ~~xxxxxx~~ and agreed to do so for at least a month.

The district chairmen reported upon interviews with legislators during December. Mrs. Pearce also reported her trip to Owatonna to interview the legislators there. Mrs. McKnight told of the luncheon for Hennepin county legislators at 21 of the 27 members of the delegation which ~~they~~ were guests of the Minneapolis League. A similar luncheon was held by the Ramsey County League with fewer members in attendance.

Miss Child reported that Miss Beggin called upon 18 members of the House and 3 members of the Senate in their homes during December. Many of them lived on farms six or eight miles away from town. Local Leagues have also interviewed and held meetings addressed by members of the legislature before they left home. On the whole

a better
the state League has perhaps done ~~the best~~ piece of preparatory work for the legislature this year than preceding the sessions of 1925 and 1927.

State and National League Radio Programs

Reference was made to the fact that the National League program in the red network is now carried by KSTP instead of by WCCO. Members were asked by the chair to report comparative reception for the two stations.

day and
The chair also asked what hour is preferable for the state League radio program. Consensus of opinion seemed to be that the period from 4:30 to 5:00 or 5:00 to 5:30 on Tuesday, the ~~same~~ day of the National League program, is the best time.

The board expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Thorp for her hospitality.
The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

February 8th, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Women's City Club in Saint Paul, on Friday February 8, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Tellier, ~~xxx~~ Miss Monahan, and Mrs. Pearce. Others present were Mrs. Roulo of Duluth; Miss Furness, Miss Townsend and Miss Jennings of St. Paul; Mrs. Bryan of Minneapolis, and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of January of \$1018.35 and receipts during January of \$1136.72, of which \$959.91 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$876.70, leaving a bank balance February 1 of \$1278.37. Bills payable amounting to \$559.80 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Colby to accept the treasurer's report and order the bills paid.

Organization

Mrs. Morrison reported that the Winona League is planning to use the Minneapolis League's program outline in study groups. It is continuing its effort to have women listed for jury service. A food sale is planned for February, following the successful luncheon early in the month with Miss Monahan as speaker on legislative measures.

Mrs. Ringstad reported that the Northfield League has been holding regular meetings. Mrs. McGuire reported for St. Paul that the League is to be very busy with the problem of a new city charter. Successful meetings have been held under direction of the department chairmen and a young voters group of some

35 members meets regularly for the discussion of League program subjects.
Mrs. Wittich reported ^{for the Mpls League} upon the question and answer method of presenting the program at the annual meeting. Fifteen neighborhood study groups are starting. A new plan is being tried in the Department of Efficiency in Government by dividing responsibility among three co-chairmen, each responsible for one division of the department work.

Miss Lawrence reported that there is an active executive board / in St. Cloud that holds regular meetings. ~~in St. Cloud~~ A public meeting is planned to give opportunity for discussion of proposed changes in gas and electric rates for the city. The chair called attention to the importance of having both sides ^{adequate} represented at such a meeting, ~~and Miss Lawrence said she would suggest that the St. Cloud League president~~

Mrs. Roulo reported that the Duluth League realized \$125 from the sale of Christmas cards and that later they sponsored a benefit movie that resulted in an income sufficient to meet the local League budget for the year. The question of a new charter is still current, but the League ^{may} ~~will probably~~ keep out of the fight ^{if} ~~the~~ the proposals are not such as it can support. Study ~~groups and their work~~ groups ~~and their work~~ under the three department chairmen are active ~~and successful~~, and the board as a whole is carrying the responsibility of League work in Duluth.

City Charter Problems in the Three Cities

There was general discussion of the part the League has played and should play in campaigns for improved city charters. Experience in the three cities seems to show that the League is not always given a deciding voice in the determination of charter provisions and decisions as to the best time to submit the question to the voters, though it is expected to give very active help in the campaign to secure ~~favorable~~ a favorable vote. Mrs. Wittich thought that the plan of appointive charter commissions, as provided for in the

state law,

/may not be the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ best plan. She cited the futility of the Minneapolis Charter Commission over a period of years and suggested that it might be well for the ^{state} League to take the initiative sometime in ~~changing~~ proposing changes in the ~~existing~~ provision for the appointment of charter commissions. Facts as to the present status of the movement for new charters in St. Paul, Duluth and Minneapolis were reported by Miss Furness, Mrs. Roulo and Mrs. Wittich.

State Legislative Reports

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the status of work in behalf of our bills at the Capitol. Members present were asked by the chair to interview their representatives ~~and~~ in behalf of the five-day waiting period, especially members of the House and Senate Public Welfare Committees. It was agreed that ministers might be asked to write ~~letters~~ to their legislators in behalf of this bill. A brief report was also made by Mrs. Grannis on bills allied with subjects on our program and she was asked to follow-up the two marriage bills introduced in the House by Mr. Davis.

Mrs. McGuire reported that she talked with the editor of the St. Paul Dispatch about our marriage amendment and ^{following her interview} a favorable editorial was published in ~~the~~ the February 7 issue of the Dispatch.

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

Representative on State Fair Committee

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, to authorize the executive committee to name the representative from the League to serve upon the committee called together by the superintendent of Women's Activities at the State Fair.

Federal Legislative Reports

The secretary read a letter from Miss Sherwin in regard to help ^{League} needed from state Leagues for ~~measures~~ that will probably be considered in the

extra session of Congress. Mrs. McGuire then reported upon the addition of recently proposed support of the Pan-American arbitration and conciliation treaties to the program of the Department of International Cooperation To Prevent War, ~~and this~~ under the general item in the National League program of work. Study material will be available soon and state Leagues are asked to plan study groups.

Miss Monahan reported upon the hearing before a sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Equal Rights Amendment. State Leagues are asked to help in the campaign against this measure by getting in touch with the delegates that will go from the College Women's Clubs and from the Federation of Business and Professional Women to the national conventions of these organizations being held in April and July respectively. It is hoped that they will take action to oppose the amendment. Miss Monahan recommended the pamphlet on the subject written by Gladys Harrison and published by the National League as the best statement that has been made. Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Morrison were given copies of the pamphlet and will arrange interviews as suggested. ~~The Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues will also follow up take action in this connection.~~

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the hearing before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on the Newton bill for a Child Welfare Extension Service.

Mrs. Wittich reported the proposal of the Bruce amendment in Congress to provide for placing ^{certain} census ~~employees~~ officials under civil service. The League supports this amendment but Minnesota is not asked for definite action upon it yet.

Efficiency in Government Bills in the State Legislature

Mrs. Wittich stated that bills to shorten the polling hours and to provide for an "open primary" by allowing the voter to have ballots of all the parties have been introduced, as well as bills changing the requirements ~~for~~ in regard to party designation upon the ballot. The provisions of a central counting bill have been ^{tentatively} discussed by Mrs. ^{Wittich} ~~Weeks~~ and Mrs. Rubins of the Minneapolis League

with the Legislative Committee of the Minneapolis City Council. A committee to draw up a bill has now been named with two League members as well as other citizens asked to serve.

Mrs. Wittich discussed in detail the items in the executive budget and the requests for appropriations made by the University and State Board of Control. She commented upon the fact that whatever the merits of the various questions involved, the ~~controversy concerning~~ attacks on the Commission of Administration and Finance are generally made for political reasons.

Education Bills in the State Legislature

Miss Lawrence reported that there are many bills affecting education but that no help is asked for them from the League except in the case of the revision of the Teachers' Retirement Fund. The M E A offers to supply the League with printed material for distribution to local Leagues.

Legislative Field Day

The board considered very briefly the desirability of this plan, first considered at the last meeting. No decision was made as to date or arrangements. Miss Jennings of the Ramsey County League said that, following the tea they plan to give for women members of the legislature, they might ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ help in making arrangements for some social feature in the day's program.

Appreciation of the help of the Ramsey County League in making arrangements for this meeting was expressed to Miss Jennings. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearse, secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

March 18th, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, 320 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, March 8, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad. Later: ^{Miss Spear.} Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Sherwin, Miss Kercher, Mrs. McKnight. There were also present Mrs. W. J. Marcley, Mrs. C. M. Denny of Minneapolis; Mrs. J. A. Vye of St. Cloud, Mrs. A. W. Winter, president of the Granite Falls League, Mrs. J. R. Parkes, and Miss Child.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Ringstad pending the arrival of Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Wittich submitted a correction in the minutes of the previous meeting for her statement on the legislative controversy over the executive budget. She stated that the motives of both sides to the controversy were political in character.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance the 1st of February of \$1278.37 and receipts during February of \$621.30, of which \$180.75 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$994.78, leaving a bank balance March 1 of \$904.89. Bills payable amounting to \$609.25 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, seconded, to accept the treasurer's report and order the bills paid.

Placing of Holding Board Meetings;

The chair asked the opinion of the board about meeting at headquarters in preference to a place like the College Women's Club at times when the board is not invited to meet elsewhere. Some members of the board thought that headquarters was preferable to a club, others not. Mrs. McKnight extended an invitation to the board for its next meeting.

State Legislation:

Mrs. Wittich reported upon the progress of the effort to have a central counting bill formulated ~~to meet the approval of~~ in cooperation with the Minneapolis City Council.

It is probable that no bill will be presented in this legislative session. There are no bills before the legislature affecting the direct primary and state reorganization laws in such a way as to require action by the League.

Miss Lawrence reported upon the Teachers Retirement bill, new in this session. Its provisions are weaker than those of the 1927 bill, but Miss Lawrence ~~thought~~ ^{is of the opinion} that it represents a considerable advance over the present law, nevertheless. Mrs. Wittich called attention to certain features of the bill that interested her particularly. Miss Lawrence also spoke of the proposed amendment to the Teacher Tenure law to give boards of education the power to establish the age beyond which the law would cease to be operative. She thought such an amendment would be an unjustifiable weakening of the tenure law.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the status of the five-day waiting period amendment in the marriage law. Mrs. Grannis reviewed the poll of House and Senate members on this bill. There ~~is~~ ^{was} general discussion of the possibility of meeting the opposition to this type of bill by attempting to have county officers placed upon a salary basis and by attempting to have the bill enacted in a group of ^{adjoining} states at the same time.

Miss Kercher reported upon the status of the women in industry bills in the legislature. ^{that it had been brought to our attention that St. Cloud} Miss Lawrence mentioned the fact that Business Women's clubs ^{Business & Professional Club.} ~~were~~ ^{are} opposed to the 54-hour bill. Miss Kercher was asked to write Mrs. Crary of St. Cloud about the bill and to get in touch with Mrs. Smith of Saint Paul, legislative chairman for the state organization. There was general discussion of the desirability of asking members of local federated club groups who might be personal friends of board members to write their representatives in behalf of the bill. IT WAS AGREED that there was no objection to this since the bill is one the organization supports and since ~~there would be no question of~~ the message

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would be a personal appeal rather than an official message from the League as an organization. The necessity of letters in favor of these bills reaching legislators was emphasized since they are receiving a good many letters from the opposition and say that they do not hear from their women constituents on these measures.

Report for Special Committee on Immigration Problems

Mrs. W. J. Marcley, appointed as chairman of this committee last fall, discussed for the information of the board the various changes in immigration legislation and the present status of our laws. She said, in conclusion, that the subject is so tied up with the question of international cooperation for the promotion of peace that she would hope, if the subject of immigration legislation should be added to the National League program by convention action in the future, it may be incorporated in the program of the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

Report on Fourth Conference on the Cause and Cure of War

Mrs. J. A. Vye of St. Cloud, who attended the conference as one of the three delegates from the State League, reported upon her impressions of the conference. ~~Mrs. H. H. Wood of Duluth, another of the delegates, was unable to attend this meeting~~ Mrs. Marcley added some interesting comments resulting from her attendance at the conference.

National League Council Meeting

The chair called attention to the dates of this meeting, April 24-27, and explained that Minnesota may have two representatives in ~~addition to~~ attendance. Board members who might be able to go to Washington for these dates were ~~asked~~ asked to send their names to state headquarters.

Appropriation for Maternity and Infancy Work

Mrs. Grannis reported that she has conferred with members of the Appropriations and Finance Committees in the House and Senate to ask their help in

letting us know immediately if any question should arise in the committee in regard to the value of the maternity and infancy appropriation in the executive budget.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

April 12, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. S. T. McKnight, 2200 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, April 12, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. Wittich for the morning session. There were also present 16 members of the Minneapolis League board; Mrs. Silas Bryan, Miss Child and Mrs. E. R. Fitch of the Duluth League board.

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Wittich reported a balance on March 1 of \$904.89. Receipts during March amounted to \$845.03, of which \$460.83 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Quotas were paid in full by the Leagues in Stephen and West St. Paul and a quota payment ~~of~~ covering six months of the current year was received from Northfield. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1316.42, leaving a bank balance April 1 of \$433.50. Bills payable amounting to \$595.10 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Sherwin, to accept the report and order the bills paid. Comment was made by the chair upon the increasing sense of responsibility of local Leagues for bearing their share in the support of the state League.

Organization

Mrs. Sherwin reported for the tenth district that Monticello League members have done good work in sending messages to legislators about our measures. She spoke of being more than ever impressed with the need of having active League

organization throughout each legislative district. Mrs. Spear reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that she had sent letters to women in the district outside Duluth asking them to write legislators in support of League measures. There followed discussion of the problem of securing organization in places where it is claimed that women are over-organized and that existing organization can substitute for the League by using its educational material. The fact was emphasized that the League must have members and organization of its own in local communities if it is to continue to produce such educational material and to be a force for the political education of women in the state. Reference was made to the willingness of other state organizations to grant a certain amount of leadership in legislative work to the League.

Mrs. McKnight reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that ward study groups have been meeting and that a special group of some fifty church women have held meetings at League headquarters for the discussion of legislative measures. Cooperation has been offered in work for an amendment to the city charter to be offered in May and June. Mrs. Hobgood, ward chairman, told at the request of Mrs. McKnight of the meeting arranged ~~xxxxx~~ by a new member in her ward as a means of interesting other women in ~~the~~ League membership.

Mrs. McGuire reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League in St. Paul has begun its educational campaign on the proposed city charter by having a luncheon ~~withxxxxxxx~~ on the subject. ~~The~~ A rummage sale is scheduled for the end of April. The League is now installed in its new headquarters in the Carling building and is making plans for the annual meeting in May.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield League has been bending its efforts to interest both men and women in our legislative measures. Miss Child read a letter from Mrs. Searls, president of the Kenyon League, and Miss Monahan reported that the Jordan League is an active group.

There was discussion of membership policies in city Leagues. It was agreed that every League member~~ship~~ should make a continuous effort to secure

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other members and that this effort should be a by-product of every League activity and should replace isolated membership drives. The importance of seeing new members and getting their help in some piece of League work was urged. The suggestion was made that the names of new members might be reported at each board meeting and arrangement made for some board member to see each of the group before the next meeting.

State League Radio Program

Miss Child reported that the program on state legislation is coming to an end and that, on account of the broadcasting of baseball games, it is necessary to change the League period to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday. Mr. Bellows of WCCO has offered to give the League ^{evening} ~~an~~ period throughout the summer or a morning period may also be available. Mrs. McKnight suggested that this offers an excellent medium for publicity for the League but advised that, if the offer is accepted, the scope of the program series be extended ~~beyond the limits of~~ to include speakers and subjects outside League organization and program. Otherwise she thought the task of arranging weekly programs would be too burdensome. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Sherwin, to ask Mrs. R. G. Blakey, present radio chairman, to act as ~~a~~ chairman of a committee appointed by the chair, from the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues, to make recommendations on such a program; Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. McGuire were asked by the chair to suggest names for appointment on this committee and, following the noon recess, ~~reported~~ ^{named} the following:

Mrs. Woodard Colby
Mrs. Frederick Stutz
and Mrs. Walter Scott of St. Paul

Mrs. Frank Jewett
Mrs. Glen Waters
Mrs. E. T. Sward and
Mrs. F. W. Wittich of Minneapolis

~~Department of International Cooperation and~~ Federal and State Legislation

Mrs. Grannis reported on the situation in regard to the federal and state appropriations for maternity and infancy work. ~~xxxx~~ She ^{also} reviewed the facts as to the marriage bill in the state legislature.

Mrs. Spear reviewed the federal legislation in the program of the Living Costs Committee that will be under consideration in the special session of Congress.

Miss Kercher reported upon the 54-hour bill and the Minimum Wage amendment. Discussion in the Senate on the 54-Hour Bill was reported by Mrs. Grannis, Miss Merrill and Miss Child. Miss Wells urged board members to see or write their legislators to express appreciation or regret for their votes on the 54-Hour Bill and the Minimum Wage Amendment. Miss Child reported the suggestion of Judge Hall of the Children's Bureau that the League undertake, in the interim before the next legislature, a study of the fees received by county officers throughout the state. He thought it would be found that clerks of court receive more in fees than other county officers.

Report of Special Committee on Immigration Problems

Mrs. C. M. Denny, co-chairman with Mrs. Marcley, reported the facts she has assembled as to naturalization procedure and problems in Minnesota. Her report is on file in state League headquarters.

Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War

Mrs. McGuire reviewed the facts up to date as to nations signing the multilateral treaty and discussed the present status of the World Court and the Pan-American arbitration and conciliation treaties. ~~Ex~~

Delegates to National League Council Meeting

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that Mrs. McKnight be named as a delegate. The chair explained that Minnesota can have a second delegate. ~~since she has been named as a delegate~~ IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. McKnight, that Mrs. Grannis be named as the second delegate.

Other Business - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Grannis that the attention of local Leagues be called to the desirability of joining other organizations in observing May 1 as Child Health Day.

An opinion ~~from~~ from the Hennepin County attorney on women as grand jurors, secured at the request of the National League, was read by Miss Child.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. McKnight for her hospitality. The board adjourned on motion at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

May 10, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Ramsey County League headquarters, 372 St. Peter St. St. Paul, on Friday, May 10, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

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Board/present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Marble, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Tellier and Miss Lawrence. There were also present as guests Mrs. C. S. Roulo of the Duluth League board and sixteen members of the Ramsey County League board.

In the absence of the secretary the minutes were read by Mrs. C. P. Herbert, at the request of the chair.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on April 1 of \$433.50. Receipts during April amounted to \$935.30, of which \$615.83 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth; ^{and a quarterly payment} ~~Quota payments~~ ^{was} ~~were also~~ received from Winona (covering the second quarter of the fiscal year). ^{voluntarily paid an affiliation fee of \$5.00 for the year.} ~~and one of \$5 from~~ The University of Minnesota College League. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$928.21, leaving a bank balance May 1 of \$440.59. Bills payable amounting to \$581.11 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Wittich, to accept the report and allow the bills.

Organization

Mrs. McGuire reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT, mentioning as recent activities a successful rummage sale and the annual meeting at which the reports on legislation were given effectively in dialogue form. Professor Laswell of Chicago University spoke on "Propaganda" at the annual meeting luncheon. Miss Wells suggested that the discussion of this subject be continued at some future League meeting, possibly at a state board meeting, to arrive at a satisfactory definition and of propaganda and to analyze League organization and work with reference to it.

Mrs. Wittich reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the League is cooperating with other civic organizations in work for a charter amendment and that the necessary workers are being drawn from ten League study groups that have been meeting this winter.

Miss Lawrence reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT that ^asuccessful meeting was held in May jointly with the college League and with Mrs. L. C. Weeks as speaker.

Mrs. Roulo reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the Duluth League recently held its annual meeting with a pageant on the history of woman suffrage presented by Young Voters as a feature of the meeting.

Miss Child reported that a message has been received from Miss Beggin saying she will be able to work in the field for a month beginning May 15. Attention was called by the chair to the fact that we have had no one in the field since last fall and that some plan must be made to see that every League is visited as early as possible this summer. The help of the district chairman and of others will be needed, she said, in carrying out the plan.

A discussion of membership problems was introduced by the chair with a reference to the emphasis placed by Miss Sherwin at the National League Council meeting upon the importance of increasing League membership. The challenge the League must meet, she said, is to find out how to cut up its work into small enough pieces to get the help of a good many women in carrying it out. IT WAS AGREED that many women are timid about joining the League because they do not see any work ~~that~~ they can do; others join but are not held because they are not brought into direct contact with active work. Mrs. Wittich called attention to the fact that there exists in the cities a type of member who is glad to hold a membership ~~and support the League~~ in return for the informational material received but who does not wish to be involved in active work. There are also those who are willing to contribute financially to the League in order to support its work but who do not

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^{assume}
wish to ~~be involved in~~ detailed responsibilities. Nevertheless, IT WAS AGREED that the League must, if it is to increase and hold its membership, find some way of bringing new members into direct contact with League work. Mrs. Tellier suggested that women enjoy study classes and she thought this interest in "intake" might be taken advantage of by the League. The question of how study under League auspices differs from study clubs that have existed for many years among women was discussed and IT WAS AGREED that League study programs differ from others in being always directed ~~toward~~ definite action. The question was asked by the chair whether it is possible to get members of study groups in the two cities to act when action is needed. A St. Paul ward vice-chairman present told of the help obtained from study group members this winter in interviewing legislators on League measures. It was suggested that this discussion be resumed at a future meeting with emphasis upon membership problems in the small local League, the discussion so far having been concerned primarily with problems in the larger city Leagues. The goal of membership work in state and local League, as summarized by the chair, is to have "more members every year qualified to carry on League work."

Committee on City Leagues

The suggestion developed from the discussion of department reports given in the annual meetings of the League in St. Paul and Minneapolis, that there be a committee to study the plan of organization and program activities of the three city Leagues with a view to agreeing upon recommendations for the future ^{and} as a help to larger Leagues outside the first-class cities. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Marble, that the president appoint a committee of five to include one representative each from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth; ^a ~~one~~ member representing organization, and ^a ~~one~~ member representing department activities.

Extension of Political Education Among Rural Women

Miss Wells and Miss Child reported briefly upon an interview with Miss Julia Newton, director of home demonstration work in the Agricultural Extension

Division of the University. The interview was arranged to ~~discuss the possi-~~
^{suggest}
~~bility of~~ arranging a One Day Voters School with League speakers as part of the
program of the "Home-Makers' Short Course" held at the University in January.
It was then too late to secure a place on the program, and Miss Newton explained
the difficulty of crowding everything they want into the time available. IT WAS
VOTED on motion of Mrs. Tellier, second of Mrs. Wittich, that we now make the
request that a League speaker be included in the program for next January.

Post Legislative Reports

Miss Wells reported the results of a hasty analysis of the votes on
League measures since the organization of the League. The 1929 legislature had
36 men who have served since 1921. A total of 33 votes in the House and Senate
on League measures, not including appropriation measures, have been reported in
the Voter. In 21 instances a favorable vote prevailed; in 12 instances the
negative vote prevailed. Seven of the 36 legislators mentioned have never voted
against a League measure. Another small group may be singled out as having
consistently voted against League measures. The question was asked by the chair
whether officers and League members present have written their legislators com-
menting upon their vote on League measures. Official letters have been sent by
the presidents of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth Leagues ~~to~~ but individual
members were urged to see or write their legislators in addition. Miss Child
reported that the executive committee decided that it would be well to send the
April Voter to all members of the legislature. It was the ~~concensus~~ consensus of opinion
~~of board members~~ that this should be done.

Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Grannis and Miss Lawrence reported upon bills enacted
into law by the 1929 legislature, relative to the subjects in their committee
programs. They were requested to prepare the same material for publication
in the May Voter.

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State Institute and Convention

The question of following the plan of previous years in holding an Institute at the time of the convention was discussed. Mrs. McGuire reported the invitation of the St. Paul board that the Institute and Convention be held in St. Paul. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Marble, second of Mrs. Cant, that the invitation be accepted.

The question of possible dates was discussed and Miss Child reported upon dates of other organization conventions already set. The suggestion came simultaneously from three members of the board that taxation be chosen as the general subject for the Institute. The possibility of substituting informal round table discussion for formal speeches was mentioned with, as an alternate plan, round table discussion following the formal talks but at a different session. IT WAS AGREED that what is wanted is concrete and definite information about how taxes can be raised and what they should be spent for, with facts to show the exact situation as to the comparative tax burden of the farmers and other groups in the community. Following discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire, that the University be asked to cooperate in an Institute featuring taxation to be held during the second week of October. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Lawrence that the president appoint a committee of five, of which she herself shall be a member, to serve as an Institute Committee.

Other Business

Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Grannis reported upon the National League Council meeting which they attended as official delegates representing the Minnesota League.

Appreciation was expressed to the Ramsey County League board for its hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING
June 14, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis Woman's Club, Friday, June 14, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Tellier, Mrs. Sherwin. There were also present Miss Helen M. Horr, organization secretary, and for the afternoon, Mrs. Silas M. Bryan.

The minutes of the May board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on May 1, 1929 of \$440.59. Receipts during May amounted to \$750.43, of which \$474.08 was received in quotas. A monthly quota payment was received from Duluth and a payment of affiliation dues of \$5.00 from the St. Cloud College League. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$837.69, leaving a bank balance June 1 of \$353.33. Bills payable amounting to \$602.15 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept the report and allow the bills.

There was a brief discussion of how national memberships are raised and particularly of how Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues contribute to such memberships.

Anniversary and Memorial Fund

Mrs. Cant explained the plan voted by the General Council in Washington to establish an Anniversary and Memorial Fund of \$250,000.00 in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the organization of the National League of Women Voters. State Leagues may contribute to this fund by establishing a like state fund. This fund will provide a means of honoring women in the various states who have been or are now outstanding citizens perpetuating not only their names but their influence in work directed toward the development of citizenship like theirs in purpose and usefulness. The Anniversary Fund is to be completed by April 1930. The idea came from a Minnesota woman, Mrs. Augustus L. Searle, first finance chairman of the Minnesota League, who

drew up the first finance plan.

Miss Wells asked for expressions of opinion from board members as to the minimum fund to be established for this state. ^{Miss Monahan} Mrs. Cant was asked to write for more definite information as to the memorial and the anniversary features of the fund. IT WAS AGREED that Minnesota could not let such a fund be established without having such names as Mrs. Ueland's, Miss Maria Sanford's included in a memorial list. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Stai, that the chair appoint a committee of three to bring in suggestions as to establishing a state memorial fund. Miss Monahan, Mrs. Stai and Mrs. Dowling were later appointed to serve on this committee.

Mrs. McGuire reported action taken at the Council meeting in Washington to establish an auxiliary radio fund by adding 4 per cent to the quota of each state toward payment of expense incidental to radio service. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Wittich, to accept our share of this auxiliary fund.

Registration Fee at National Conventions

Mrs. Cant read a letter asking if the board would ratify the plan of charging a three dollar fee for registration at national conventions. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept this plan.

Summer Projects for Money-Raising

Miss Wells asked if the sale of Christmas cards and the subscription to the Woman's Journal met with approval as money-raising projects. IT WAS AGREED that local Leagues be reminded of these means of raising quotas. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, that a committee of three inquire into the possibility of finding a more attractive selection of Christmas cards. The chair appointed Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Sherwin and Mrs. Grannis to serve on this committee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Dowling, to include Woman's Journal subscriptions in money-raising suggestions to be made in a letter to local Leagues, in case it was found that the Journal is still making an attractive offer.

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Organization

The board approved the appointment of Miss Helen Horr to succeed Miss Beggin as field secretary. Miss Wells asked Miss Horr to tell of her plans for visiting local Leagues. Miss Wells urged that there be active work done with every local League *written next six weeks* and asked for the cooperation of district chairmen in visiting Leagues in their district in company with Miss Horr or alone. Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Sherwin promised to do some visiting within the next six weeks.

Committee on City Leagues

Miss Wells announced the appointment of Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis, Mrs. Beaver Wade Day of St. Paul and Mrs. George H. Spear of Duluth to serve on this committee.

Institute of Government and Politics

Miss Wells announced the appointment of League members for the Joint Committee on the Institute: Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Tellier, Mrs. Harington Beard, Mrs. Hagaman of St. Paul and Miss Wells. A sub-committee on program was appointed: Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Wells.

Mrs. Wittich reported that two meetings have been held at the University with Professor Anderson and Mr. Teeter at which was discussed a tentative program on public finance and one meeting with Mr. Lawrence at which was discussed a speaker for the big evening meeting.

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Department and Committee Reports

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Wittich reported that the Lame Duck Amendment passed the Senate and is now before the House. A bill providing for the reapportionment of the House, for the 1930 census, and reapportionment after every decennial census passed the House and Senate. A provision of this bill for placing census enumerators under the civil service was removed in the final draft of the bill.

International Cooperation - Mrs. McGuire reported that the two most important items in the program of the department are Disarmament and the World Court. The kit

on the Pan American Treaties was reviewed.

Legal Status of Women - Miss Monahan called attention to the new National League pamphlets "Toward Equal Rights for Men and Women" by Ethel Smith and to a pamphlet "Against Equal Rights by Constitutional Amendment" by Gladys Harrison. Miss Monahan reported that satisfactory replies had been received from four counties in answer to a letter written to county commissioners in 19 counties where women's names have not been included in the jury lists. Women are listed for jury service in the four counties from which replies have been received. She read the letter written by Miss Wells at the request of Mrs. Daniel Coonan, chairman of Public Welfare for state the/Federation of Women's Clubs, to county chairmen of the Federated Clubs asking them to further the cause of women serving on juries.

Child Welfare - Mrs. Grannis reported that a bill providing for maternity-infancy hygiene has been introduced in the House and Senate. The bill follows closely the provisions of the Shappard-Towner Act, with certain modifications.

Living Costs - Mrs. Spear reported that following the Supreme Court decision upholding the validity of pocket vetoes at the end of any session, Senator Norris again introduced a bill providing for the government operation of Muscle Shoals. The bill was reported out, but it was not expected that it would come to a vote during the special session.

Legislative Council

Miss Lawrence reported on the last meeting of the Legislative Council at which it was decided to continue meetings in the fall.

Conference on Adult Education

Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Tellier and Mrs. Stai represented the League at a Conference on Adult Education held at the University June 13 and 14 at which there were representatives from state-wide organizations. Miss Wells asked for a discussion of whether or not the League had any interest in the general subject of adult education. The opinion seemed to be that there was no organization contemplated but rather a

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conference acting as a clearing house. Mrs. Bryan reported on a similar conference of Minneapolis organizations engaged in adult education, at which she represented the League of Women Voters.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

July 12th, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday, July 12, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Colby, and Mrs. Pearce. Miss Monahan was ~~also~~ present for the afternoon. There were also present Miss Gladys Harrison, Mrs. T. A. Pederson of West St. Paul and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with correction. Mrs. Cant called attention to the necessity of reporting to the National League the decision ^{at} the last board meeting to accept this state's quota of the auxiliary radio fund. The chair asked Mrs. Cant to send this message.

Miss Harrison asked that Miss Monahan send the National League copies of the recent correspondence addressed to the fourteen counties where women are not listed for jury service.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on June 1 of \$353.33 and receipts during June amounting to \$566.04, of which \$249.50 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Detroit Lakes paid its quota in full for the current year, and Atwater and Watson made quota payments in full for the next fiscal year, 1929-30. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$575.20, leaving a bank balance July 1 of \$344.17. Bills payable amounting to \$852.32 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Colby, to accept the report and order the bills paid.

In regard to Woman's Journal subscriptions, Miss Child reported that the magazine makes the same bonus offer for subscriptions during a 30-day drive as formerly. IT WAS AGREED that a drive for subscriptions should be conducted as a

money-raising activity, either during the month preceding or the month following convention in order that subscriptions secured at the convention might be a part of it.

Organization

Miss Child reported the recommendation of the executive committee that the board approve the action of the office staff in omitting the following Leagues from the mailing list pending reorganization as a result of work in the field by the field secretary and the district chairmen. She summarized briefly the facts about each League known through correspondence and explained that the reason for recognizing the non-existence of these Leagues at the present time is the fact that Miss Horr ~~will~~ has joined the staff as field secretary during July and action of the board will clear the way for her work in reorganizing these Leagues. (See executive committee minutes of July 9 for explanatory statement on Leagues listed.)

District 1: Janesville, LeRoy, Caledonia, Wabasha;
District 2: Wells, Slayton;
District 3: Shakopee, Pine Island;
District 6: Elk River, Staples Study League;
District 7: Graceville;
District 9: Hawley, Frazee, Lake Park, Crookston Study League;
District 10: Wayzata

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to approve the action recommended by the ~~exec~~ executive committee. Mrs. McKnight suggested that Mrs. W. F. Decker who now lives in the tenth district (Excelsior) might be asked to help in organization work in that district.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that an informal meeting of the Northfield League will be held next week when the National League publication containing press comments on the work of the League will be reviewed. It was suggested by the chair that the Lame Duck Amendment skit be used in the program of the same meeting.

Mrs. McGuire reported ~~in~~ for ST. PAUL that the Young Voters' Study Group held a successful picnic meeting recently. Mrs. McKnight reported for MINNEAPOLIS

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that neighborhood study groups had proved active and successful during the past year and it is believed that new groups can be added next year. The printed program for study groups published last year proved so ^{useful} ~~well liked~~ that the executive committee plans to prepare a similar program for next year very soon. The chair called attention to the necessity of keeping the program flexible enough so that the program of work adopted by the state convention in the fall and by the Minneapolis League at its annual meeting next January can be incorporated in the plan for study groups. Mrs. McKnight explained that this proved possible last year since the ~~subjects~~ subjects are general enough to admit of the use of new League publications and to include special activities voted in connection with the department and committee programs of the state and National League. Mrs. McKnight also reported that the Minneapolis League has adopted a new policy of appointing a board member as "god mother" for each new member added during the interval between board meetings in order to make sure that new members are brought in contact with the work of the League by personal contact with individual board members.

Letter to College League graduates

Miss Child reported that a letter was sent out over Miss Wells' signature on July 6 to each college League graduate in the following colleges from which it was possible to secure the necessary names: University of Minnesota, Hamline, Mankato, and Duluth. No reply was received to the request for names sent St. Cloud, Winona and Bemidji. Enclosed with the letter were a state League membership blank, a Voter subscription blank, and the three-page ~~mime~~ mimeograph of Professor Hatton's "Estimate of the League of Women Voters." The chair commented upon the fact that such a letter to the graduates of college Leagues seems worth while in spite of the lack of direct replies since the response often comes indirectly in ways that ~~benefit~~ benefit League organization.

Eighth District Chairmanship

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. George H. Spear offering her resignation as eighth district chairman in view of her election to the presidency of the Duluth League. Acceptance of the resignation was recommended by the executive committee with the suggestion that Mrs. Charles S. Roulo of Duluth be appointed to the vacancy. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept Mrs. Spear's resignation with an expression of appreciation of her services as chairman. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Colby, to ask Mrs. Roulo to accept appointment as eighth district chairman.

The Local League and the Program

Discussion was asked by the chair of the question as to what should be the ~~policy~~ ^{policy} and restrictions with regard to ~~the~~ ^a local League's taking an active part in local issues or projects. Interesting points were brought out in the discussion, but no definite statement of policy was formulated by the board since IT WAS AGREED that the discussion should be continued at another board meeting when more of the district chairmen are present.

The League and Adult Education

Reference was made by the chair to the attendance of state and Minneapolis League representatives in the two ^{recent} conferences on adult education, ~~called recently~~ ^{by the University of Minnesota and Miss Countryman of the Minneapolis Public Library.} She asked Miss Harrison to tell something of her attendance as a representative of the National League at the conference called this spring by the American Association for ~~National Adult Education Association~~ whose organization followed the report of the Carnegie Institute on this subject. Miss Harrison said that after hearing the discussion in the round tables, she concluded that the League and its methods were the best possible exemplification of the principles discussed and that in fact it seems to be the only organization for adult education in relation to government. The League's work was commented upon in a complimentary way by various speakers,

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especially by Mr. MacDonald of the Foreign Policy Association who spoke of it as a pioneer in the educational use of the radio. Miss Harrison also reported upon her attendance, substituting for Miss Sherwin, at the conference called by Secretary Wilbur on the federal government in relation to education. ~~Sub committees were set up for the consideration of various aspects of the whole problem and the inquiry is to continue over as long a period as is necessary to arrive at definite generalizations and recommendations.~~ The chair asked what the League's responsibility toward the adult education movement should be. Miss Harrison said that the national organization seems to be for the purpose of establishing a clearing house for organization activities in this field and to conduct special pieces of research such as the study of the ^{educational} use of the radio. ~~for furthering various projects in this field.~~ IT WAS AGREED that the League should be ready to send representatives to conferences ~~but~~ for the purpose of clearing information about activities in this field but should oppose any effort to establish definite organization of the various groups engaged in adult education.

The National League Anniversary and Memorial Fund

Miss Monahan reported as chairman of the committee to receive suggestions and report recommendations as to the Minnesota plan for participation in this fund. The committee recommends that \$500 be the sum to be raised for each Minnesota woman honored (and that the following women be selected to memorialize: Mrs. Ueland, Miss Maria Sanford, Miss Isabel Lawrence and Miss Wells.) The committee recommended that there should be a general chairman with a committee consisting of one person to take charge of each individual memorial fund. The suggestion was reported from the executive committee that Mrs. Searle be considered as general chairman of the committee and that there be a luncheon or dinner with speeches devoted to pioneer women of the state as a celebration of the anniversary and as a means of promoting contributions to the fund. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan to ask Mrs. A. L.

Searle (who suggested the plan to the National League) to serve as chairman of the Minnesota committee.

~~a committee to raise a memorial fund or funds in honor of Minnesotawomen to be presented to the National League as part of the National Anniversary and Memorial Fund.~~

Miss Harrison reported upon the progress of National League plans for the fund. There has been a tentative agreement that \$1000 be set as the minimum sum entitling a state to have a name memorialized on the bronze tablet to be set up in the National League headquarters. She asked the opinion of the board as to the desirability of limiting women to be memorialized to those who have had active membership in the National Suffrage Association or the National League of Women Voters. After discussion, it appeared that the majority of board members approved of the desirability of limiting the names for the fund in some such way to assure their suitability for the memorial tablet that will be a permanent record at the National League headquarters. ~~Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Cant felt that it would be unwise to set up a restriction that might result in losing contributions to the fund.~~

Reports of Department and Committee Chairmen: (to be modified)

Miss Monahan reported a new publication by the National League giving ~~opinions~~ on women as jurors. There was discussion of the recent action of the State Bar Association in appointing a committee to study marriage legislation and Miss Monahan was asked to inquire into and report upon this action. Miss Monahan also reported the action of the National Zonta convention in postponing, until 1930, action on the Woman's Party resolution in regard to protective legislation.

Mrs. McGuire reported upon two new National League publications in her department on the Root formula for the World Court and Disarmament. She summarized the latest facts in connection with these issues, and spoke also of the action of this country in regard to the proposed international bank.

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In the absence of Mrs. Grannis, Miss Child reported a recent communication from Mrs. Walden, National League child welfare chairman, enclosing mimeographed extracts from the speech of Dr. R. O. Beard of Minneapolis on the importance of federal assistance for maternity and infancy work and a reprint of the report of Dr. Williams, chairman of the committee named at the 1929 meeting of state health officers in support of ~~federal legislation for maternity and infancy~~ ^{this work.}

State Convention

Miss Wells asked what action the board wished to take to assure early preparation of a program for the ^{state} convention to be held in conjunction with the Institute. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to authorize the executive committee to serve as the program committee for convention.

Other Business

Mrs. McGuire reported that Mr. Jones of the Minnesota Farm Bureau suggests July 17 as the date for a conference of League representatives with himself and the chairman of women's activities in his organization.

The announcement of the choice of Louisville, Kentucky as the place for the 1930 National League convention was read by the secretary.

The chair asked the board whether it wished to take definite action in regard to holding the August board meeting somewhere outside the Twin Cities. After brief discussion IT WAS AGREED to leave the decision to the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

Minnesota League of Women Voters

Memorandum on Discussion of
What Part a local League May Take in Local Politics and Projects

at State Board Meeting, July 12, 1929

This question was placed upon the agenda of the board meeting as a familiar question arising from time to time but definitely stimulated by a recent letter of Mrs. Ringstad's citing the desire of members of the Northfield League to take a definite stand on the question of Sunday movies that is at present a local controversy in Northfield. Mrs. Ringstad said that members often say, "If the League can't take a stand on local issues, what is it good for?" She finds it difficult to give them answers that satisfy them to this question.

Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Colby, because of their contact with small communities in Grand Rapids and Olivia respectively, agreed that this is a real issue to meet in connection with local League organization work. Mrs. McGuire called attention to the fact that other local Organizations engage in such projects as supporting the local library or furnishing the Women's Rest Room and that it is difficult for the League to compete for the interest of local women if they confine their program to subjects of national and state politics. Other members of the board were familiar with the difficulties and danger to League organization involved in an ~~ex~~ inexperienced local League's trying to take a stand in a local political controversy. Miss Wells called attention to the fact that unless the local question should be ~~one~~ falling within the scope of the National League program, there could be no question as to a local League's becoming involved in it. When such subjects as are not included in the field of the League program are brought to the attention of the local League, the proper procedure would be to refer them to other groups that have experience and background for taking action upon them.

The discussion therefore, Miss Wells pointed out, must be directed to consideration of the decision a local League must make in deciding to do active work in connection with some local issue, such ~~xxx~~ as an effort to secure a new charter, that is included in the League program and in connection with which the League, therefore, has definite advice, leadership and published material to offer. She said that she hoped to see the time come when a local League would outline a program of local activities within the scope of the state and National League program in the same way that the state League decides upon a program within the field of the National League program. She thought that the time has not yet come ~~and may not come for ten or twenty years~~ when the rank and file of local Leagues are experienced and well enough equipped with leaders to carry on such a local program.

The procedure recommended to a local League in case action by the League on some local project in the field of the National League program, but falling outside the program for the year adopted by the state League, should be urged upon it, was outlined by Miss Wells. The matter of ~~An~~ illustration would be the effort to secure a police woman in a local community. The National League Social Hygiene program has among the items "recommended for support" -- "* * * the appointment of properly trained and qualified police women in all communities, with all the necessary facilities for their work." The steps should be, Miss Wells said, action by the local board authorizing the proper board member (the Social Hygiene chairman or Public Welfare in Government chairman) to make a careful inquiry into the facts as to the local situation and then write the state League committee chairman asking her advice as a result of the experience of the state and National League in connection with similar situations in similar communities. A full report as a result of this double inquiry should then be presented to the local League board or membership and used as the basis for a decision as to local League action on the question.

In many instances the League is urged to take immediate action on a question without time to follow this deliberate course. In such cases, Miss Wells thought the only thing to do is to explain that the League does not act without adequate information and preparation, even if this means that the need of action by the local League will then be ~~passed~~^{past}. Miss Wells pointed out that in no case is it helpful to act on the spur of the moment. The prestige that the League has built up is largely due to the fact that it does not act without definite and accurate information and without ~~being able to turn~~^{ing} to experienced leadership that makes its action helpful and worthwhile when it is taken. Reference was made to the fact that many local Leagues in Minnesota did become involved in local politics without sufficient preparation and guidance soon after their organization and that in practically every instance this resulted in death to League organization and consequent prejudice to re-establishing the organization later on.

IT WAS AGREED to continue this discussion in a future board meeting when more district chairmen might be present.

Reported by Emily Child

STATE BOARD MEETING

August 9, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. H. G. Harrison, 2009 Pleasant Avenue, Minneapolis, on Friday August 9, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Roulo and Mrs. Pearce. ^{and Mrs. Woodard Cooley} Guests present by special invitation were Mrs. Harrison, Miss Florence Harrison, Mrs. Sward of Minneapolis, Mrs. Walter Benson of Winnetka, chairman of the Cook County League in Illinois, Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Halverson of St. Cloud and the following local League presidents: Mrs. Ihfe of St. Paul, Mrs. Searle of Kenyon, Mrs. Johnson of Northfield and Mrs. Crary of St. Cloud. Staff members present were Miss Horr, Mrs. Bryan of the Minneapolis League and Miss Child.

Appreciation was expressed by the chair of Mrs. Harrison's hospitality in entertaining the board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Pearce and approved with a change requested by Mrs. McKnight.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported that the St. Cloud League has now paid its quota to the state League in full for the first time since 1924. Monthly quota payments have been received from Minneapolis, Duluth, and St. Paul. Mrs. Cant reported a balance of \$344.17 on July and receipts during July amounting to \$1821.42 of which \$1213.16 was in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1143.18 leaving a balance of \$1022.41 Aug. 1. IT WAS VOTED On motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Wittich to accept the report and allow the bills paid. Bills payable amounted to \$874.44.

The chair asked for questions. There followed discussion of how a local League president can explain to the League membership the payment of a quota to the state League as a worthwhile and necessary use of its money. Mrs. Roulo said that she felt the self-respect of a League demanded that the quota be paid. Miss Wells explained that the quota should be at least a goal and a standard. She asked why the quota money should be spent by the state. Mrs. McKnight answered that there would be no state program if local Leagues did not help support the work with money. Mrs. Wittich called attention to the valuable service of the field secretary made possible by quota payments. The work of the legislative committee was mentioned. Miss Kercher said that even though actual legislative measures failed, each bit of work called attention to the program and intensified the interest throughout the state. Money helping to create public opinion is money well spent. Miss Harrison explained that money spent through state and national headquarters is really local money still, only pooled to accomplish results more economically.

Miss Wells called attention to two pamphlets - "Comments from the Press" and "Opinions on the Work of the League of Women Voters" - and suggested that these pamphlets might be used to blaze the way for new memberships.

Reports from Committees

Miss Child reported that the executive committee has asked Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Colby, and Mrs. McGuire to act as a committee to outline plans for the state fair exhibit. No chairman of arrangements for the exhibit has yet been named. Miss Wells and Miss Child reported a conference with Mrs. Cavanor, superintendent of the Woman's Building at the fair, on the subject of our exhibit and the decision to assign us less prominent space this year. After discussion it was decided that it might be well for representatives of the League to confer with the State Fair Board to explain our attitude as to the value of our exhibit and to learn what the board expects of exhibitors. By consent, it was agreed that the committee already named should be asked to interview the fair board.

The executive committee, named by the board as the convention program committee, has decided to ask department and committee chairmen to confer and make recommendations at the September board meeting on the program of work to be submitted to the state convention for action.

Mrs. Wittich reported for the Institute Committee, outlining tentative plans for the program as discussed in an executive committee conference on August 1. A meeting of the Joint Institute Committee will be held soon to decide upon program and speakers.

The committee on city Leagues will be called together early in September. In the meantime, Miss Wells has written members of the committee listing questions for discussion in order that they may assemble the necessary information from local League records before the committee meets.

Mrs. McGuire reported in connection with our contact with rural women that a conference was held on July 17 of Miss Wells, Miss Child and herself with Mrs. E. V. R. and Mr. Jones of the State Farm Bureau in regard to the League's willingness to extend its educational service to rural women through study material especially prepared for their use in local groups. Mrs. Ripley said that Farm Bureau women have requested citizenship training as one of the courses they would like to have through the University Extension Service since the subject is represented in their program. She was therefore

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interested in the suggestion that the League may work out a plan of cooperating with Miss Newton's department in the University to offer this service. Miss Wells reported upon her interview with Miss Bess Rowe of the editorial staff of the Farmers' Wife some time ago. Miss Rowe thought that of women's organizations, after the Farm Bureau and the Parent Teacher Association, the League of Women Voters has the greatest appeal to the interest of rural women.

Mrs. Cant reported for the committee on the sale of Christmas Cards. Portfolios of cards will be available soon.

Announcement was made by the chair of the acceptance by Mrs. A. L. Searle of the chairmanship of the Minnesota committee for the National League Memorial Fund. She wishes to be assured of the active cooperation of the board in any plan that is made.

Convention Committee on Changes in Constitution and By-Laws

The chair explained that this is the only committee for the convention that must be appointed before the September meeting. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Lawrence that the appointment be made by the chair. The chair named Miss Monahan.

Department Reports

Mrs. Wittich reported on the new federal legislation placing special census agent under civil service as a step in the extension of civil service that the League has supported. She discussed the controversy arising over the choice of a site for the proposed state office building, pointing out its ramifications in the general political situation.

Mrs. McGuire called attention to the fact that the Kellogg Treaty was ratified in July and that local League department chairmen in Minnesota were asked to send messages to President Hoover in this connection. She reviewed the history of the relationship between Russia and China leading up to the present situation. Mrs. McGuire also spoke of the latest developments in the discussion of the problem of disarmament by international agreement.

Development of the National League Program

Miss Florence Harrison gave a synopsis of the analysis of the program as she has presented it to state and local Leagues in her region. She said it is essential that state and local League board members understand just how the League program has grown in order to know "what it is all about."

Organization

Miss Horr and Miss Child reported upon local Leagues with which there has been some contact this summer. Miss Horr named the Leagues she has recently visited in the Sixth and Ninth Districts, travelling 1600 miles in ten days.

District reports were given by Miss Lusk for the FOURTH DISTRICT and Mrs. Bryan for the FIFTH DISTRICT. Local League presidents were asked by the chair to tell something of their local organizations. Mrs. Ihge, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Searle reported for their respective Leagues in the Third District. Mrs. Crary reported for St. Cloud in the Sixth District.

Mrs. Benson, ~~at the request of the chair,~~ spoke briefly of the interest of the Illinois League in everything that is done by the League in Minnesota.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, secretary.

STATE BOARD MEETING

September 13, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the new Young Women's Christian Association building in Minneapolis, on Friday, September 13, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

Board members present were Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Dowling; and for the afternoon, Mrs. McKnight, Miss Kercher, and Miss Wells. There were also present for part of the day Miss Belle Sherwin, Mrs. A. L. Searle, ^{and} Mrs. J. M. Freeman, president of the Olivia League. Staff members present were Mrs. Silas Bryan and Miss Child.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Stai in the absence of Mrs. Pearce and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on August 1 of \$1022.41 and receipts during September of \$914.92, of which \$761.16 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1246.70, leaving a bank balance September 1 of \$690.63. Bills payable amounting to \$711.29 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to accept the report and order the bills paid.

Mrs. Cant read the names of local Leagues that are now eligible for the honor roll to be announced at the state convention. She also reported upon local Leagues from which no quota payment has been received so far this year and said that she plans to write a special letter to these Leagues very soon to urge them to make some quota payment before the end of the fiscal year, October 30.

Miss Child informed the board that the Woman's Journal magazine is allowing us to take subscriptions now at the special rate of \$2.00 and will credit them as part of our thirty-day drive to start at the time of our state convention. Mrs. Cant reminded the board that the Woman's Journal drive is one of the money-making activities for which there is a receipt item in the budget each year. She called attention to the fact that the sale of Christmas cards may be used by local Leagues as a money-

making activity and announced that the portfolios of cards are now ready to be forwarded to local communities upon request.

Reports on Organization

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT on a meeting planned by the Northfield League for the presentation of both sides of the question of municipal or private ownership of the local electric light plant. The purpose of the meeting would be to give citizens an opportunity to become informed on the question by hearing an open forum discussion of it. Mrs. Stai reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT that the September meeting of the St. Cloud League will be devoted to a discussion of Latin-America by an excellently qualified local woman. An election of officers and membership drive will take place this fall in St. Cloud. Mrs. Dowling, SEVENTH DISTRICT chairman, and Mrs. Freeman, president of the Olivia League, reported upon a successful summer picnic attended by 25 League members in Olivia. Mrs. Roulo reported briefly upon plans for work in the EIGHTH DISTRICT preceding convention and Mrs. Spear outlined activities planned by the Duluth League for the coming year. In the absence of Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Bryan reported for the Minneapolis League that eight study groups are already ready for fall work, and it is hoped others will be added to this number. A rummage sale is planned as a money-making activity for early October.

State Fair Exhibit

Mrs. Wittich reviewed the plan for the fair exhibit, mentioning especially the permanent background of a three panel screen, representing the three departments of work. Mrs. Cant reported her observations as an attendant in the booth.

Action on Matters Referred from Executive Committee

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Cant, to approve the recommendation of the executive committee that the following local Leagues be dropped from our mailing list. These were among Leagues visited by Miss Horr during August and found to have had no active organization *for more than a year past*

Appleton

Farmington

Fulda

Marshall

The chair reported the recommendation of the executive committee that the district chairmen be asked to meet in an all-day organization conference some time preceding or immediately following the state convention. The possibilities of having such a conference in place of the October board meeting had been discussed by the executive committee which had also considered the matter of omitting or postponing the November board meeting so that it would not follow so closely upon the state convention. No decision was made on these questions which were referred back to the executive committee for action.

Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Spear reviewed and commented upon the subjects in the National League program of work for her committee and called attention to the printed publications in support of this program. This was the second of the comprehensive reports by committee chairmen to be presented to the board, the first having been given by Miss Kercher on the Women in Industry program at the August meeting.

Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McGuire reviewed subjects current in the program of the Department of Efficiency in Government and of International Cooperation to Prevent War.

National League Memorial Fund

Mrs. A. L. Searle made her first presentation of this subject to the board as chairman of the Minnesota Committee for the Memorial Fund. Miss Sherwin, at the request of the chair, commented upon the objects sought in adopting the plan for the fund. Following discussion of just what action should be taken to perfect the plan for raising a fund in Minnesota, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Dowling, that the state League president appoint a small committee to confer with Mrs. Searle on the preliminary plans, including the question of what committee organization is needed. Miss Wells immediately named the following to confer with Mrs. Searle: Mrs. McKnight, Miss Lusk, Miss Merrill, and Mrs. Dowling.

Proposed Program of Work for 1929-30

The recommended program prepared in a conference of department and committee

chairmen was reported to the board by Mrs. Wittich, Miss Kercher and Mrs. Spear. Following discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Marble, to send the proposed program, ^{as recommended, to} ~~out for consideration by~~ local Leagues in advance of convention and to submit it for adoption at the state convention.

Convention and Institute Program and Plans

Mrs. Wittich reviewed tentative plans for the Institute program and asked for a discussion of the ~~question of the amount of the~~ registration fee. The suggestion of the Ramsey County League that there be a special fee for League members was reported and IT WAS AGREED that it would be very difficult to differentiate the registration fee for members and non-members. The fees charged in previous Institutes were mentioned and IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Stai, to refer the decision on the fee to the executive committee with the recommendation that it be not less than \$2.00 with a charge for single admission of 50¢, not to be advertised in advance of the Institute.

Miss Child reported tentative suggestions for the convention program including a pre-convention board meeting on Wednesday morning to which local League presidents might be invited, ~~and~~ a fireside evening the same day for local League delegates at which local League organization problems might be discussed, department conference Thursday morning and a convention business session Saturday morning. Attention was called to the fact that this plan does not provide for an opening convention session with ~~an opportunity for an address by the president~~ ^a ~~and thus~~ ^{address but} follows the precedent started at the 1927 Convention and Institute ^{when} ~~a~~ kit of mimeographed material including the proposed program of work, the proposed budget, etc., ^{was} given to delegates upon registering, ^{in place of verbal reports} ~~is substituted for these reports~~ at an opening convention session.

Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Spear and Mrs. Stai commented favorably upon the plan of having the department conferences continue for a whole morning, thus giving local ~~League~~ department chairmen an opportunity to become acquainted with the state chairmen and have full discussion of the subject matter of their program. The need

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for such a thorough conference has not been met in previous program plans, they said. Mrs. Stai urged that the department conferences be scheduled for Saturday morning instead of Thursday morning for the benefit of department chairmen who cannot attend during the week because of being employed. If the convention business session cannot be changed from Saturday, she thought Friday would be a better day than Thursday for the department conferences.

The chair asked the board to act on the appointment of a committee to serve with Mrs. Cant in the preparation of a proposed budget. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Roulo, second of Miss Kercher, to authorize the president to appoint this committee.

There was general discussion of methods of promoting attendance to the Convention and Institute but no definite suggestions were made for methods other than those used in previous years. Mrs. McKnight said that the Minneapolis League expects to plan supper parties in St. Paul with some entertaining feature as a means of promoting the attendance of its members. These supper parties will be open also to out-of-town League delegates.

Other Business

The chair reported upon a letter from the National League president asking that Minnesota congressmen be interviewed on League federal measures before their return to Washington late in September. Mrs. McKnight reported upon ^{her} the recent interview with ~~held with~~ Mr. Nolan of the fifth district, ^{following the relaying of} this request ~~having been~~ ^{relayed} to the Minneapolis League by the state League.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem

M I N U T E S
PRE-CONVENTION STATE BOARD MEETING
October 31, 1929

The pre-convention meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Teachers' Federation Room adjoining the Ramsey County League headquarters, Thursday, October 31, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Mrs. Morrison

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Grammis, / Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Tellier, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Monahan, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Ramsey, and Mrs. Marble. Local League officers who attended as guests were Mrs. Yetter, Stephen; Mrs. Ihfe, West St. Paul; Mrs. H. Dudache and Mrs. Simley, South St. Paul; Mrs. John Freeman, Olivia; Mrs. Martz, LeRoy; Mrs. Botsford, Winona; Mrs. Frederick Johnson, Northfield; Mrs. G. F. Walter and Mrs. Joe Weisberg, Farmington; Mrs. C. L. Atwood, St. Cloud; Mrs. C. V. Everett, Redwood Falls. Others present were Mrs. A. L. Searle and Miss Child.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant explained some of the items of the report for the benefit of the visitors. She reported a balance on September 1 of \$690.63 and receipts during October of \$696.39, of which \$330.75 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1004.37, leaving a balance on October 1 of \$362.65. Bills payable amounting to \$918.91 for the month of September were read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Tellier, that the bills be allowed and ordered paid.

Woman's Journal and Christmas Card Sale - Mrs. Cant explained that some Leagues were finding Christmas cards easy means to raise quota. Monticello, St. Cloud are using the cards issued by Mrs. Gutgesell and the Golden Age Art Company respectively. Mrs. Cant asked anyone who was interested to ask to see the books. Miss Child explained that Woman's Journal drive was on. One hundred subscriptions would bring in \$100.

Miss Wells asked different women present to tell how they secured Woman's Journal subscriptions, what they considered its best selling points. Miss Wells suggested that women subscribe to the Journal and then give it to doctors, dentists, and beauty parlors for reading material on their tables.

Honor Roll for Minnesota - Mrs. Searle reported for her committee the recommendation of the following women to be honored in Minnesota: Mrs. Ueland, Maria Sanford, Dr. Ethel Hurd, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Noyes, and Miss Isabel Lawrence. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the list as recommended by Mrs. Searle's committee.

Organization - Miss Wells explained absence of Miss Horr, field secretary, who was ill following an accident.

First District - Mrs. Morrison reported two Leagues in the first district, LeRoy and Winona, both represented at convention. A donation to help pay the expenses of delegates made it possible for Winona to have some ten delegates at the convention. The Winona League now has a completely organized board of 22 members. Two publicity chairmen supply material for a League column in the newspaper every two weeks. Three members are serving on the jury. Mrs. Morrison explained that she is trying to form a board or council for the district representing towns in which no League exists.

Third District - Mrs. Ringstad reported that there are five Leagues in her district represented at convention. The Farmington League has been reorganized by Miss Horr. There is a new League in South St. Paul. Mrs. Johnson, chairman of the Northfield League, told of plans of the Public Welfare in Government chairman to get women interested in reading the material on her department program.

Fourth District - Miss Lusk reported that St. Paul is putting on a charter campaign with special downtown headquarters. The National Municipal League has complimented them upon their excellent printed material. Men are working with women in house-to-house distribution of this material.

Fifth District - Mrs. Wittich reported Minneapolis has been active in organizing study groups on "The Public Purse." The International Cooperation Department has

been active with a dinner meeting and tea at which Miss Holmes, hostess of International House, was speaker.

Sixth District - Mrs. Stai reported that the St. Cloud League has had a meeting on Latin-American policy presided over by International Cooperation chairman. Mrs. McCrory was speaker and might perhaps be secured by other Leagues for the same talk. Mrs. Atwood is the League president. Mrs. Stai talked before the college League. Six members from the district are present at Convention and Institute.

Seventh District - Mrs. Dowling. Four well organized Leagues: Watson, Atwater, Granite Falls and Olivia. Hopes two other Leagues may be revived.

Eighth District - Mrs. Spear reported that the Duluth League has its departments organized and functioning. The Public Welfare Department is holding weekly meetings. Observation committee is at work sending a member to each of various city board meetings. International Cooperation Department has meeting planned for each month. Study groups in each section of the city are being organized.

Discussion followed on the subject of observers at board meetings. It seemed to be the opinion of those with experience that observers are welcomed by the officials if their attitude is friendly. The object is to learn; problem is to make observer's knowledge available to League to form basis of possible future program measures.

Tenth District - Mrs. Sherwin reported that only 2 Leagues were actually functioning. She feels that the Monticello League has accomplished some good work on jury service and ballot study.

Changes in Constitution - Miss Monahan reported on some suggested changes in the Constitution:

Nominating committee - A slight change is proposed to make the By-Laws conform with existing conditions--Nominating Committee to be appointed by executive board omitting exception about district chairmen.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the report of the Committee on Changes in the Constitution.

Miss Wells commented on the fact that the system of organization in the state differs from that contemplated when the first constitution was adopted.

Report of Committee on City Leagues - The committee asked to be continued for further study and consideration. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Cant, to continue the committee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to include a member from Winona on the Committee on City Leagues, to be appointed by the chair.

Budget Committee Report - Mrs. Cant explained budget as proposed for year November 1, 1929 - October 31, 1930. Few changes from last year were explained. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Stai, to recommend the proposed budget to the convention for adoption.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

POST-CONVENTION STATE BOARD MEETING
November 2, 1929

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Kercher, Miss Roulo and Mrs. Sherwin. Mrs. L. C. Weeks and Miss Child were also present.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Spear, to appoint Mrs. William Duncan of Mankato as assistant chairman of Education to assist Miss Lawrence.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING
November 15, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Young Women's Christian Association, Minneapolis, on Friday, November 15, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lawrence, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Miss Lusk, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Roulo, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Thorp and the two new directors, Mrs. Harington Beard and Mrs. E. C. Stakman. Staff members present were Miss Horr and Miss Child. *Mrs. Maxwell of Winona*

The minutes were read by Mrs. Morrison, in the absence of the secretary, and approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on October 1 of \$362.65. Receipts during October amounted to ~~\$562.50~~ ^{\$1416.77}, of which \$562.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1210.36 leaving a balance ~~for~~ November 1 of \$569.06. Bills payable amounting to \$1230.24 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that the bills be allowed and paid when money is available.

Organization

The chair appointed Mrs. Morrison of Winona as a member of the Committee on City Leagues.

Miss Horr reported upon her work in the field during the last two and a half months. Leagues have been reorganized in Elk River, LeRoy, Shakopee, Farmington, Pine Island; and a new League has been organized in South St. Paul with the help of Mrs. Grannis who is serving as president. Other Leagues visited by Miss Horr and assisted in ~~organizing and~~ planning work for the coming year are

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Winona, Kenyon, Faribault, Northfield, Slayton, Granite Falls, Watson, Norwood and Jordan where the League ^{had been} ~~was~~ about to disband and organize as a woman's club. Miss Horr's visit resulted in a decision to continue the League organization. Other places visited by Miss Horr where no League organization now exists are Wayzata, Annandale, Stillwater, Spring Valley and Janesville. College Leagues at the Winona and Mankato State Teachers Colleges have been reorganized by Miss Horr and visits made to Hamline University and Macalester College in St. Paul, ^{and} dates arranged for the reorganization of the Hamline College League and for the organization of a new League at Macalester College.

Reports by District Chairmen:

Mrs. Roulo reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the Duluth League has organized a study group in West Duluth and is conducting an evening study group for business women at the Y.W.C.A. Meetings and study groups arranged by the three department chairmen are in progress and a campaign for contributing members is being carried on.

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League has been given credit for the large vote on the charter amendment in St. Paul and that the lesson learned from this campaign is the need for starting educational work before the campaign with the opposition active is under way. The League joined with 14 other organizations in arranging a window exhibit in commemoration of Armistice Day. A study group on taxation problems has been formed as a follow-up of the Institute.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Faribault League is joining with the college club in plans for a study group on questions of foreign policy. The Northfield League has invited the Farmington and Kenyon Leagues to meet with it next week.

Mrs. Morrison reported for the FIRST DISTRICT that a luncheon meeting of the board was held to hear reports of the state convention by Winona League

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delegates. As a by-product of the report of attendance at the finance conference, there was general agreement that the Winona League should raise its dues from 50 cents to one dollar. The annual benefit card party held recently resulted in a net income of \$60. Mrs. Morrison spoke of the fact that members of the Winona College League are given class credit for their League work.

Appointment of Department and Committee Chairmen

International Cooperation to Prevent War - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Sherwin, that Mrs. McGuire be named chairman.

¹/₂ Efficiency in Government - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Sherwin, second of Miss Lusk, that Mrs. Wittich be named chairman.

Public Welfare in Government:

Child Welfare - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Sherwin, second of Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. Grannis be named chairman.

Education - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that Miss Lawrence be named chairman.

Legal Status of Women - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Roulo, second of Mrs. Wittich, that Miss Monahan be named chairman.

Liv Living Costs - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Roulo, second of Mrs. Grannis, that Mrs. Spear be named chairman.

Public Health and Social Hygiene - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Miss Lawrence, that Mrs. Woodard Colby be named chairman.

Women in Industry - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lusk, that Miss Kercher be named chairman.

The chair reported the resignation of Mrs. W. J. Marcley as chairman of the Special Committee on Immigration Problems. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. C. M. Denny of Minneapolis who has been serving as co-chairman be asked to accept the chairmanship.

Appointment of Executive Committee

IT WAS VOTED that the executive committee be appointed to include the following officers: the president, treasurer, department chairmen and the chairmen of the fourth and fifth districts (Minneapolis and St. Paul).

Suggestions for Future Institutes and Conventions

1) There was discussion of the basis for awarding delegates ~~data~~ credentials for the convention and IT WAS AGREED that this subject should be considered by the Committee on City Leagues and a recommendation made to the board.

2) Miss Wells suggested that the closing day of the convention should be on Friday instead of on Saturday when the convention occurs in football season since attendance at the game seriously affects attendance at the convention luncheon. This would eliminate the Young Voters' Breakfast which has proved so ^{helpful in maintaining contact with the Colleges,} ~~successful~~. It was suggested that it might be possible to get Young Voters to come in time for a dinner meeting Friday night although this would be after the convention proper ~~ended~~ and their attendance at a convention session would therefore be impossible.

3) Mrs. Ringstad urged that three instead of four days be given to the Convention and Institute since it is very difficult for women out in the state to come for four days. There was general discussion of what program events might be omitted to eliminate one day but no definite decision was reached. Mrs. Stakman said that the program seemed to her too short rather than too long since it was necessary to crowd so many subjects into the Saturday morning business session, making it extremely difficult to absorb all the information given.

4) It was agreed that more effort should be made to advertise the single admissions to the evening meetings of the Institute, beginning the moment the Institute opened; otherwise it is not generally understood that attendance at these meetings is open to those who cannot attend other sessions.

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5) Mrs. Wittich suggested that the sale of printed material on subjects discussed can be greatly stimulated by planning to have the appropriate pamphlets in the room, for announcement and sale by the department or committee chairman following the session. When they are merely announced and must be secured outside the meeting room, there is ~~an~~ inevitable loss in possible distribution.

6) It was suggested that it might be well to keep a record of individual attendance so that women ~~xxxxx~~ who make the effort to attend every session ^{may} ~~might~~ be recognized by being named in an honor-roll of those with perfect attendance.

Calendar for local Leagues

The chair asked if the board agreed that in sending to local Leagues the Plan of Work adopted by the convention, together with a calendar for the year, emphasis should be placed during the first part of the year on federal measures and in the second half of the year on subjects for state legislation. The board approved by consent this suggestion.

National League Radio Program:

Mrs. McGuire read, at the request of the chair, the letter from the National League outlining the program planned to begin in January. The chair reported the request that the state League supply KSTP with information on the radio program and it was agreed that Miss Lusk should be asked to interview the director of the station.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon at 1:05 p.m. and re-convened at 2:10 p.m.

Recommendations for National League Program

Reports of proposed changes in the program to be recommended by National League department and committee ~~xxxxxxx~~ chairmen for inclusion in the proposed

program of work were made by Mrs. Wittich for the Department of Efficiency in Government, Mrs. McGuire for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War, Miss Lawrence for the Committee on Education, ~~and~~ Mrs. Grannis for the Committee on Child Welfare, and Miss Monahan for the Committee on Legal Status of Women.

Miss Monahan asked for discussion on the question whether the proposed omission of definite legislative subjects in the program for support of her department--substituting a general covering statement for definite items--met with the approval of board members. She thought that the question of method in presenting a committee program was one that required a general ruling on the part of the National League board ~~that would be~~ applicable in the consideration of all committee programs. In the discussion that followed, the point ~~was~~ made that the substitution mentioned by Miss Monahan meets the demand of many for a shorter program and at the same time gives greater flexibility to the states in selecting subjects for state legislation ~~that may be authorized by the general~~ ^{under} provision. On the other hand, it was pointed out that it leaves the state without definite guidance in the naming of subjects for possible legislative support and might result in different interpretations being put upon a certain legislative measure, such as abolishment of common-law marriage, which ^{might} ~~would~~ be interpreted by one state as resulting in the protection of women and by another state as taking away needed protection from women. An expression of ~~an~~ individual opinions of board members ~~present~~ being asked, there was a majority in favor of retaining the definite items of legislation, ^{while} ~~and~~ a few ~~also~~ liked the general flexible provision with definite legislative measures cited as illustrations.

Follow-up of National League Request in re Maternity and Infancy Legislation

Mrs. Grannis reported the request of the National League that certain

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material be supplied for use in supporting the new federal maternity and infancy measure in the Congress. She reported upon a recent conference with Dr. Hartley in regard to the present status of the state work which is being carried on with four instead of five field nurses as formerly and with the assistance of fewer clerical workers in the office. The decrease in staff was necessitated by the fact that the state appropriation did not compensate entirely for the withdrawal of federal aid on July 1. The concrete information requested by the National League will be forwarded soon, Mrs. Grannis said, including material supplied by Dr. Hartley.

Appointment of Women to State Board of Health

Mrs. Wittich proposed that an effort be made to secure the appointment of women members of this board which is responsible for the maternity and infancy work carried on by the Division of Child Hygiene as well as other activities of chief concern to women. It was agreed that facts as to the make-up of the present board be obtained by Mrs. Grannis as the basis for further discussion of this subject.

Mrs. Wittich agreed to get & supply additional information on Child Hygiene and report to Board.

Other Business

The chair asked the board to consider the question of the date for the December board meeting, ~~on the regular second Friday of the month.~~ By consent, IT WAS AGREED there should be no change in the regular day (the second Friday of the month).

The report of the Honor Roll Committee for Minnesota was made by Miss Wells. Plans for sending out a general letter have been made. The raising of the separate funds for the six women to be honored is in charge of six members of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Child, Secretary Pro Tem

STATE BOARD MEETING
December 13, 1929

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Miss Emily Child, 914 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, on Friday, December 13, 1929. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight (in afternoon), Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Stakman. There were also present Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on November 1 of \$659.06. Receipts during November amounted to \$1081.94, of which \$338.25 was received in quotas. A monthly quota payment was received from Duluth. Disbursements during the ~~month~~ month amounted to \$1256.27, leaving a bank balance December 1 of \$394.73. Bills payable amounting to \$1406.92 were reported. IT WAS VOTED to accept the report and allow the bills.

Organization

Reports were given by the following district chairmen: Mrs. Ringstad for the THIRD DISTRICT, ■ and Mrs. Stai for the SIXTH DISTRICT. In the absence of Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Stakman reported upon League activities for their departments in St. Paul. Mrs. Wittich reported upon Minneapolis League activities including the organization of six study groups with four more in prospect.

Miss Horr reported the Farmington League as much pleased with the League of Nations film. Work during the month included the organization, with Mrs. Ringstad's help, of college Leagues at Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges in Northfield. Miss Keith Clark of the Carleton faculty was very helpful and said she is glad to work with the League because she thinks so highly of it. Miss Horr said that she has

done some preliminary work in Owatonna and has hopes of forming a League there in January.

Supplementary reports on local Leagues were made by Mrs. Grannis for South St. Paul, Mrs. Pearce for Faribault and Miss Child for Duluth. Mrs. Pearce said the county auditor has complimented the League on the excellent National League publications on jury service. A luncheon meeting of the Faribault League was held recently on this subject.

There was general discussion of the desirability of having the local League name the president of a college League to membership in the board, as has been done in St. Cloud, in addition to appointing a board member to maintain contact with the college League. Mrs. Stakman suggested that the Ramsey County League might assist by keeping in touch with the college Leagues that Miss Horr is now in process of organizing at Hamline and Macalester.

Radio Program

Miss Child reported that plans for a possible state League radio program were discussed at a recent Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. McGuire had volunteered to be responsible for preliminary arrangements. She reported that she has interviewed Mr. Husted of WCCO who suggested 5:00 to 5:30 on Thursday as a good hour available to the League. Mrs. Stai suggested that local Leagues might plan radio supper parties for this hour combined with Mr. Wile's talk from Washington over WCCO. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Miss Lawrence, to appoint Mrs. McGuire chairman of a committee in charge of the radio program. Members of the committee will be named later.

Executive Secretary Report

Miss Child reported that KSTP has sold the time at which the National League program is scheduled, to the First National Bank of St. Paul. Miss Wells suggested waiting to hear from the National League before making further ~~efforts to have the~~ ^{inquiry in this connection.}
~~program accepted by KSTP.~~

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Miss Child reported that the follow-up of Minnesota congressmen on League measures is now about completed. Congressman Clague of the second district is the only one who questions the desirability of new maternity and infancy legislation. The suggestion was made that special inquiry be made of work in Mr. Clague's district that might be reported to him.

Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Wittich summarized facts about state issues related to her program and outlined President Hoover's possible plan for reorganizing federal departments.

On the question of diversion of funds in public health work referred to by Mrs. Grannis at the last meeting, Mrs. Wittich said that the Finance Commission is very much interested. It is contrary to our state budget system. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. Grannis will inquire further into the facts.

Mrs. McGuire spoke briefly of reparations and the Young plan. She reviewed the facts up to date on the question of the World Court, the bearing of the Multilateral Treaty on the Russo-China controversy, the situation in Haiti, and the disarmament conference. Mrs. Grannis mentioned that conference debates in colleges are to be on the subject of disarmament. It was the board's opinion that the League must be prepared with its printed material.

A letter from Miss Morgan was read by Mrs. McGuire. Miss Child reported a similar letter from Miss Sherwin received in the office today asking that:

1. State League send letter in appreciation of signing of Root protocol to Court;
2. Local Leagues hold meetings and send letters endorsing entry of U.S. into World Court;
3. If resolutions are drawn up, copies be sent to Miss Morgan.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to send a letter from the board to the President expressing appreciation of the signing of the Root protocol. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to have letter sent to local Leagues asking for League and personal letters to the

president and to senators endorsing American entry into the WorldCourt. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Beard, that we urge Leagues to adopt resolution to send to Committee on Cause and Cure of War.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Wittich, to appoint Mrs. Paige as delegate to the Conference on Cause and Cure of War.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the effect of the amendment to the child labor law with regard to stage appearances of children. The number of children appearing and the number of permits asked has been reduced.

Miss Lawrence reported upon the President's education conference.

Miss Monahan mentioned the coming conference on International Law at the Hague. Three subjects to be discussed are of special interest to the League. One is the question of nationality of married women (independent citizenship).

The League is urging that women be named as delegates to this conference.

Miss Wells asked Miss Monahan to report at the next board meeting upon discriminations against women in respect to citizenship remaining after the passage of the Cable Act.

Clara Ueland Fellowship

Miss Wells said that Professor Anderson asked whether in accepting the Clara Ueland fellowship, it was understood that the ^{University} ~~was~~ was to remit fees. Miss Wells wrote to the University regents and they have agreed to remit the fees. Announcement of the fellowship will appear in the next VOTER.

Women in Public Office

League has been asked to bring report on women in public office up to date and Miss Wells asked Mrs. Wittich to confer with Miss Child as to whether or not this is the time to ~~bring the facts up to date~~ get the facts.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary