



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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STATE BOARD MEETING  
January 10, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. Walter Thorp, 4428 Fremont Avenue South, Minneapolis, Friday, January 10, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Spear, Miss Monahan and Mrs. Thorp. There were also present Mrs. J. W. Pribyl of Monticello, Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved. The chair asked Mrs. Wittich for her recommendation in regard to the report on women in public office mentioned in the minutes of the previous board meeting. Mrs. Wittich said that she thought it best to wait until after the November election before attempting to secure new figures.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, the treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Wittich. The balance December 1 was \$394.72. Receipts during the month amounted to \$804.92, of which \$403.75 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from St. Paul and Duluth and a payment of \$1.50 from the Granite Falls League. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$725.72, leaving a balance January 1 of \$473.93. Bills payable amounting to \$1212.14 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, to accept the report and authorize the payment of bills as rapidly as possible.

Miss Child reported that the circularization of Woman's Journal subscribers to secure renewals brought in some sixty-two subscriptions with an estimated income to the League of some forty dollars.

Organization:

Miss Wells reported the resignation of Mrs. Roulo as eighth district

chairman, owing to the ill health of her husband. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept her resignation with regret.

Miss Horr reported that she expects to go to Owatonna next week as a follow-up of a previous visit, in the hope of securing League organization there. She is working upon the organization of college Leagues in Hamline and Macalester as well as upon the reorganization of the college League at the University of Minnesota, which has now four nominal officers but no membership.

Miss Lusk reported upon activities planned by the Ramsey County League and Mrs. Shafer reported for the Minneapolis League.

Mrs. Stai reported that Mrs. Crary, first vice-president, will keep in close touch with St. Cloud League activities in view of the fact that Mrs. Atwood has been unable to be active since her election last fall. Department chairmen have been named for the current year with the exception of the Efficiency in Government chairman. Mrs. Stai reported the suggestion made by a visiting League officer from New Jersey that clearance with other organizations in such work as in the handling of the World Court resolutions be solved by asking the president and the civics affairs chairman of each other outstanding organization to attend executive board meetings of the League. She said that in a city the size of St. Cloud, the question of duplication of effort is one constantly arising and reported that the St. Cloud League is going to try out the plan suggested. The chair called attention to the fact that such a plan might add to the confusion instead of helping it since women do not make a clear distinction between the programs of the various organizations in which they are interested and such a plan would make it still harder to do so. Another danger is that it would be difficult to have full and frank discussion of League business with other organization representatives present. Mrs. Stai thought that there would never be many organization representatives actually in attendance and thought that St. Cloud might experiment with the plan to see how it works out. She looked upon

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it as a way of increasing interest and understanding of the League and mentioned the fact that inviting women to attend board meetings had always proved to be a sure way of securing their support for the League. Mrs. Stai reported that in the sale of Christmas cards they had had very poor service from the Colonial Art Company in the filling of <sup>box</sup> orders for cards.

Mrs. Sherwin reported that the Monticello League had sold Christmas cards last year and this year and that the service from the Colonial Art Company had always been very good, but they had had difficulties with the orders placed with Mrs. Gutgesell this year.

Mrs. Spear reported for Duluth that her department chairmen are doing splendid work ~~with activities~~, her only fear being that the board will attempt too much in its enthusiasm. The one difficulty is getting someone to share finance responsibility. Mr. Pittenger has written her several times in regard to League measures in Congress.

#### Extension of Membership

Discussion of this subject was introduced by the chair with comment upon the fact that the emphasis in the Minnesota League has always been upon program and procedure rather than upon numbers in its membership. For the last several years the state League has been asked to submit membership figures to the National League in the annual questionnaire returned before the National League convention. This has called attention to the necessary deflation in membership figures in the transitional period marked by a change in the basis of League membership. Originally anyone who subscribed to the aims of the League and signed a card as an expression of their interest was counted a member of the League even though a membership fee existed for those who wished to pay it voluntarily. No effort has been made in the state office to keep a record of the membership in local Leagues other than members represented in our VOTER subscription list. The desirability of having the VOTER go to every member has always been stressed, but it is known that this request has probably never met with 100 per cent response. Miss Lusk mentioned the fact that



St. Paul has a mailing list about twice as large as its VOTER subscription list representing paid members. Mrs. Wittich said that Minneapolis began some six years ago to eliminate from its membership list the names of those who failed to pay dues. Miss Child said that no attempt has heretofore been made, so far as she knows, to secure from local Leagues a membership list or record other than that of VOTER subscribers. It is certain, she said, that Leagues other than St. Paul have considered that they had a membership not represented in the VOTER subscription list. Information from local Leagues is now being sought by a return postcard mailed early in January to each local League secretary. This is a preliminary step in any effort that the board may decide to make to increase League membership in the state.

The chair explained that this effort is now being urged upon state Leagues by the National League. She commented upon the fact that never before has there been so friendly and appreciative an attitude toward the League and its work as represented by individual expressions and general publicity. An effort should be made to enroll these friends of the League in its membership where they may be counted. At the request of the chair, Mrs. McGuire reported briefly upon the appeal for such membership activity made to delegates at the National League Council meeting in Washington last spring. She quoted Miss Sherwin as saying that we must become "membership conscious" and, as a proof of the increased prestige of the League, cited the report of the National League press secretary showing that some 13,<sup>500</sup>~~000~~ columns of publicity on the League had been noted for the past year as compared with 3600 columns for the preceding year. The chair commented upon the fact that the prestige of the League is out of all proportion to its membership and that the time has come to try to increase the membership correspondingly.

Miss Child read the recommendation of the executive committee that "an attempt be made to increase the number of League members in the state by 1,000 during the period from January 15 to March 15 and that this increase include members in local Leagues and members at large according to quotas to be assigned each local

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League and each congressional district by the state board. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Stai, to accept this recommendation.

In the discussion preceding the vote, the chair asked what shall be considered essential to membership. Mrs. Spear thought active work as well as dues should be required of members. Mrs. McGuire thought attendance at study groups or other meetings on the program of the League should be a requirement, at least for members entitled to vote upon questions of program and policy. Miss Wells, in commenting upon these requirements, said that in her opinion the League has more members informed about its organization and purposes than any other organization has ever tried to have. Nevertheless she thought it desirable to secure and have as members those who admire the work of the League and wish to be allied with it thru payment of dues, even though they cannot be active workers in it even to the extent of attending meetings.

Mrs. Spear said that, according to her observation, in the 50 per cent turnover of League membership in Duluth, the ones who drop out are generally those who have never been called upon for active work. Mrs. Wittich said that the turnover in the Minneapolis <sup>League</sup> is less than this. It lost 10 per cent of its membership two years ago and about 20 per cent last year of whom some will be reinstated through payment of dues this year.

Mrs. Wittich spoke of the importance of members-at-large in the state in places where there is no local League, in <sup>the</sup> mobilizing support <sup>of</sup> ~~for~~ our legislative measures. In addition to the VOTER all should receive a mimeographed letter from time to time (perhaps four during the year) with more personal news of the League and its activities than can be conveyed by the VOTER. She suggested that there might be a chairman of membership-at-large who would decide how to keep such members interested and willing to respond to requests when called upon. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Monahan, that the board appoint a permanent chairman of memberships-at-large. On the nomination of Mrs. McGuire,

second of Mrs. Grannis, it was VOTED that Mrs. Wittich be named to this chairmanship.

### The Voter and Membership

Miss Child reported the ~~following~~ executive committee recommendation: "that a subscription to the VOTER be included in each membership-at-large and that there be no separate subscription offered. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, to approve the recommendation. IT WAS AGREED that this action <sup>should change existing</sup> ~~does not affect the~~ conditions <sup>for</sup> ~~in regard to~~ VOTER subscriptions that clear to the state office through local Leagues.

The executive committee minutes were read, recording discussion of ways of making the VOTER more pretentious in form by the use of color on the cover, heavier paper, etc. No vote was asked for since it was thought that plans and estimates should be secured before final action is taken. Mrs. Thorp suggested that the problem of increased cost per issue might be met by reducing the number of issues during the year. Mrs. Spear spoke of the fact that each issue of the VOTER may be a first issue to some (new) members of the League and that there should therefore be some good statement on the League in each issue.

Mrs. Wittich suggested that an early issue might be made a membership issue with a symposium on "What the League Means to Me" by various contributors.

Membership drives are already in progress in two Leagues. Miss Lusk reported that the St. Paul League at its board meeting a week ago acted upon the executive committee's recommendation as reported by Mrs. McGuire and decided to accept the quota tentatively named ~~xx~~ <sup>increase</sup> of a minimum of 100 members. Board members will each be given the names of <sup>possible new</sup> ~~state~~ members living in their vicinity to call upon. A statement of what to say in asking for membership will be formulated by the committee in charge of the drive, which will close with a tea for ~~200~~ new members. The Northfield League has also started a drive for new members <sup>by</sup> ~~and it is~~ sending out <sup>200</sup> ~~to members~~ letters with the "Why Join" leaflet as the opening move in its campaign.

Mrs. Wittich said that Minneapolis has already secured 40 of the 200 that would



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be its share of the thousand increase according to the comparative population of Minneapolis and the state. Mrs. Spear thought that Duluth could surely get the 40 new members mentioned as its quota of the total. Mrs. Pearce promised that Faribault would try to get five or ten new members. Miss Monahan thought that ~~the~~ Shakopee could perhaps get three or four new members. Mrs. Grannis said that since South St. Paul is a new League, it would probably be advisable to postpone a campaign for an increased membership until the present membership nucleus is well established in knowledge of the League. Mrs. Sherwin said that she is sure that ~~Monticello~~ members-at-large can be secured in her district since there are many women in the small towns where it does not seem possible to get League organization who are sincere admirers of the League.

The chair asked that each board member assume responsibility for writing personal letters to secure members-at-large in places where there is no local League. A list of local Leagues will be sent from the state office to board members who will write such letters.

#### State League Radio Program

Mrs. McGuire reported upon the first program broadcast from WCCO ~~th~~ yesterday (Thursday) from 5:00 to 5:30. The program with Mrs. S. A. Stockwell speaking on "Women's Struggle for Political Equality" proved successful according to comments by listeners. It will be continued on Thursday at the same hour, with state League officers and department or committee chairmen speaking on different parts of the League program, following next week's talk on "The Changing Status of Women" by Mrs. C. M. Denny of Minneapolis.

The radio committee named by Mrs. McGuire to assist in planning the program includes Miss Wells, Miss Monahan, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Wittich and Miss Child.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Grannis reported that she had secured from the Division of Child Hygiene a tabulation of maternity and infancy work in the second district which may be used



in persuading Congressman Clague of the value of the work to his constituents. She reminded the board that the message came to us from the president of the Redwood Falls League that he had interviewed physicians in his district and found them not favorable to a new federal act. It was the opinion of the board that this report should be placed in the hands of various individuals in the second district who might use it as the basis for addressing letters to Mr. Clague in behalf of the proposed bill for a new act. Mrs. Wittich offered to look over the list of physicians to see whether there are any she knows and could interest in writing Mr. Clague.

Mrs. Grannis reported also upon the inquiry she and Mrs. Wittich made, at the request of the board, into expenditures being made by the Child Hygiene Division from the state appropriation for maternity and infancy work following the discontinuance of federal assistance. They secured ~~the~~ copies of the actual <sup>pay</sup> ~~page~~ sheets from the secretary of the State Commission of Finance. Mrs. Grannis also talked with Miss Olivia Peterson, supervisor of nursing work for the Child Hygiene Division who states that the Division is now using its staff to supervise the work of school nurses with children of school age, since the requirement of the federal Children's Bureau that the maternity and infancy funds be limited to work with children of pre-school age need no longer be met. The payroll shows that with this increase in the field of its work, the Division is getting along with one less nurse and with less clerical help in the office to compensate for the smaller total appropriation available.

Miss Wells reminded the board that the efforts of the League of Women Voters in behalf of the maternity and infancy appropriation which finances the work of the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health were made in view of the fact that this is a work especially needing the support of women. It is a comparatively new phase of public health work and <sup>one that</sup> ~~the one that has not had the~~ ~~support~~

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is without the backing ~~that is~~ assured other parts of ~~and~~ the public health program. A diversion of funds, therefore, from the work in behalf of mothers and young children urged by the League in working for the appropriation is particularly unfortunate. Miss Monahan thought that the governor should be informed of the situation inasmuch as his cooperation was asked in having the appropriation included in the executive budget which he presented to the legislature. Mrs. Grannis explained that Dr. Chesley and Dr. Hartley are convinced they are doing the right thing in making <sup>this change</sup> ~~the adjustment necessary~~ in the work of the Division of Child Hygiene. Dr. Chesley is planning to interview Miss Abbott in Washington very soon in regard to having authorization for work for school children included in the Jones Cooper bill. It was finally VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Miss Monahan, that a conference be arranged with Dr. Chesley, Dr. Hartley and Miss Peterson, the League being represented by Miss Wells, Mrs. Grannis and Miss Child, as the next step in the effort to safeguard the use of the appropriation for maternity and infancy work.

Mrs. Grannis read a communication from the National League child welfare chairman suggesting the inclusion in the proposed National League Program of Work of an item for study <sup>on</sup> ~~covering~~ <sup>county</sup> ~~the~~ public health units in its relation to maternity and infancy work. She reported that she has written her approval of this suggestion.

#### Support of Woman Member on State Board of Health

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the present membership in the State Board of Health (9). It is made up, with one exception, of physicians representing different parts of the state. Three terms expire this <sup>month</sup> ~~year~~ and are to be filled by appointment from the governor, ~~in the near future~~. In view of the special concern of women in much of the work directed by the board, it was thought the League should urge the appointment of a qualified woman to the board. The question of whether this should be a physician was asked and it was thought that it might be

easier for a woman physician to hold her place in discussion with a board made up of members of this profession. Otherwise the point of view of a non-professional woman with the necessary background would probably be valuable upon the board.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. Stai, that the Minnesota League request the governor to appoint a woman to one of the three vacancies in the State Board of Health.

#### Discriminations against Women in the Cable Act

Miss Monahan reported upon this subject in accordance with a request made by the board at its last meeting. She called attention to the excellent article published in the January issue of the Woman's Journal. Miss Child asked that Miss Monahan commit to writing those portions of her report not represented in mimeographed statements of the National League in order that it may be relayed to local League chairmen for the Committee on Legal Status of Women.

#### Committee on Living Costs

Mrs. Spear reported that there are no changes in the National League proposed program that will be submitted to the convention next spring except for minor changes in the wording. She briefly summarized the facts about the progress of the tariff bill in Congress and the status of Muscle Shoals legislation. A suggestion was made by the chair that Mrs. Spear write a letter on the latter subject that may be sent to local Leagues for their information.

#### International Cooperation to Prevent War

Mrs. McGuire asked board members to sign the memorial on disarmament that is to be forwarded to Miss Morgan on January 18. She also reported having arranged for a newspaper photograph to be taken at noon showing board members in the process of signing the memorial.

#### Other Business

The chair commented upon the fact that the two Twin City Leagues had arranged for meetings on this day and urged that every board member as well as the



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executive secretaries in St. Paul and Minneapolis mark the calendar to reserve the day of the state board meeting, the second Friday of the month. In reply to a question she explained that the calendar she supplied board members with last year was obtained from the St. Louis League of Women Voters, which has now announced a 1930 calendar.

Miss Wells announced that she has prepared a statement of state League achievements for the past ten years to be used with the leaflet "The First Ten Years" published by the National League in membership work. This will be ready for distribution shortly.

Appreciation was expressed of <sup>m</sup>Mrs. Thorp's hospitality. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING  
February 14, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, in Minneapolis, Friday, February 14, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m., Miss Lusk presiding.

Board members present were Miss Lusk, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Stakman, Miss Kercher, <sup>Mrs. Beard,</sup> Mrs. Pearce, and, after luncheon, Miss Monahan. There were also present Mrs. Dudycha of the South St. Paul League, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

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

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance January 1 of \$473.93. Receipts during January amounted to \$711.84, of which \$354.25 was received in quotas. B Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis and St. Paul and a quarterly payment from Brainerd. The Monticello/Leagues paid ~~its~~ <sup>and Stephen their</sup> quotas in full. Other payments since the last board meeting include a payment of half its quota by the Northfield League, a third quarterly payment from the Winona League, and a payment of approximately one-third of its quota by the St. Cloud League.

Disbursements during the month amounted to \$682.52, leaving a bank balance February 1 of \$503.25. Bills payable amounting to \$988.91 were reported.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Morrison, to accept the report and order the bills paid so far as possible.

Organization

Miss Horr reported upon a visit to Owatonna where it did not prove possible to organize a League. Four memberships-at-large were secured from members of the Business and Professional Women's Club whom she addressed at a dinner meeting. Miss Horr told of two days spent in Brainerd where a new chairman is acting. With Miss Horr's help, a board of twenty-one members was secured and a plan made for a monthly board meeting preceding a general meeting each month. The places visited

to interest women in organizing a League were Royalton, Little Falls, and Sauk Rapids in the sixth district and Red Wing in the third district. Mrs. Stai accompanied Miss Horr to Sauk Rapids and Mrs. Ringstad to Red Wing, where it was recommended by Miss Horr, with the approval of Mrs. Ringstad, that a study group be authorized preliminary to possible organization.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Morrison, that the board authorize a study group in Red Wing.

Existing Leagues visited by Miss Horr since the last board meeting were St. Cloud, Kenyon and Farmington. Miss Horr reported the organization of a college League at St. Catherine's College in St. Paul with some fifty members. Excellent cooperation was given by the college faculty.

#### Reports by District Chairmen

##### for the FIRST DISTRICT

Mrs. Morrison reported/having had a letter from the president of the LeRoy League. The Winona League program is planned in advance with two meetings each month. A new plan is being followed of having all the study groups meet together in a general meeting. Attendance has increased with each meeting. A parliamentary law class is being conducted. Arrangements have been made for six expectant mothers to receive the pre-natal letters from the Child Hygiene Division of the state department of health, so that they may be in a position to speak in behalf of the value of such work to their representatives in Congress and the state legislature.

Questions and discussion were stimulated by this last item in Mrs. Morrison's report. Mrs. Grannis suggested that child welfare chairmen in local Leagues might send in names of expectant mothers for pre-natal letters, requests supplementing similar/~~requests~~ made by physicians and public health nurses.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield League has an active board of eighteen members which holds a meeting each month in addition to an open meeting. A new method of planning the program so that

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some twenty women will take part is to be tried. A series of questions on the subject to be discussed is divided up among various women who, in turn, secure other women to be prepared with answers. Mrs. Ringstad reported also upon her attendance at a meeting of the new St. Olaf College League, in her capacity of the representative named by the Northfield League.

Mrs. Beard reported for the Minneapolis League (FIFTH DISTRICT) telling of the annual meeting, study groups active in the various wards, and departmental teas held in private homes with speakers on subjects in the program. These teas are taking the place of ~~the~~ public luncheon meetings and are so well attended that more may be held than <sup>was</sup> originally planned. ~~Mrs. Stakman~~

Mrs. Stakman reported for St. Paul (FOURTH DISTRICT) that the series of the teas with speakers on International Cooperation program is being continued and that a series of five morning meetings on "city housekeeping" under the Efficiency in Government department were started February 10.

Mrs. Pearce reported for the Faribault League that committee chairmen have been named for the Public Welfare committees and that she hopes to secure new members for the League as a result of a talk before the Business and Professional Women's Club.

~~Mrs. Grannis reported for the South St. Paul League~~  
Executive Committee Recommendations

Miss Child reported that the committee recommends that Mrs. Beard be asked to serve in place of Mrs. McKnight during her absence abroad. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Grannis, that Mrs. Beard be named upon the executive committee during Mrs. McKnight's absence, ~~the~~ membership <sup>in</sup> ~~of~~ the committee being according to office held rather than individuals named.

A recommendation that the <sup>Lincoln</sup> ~~Bemidji~~ Study Group <sup>in Bemidji</sup> be authorized to become a local League upon the same terms as the Sibley Unit League in West St. Paul was reported by Miss Child. She explained that in each case the group is organized in a certain section only of the city, definitely separated from the rest of the city



and that it seems just, therefore, that quota as well as membership should be based upon the population in this restricted area. IT WAS VOTED, on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Stakman, that the recommendation of the executive committee be approved.

#### Program Material to Local Leagues

The secretary read a letter of February 4 from Miss Sherwin to Miss Wells as state president, commenting upon the present status of League federal measures. Miss Child informed the board of material on these measures that has been sent or will be sent to department chairmen in local Leagues with a covering letter from the state department chairman. Mrs. McGuire's letter with mimeographed material from the National League ~~xxxxxxx~~ is in preparation, together with some mimeographed material for Public Welfare chairmen on Misole Shoals and the Jones-Cooper Bill. Mrs. Wittich's letter and material will be sent out upon her return from the East. ~~2x~~

#### Communications from National League

An analysis of the disarmament memorial blanks forwarded by state Leagues, received by Miss Wells as regional director, showed Minnesota fifth in number of signatures, our total being exceeded only by New York, Massachusetts, Illinois and Michigan.

A letter from the National League chairman of the Committee on Women in Industry was read by Miss Child, characterizing Miss Kercher's mimeographed material on "The Working Woman in Minnesota" as a "stunning job." It has been sent to other state chairmen of the committee. Miss Child spoke of the numerous instances in which the National League serves as a clearing house for the exchange of helpful material among state Leagues.

#### Appointment of Woman to State Board of Health

The governor's reply to Miss Wells' letter, ~~xxxx~~ written at the instruction of the state board, urging such an appointment was read. He is in sympathy



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with the suggestion and asked to have the names of possible candidates submitted to him. Miss Wells' letter in response was read explaining the policy of the League not to urge the claim of any certain candidate and suggesting the possibility of his consulting individual members of the League whose judgment he respects for unofficial suggestions.

#### Tenth Birthday Celebration, March 26

A letter ~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> Miss Wells ~~to~~ <sup>from</sup> Miss Sherwin of January 11 was read suggesting that birthday luncheons be held by state and local Leagues on this day. A National League press release was reported giving the plan of a special radio program from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. on that day, arranged in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company. Miss Lusk agreed to ask the Ramsey County radio chairman to interview the manager of KSTP immediately to learn whether it will relay the program. <sup>The</sup> ~~Plan~~ for informing local Leagues should be made following her report.

#### Membership Increase

Officers of local Leagues present reported on the progress of the effort to secure new members in their Leagues. Miss Child read letters to Miss Wells from other Leagues reporting their decision to cooperate by accepting the quotas of new members assigned them. Board members either gave Miss Child their list for the letter to be sent out by Mrs. Wittich to possible members-at-large, or promised to mail it to headquarters within the coming week.

#### Report by Miss Monahan

Miss Monahan reported interesting items from a recent bulletin of "Legal Status News" received from the National League. She also explained the terms of the treaty proposed by the Woman's Party ~~for~~ to the Hague Conference on the codification of international law, governing the citizenship of ~~maxxise~~ women. The treaty is not approved by the League for reasons mentioned by Miss Monahan.

Report by Mrs. Paige on the National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War

Mrs. Paige told informally about the conference, comparing it with those previously held. She commented upon the noticeable advance in information and sophistication about the subjects discussed shown by members of the conference group.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on ~~Mar~~ <sup>February</sup> February 1 of \$503.25. Receipts during ~~that~~ amounted to \$1032.78, of which \$546.08 was received in quotas. Local League quota payments received since the last board meeting came from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Norwood and Kenyon. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1108.25, leaving a balance February 28 of \$427.78. Bills payable amounting to \$1306.12 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lusk, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept the report and order the bills paid so far as possible.

Organization

Miss Lusk reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League has printed a sample ballot for the city election in St. Paul and that it held a meeting of candidates for the office of mayor. A second candidates meeting for the 31 running for City Council was planned but cancelled because of difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements for all candidates to be present in person. Miss Lusk reported that the membership increase in St. Paul is approaching the goal of 100 new members. Mrs. Beard reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Shubert Theatre benefit recently held netted \$450. One hundred new members have been secured, and the special membership chairman wishes to continue the effort to secure new members past the date named by the state League. The campaign for a redistricting amendment is eliminated by the action of the City Council in proposing a limited re-



districting plan of its own. Teas for members under department auspices are being held monthly.

Mrs. Grannis reported that the new SOUTH ST. PAUL LEAGUE started with a membership of eight now has 23 members. The state legislator in that district has commented upon the increasing strength of the League in Dakota County. Mrs. Cummins, chairman of the League in BRAINERD, reported a membership of 45, of which eight have been recently secured. Some meetings with excellent attendance have been held since the reorganization of the League by Miss Horr. Mrs. Pearce reported that the FARIBAULT LEAGUE has 19 new members.

FIELD REPORT: Miss Horr reported having attended a meeting of the Farmington League where five new members were secured and a membership tea in West St. Paul resulting also in five new members. A joint meeting of the Northfield League with the two college Leagues there is planned for March 17 with Mrs. Wittich as speaker. Visits have been made to Red Wing, and Lake City in the interest of League organization. The Columbia Heights League has been successfully reorganized, after a long period of inactivity, with new officers and 22 members. Miss Horr described a meeting of the Carleton College League at which the members presented a dramatization of World Court facts written by one of the members which proved both entertaining and instructive. SEVENTH DISTRICT Leagues visited included Granite Falls, Olivia and Atwater.

Mrs. Wittich reported having circularized lists to prospective MEMBERS-AT-LARGE submitted by board members up to date. Enclosed with the letter is a copy of the special issue of the VOTER and the leaflet on Achievements of the Minnesota League. Additional names have been listed from the organization records in the office and letters have so far been sent out for the first and second districts.

#### Plans for Listening to March 26 Radio Program

The Minneapolis League is planning to combine plans for a group to listen to the special National League birthday program over KSTP with the next departmental meeting. The Ramsey County League will arrange for a radio listening group follow-



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ing the city government class held during the morning. The Brainerd League has arranged for a birthday luncheon at Hotel Ransford and will have a substitute program arranged in case they cannot hear the program over KSTP as usually happens. The South St. Paul League is planning a birthday luncheon at Mrs. Peck's home to hear the program.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. McGuire read a letter of March 1 from Miss Morgan commenting upon the status in Congress of active measures in the department program. Mrs. McGuire also reported upon a letter from Mrs. Marble of Duluth telling of an interview with Senator Schall in Washington on the World Court. He is still definitely opposed to American adherence to the Court.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the situation of maternity and infancy legislation in Congress and the action of the state League executive committee in following up the action of the National League executive committee, as reported by Miss Sherwin, in opposition to a substitute bill introduced by Mr. Cooper of Ohio on February 14. In response to Mrs. Wittich's letter to Minnesota Congressmen informing them of the executive committee action, appreciative replies were received from all of the group except Mr. Clague of the second district. Mrs. Grannis reported that a new bill with provisions similar to the Sheppard-Towner Act and to the original Jones-Cooper bills was introduced by Mr. Goodwin of Minnesota on March 7. Following an analysis by Miss Kercher of the bill opposed by the League and comment upon it by Mrs. Grannis and Mrs. Wittich, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. McGuire, to authorize Mrs. Wittich to write again to Minnesota congressmen calling their attention to the League's support of the Goodwin bill.

#### Report on Changes in National League Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. McGuire commented in detail upon the program for her department, indicating certain additions and rearrangements she would like to suggest. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Lusk, that the

board make known its preference for Mrs. McGuire's revision of the department program.

Miss Kercher reported no changes indicated by red ink in the printed program for her committee. She informed the board of a suggestion by the Ramsey County League forwarded to her in a letter from Miss Townsend, local chairman of her committee, that a study of the relation between household workers and their employers be recommended for inclusion in the program. Miss Kercher gave it as her opinion that it would be unwise to forward this suggestion to the National League in view of the fact that such a study item involves the possibility of securing adequate facts as a basis for study and the League has no such machinery or experience as exists in the Y.W.C.A. for carrying on this study. Miss Kercher also thought that since there is no immediate purpose in undertaking such study and since her program is already heavily weighted with legislation for which it is necessary to make a long, hard struggle, this is not the time to add such an item even to the program for study. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Geard, second of Mrs. McGuire, that Miss Kercher be asked to write the Ramsey County League explaining the reasons why the state board thinks it best not to make an effort to have this item included in the program.

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

Mrs. Wittich read to the board, at its request, a re-arrangement of her department program that she has suggested to the National League in the past. With the approval of the board, she will make the same recommendation again this year.

Miss Lawrence commented upon the proposed changes in the education committee program. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Miss Kercher, to approve the rearrangement of the program with the federal items 1 and 2 "recommended for support" <sup>in the proposed program</sup> ~~as arranged~~ arranged as items 3 and 4 and the state item, 2-f, following

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these as 5, the captions "federal" and "state" to be eliminated. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Miss Kercher, to recommend the omission of item 6 in the "program for study".

In the absence of a quorum, the chairman decided not to ask for a discussion of the proposed changes to the By-Laws of the National League or action upon the naming of Minnesota delegates to the national convention. Board members were asked to forward suggestions as to possible attendants at convention, as delegates or visitors.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING  
April 11, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Miss Wells' home, 325 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis on Friday, April 11, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Spear, Mrs. Stakman, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McKnight attended the afternoon session. Guests present at the afternoon session were Mrs. Walter of Farmington, Mrs. Denny of Minneapolis and Mrs. J. R. Parkes. Staff members present were Miss Child and Miss Horr.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Attention was called by Miss Wells to the pages for Minnesota to be signed by board members and forwarded for inclusion in the book to be presented to Miss Sherwin at the National League Convention.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on March 1 of \$427.78. Receipts during March amounted to \$1030.52, of which \$768.75 was received in quotas. Olivia and West St. Paul Leagues paid their quota in full. A monthly quota payment was received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, and a payment of one-third of its quota was received from the Farmington League. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$987.07, leaving a balance April 1 of \$471.23. Bills payable amounting to \$736.36 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Spear, second of Mrs. Stai to accept the report and order the bills paid when possible.

Miss Wells commented upon the fact that there was a period <sup>recently</sup> when no deficit appeared in the monthly treasurer's report. The present deficit is perhaps largely due to the fact that the full monthly quota payments of the Minneapolis League have not been received during the present fiscal year. Miss Child reviewed a quota statement for other Leagues in the state indicating no decrease in quota pay-

ments compared with previous years.

### Pre-primary Activities

Miss Child reported the discussion in the executive committee on the question of sending questionnaires to candidates before the primary. It was recognized that a plan for follow-up of the original circularization and for making the information available to local Leagues and to the public is a necessary part of the mailing of questionnaires. Candidates for nomination to the state legislature are such a large group that the task of reaching and reporting upon them before the primary is a big one. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Grannis, to send questionnaires before the primary to candidates for the Congress and to candidates for state office, not including representatives in the legislature.

Miss Child asked whether an attempt should be made to arrange a radio program with information directed to voters, including perhaps a discussion of the primary versus the convention system of nominating candidates. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. Ringstad, that such a program be planned. It was suggested that the questions included in the questionnaire to candidates might be read and listeners encouraged to communicate with the state League to learn the stand of candidates upon them.

### Voters' Service Program

Miss Lusk reported that KSTP carried the Voters' Service program last week, as she learned accidentally. Miss Lusk was asked to write the station expressing her appreciation and IT WAS AGREED that publicity should be released from state headquarters if it is learned that the program is to be regularly carried.

### Preparation for the National League Convention

Copies of a printed leaflet containing proposed changes in the By-Laws of the National League were distributed and the recommendation of the executive committee was reported by Miss Child that pages one and two contain routine changes that need not be considered in detail by the board. The contents of pages three and

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four were therefore read and discussed.

Participation by League Officer in a Candidate's Campaign for Office

A letter from Mrs. Wittich was read by the chair offering her resignation as first vice-president and chairman of the Department of Efficiency in Government in view of the fact that she is to take an active part in the work of an all-party committee in behalf of a candidate for the office of governor. Miss Wells asked for a full expression from board members as to the effect of this resignation upon the state League and its work. Three alternatives were recognized in the course of the discussion as to the activity of a League officer in a candidate's campaign:

That she be asked to retain her ~~present~~ office, <sup>with whatever</sup> ~~merely making the~~ adjustment <sup>is</sup> necessary in the work she undertakes for the League.

That a temporary leave of absence be given her.

That her resignation be accepted, <sup>if offered.</sup>

It was recognized that, for the officer herself, the resignation or the temporary leave of absence might be best in freeing her from all sense of responsibility. The organization, however, suffers by the difficulty or impossibility of filling quickly the place of one of its important officers. The chair calling upon individual board members for their opinions, the following statements were made:

That a League officer should be free to enter practical politics inasmuch as the League urges participation in the processes of government upon its members and educates them in such participation.

That neither leave of absence nor resignation ~~would~~ results in breaking the association in the mind of the public between the League and one of its outstanding officers.

That the League should be strong enough to convince the public of its lack of partisanship even in the event of one of its officers devoting herself to a political campaign.

That the question of partisanship might arise if the League should accept a resignation in this case when heretofore <sup>Minnesota</sup> League officers have participated in party campaigns without having resigned.

That the best announcement to the public of the League's unpartisanship is <sup>perhaps</sup> ~~by the resignation of one officer working for a certain candidate, but by~~ <sup>in</sup> other officers working for different candidates. <sup>at the same time</sup>



(Mrs. Grannis said that she plans to support the nomination and election of a different candidate for the governor's office.)

That the strength of the League is increased eventually by the fact that its members or officers work actively in a party or candidate's campaign. Contacts are made with individuals and groups not familiar with the personnel of the League.

(Mrs. Stai and Mrs. Grannis said that the work of Mrs. McGuire in the last presidential campaign had helped the local League, rather than otherwise, by interesting Democratic women in it.)

In response to a question as to what experience other states have had which might guide Minnesota, Miss Wells said that she thought there is nothing that is very helpful. It is true that other state Leagues have had unfortunate experiences as a result of their officers' doing partisan political work but this has been in states where neither the officers nor the organization has been as experienced and as conscious of the need of careful procedure as are Minnesota League officers. It is also true that the unpartisan character of the League is probably better understood now than it has been in the past. In general, the National League and the stronger state Leagues have shown a tendency to adopt a policy of arranging leaves of absence for their officers who enter partisan work. The Minnesota League has never acted upon this policy and the whole problem, in Miss Wells' opinion, is still in an experimental stage where the Minnesota League may demonstrate that it is better for the League to keep its officers, without a break in their service, and educate the public to understand the difference between their activities as League officers and as individuals. She said, on the question of League officers feeling free at any time to devote themselves to partisan work that if several of the most responsible officers of the League enter practical politics at the same time, it would mean the death of the League. Since ~~it~~ it is inevitable that the service of a League officer to the League be definitely handicapped and limited by her service in a political campaign, it would be fatal if several of the chief officers of the League should devote themselves to political work at the same time.

In the course of the discussion, the question was asked how much responsibility for her department Mrs. Wittich could continue to carry in the period before the

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fall election. It was thought that she might continue to inform herself on issues in her department program in order to advise the board upon them, preceding the state convention. It was recognized that it would be impossible for her to speak on her program in citizenship schools or before local Leagues thus making it necessary to find substitutes for such engagements. In response to a question by Miss Wells, Mrs. Stai, Miss Monahan and Mrs. Spear said that they would give what help they could.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Miss Monahan, that Mrs. Wittich's resignation be not accepted by the board and that she be informed of the reasons for this decision.

The board adjourned for luncheon from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

#### Minnesota Delegation at Louisville

Miss Wells commented upon the importance of the Minnesota League's having a representative delegation at the national convention. She emphasized the importance of the attendance of department and committee chairmen since the whole procedure of the League in adopting its program is based upon the expectation that the states will be represented by experienced chairmen in these conferences. Miss Child told of the number of credentials for Honorary Visitors, delegates, alternates, and visitors that are available to Minnesota. Because of having paid our quota to the National League in full, we are also entitled to credentials for the department and committee chairmen or their proxies. The names of possible delegates were read by Miss Child, and IT WAS AGREED that the executive committee should be responsible for the naming of the delegation.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Miss Monahan reported upon the present status of the bill amending the Cable Act and upon the action on the independent citizenship of women sought at the Hague Conference on the codification of international law now in session.

Mrs. Denny reported upon correspondence with the acting chairman of the National League Committee on Immigration Problems.

Mrs. Spear reported upon the passage of the Norris bill on Muscle Shoals by the Senate. Mrs. Wittich told of having attended the hearings before the lobby investigating committee in Washington in which it was established that the paid representative of the Minnesota Federation of Farm Bureaus also represented a company manufacturing commercial fertilizer in opposing government operation of Muscle Shoals. Mrs. Spear read a letter from the Nebraska League protesting the dropping of the item of study dealing with agricultural relief from the Proposed Program of Work. Mrs. Spear thought that the remaining items in the study program were sufficient to authorize any study Leagues may wish to undertake on the problem of agricultural relief.

Mrs. Grannis reported that the Jones bill for maternity and infancy hygiene has been reported favorably out of the committee in the Senate. The Goodwin bill is still in committee in the House. In response to a question by Miss Wells, Mrs. Parkes told of the diversion of maternity and infancy funds to other purposes in three of the four states she has recently visited. In Montana and North Dakota, money is being used for dental clinics for school children. In Iowa, the maternity and infancy appropriation is being used for a series of lectures for doctors under the University Extension Division. These facts all point to the necessity of the establishment of federal standards through the granting of federal aid in order to protect the administration of maternity and infancy funds.

Miss Kercher reported to the board suggestions for changes in the program of the Women in Industry Committee that have cleared to her since she will substitute for the national chairman of the committee in meetings of the committee at Louisville.

The telegram relating to the Disarmament Conference sent to President Hoover by the executive committee on March 27, in response to a message from Miss Sherwin,



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was read by Miss Child with the acknowledgment received from the White House.

Miss Lawrence told the board that she thought that the support of a Federal Department of Education in the program of her Education Committee should be eliminated or moved to the program for study. This item has remained inactive in the League's program of federal legislation for some time and certain adjustments have now been made in the organization of the educational activities of the federal government which make it inadvisable to keep the item in the program for support.

### Organization

Miss Horr reported upon her work in the field with old and new Leagues (See April VOTER). She told of the reorganization of the college League at Hamline University, of having attended a meeting of the Bemidji College League where it is compulsory for girls to elect work in this or other organizations for which they receive credit. She also mentioned a very successful meeting of the St. Catherine's College League when Mrs. McGuire spoke there. *Lake City* *Columbia Heights* *Sergus Falls* *Leagues*

Miss Lusk reported for the fourth district that the League in ST. PAUL is preparing a questionnaire for the coming city election. Mrs. Beard reported for the fifth district that the MINNEAPOLIS League now has 190 new members and the membership chairman wishes to keep on until a goal of 300 is reached. Letters sent out to 50 prospective members are being followed up by telephone calls. A new ward study group has been formed so that there are now eight such groups at ~~which~~ work in addition to three political science study clubs.

Mrs. Spear reported that the DULUTH League in the eighth district held a successful anniversary luncheon in connection with its annual meeting where the history and accomplishments of the League in that district were reviewed. Membership has been increased from 173 to 218. Mrs. Spear reported that the Duluth College League has never functioned very well because of lack of time to hold

meetings and asked the advice of the board as to whether it should be allowed to die. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. McKnight, to leave the matter to Mrs. Spear's judgment.

Mrs. Stai reported that the ST. CLOUD League in the sixth district now has increased its membership from 67 to 92. It is holding regular meetings in a central club room which it rents for the purpose. This is proving very satisfactory.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

May 9, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Mrs. Wittich's home, 1822 Emerson Avenue South, Minneapolis, on Friday, May 9, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Mrs. Wittich presiding.

Board members present were Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Cant, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Stai and later for the afternoon session, Miss Wells. Local League presidents and representatives who were present were Mrs. Ihfe, West St. Paul; Mrs. Walter, Farmington, Mrs. Searl, Kenyon; Mrs. Cashman, child welfare chairman, St. Cloud; Mrs. Bridgeman, Bemidji; Mrs. Fairchild, Willmar; Mrs. Pribyl, Monticello; Mrs. Ferguson, vice-president, South St. Paul; Mrs. Ethel Hanson, president, Hamlin College League as well as Mrs. J. R. Parkes, regional secretary; Mrs. Jane Humbird Burr, Miss Alice Pollard, Miss Nellie Merrill, Mrs. C. E. Shafer, Mrs. G. B. Griggs, Mrs. Harold Bordewich of Olivia, Miss Helen Horr, Mrs. Silas Bryan, and Miss Fonda Roberts, president of the Ames College Leagues of Ames, Iowa.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Wittich corrected the statement following the treasurer's report: "The present deficit began to accumulate last October and is perhaps largely due to the fact that the full monthly quota payments of the Minneapolis League have not been received during the present fiscal year." Mrs. Wittich stated that inasmuch as there has been a change in the amount of Minneapolis quota agreed upon for monthly payments and since this amount has been paid regularly, Minneapolis cannot be said to have a deficit in its quota payments. Under the heading, "Organization", the correction/<sup>was made</sup> that new Leagues organized in Lake City, Fergus Falls and reorganization of Columbia Heights League should have been mentioned.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on April 1 of \$471.23. Receipts during April amounted to \$1808.50 of which \$278. was received in quotas. Payments were received



from Farmington, South St. Paul, St. Cloud, Granite Falls, Olivia and Duluth, with \$7.50 received in state memberships. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1829.83, leaving a balance May 1 of \$449.90. Bills payable amounting to \$782.21 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Miss Monahan, to accept the report and order the bills paid when possible. Mrs. Wittich told the board of an anonymous gift that had been presented to the League, of \$1200.00 which enabled the League to discharge most of its current bills. The board's appreciation of this gift was expressed.

A gavel was presented to the board by Dr. Annah Hurd in memory of Dr. Ethel Hurd. Mrs. Beard read the letter which Dr. Annah Hurd wrote to the board, presenting the gavel and Miss Monahan accepted in the name of the League, giving a summary of Dr. Hurd's life, telling particularly of her suffrage experiences in the early days of suffrage in Minnesota and reading some letters written by Dr. Hurd. The board members arose and responded to the tap of this new gavel.

#### Organization

Miss Horr told of meetings attended in Fergus Falls <sup>and</sup> Wayzata, of new Leagues organized in Willmar, Breckenridge and Ortonville, and of a visit to Appleton in the interest of reorganization. Miss Horr reported a second luncheon meeting of the University of Minnesota League and of the organization of a League in Hamling University. Mrs. Wittich introduced chairmen of local Leagues who were present.

#### STATE MEMBERSHIP:

Mrs. Wittich, chairman of the committee appointed to stimulate state memberships during ~~the month of~~ <sup>and April</sup> March, reported that some 800 letters had been sent out and that 19 memberships had been received as a result of this circularization. A follow-up was then sent out, resulting in nine additional memberships being sent in.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN REPORTS: Mrs. Stai reported a meeting at which Mrs. Wittich spoke, of the St. Cloud League. Mrs. Cashman of St. Cloud gave a very interesting report of the same meeting.

Mrs. Dowling reported that several good meetings have been held in Olivia and that letters have been written to Congressmen. The Granite Falls League is holding

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regular meetings.

### Pre-Primary Activities

Mrs. Wittich reported negotiations with WCCO for two talks before the primary elections, one talk to be on methods of nominations and the second on "What Is Your Ballot Worth?" During these talks, information secured from the candidates' questionnaires can be given. Questionnaires to state-wide officers are being prepared by state chairmen. Before the primary, the Ramsey County League is to hold charter meetings. West St. Paul has had one meeting and another is planned on charter revision. They are planning<sup>a</sup> candidates' meeting for the county only and Monticello is also planning a candidates' meeting for the county. Mrs. Cashman reported that <sup>the</sup> St. Cloud League is to sponsor a Child Health meeting and asked that Mrs. Grannis and some physician speak.

### State Convention

The chair explained that in Institute years, the convention and Institute must be held in one of the Twin Cities. In other years, successful conventions have been held out of the cities, one in Duluth and one in St. Cloud. Winona has invited the League to come there for its 1930 convention. October 1-5 or October 15-18 were possible times to be considered. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept Winona's invitation. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Cant, to recommend to the executive committee that the convention be held during the third week of October.

### Report on Women in Public Office

Mrs. C. E. Shafer reported that four states (Connecticut, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota) had been asked by the National League to prepare a report on the number of women holding office in their respective states. Mrs. Shafer prepared the report for Minnesota and reported to the board.

### Memorial Fund

Miss Merrill reported <sup>on</sup> ~~for~~ the memorial fund and honor roll as features of the Louisville convention.

### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Grannis reported that local Leagues have been asked to write letters to Senator Shipstead asking his support for the Jones bill. Miss Kercher mentioned that she had talked at Louisville with Miss Geach, Congressional secretary of the National League, who said Senator Shipstead was listed among those probably opposed to the Jones bill.

### Convention Reports

Mrs. Bryan, reporting on Efficiency in Government, told of a very fine kit which was on display for use in this department. Miss Kercher explained additions and changes in the program of the committee on Women in Industry. Miss Kercher felt that Dr. Leiserson's talk at the open conference had influenced the committee members as to additions to the program as proposed. Mrs. Parkes presented the report on the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War and Mrs. McGuire added comments. Legal Status of Women was reported by Miss Lusk, Social Hygiene by Mrs. Pearce, Living Costs by Mrs. Griggs, Child Welfare by Mrs. Grannis.

The chair introduced the new vice-president of the National League, Miss Wells, who led a discussion on what <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ meant by items for study and items for support; also on the League's procedure in leaving to committees of 44 members each the preparation of the National Program of Work for submission to the convention. The question was raised whether the League is going to be able to make this procedure work since such a small proportion of these committees actually function. The role of proxies was discussed.

A delightful dialogue on convention was given by Miss Kercher and Mrs. Bryan.

### Other Business

The chair reported the invitation of the Olivia League that the June board meeting be held in Olivia. Mrs. Dowling said that Olivia is about 100 miles from Minneapolis on highway no. 10. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Grannis, to leave the decision to the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary



M I N U T E S  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
June 13, 1930

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at Kandiyohi Beach in the seventh district, Friday, June 13, 1930.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Monahan. Others present were Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Botsford, Miss Horr, and Miss Hampe. Local League members present were:

Atwater League:

Miss Hilma O. Norman  
Mrs. Joseph Passonneau  
" William Bergstrom  
" Edith Strong  
" Sara Anderson  
" Mathilda Anderson  
" S. B. Glader  
" Elvira Reamer  
Miss Hazel DeFoe  
Mrs. Nels Christianson  
Miss Lou A. Reamer  
Mrs. F. Couell

Granite Falls League:

Mrs. A. W. Winter  
" William Lee  
" L. H. Kraemer  
" A. J. Johnson  
" Frances Foley  
Miss Lou A. Olds  
" Minnie Kraemer

Olivia League:

Mrs. Edward Kircher  
" Warren Heins  
" C. O. Brecke  
" T. P. McIntyre  
" L. J. Lauerman  
" Harold Bordewich  
" W. A. French  
" O. R. Erickson  
" G. P. Smith

Olivia League (Cont.)

Mrs. A. A. Chapman  
" Amund Dahl  
" A. A. Passer  
" J. M. Freeman  
" James Empey  
" Ed Lindquist  
" John Comfort  
" Ed Heins  
" George F. Gage  
" Morse Winter  
" Jess Schieble  
" Julius Heinicke  
" Simon Wolpert  
" A. H. Leitzke  
" B. L. Maertz  
" Henry Bordewich  
" Ida Neuenberg  
Miss Kathleen Dowling  
" Evelyn Freeman  
Mrs. J. S. Burrell  
" Frank Murray  
" H. T. Robb  
Miss Eileen Murray

Redwood Falls League:

Mrs. C. V. Everett  
" W. R. Roberts  
" W. C. Starr  
" Lee Alexander  
" Ella Buechner  
" R. P. Tenny  
" Emma Kuck

Redwood Falls League(Cont.)

Mrs. Rud Stensvad  
" C. H. Whiting  
" A. D. McRae  
" James Baikie  
" F. L. Carpenter  
" A. W. Park  
" A. E. Laidlaw  
" Fred Rome  
" Ted Quandall  
Miss Mona Leavens  
St. Cloud League:  
Miss Ruth Mitchell  
" Bessie Adams  
" Charlotte Knudson  
" Blanche Atkins

South St. Paul League:

Mrs. Vera Burt Kennedy

Willmar League:

Mrs. David L. Fairchild  
" Dunlevy  
" E. L. James  
" Thomas H. King  
" A. C. Carlson  
" D. N. Tallman  
" W. F. Kelly  
" S. O. Diffendorf

The board arrived at 11:30 a.m.

Owing to weather conditions, it was not possible for all to meet together in any one cottage. Therefore, there was no formal business transacted. Miss Wells presided over a group at 12:00 o'clock in Mrs. Dowling's cottage while Mrs. Grannis reported for the Committee on Child Welfare, chiefly on the subject of infancy-maternity hygiene. Later Mrs. McKnight presided over this group while Mrs. Wittich reported on her department, discussing chiefly the primary; Mrs. McGuire reported for her department on the active subjects in her department program; Miss Monahan reported on the Committee on Legal Status of Women chiefly on the nationality of women, the Cable Act and its pending bills; and Miss Hampe made a report on the office. While Miss Wells was presiding over this group in the Dowling cottage, Mrs. Wittich was addressing another group in Mrs. Freeman's cottage on her department. After lunch, Miss Wells presided over this group, while Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Monahan and Miss Hampe presented the same reports.

The meeting adjourned and the board left at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite M. Wells, president

M I N U T E S  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
July 11, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the State Reformatory for Women at Shakopee on Friday, July 11, 1930 as guests of Miss Monahan. The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Thorp, Miss Monahan, and Mrs. Ringstad. Mrs. Denny was also present.

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

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Pearce. She reported a balance on June 1 of \$375.07. Receipts during June amounted to \$1073.92, of which \$722.00 was received in quotas. Monthly quota payments were received from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth. Payments completing the quota for the year were received from Detroit Lakes and Farmington. A quota payment in full for the coming year was received from the Watson League. The St. Cloud Teachers College League voluntarily paid a quota of \$5.00. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1183.25, leaving a bank balance June 30 of \$265.74. Bills payable amounting to \$851.97 were read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. McKnight, to accept the report as read and pay the bills so far as possible.

Reports of Department and Committee Chairmen - Miss Wells reported for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War that a telegram had been received from the National League saying that communications on the London Naval Treaty to Senator Schall would be helpful. Mrs. McGuire had sent a telegram which was read. Letters had been sent to about twenty people asking that letters and telegrams be sent to Senator Schall. On motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Ringstad, it was VOTED to send a telegram to Senator Schall from the board asking for his support of the treaty and that he work for it.

Miss Monahan reported on the passage of the Cable bill--a real victory, two steps ahead. Miss Wells asked whether there were any cases in Minneapolis of women who had been affected by these discriminations. Mrs. Denny thought there were no outstanding instances.

Mrs. Denny explained the difference between the Special Committee on Immigration and the regular standing committees.

Miss Wells reviewed the history of the measures that had been introduced into Congress to carry on the maternity-infancy work.

Miss Monahan reported an informal conference at which the fee system for county officers was discussed. There was some discussion on how to make and use a fee system investigation, also on proposed marriage legislation.

Memorial and Anniversary Fund Committee - On motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Monahan, IT WAS VOTED to present Mrs. Searle with a resolution of thanks for her service on the memorial and anniversary fund committee.

Report on Questionnaires - A report was read on the questionnaire sent out before the primary; also a projected questionnaire to candidates for the state legislature.

Reports of District Chairmen - Mrs. Ringstad reported on a candidates' meeting in Northfield.

Mrs. McKnight reported on a meeting in Wayzata which fifteen women attended. Mrs. Wittich and Mrs. McKnight talked to them about organization and membership. Miss Wells commented upon the good impression that had been made on Miss Harrison as to Miss Horr's accomplishments in organization. It was the opinion of the board that some follow-up work was needed in new Leagues immediately after they were organized. The executive committee has voted to ask the national board to send Miss Frederic, secretary of the Efficiency in Government department of the National League, to Minnesota for several weeks to work in the field.

Mrs. Ringstad said that Mrs. Anderson of Red Wing had reported that there were two women who would take over League work there in the fall. She will send names to the office.

Miss Monahan reported on a meeting in Winona which she attended, held at St. Theresa College. She said there were 150 women present at the luncheon. The Winona League is growing continually.

Miss Wells asked for expressions of opinion as to how local Leagues can get the League program to more and more people. The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

There was omitted from these minutes at the end the fact that Miss Wells also asked for an expression of opinion as to local League dues and there was much opinion favorable to \$2.00 dollars local League due. Miss Wells asks the consent of the board to insert this in the minutes.

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*No August board meeting:*

STATE BOARD MEETING

September 5, 1930

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, September 5, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Cant, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Pearce. Mrs. Wittich attended in the afternoon. Miss Horr and Miss Child were also present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved.

Finance

Miss Wells presented the Missouri Cook Book Finance Plan outlined in a letter from Mrs. Chadeayne who is to undertake it as a private enterprise since neither the National League nor the Missouri League can back it. Miss Wells explained some reasons why there might be dangers in participating in this money-making project. It seemed to be the opinion of the board after an informal discussion that it would be unwise for the League to enter into any such enterprise. The matter was laid on the table for the present.

The treasurer's reports for August 1 and September 1 were read by Mrs. Cant. She reported a balance July 1 of \$265.74 and receipts during July of \$1091.55, of which \$614.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during July totalled \$939.19, leaving a balance August 1 of \$418.10. Receipts during August amounted to \$907.15, of which \$633.25 was received in quotas. Disbursements totalled \$491.02, leaving a balance September 1 of \$834.23. Quota payments received during July and August were regular monthly payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, and the last quarterly payment by Winona. Shakopee paid one-half of its year's quota and the Atwater League paid its quota in full for the coming year 1930-31. Bills payable as of September 1 amounting to \$960.85 were read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Beard



to accept the report and pay the bills as fast as possible.

Mrs. Cant reported having written local League treasurers asking them to report to her on the amount of quota that could probably be expected from each League next year, the information to be relayed to the budget committee for the state convention.

## Organization

Miss Horr reported upon her trip with Miss Florecne Harrison in June to Willmar, Bergus Falls, Duluth and St. Cloud. Since her return from her vacation the middle of August, she has met with local League boards in Northfield, Kenyon and Norwood.

Miss Horr said she will accompany Miss Frederic of the National League in a trip to new local Leagues during the next two weeks. Miss Child reported the ~~xxx~~ recommendation of the executive committee that the suggestion of the National League for a division of Miss Frederic's expenses in Minnesota, half to be met by the state and half by the National League, be accepted. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of <sup>Mr.</sup> Mrs. Ringstad to approve this plan.

Miss Child reported that the study material promised local Leagues in the Calendar sent them after the last state convention will be completed with Miss Monahan's statement on marriage laws to be sent out next week.

## Resignations

The secretary read Miss Wells' letter ~~of~~ offering her resignation as state president, to take effect at the state convention. (Letter on file). IT WAS VOTED ~~on~~ motion of Miss Lawrence, second of Mrs. McGuire to accept her resignation. Miss Wells then reported the decision of the executive committee to continue to meet regularly and to be available for consultation in the interval of Miss Wells' absence, before the state convention.

### Preparation for State Convention

Miss Wells told the board of the meeting of department and committee chairmen

yesterday to agree upon recommendations for the proposed legislative program. Mrs. Pearce gave a brief report on the progress of local arrangements for the convention. Miss Child reported the recommendations of the executive committee for convention committees which the board voted upon as follows:

~~Budget committee~~

Program committee - IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Cant to ask Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. O'Neil of Faribault to serve with the executive committee under the chairmanship of Miss Lusk.

Budget committee - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Miss Monahan to appoint Mrs. Harington Beard, Mrs. F. W. Johnson and Mrs. Cant.

By-Laws - IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Miss Monahan to appoint Mrs. Kurt Stai, Mrs. Edward Ringstad and Mrs. J. D. Morrison.

Nominating committee - IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Miss Kerchery, second of (first district) Mrs. Colby to name Mrs. O. M. Botsford of Winona chairman with the following representatives of the remaining congressional districts: Mrs. James Baikie, Mrs. S. M. Searl; Mrs. Edwin White, Mrs. C. M. Denny, Mrs. D. E. Crary, Mrs. Edward Kircher, Miss Margaret Beggan and Mrs. J. W. Pribyl. Mrs. Spear is to be consulted as to a representative from the 8th District.

Printed Material - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Miss Monahan to appoint Mrs. C. E. Shafer as chairman with Mrs. W. B. Griggs and a committee of Faribault women to assist her.

Woman's Journal Subscriptions - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Dowling to ~~name~~ appoint Mrs. W. E. Morris, and Mrs. A. J. Butzerin and Mrs. George Hoke

Conference of college League delegates - IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Lawrence to ask Miss Keith Clark of Northfield to accept the chairmanship of a committee of arrangements for this conference.

Tentative Program Plan for State Convention

Miss Child reviewed suggestions by the executive committee for the scheduling of convention events. There followed discussion as to the best method of presenting

information on the various legislative issues in the regular convention sessions. The general opinion was in favor of having the presentation of one of the issues in the form of a legislative committee hearing, with speeches on the other subjects.

#### Proposed Legislative Program

Following the presentation of the department chairman conference recommendations by Miss Child and discussion of them, ~~It was voted on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second~~ *the board agreed upon the following* items:  
~~of Mrs. Colby, to approve the following items:~~

#### Public Welfare in Government

Support of state appropriation ~~not less than~~ for maternity and infancy work, not less than that of 1929.

Amendment of the minimum wage law to make it apply to girls as it now does to boys under the age of 21

Support of legislation limiting the hours of work for women in industry

Study of methods of stabilizing employment.

Revision of the state teachers retirement fund, to place it on a sound financial basis

#### Legal Status of Women

Amendment of the marriage law to provide for a five-day waiting period between the application for a marriage license and its issuance

Amendment of the marriage law to require a license and a record for all valid marriages

*Promotion of the service of women on juries*  
Efficiency in Government

Observing the operation of nomination and election procedure

Study of taxation

Study of the fee system in county government

Support of (this item to be phrased by Mrs. Wittich later to cover principles approved by the League in the reorganized state government).

#### Congressional Measures

(Designated by the National League Convention for active support in 1930-31).

Support of a federal program of maternity and infancy hygiene



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Support of government operation of Muscle Shoals

Support of the "Lame Duck" Amendment to the U. S. Constitution

Support of proposals leading to the entry of the U. S. into the World Court

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Colby to adopt the proposed legislative program and present it to the convention for action, following its submission to local Leagues for their consideration.

#### Convention Luncheon

IT WAS VOTED ~~On~~ motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Kercher that Miss Wells be asked to make the luncheon address.

It was suggested by Miss Wells that the local Leagues be asked to come prepared to pledge a certain amount of quota toward the state budget at the luncheon, so that they as well as the Twin Cities will be represented in the money-raising there,

#### College League Conference

It was the opinion of the board that the young voters should be invited to come in time for the candidates mass meeting on Thursday evening and remain for the day Friday, their special meeting being a breakfast.

#### Vcancies in the State Board

Letters of resignation were read from Mrs. William Duncan and Mrs. H. O. Tellier.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Dowling, to accept the resignation of Mrs. Tellier. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stai, second of Mrs. McGuire to accept ~~the resignation of~~ Mrs. Duncan's resignation

#### Other Business

A letter from Mrs. Anderson of the National League was read asking for suggestions for the General Council meeting next spring. A letter from Miss Morgan was read on the subject of the naval treaty.

Miss Monahan reported on the state fair exhibit that she thought it very good. There was discussion of ~~methods for improving~~ methods of attracting attention to our exhibit. Some thought the location of the booth was particularly good, others very bad.

Jury Service Questionnaire

Miss Monahan reported that a 1930 questionnaire on jury service had been sent to county clerks of court early in August. She will compare the results with those for 1928 as soon as full replies have been received.

Miss Wells reminded the board that  
The next board meeting will be the pre-convention board meeting in Faribault  
at 9 a. m. on October 15.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce

Minutes of the PRE-CONVENTION MEETING  
of the State Board  
October 15, 1930

The pre-convention meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held in the Harvey Hotel, Faribault, at 9:30 a. m. on Wednesday, October 15, 1930 with Miss Wells presiding.

Board members present were: Miss Wells, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Beard, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Spear, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Morrison, ~~and~~ Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Cant. Local League presidents who attended were Mrs. Johnson of Northfield, Mrs. Ihfe of West St. Paul, Mrs. Everett of Redwood Falls, Mrs. Kircher and Miss Bordewich of Olivia, Mrs. Cummins of Brainerd, Mrs. Cashman of St. Cloud and Mrs. Walters of Farmington.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant read the report of receipts and expenditures for September. She also submitted her report for eleven months of the fiscal year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Spear, to accept the report for September and order the bills paid.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and approved.

Proposed Budget

Mrs. Beard submitted the proposed budget to be presented to the convention. She explained that the committee had attempted to cut the estimated expenditures so far as possible without curtailing the work. Mrs. Cant called attention to the fact that about \$4000 must be raised during the ensuing year and that this would be difficult without Miss Wells' assistance. Miss Lusk explained to the board that she felt the burden of raising this sum was too great but that she felt she could manage without the extra \$4000 if she could cut down the office staff to one person. Miss Wells explained that she had tried to get the League to the place where its financial condition would be sound. She felt that a large share of the money-raising should be by local Leagues but that she would consent to act as chairman of the finance committee. Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Wittich spoke to the question as to whether the budget should be cut and how. Mrs. Wittich suggested that multigraphing might be done more cheaply outside. Mrs. McGuire suggested that a survey of office expenses be made and brought in for analysis. Miss Wells said that she had tried to develop the office staff to take over more and more



of the routine work to release Miss Uild for legislative work and the like.  
Miss Lusk outlined a plan whereby she could manage with only one office secretary.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Spear, to accept the budget as read for presentation to the Convention.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce  
Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
November 14, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Y.W.C.A. building in Minneapolis on Friday, November 14, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. In the absence of Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire presided.

Board members present were Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Kercher, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Atwater, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Colby, and Mrs. Cant. Mrs. Hoke, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Hampton, Miss Monahan, ~~Miss Parker~~ (and Mrs. Wittich for the afternoon session.) Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Grannis were present for the morning session. There were also present Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Kircher of Olivia, Mrs. Ihfe of West St. Paul, Mrs. Musser of Wells, Mrs. Shepley of South St. Paul, Mrs. Parkes, Miss Horr and Miss Child.

On motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Ringstad, it was VOTED to send Miss Lusk an expression from the board of their regret that she could not be present for the meeting and their hope for a speedy recovery.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Sherwin thanking the board for her gift book presented at the Louisville convention. A portion of a letter of September 25 from Miss Wells, as acting national president, was read, relating to the Kardex money-raising proposal.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on October 1 of \$539.33. Receipts during October amounted to \$1429.82, of which \$911.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1307.34, leaving a balance November 1 of \$661.81. Bills payable amounting to \$1212.79 were reported. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept the report and pay the outstanding bills as far as possible.

Quotas from local Leagues received since ~~October 15~~ the convention include payments by Minneapolis and Duluth (~~which has now paid its quota in full for 1929-30~~) for the final two months of the last fiscal year, from St. Paul for the

month of November, and from Litchfield. In addition full quota payments for the fiscal year just beginning have been received from the Leagues in Farmington and Jordan.

Mrs. Cant reported that the Woman's Journal subscription drive is being followed up from the state office. The help of the board is needed to secure the number of subscriptions required for the maximum bonus. Mrs. McKnight said that she has just returned from New York where she attended a meeting of the national board of the magazine. They are anxious to save it but it is now at a turning point in its history. The Minnesota League was complimented for its cooperation in securing subscriptions.

Mrs. Cant explained the offer which Miss Wells has made to match any pledge of over \$10 to a local League from a new contributor, up to a total of \$500. She also reported the plan for moving the state office on December 1 to 1004 $\frac{1}{2}$  Nicollet Avenue, around the corner from the new headquarters of the Minneapolis League on Tenth Street.

#### Suggestions for Future State Conventions

There was a gracious expression of appreciation for the convention by the presiding officer. A letter from Miss Wells was read suggesting that

1. There be discussion of having the final day of the convention and the luncheon on Friday instead of Saturday.

Alternatives suggested were having a dinner (or the luncheon) on the second day if Saturday is preferred for the final convention day.

It was the general opinion that a luncheon should be the concluding event of the convention and that whether Friday or Saturday is the best day must depend on the time the convention is held.

2. Registration fee for convention.

It was the consensus of opinion that such a fee would be unwise until the League grows larger since it would curtail attendance from local Leagues.

It seemed to be the feeling that the convention at Faribault had been very friendly in its atmosphere; also that it had proved most successful to depend



on our own speakers. It was thought that the program was very practical, not hurried and that the meetings were well worth while.

#### Naming of Executive Committee

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Colby, that the present executive committee be reappointed as follows, with the new chairman of the Public Welfare Department (to be named) as the seventh member:

Miss Lusk	Mrs. McKnight
Mrs. Wittich	Mrs. Cant
Mrs. McGuire	Mrs. Beard

#### Department and Committee Chairmanships Named

By consent of the board the following recommendations of the executive committee ~~was~~ for these chairmanships were approved:

Miss Keith Clark - chairman of special Committee on College Leagues.

Mrs. C. M. Denny - chairman of special Committee on Immigration Problems.

Miss Wells - chairman of special Committee on Finance.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Wittich presenting her resignation as chairman of the Efficiency in Government Department. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. McKnight, to accept her resignation with regret. Mrs. McGuire explained that Miss Lusk has hoped to have a new department in the state League on organization. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Colby, to name Mrs. Wittich as chairman of this department.

Further recommendations of the executive committee were ratified by consent of the board in appointments to committee chairmanships as follows:

Mrs. Grannis - chairman of the Committee on Child Welfare

Miss Kercher - chairman of the Committee on Women in Industry

Mrs. Colby - chairman of the Committee on Social Hygiene

Miss Monahan - chairman of the Committee on Legal Status of Women.

The secretary read a letter of resignation from Miss Lawrence as chairman of the Committee on Education. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McKnight, second of Mrs. Cant,

to accept the resignation and name her as an honorary member of the board.

Mrs. Spear's resignation as chairman of the Committee on Living Costs, was read. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to accept her resignation. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Cant, to suggest to the executive committee that Mrs. Spear be considered for the chairmanship of the Department of Public Welfare in Government. The chair asked members of the board to send in to the executive committee suggestions for the vacant committee chairmanships in order that it may clear them to the board at ~~the~~ the December meeting.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to approve the recommendation of the executive committee by naming Mrs. C. V. Everett of Redwood Falls ~~xxxxx~~ as chairman of the second congressional district.

#### Reports on Local Leagues

Local League presidents attending as guests reported for the Leagues in Wells, Olivia and South St. Paul. District chairmen reporting were Mrs. Hampton Ringstad, Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Hoke. Mrs. Atwater reported for the Ramsey County League and Mrs. Beard for the Minneapolis League. Mrs. Underwood reported for the Lake City League in the first district.

Northfield, Wells and Wayzata held successful candidates' meetings before election. Duluth conducted an information booth in a downtown store visited by 700 women and 100 men. It also had a series of eight informational statements for voters in as many ~~at~~ issues of the Duluth Herald. In St. Paul, the League had a luncheon meeting with an excellent speaker on unemployment at which proposed amendments to the state Constitution were also explained. The Minneapolis League held a tea to introduce members to the new headquarters. It also sponsored a meeting for candidates for governor and United States Senator. The Lake City League has outlined a program for its year's work, based upon the state League program and supporting material. The Olivia League has two new members and still feels the benefits resulting from the interest stirred by the Survey of Voting Habits ~~two~~

three years ago.

The chair introduced Mrs. Wittich as the new chairman of organization. Mrs. Wittich outlined briefly what she felt to be the need for ~~organizing in the~~ for legislative work organization/in the state in counties where we have no local Leagues--establishing contacts with key women to whom the League can turn for help.

Report of Field Secretary

Miss Horr reported that she had hoped to visit every new League in the state this fall. She has now visited all but two. She reported visits since convention to Ortonville, where the organization of ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> new League is now completed, Litchfield, Willmar, Hutchinson, Granite Falls, Watson, Redwood Falls, Olivia, Norwood, Jordan, Elk River and Brainerd where a reorganization of the League is in progress.

Report for State Headquarters

Miss Child reported letters and material sent out since convention:

A letter from Miss Lusk to local League presidents, a suggested Calendar for local League activities during the coming year with a series of lesson sheets on items in the Program of Work, and a simple questionnaire addressed to local League secretaries to secure information on regular meeting days, etc. for posting on a chart in the state office. She mentioned the fact that we are now depending on local Leagues to send in reports of their meetings on a simple blank supplied from the state office. These blanks are a valuable record both to the state League and for use in supplying the information asked for by the National League in an organization questionnaire sent out in March.

Preparation for Support of League Measures

Miss Kercher reported that the outlook for Women in Industry ~~Committee~~ measures was hopeful. Of the 32 members of the legislature who opposed these measures in 1929, 19 were defeated for re-election to the Senate and 22 for re-election to the House. There were also <sup>13</sup> ~~sixteen~~ friends lost in the Senate and <sup>16</sup> ~~sixteen~~ friends



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in the ~~House~~ Senate, ~~in~~ a net gain of ~~2~~ six not counting the possible friends of our measures among new members.

Miss Monahan reported that she considered the outlook hopeful for the marriage bill. She suggested that we talk of registration and licensing of all marriages, instead of about common law marriage.

There was general discussion of plans in local Leagues for interviewing members of the legislature before it convenes, ~~in~~ to interest them in our measures.

A National League letter of September 25 from Miss Wells was read on the subject of the League's federal ~~legis~~ measures, with a request for copies of questionnaire replies from elected members of Congress. There was brief discussion of the attitude of members of the Minnesota delegation toward League measures.

There was some discussion of the advisability of having an interview with the governor on certain League measures. The question arose as to whether his attention should merely be called to our program or whether we should ask for his support of the program and have mention made of it in his message.

It was the opinion of the board that Mrs. Grannis should be asked to interview the present governor and the Commission of Administration and Finance with regard to the inclusion of the infancy and maternity appropriation in the executive budget. ~~xxxxx~~

It was felt that Miss Lusk and a delegation should visit the governor very soon to present the League's legislative program. Mrs. Wittich suggested that the committee should have the governor-elect's answers to the League questionnaire. It was the opinion of the board also that the governor should be informed of the League's desire to have a woman appointed upon the Industrial Commission.

#### Plans for Radio Programs

Miss Lusk plans to ask the Ramsey County League radio chairman to learn whether KSTP will ~~xxxxxx~~ carry the National League program that will be resumed in January. Mrs. Hampton was asked to find out whether WEBC in Duluth will

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carry the program.

Miss Child reported that WCCO will allow the state League to have a period for a weekly radio program. The executive committee will make detailed plans. Board members expressed tentatively a preference for having the state League program on a different day than the National League program. They thought the period ~~time~~ we had last year, Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., is a good time.

#### Other Business

Mrs. Atwater suggested that members of the board individually might wish to write President Hoover in favor of the appointment of Miss Grace Abbott as secretary of the Department of Labor, succeeding Mr. Davis who has been elected to Congress.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Wells to members of the board thanking them for the book presented to her at the state convention.

Letters asking for the appointment of delegates to the Sixth Conference on the Cause and Cure of War were read. The Minnesota League is entitled to two delegates and two alternates. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Mrs. Beard, to appoint Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Colby as delegates. The chair asked board members to be prepared to suggest the names of two alternates at the next meeting.

Mrs. Ringstad and Mrs. Colby were asked by the chair to send a suitable communication to Miss Lusk from the board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
December 12, 1930

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Young Women's Christian Association Building in Minneapolis on Friday, December 12, 1930. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Lusk presiding.

Those present were Miss Lusk, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Atwater, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan, Mrs. O'Neil, Miss Keith Clark, Mrs. Denny, Miss Child, Miss Horr and from the Brainerd League, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Stout and Mrs. Nichols. Mrs. Wittich and Miss Kercher were present for the afternoon session.

The minutes of the November meeting were read by Mrs. Colby and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on November 1 of \$661.81. Receipts during November amounted to \$425.96, of which \$209.00 was received in quotas. Quota payments received since the last board meeting include payments from Wells, Faribault, Olivia, Stephen and Fergus Falls. Disbursements during November amounted to ~~\$210.82~~<sup>876.05</sup>, leaving a balance December 1 of \$210.82. Bills payable as of December 1 amounted to \$1206.54. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Atwater, to accept the report as read and to order the bills paid so far as possible.

The treasurer reported that the annual audit of our accounts has been made by Mrs. Mary Scales as a gift to the League. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis, to send a note of thanks to Mrs. Scales.

Committee Chairmanships

Executive committee recommendations on appointments to vacant department and committee chairmanships were reported by Miss Child.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to name Mrs. B. W. Musser of Wells as chairman of the Committee on Living Costs. The chair asked Miss Horr to tell of Mrs. Musser's connection with League work.



It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept Mrs. Pearce's resignation as secretary. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Colby, to appoint Mrs. Pearce chairman of the Committee on Education.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Grannis, to authorize the executive committee to name a new secretary subject to ratification by the board.

#### District Reports

Mrs. Everett of the SECOND DISTRICT reported that the Redwood Falls League has held a meeting with its legislators. She reported upon their attitude toward League measures. Mrs. Ringstad of the THIRD DISTRICT reported that the Northfield League president has interviewed the new representative on our legislative program. She read a letter from Congressman Andresen, a copy of which will be sent to the National League.

Mrs. Atwater reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the League in St. Paul has been having a series of very successful bi-weekly teas on state legislation. She described the pleasant tea arranged by the state League at the home of Mrs. Colby for members of the college Leagues at Hamline, Macalester and St. Catherine's College. Mrs. Beard reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that a tea with a speaker on the World Court is being held at Mrs. McKnight's home this week. Eight study groups on city government are meeting in various parts of the city.

Mrs. Hampton of the EIGHTH DISTRICT reported an active month in the Duluth League. Department meetings have been held and a Christmas sale conducted to raise money. State legislators are to be interviewed soon. The representative in Congress is friendly to all League measures.

A letter from Mrs. Morrison of the FIRST DISTRICT was read reporting upon Winona League activities. There are two League events each month in general accord with program suggestions in the Calendar. xm Mrs. Underwood reported that the

Lake City League is holding two meetings a month. It is gradually increasing in membership but plans to work with the present group of about thirty until they are well informed on the League program. Mrs. Richards, president of the Brainerd League, reported upon the new organization there.

#### Report by Field Secretary

Miss Horr reported attendance at a membership meeting in South St. Paul. She spoke at meetings of the Mankato Teachers College and St. Olaf's College Leagues. The Pine Island League is doing well. Legislative committees of three have been formed during the month in Staples, Bertha, Waseca, Stillwater, St. Peter, Bayport, Crosby, Aitkin and Little Falls.

#### Report for Headquarters

Miss Child read a letter from someone wishing to become a member of the state League and reported that we now have 52 such members in places where there is no local League. Local Leagues are being reminded of the Calendar suggestions for their meetings, the subject for January being a review of federal legislation. They have responded well to the special request for reports on all fall meetings. Only two have failed to reply up to date.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held November 19 and another is planned for December 17. There is an interested group of organization representatives now in the Council.

Mrs. Everett asked about the advisability of the Redwood Falls League's supporting a good woman for Council membership at the local election in January. The policy of the League never to endorse individual candidates was reiterated. It was thought League members might interest themselves as individuals in the election of a woman to the Council.

#### Federal Legislation

Letters from Miss Wells of the National League were read discussing the present status of our measures.

### Radio Programs

A letter from the National League was read explaining a new project for listening-in groups in certain Leagues who would respond to a questionnaire on Voters' Service programs. It was suggest<sup>ed</sup> that we must first learn whether KSTP will carry the program. Mrs. Atwater reported that ~~xx~~ a decision will be made by the station in about ten days.

A letter was read from WCCO saying that the period from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, beginning January 8, is being reserved for us. Miss Child reported upon tentative plans made by the Executive Committee for the radio program. Department and committee chairmen are asked to be responsible for certain programs. Miss Lusk suggested that a unified plan be worked out by chairmen together. Miss Horr suggested that college Leagues be asked to give a program.

### Legislative Committees in Counties Having No League

Mrs. Wittich outlined plans for these committees consisting of a chairman and two additional members. They are asked to read aloud together the February-March VOTER containing the state chairman's statements on their subjects and to establish a friendly relationship with their legislators.

League committee~~xx~~chairmen are urged to prepare summarized statements of their measures to give to people for first introduction to League work. Letters have been sent to district chairmen asking for their cooperation with Miss Horr either in visiting towns with her or suggesting key places for legislative committees. Mrs. Wittich asked that board members cooperate also in this plan. The publication of a ~~folder~~ with our legislative measures separate from the VOTER seems hardly feasible. It might be combined with the VOTER for the January 1 issue, devoting the entire space to the legislative program. She suggested that the chart of state government reprint and the legislative issue of the VOTER be placed on the desks of legislators at the beginning of the session.



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Recommendations in re Introduction of Bills

Miss Monahan said that it might be wise to introduce the bill requiring a license and record for all valid marriages first. However, there is strong feeling that the waiting period bill should be introduced at once also. She therefore recommended the introduction of both bills, but thought that the emphasis in our work at the Capitol had better be put on the former bill first. She explained that she is unable to do actual legislative work for these bills and suggested that Mrs. Colby be asked to accept this responsibility. It was VOTED, upon motion of Mrs. Wittich, second of Miss Kercher, that both bills be drawn up for submission to the legislature and that Mrs. Colby be appointed to take charge of work for them at the Capitol.

Miss Kercher reported that she has been at work drafting an hour bill. She has held conferences with the State Industrial Commission and with Mr. Lawson of the State Federation of Labor. The latter proposes submission of an ideal bill providing for an 8-hour day and a 44-hour week and would be glad to cooperate with the League in support of such a bill. Miss Kercher recommended that <sup>we consider</sup> introducing the bill with these hours holding no illusions as to ultimate compromises that will probably have to be made when it is under consideration. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Miss Monahan, that the bill be introduced with an 8-hour day and a 44-hour week.

Mrs. Grannis reported that the Division of Child Hygiene is asking for an appropriation of \$35,000 a year with an increase of \$500 in the amount asked for Indian work. She has interviewed Mr. Peterson, the budget commissioner, who said the item as presented would probably not be cut so far as he knew. She reported a questionnaire received from National headquarters on maternity and infancy work in the state. Mrs. Atwater spoke of the good editorials on the subject being published in St. Paul newspapers.

Other Business

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The chair said she is happy to report that Mrs. Grannis has agreed to take charge of legislative work at the Capitol during January. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Wittich, to name Miss Lusk and Mrs. Holman as additional delegates to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in January.

The chair told of the proposal to have the February board meeting in St. Paul combined with a meeting for local League delegations with their legislators. ~~Miss Lusk expressed~~

Miss Lusk expressed her appreciation of the very nice letter she received from Mrs. Colby on behalf of the board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

M I N U T E S  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
January 9, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Young Women's Christian Association Building in Minneapolis on Friday, January 9, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Lusk presiding.

Members present were Miss Lusk, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Atwater, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Stai, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Hoke, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Monahan (morning session), Mrs. O'Neil, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Musser, Miss Clark, and Mrs. Underwood (afternoon session). There were also present Mrs. Cashman and Mrs. Friedrich of St. Cloud, Mrs. Russell Duncan of Minneapolis, Mrs. Parkes, Miss Child and Miss Horr.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Miss Lusk told the board that Mrs. Wittich is unable to attend the meeting because of illness. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to send Mrs. Wittich a letter expressing sympathy for her illness.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance on December 1 of \$210.82. Receipts during December amounted to \$629.56, of which \$500.00 was received in quotas. Quota payments received since the last board meeting include monthly payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, and payments from Northfield and Lake City. Disbursements during December amounted to \$693.65, leaving a balance January 1 of \$146.73. Bills payable as of January 1 amounted to \$1063.70. It was VOTED to accept the report and to order the bills paid so far as possible.

Mrs. Cant explained that under a new decision of the United States Board of Tax Appeals in a Pennsylvania case, deduction from the income tax can be made for subscribers to the League. Mrs. Cant read the letter from the national board explaining the situation.

Appointments to Vacancies in Board - Miss Child presented executive committee recommendations on appointments to committee and department vacancies. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Miss Monahan, to appoint Mrs. Pierce Atwater of St. Paul chairman of the Department of Efficiency in Government. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Dowling, to approve the action of the executive committee in asking Mrs. S. M. Searl of Kenyon to be secretary. The resignation of Mrs. Atwater as director was accepted on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Morrison. The executive committee suggested the name of Mrs. O. M. Botsford as a director. On motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Underwood, it was VOTED to appoint Mrs. Botsford as a director. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Underwood, to appoint Miss Ruth Mitchell of St. Cloud chairman of the Department of Public Welfare in Government.

Report on College Leagues - Mrs. McGuire said that at the national board meeting, mention was made of the fact that League material is being incorporated in educational material for schools. Miss Clark reported that she has prepared a letter to be sent to college Leagues.

Report from State Headquarters - Miss Child reported work with committee chairmen on material for legislative work. Local Leagues have been asked to send in any information about their legislators which might be useful to workers at the Capitol. The Legislative Council meeting December 17 was especially well attended. A request received from the Minnesota Association of Colored Women's Clubs, a new state organization, for membership in the Legislative Council was presented with the executive committee's recommendation for affirmative action. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. Morrison, to accept the recommendation of the executive committee.

Reports by District Chairmen - Mrs. Morrison reported for the FIRST DISTRICT that the Winona League now has a membership of 128. A legislative luncheon in December was a great success. Mrs. Atwater reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that a new study course "The Smaller World - Our Place in It" under the Department of International Cooperation is being started Monday. Mrs. Beard reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Minneapolis League held a very successful tea in December at Mrs. McKnight's with Mrs. Brin speaking on the World Court. Mrs. Stai and Mrs. Cashman reported for the SIXTH DISTRICT. The St. Cloud League is cooperating with the College League this winter. The local League had a fifth birthday party for the College League. A class on Efficiency in Government is being held once a month. Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT that the Olivia League has



interviewed its legislators. Mrs. Hampton reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT on a newly organized class on "what constitutes good city government." Legislators have been interviewed and are generally favorable to League measures. The League has been asked to suggest women qualified for the office of tax commissioner. Mrs. Hoke reported for the TENTH DISTRICT that the Wayzata League held its December meeting on the five-day waiting period.

Report of Field Secretary - Miss Horr reported having secured four more legislative committees in Wabasha, Rochester, Kasson and Owatonna, bringing the total up to 15.

Reports on Federal Legislation - Miss Monahan reported on proposed amendments to the Cable Act removing discriminations against women. Mrs. Parkes spoke of the international meeting to be held in Stockholm next summer at which a stand against blanket legislation will be taken by the League.

Mrs. McGuire reported upon subjects in the program of her department. A letter from the National League was read asking action in support of reconsideration by the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee of the vote postponing discussion of the World Court for a year. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Monahan, to send a letter to the Committee urging reconsideration. Mrs. McGuire commented on the fact that military training is not compulsory in land grant universities. A proposal has recently been made by which credit for military training would be given for certain peace time subjects taught under military supervision at the University of Minnesota--on the ground of their application to war purposes. Opposition has been expressed by organizations interested in peace education.

Mrs. Grannis reported upon the situation in Congress with regard to maternity and infancy bills.

Reports on State Legislation - Mrs. McGuire reported that at the national board meeting, child labor was discussed as adding considerably to the problem of unemployment. It was decided that this might be an opportune time to try for ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. South Dakota and Minnesota are asked to study the possibilities of securing ratification. As a result of interviews with members of the legislature and others, the consensus of opinion seemed to be that this is an opportune time for introducing a resolution for ratification. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Grannis, to authorize the introduction of such a resolution.

Miss Monahan reported that the form of bill to abolish common law marriage will be the same as in the previous session. The same form for the waiting period bill will also be used. Authors are fairly well lined up for both bills.

Mrs. Grannis reported having called again on Mr. Peterson, Commissioner of the Budget. Figures for the maternity and infancy appropriation in the printed budget submitted to the legislature are \$34,500 for the first year of the biennium and \$33,300 for the second. This represents an increase of \$2,100 over last year's appropriation but a decrease of \$2,200 from the amount asked for by the Division.

Mrs. Grannis asked for help from board members in taking the poll on our bills at the Capitol.

Miss Child reported a message from Dr. Chloe Owings, Director of the Bureau of Social Hygiene at the University, requesting our support for an appropriation request to continue the work of the Bureau. Since new items in our legislative program must have convention action, no action was taken by the board on this request.

Plans for the February Board Meeting - It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. O'Neil, to hold the next meeting at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul on February 20, the change to the third Friday being necessary in view of the plan to hold a morning session followed by a luncheon open to all League members in the state. Local Leagues are to be asked to send delegations to interview their legislators following the luncheon. It was suggested that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor be asked to speak and that individual legislators be invited by their League constituents to attend.

Radio Programs - KSTP is carrying the National League Voters' Service. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Atwater, second of Mrs. Hampton, to send a letter to WEBC (Duluth) asking them to carry the Voters' Service program.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Rogers Pearce, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
February 20, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, on Friday, February 20, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Lusk presiding.

Board members present were Miss Lusk, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Atwater, Miss Mitchell, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Colby, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Ringstad, and Mrs. Dowling. Miss Child and Miss Horr were also present, and some 74 officers and board members of local Leagues were present by special invitation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after correction by Mrs. Morrison of the membership figure for the Winona League.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance January 1, 1931 of \$146.73. Receipts during January amounted to \$705.06, of which \$491.00 was received in quotas. Disbursements during January amounted to \$694.26, leaving a balance February 1 of \$157.53. Bills payable as of February 1 were read totalling \$1251.64. It was VOTED to accept the report and to order the bills paid so far as possible.

Quota payments received since the last board meeting included ~~xxxx~~ monthly quota payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, payments of the full quota from Norwood, Lake City and Winona, a payment of over one-half its quota from Faribault, and a payment from Hutchinson.

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Miss Lusk expressed to local League officers present appreciation of their response to appeals for cooperation in the support of federal and state legislation in the League program.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Grannis to appoint Mrs. Pierce Atwater as the seventh member of the executive committee.

### Federal Legislation

Mrs. McGuire reported on the status of the World Court in Congress. It was VOTED ~~xxxxxxVOTED~~ on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Colby, to authorize the board to send a letter to President Hoover asking for a special session of the Senate if, after March 4, that action seems advisable.

Mrs. Pierce Atwater reported on the status of the Lame Duck Amendment. This is the seventh time the measure has been before Congress. The amendment seems to have the best chance at present. Leagues are urged to press the matter at once. A vote is expected next week.

Mrs. Grannis reported that the Jones bill passed by the Senate by a vote of 56 to 10. The bill was referred to the House where a three-day hearing on it was held. Mrs. Grannis asked local Leagues to write their representative asking them to support this measure.

### State Legislation

Miss Lusk announced the appointment of Mrs. Wittich as Commissioner of the Budget. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to send a letter to Governor Olson in appreciation of the appointment of Mrs. Wittich as a qualified woman for the office of Commissioner of the Budget.

Mrs. Atwater reported on bills to change the election laws which have been introduced into the legislature.

Miss Monahan reported on the amendments to the marriage law. She told of a hearing on the five-day waiting period amendment before the House Public Welfare Committee on February 10. Local Leagues were urged to write their representatives to vote for the bill when it is reached on General Orders.

Miss Kercher reported having received a letter from the national chairman of the Women in Industry Committee urging transference of certain subjects from the study to the support program. She reported also on the status of the minimum wage amendment and the hour bill in the legislature. A public hearing on the hour bill is planned for February 25 at 7:15 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.



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Mrs. Pearce outlined the provisions of the revision of the Teachers' Retirement Fund. A hearing on the measure will be held Tuesday evening, February 24.

Mrs. Beard reported that the Minneapolis League wishes to work for the part-time school measure since this measure was formerly on the state program. Mrs. Thorpe told of visiting plants in Wisconsin where the law is in operation. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Atwater, to approve <sup>work by the</sup> ~~the inclusion of~~ *Minneapolis League for the part-time school bill applicable to first class cities.* ~~this measure in the legislative program.~~

Mrs. McGuire reported that at the Child Health Conference it was reported that there is still a great deal of child labor in the United States. It is expected that a resolution to ratify the Child Labor Amendment will be introduced in the Minnesota Senate next week.

Miss Child told of approval of League measures and admiration for the organization expressed by many members of the legislature.

#### Reports of District Chairmen

Mrs. Morrison of the FIRST DISTRICT told of <sup>the</sup> intensive campaign of the Winona League for the marriage law amendments. Mrs. Ringstad of the THIRD DISTRICT reported that the Northfield League is going to study county government. The county attorney is to speak, pointing out the defects of the present county government.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Horr reported attendance at meetings in Ortonville, Willmar, Litchfield, Norwood, Shakopee, Jordan, Farmington, Fergus Falls and Breckenridge. She also reported spending one week in Duluth. She spoke of the fine work of the Lake City League in Support of the World Court. Nine petitions were sent to Washington and six of the League members have spoken before other organizations on the Court. She reported also visits to Glenwood and Alexandria, in the interest of League organization.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary

M I N U T E S  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
March 13, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, on Friday, March 13, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Lusk presiding.

Board members present were Miss Lusk, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire, <sup>mrs Searl</sup> Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Colby, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Denny, Miss Clark, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Hoke. There were also present Miss Child, Miss Horr and Mrs. Keyes of the Columbia Heights League.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance February 1 of \$157.53. Receipts during February amounted to \$1150.79, of which \$764.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during February amounted to \$1044.42, leaving a balance March 1 of \$263.90. Bills payable as of March 1 were read totalling \$1272.19. It was VOTED to accept the report and to order the bills paid so far as possible.

Quota payments received since the last board meeting included monthly quota payments from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth and payments from Redwood Falls, Willmar and Kenyon.

Organization - Miss Horr reported the organization of three local Leagues: the Kasson-Mantorville League and the Wabasha League in the First District; the Randolph League in the Third District. She reported visits to Leagues in Columbia Heights and in Lake City where a plan for a model League was accepted by the board.

Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Colby told of the tea at St. Catherine's College attended by 85 girls from several colleges.

Miss Clark reported that the Carleton College League is interested in a plan for a two-day conference of college Leagues next year. The St. Olaf girls want a Voter subscription for every four girls instead of one for each college League member.

Reports on Federal Legislation -

International Cooperation - Mrs. McGuire reported a letter from Miss Morgan saying the League may join with other organizations in asking for an extra session in the fall. It is necessary to study on the subject of the World Disarmament Conference planned for 1932.

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Atwater read a letter from Miss Frederic, national secretary of the department, reporting on the Lame Duck Amendment.

Living Costs - Mrs. Musser reported that the bill providing for government operation of Muscle Shoals passed both houses of Congress but was vetoed by the President. It was suggested that Mrs. Musser write to the National League for comment on the points mentioned in the veto message.

Child Welfare - A letter from Miss Sherwin urging work in state legislatures for maternity and infancy appropriations was read. It was AGREED that Mrs. Grannis be asked to keep in touch with the Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate and do whatever is possible to support the granting of the full amount asked by the Division of Child Hygiene.

State Legislation -

Five-Day Waiting Period Amendment - Mrs. Morrison reported that the Winona League has been active in inquiring into the statement that Winona would lose \$50,000 a year if this measure passed. Mrs. Colby and Miss Child reported upon the status of the bill in the House and Senate. Mrs. Underwood reported the work of the Lake City League in behalf of the waiting period amendment.

Women in Industry Bills - Mrs. Morrison reported that the Business and Professional Women of Winona have indorsed the Retirement Fund revision but are not in favor of the 48-hour law. Miss Child said that the hour bill must be changed before it is reported out of committee. This work is now in process.

Mrs. Colby reported upon the status of the amendment to the minimum wage law.

Post-Legislative Work - Mrs. McGuire suggested that local Leagues hold post-legislative meetings as a follow-up of legislative work and to give publicity to the vote of their legislators upon League measures.

Convention and Institute - Miss Lusk asked that the board start considering plans for the convention and Institute. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Miss Mitchell, to authorize the president to appoint a committee to work on convention and Institute plans. Mrs. Colby suggested that the Institute might be on the League program. Mrs. Morrison suggested having it in one of the cities as every other year. She suggested shorter sessions in the Institute or confining it to one subject. The Institute has been inclined to be too heavy. Mrs. McGuire suggested that each session be followed by a brief summary of the subject with conclusions if an Institute is held.

Delegate to General Council Meeting - It was VOTED on motion of Miss Monahan, second of Mrs. McGuire, to leave the appointment of a delegate to the Council meeting to the executive committee.

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It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant to send flowers to be placed on Mrs. Wittich's desk on the day she begins her work at the Capitol.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary



M I N U T E S  
STATE BOARD MEETING  
April 10, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, on Friday, April 10, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Lusk presiding.

Board members present were Miss Lusk, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Pearoe, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Atwater, Miss Kercher, Miss Clark, and Mrs. Hampton. Miss Child and Miss Horr were also present, and Mrs. Wittich attended the afternoon session.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Cant reported a balance March 1 of \$263.90. Receipts during March amounted to \$763.45, of which \$462.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during March amounted to \$859.98, leaving a balance April 1 of \$167.37. Bills payable as of April 1 were read totalling \$1457.00. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Grannis to accept the report and order bills paid so far as possible. Mrs. Cant suggested that the executive committee determine the order in which bills should be paid, her opinion being that salaries should be paid first and national League quota second.

She read a letter from Miss Wells announcing an annual gift of \$25.00 to the state League ~~and of \$25.00 to the Minneapolis League~~ from Mrs. Paul Morand as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. E. J. Phelps. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Grannis to have Mrs. Cant acknowledge the letter and gift in the name of the board.

Organization - Miss Lusk announced that the executive committee has named Mrs. Beard as delegate to the General Council meeting. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Colby, that the appreciation of the board be extended to Mrs. Beard for representing the state League in Washington.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Miss Clark, to appoint Mrs. Atwater a member of the Executive Committee.

Department and Committee Reports

Maternity and Infancy - Mrs. Grannis reported that both the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House have approved the maternity and infancy appropriation recommended in the executive budget. Mrs. Grannis asked for the observance of Child Health Day, May 1, and suggested that groups take up the White House Conference for study this year.

Education - Mrs. Pearce announced that the Teachers' Retirement Bill had passed the House on March 26 by a vote of 95 to 22, and had been recommended by the Education Committee in the Senate.

Efficiency in Government - Mrs. Atwater spoke of the election bills which were on General Orders. She announced that the National League has a committee to study the direct primary--to find out what complaints against it are valid and to find ways to improve the system. It was suggested that local Leagues take a definite interest in the study and that they send in local arguments for and against the primary. Mrs. Underwood told of Senator Nye, in a radio speech, bringing out the point that under the primary the government is in the hands of the people as it never had been under the convention system.

International Cooperation - Mrs. McGuire reported upon the present situation in international affairs. She told of 24 members of the World Court Committee waiting upon President Hoover, asking for a special session of the Senate to consider the Root Protocols to the World Court, which session might possibly be called in November.

National League radio programs were announced, and it was suggested that requests be sent to Mr. H. B. Kaltenborn, speaker for S. W. Straus Company of New York City over the N.B.C. asking him to speak on the World Disarmament Conference as a means of waking the people at this time to the importance of this conference. Mrs. McGuire said that six great proposals are to be presented at this conference which we should be prepared, by study, to support. The subject of budgetary limitation, the establishment of an International Control Commission (to enforce agreements) and a plan for the Conference to meet every five years are three of the most important proposals to be considered at the conference.

State Legislation - Mrs. Colby reported upon the status of the waiting period amendment. It was announced that a similar bill had passed in Iowa.

THE HOUR BILL - Miss Child reported that the Hour Bill had been made more liberal, its weekly hour provision being increased to 58 hours outside cities of the first and second class, and that all known opposing groups are satisfied with the revised bill except the Western Union.

MINIMUM WAGE AMENDMENT - Miss Kercher reported the defeat of the Minimum Wage Amendment in the House. She suggested that representatives and senators be educated in regard to League legislation the year before the Legislature meets.

College Leagues - Miss Clark announced a conference of 26 colleges to be held at Carleton College April 17 and 18. Subjects for discussion are 1) World Economic Situation; 2) Russia; 3) The Far East.

District and Local League Reports - Mrs. Hampton of the Duluth League reported a very successful year. The League's questionnaire, sent to all candidates before the election in the fall, and the newspaper publicity given it, was of special interest.

Miss Horr told of attending a League tea with Mrs. Pearce at Wells, of visiting Hutchinson and Brainerd and of organization work on the range accompanied by Mrs. Hampton of Duluth. Miss Horr announced post-legislative reports to be given by various speakers acquainted with League legislative work to groups of Leagues through the state during May.

It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Colby, that the legislative vote on League measures be analyzed and each League be sent a tabulation of this vote and that post-legislative meetings be held for the purpose of discussing this report.

Mrs. Denny reported for Minneapolis that Mrs. Hobgood, chairman of Efficiency in Government, is gathering material on the fee system throughout the state, that plans are being made to study the direct primary and that a round table is being organized to study the problem of unemployment. Mrs. Denny also told of a reception given the newly enfranchised citizens of Minneapolis by the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Wittich giving the address of welcome.

Election of officers of the Faribault League was reported by Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Musser told of plans of the Wells League to meet with the Farm Bureau for study of the World Court.

Mrs. Wittich told of research work in regard to the primary, and suggested our state League study the Minnesota primary law for the purpose of suggesting improvements and changes in a future session of the legislature. She outlined a plan for campaign committee petitions, under which a very short petition signed by not more than 35 names would be filed with the name of the candidate, also that a bill could be worked out providing that the state central committee of a party should plan a program on which a candidate would have to file, feeling that a program by responsible citizens would be scrutinized.

An invitation from the Willmar League to hold the June meeting of the board at Willmar was read and it was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Wittich, to accept the invitation, the date to be June 12.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Pearce, that a report on immigration by Mrs. Denny be placed on the agenda of the May meeting.

It was agreed that a report of the meeting of the General Council be given at the May meeting also.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Searl, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING

May 8, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Y.W.C.A. Building in Minneapolis on Friday, May 8, 1931.

Present were Miss Lusk, Miss Wells, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Denny, Miss Clark, Miss Child, Miss Horr and, for the afternoon, Miss Monahan and Mrs. Wittich, *Miss Keneber*

It was VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance April 1 of \$167.37. Receipts during April amounted to \$790.27, of which \$340.00 was received in quotas. Disbursements during April amounted to \$781.48, leaving a balance May 1 of \$176.86. Bills payable as of May 1 were read totalling \$1379.87. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Morrison, second of Mrs. Everett, to accept the report and order the bills paid as far as possible.

Quota payments received since the last board meeting included monthly quota payments from St. Paul and Minneapolis and payments from the Leagues in Faribault, South St. Paul, Stephen, Columbia Heights, Wells and in West St. Paul.

Report for Special Committee on Immigration Problems

Mrs. Denny reviewed the history of American immigration and immigration legislation. The chair stated that discussion of the status of the subject in the League program will be taken up at another time.

Reports on General Council Meeting

Miss Wells and Mrs. Beard reported on the Finance Field Day at the General Council meeting at which such questions as how citizenship ties in to the League and where the money goes in the League were discussed. It was emphasized that finance is just the "power" behind the work. Miss Wells spoke of Mrs. Blair's estimate of women in politics and said that it is woman's place to change the whole emphasis of in political affairs. Two of the great governmental problems today which women

as members of the electorate can help solve are finding a way to do away with war and adjusting government to economic and social conditions of the day with the general public in mind and not a special interest. Miss Wells said that women's change is before them at this time. The work of the League must be taken hold of as an opportunity to help in this emergency.

It was suggested that the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues should hold finance luncheons at the end of their own fiscal year. The state League Convention luncheon was also discussed. The importance of having something at the luncheon to affirm loyalty through declaring quota, etc., of having the luncheon well-planned beforehand and not too long and of having a definite plan for plédges was spoken of. A speech on the League is necessary.

#### Reports of District Chairmen

Mrs. Morrison of the FIRST DISTRICT reported that the annual meeting/ of the Winona League tomorrow will be the last meeting until fall. There have been two to four meetings each month up to now. Mrs. Everett of the SECOND DISTRICT reported that Redwood Falls is to have a membership tea in the near future. Miss Lusk and Mrs. Colby reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that a very successful rummage sale has just been held and that the annual meeting is planned for May 15. Mrs. Beard of the FIFTH DISTRICT reported that Minneapolis recently held a meeting of candidates for the city school board and that the proper committee chairmen are working on a survey of the county fee system and a study of unemployment. Mrs. Dowling of the SEVENTH DISTRICT reported that the Olivia League has a new president.

#### Report of Field Secretary

Miss Horr reported that she and Mrs. Hampton completed the organization of five Leagues in five days in the EIGHTH DISTRICT following the last board meeting. Mrs. Hampton has kept in close touch with the new groups by correspondence and returned to one of the Leagues for its first regular meeting. (Applause).

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Miss Horr also reported the organization of a new League in the FIRST DISTRICT at Austin (Mower county). In the second district she visited the League at Wells and spoke at a Farm Bureau meeting in Blue Earth. Three Leagues that agreed following Miss Horr's visit to set and try to reach certain organization goals during the coming months are Wells, Faribault and South St. Paul. Lake City was the first League to attempt model League organization.

#### Follow-up of Passage of Waiting Period Law

Miss Monahan reported messages of congratulationx from the National League chairman of her committee, Mrs. William Carson of Philadelphia, and from Mrs. Stromsten, president of the Iowa League. She pointed out that we must be ready two years from now to defend attacks upon the law. She recommended that Legal Status of Women committee chairmen in local Leagues be asked to keep in touch with the operation of the law and help to promote a sympathetic enforcement of it. She also suggested that a letter be written to probate and district court judges in the state asking their cooperation in observing the spirit of the law in the granting of waivers of the waiting period. It was VOTED to authorize Miss Monahan to write the necessary letters to carry out her recommendations.

Mrs. Wittich read some clippings from local newspapers in the state commenting upon the passage of the law. Miss Child spoke of the fact that Moorhead, Red Wing and Stillwater, all border cities, are strategic places where a public sentiment for the law in church and women's groups needs to be stirred. The legislators from these districts opposed the bill and attacks upon it are already appearing in the press of these places. ~~She suggested gaining the cooperation of the groups that cooperated in support of the bill for further agitation~~  
~~might be appealed to~~  
in its behalf in view of the fact that local League organization is lacking.

#### Comments by Chairmen upon Other Legislation

Mrs. Pearce reported a letter of appreciation from the Minnesota



Education Association for the cooperation of the League in work for the Teachers Retirement Fund bill which is now a law.

Miss Kercher commented upon the failure of the two Women in Industry bills. In reply to a question the fact was mentioned that this is the first legislature since 1923 in which there has been a vote in one House in favor of an Hour bill.

#### Clara Ueland Fellowship

Miss Child reported having talked with Professor William Anderson of the University who said that Miss Betty Bauer of Springfield, Ohio, a senior at Vassar College, has been awarded the fellowship for the coming year. Miss Wells suggested that word of the appointment be sent to Judge Ueland and that Miss Bauer be written and sent the issues of the VOTER containing articles on Mrs. Ueland.

#### Other Business

Miss Child asked whether it is desirable to send the April issue of the VOTER, reporting upon our legislation, to members of the legislature. It was AGREED that this should be done.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary (morning session)  
Emily Child, Secretary pro tem (afternoon session)

STATE BOARD MEETING

June 12, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the home of Mrs. D. N. Tallman at Green Lake near Willmar, Minnesota.

Present were Miss Lusk, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Denny, Miss Clark, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Stai, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Parkes, Miss Horr and Miss Child. Local League officers present as guests were Mrs. Hunt of Litchfield, Miss Michell of Ortonville, Mrs. Atwood of St. Cloud, Mrs. Rome of Redwood Falls, Mrs. D. L. Fairchild and officers and members of the Willmar League.

It was VOTED to omit the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cant reported a balance May 1 of \$176.86. Receipts during May amounted to \$1424.49, of which \$354.00 was received in quotas. Disbursements during May amounted to \$1067.50, leaving a balance June 1 of \$533.76. Bills payable as of June 1 were read totalling \$1305.94. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept the report and order the bills paid.

Quota payments received since the last board meeting included a monthly quota payment from St. Paul and payments from Minneapolis, Northfield, Bemidji and Brainerd.

Organization

Miss Horr reported upon legislative clinics held in Farmington, Faribault, Litchfield, Fergus Falls and Wabasha since the last board meeting. She reported a recent trip in the ninth district where she was successful in organizing a new League in Thief River Falls. She also visited Crookston where there is a possibility of League organization in the fall and Moorhead where she conferred with public officials and organization representatives to secure cooperation in the enforcement of the five-day waiting period law.

Mrs. J. R. Parkes, regional secretary of the National League, told of organization work in the four states of the region outside Minnesota. She spoke particularly of the effort to interest farm women in forming Leagues in rural districts. The subject of maternity-infancy legislation is the one in the program that interests them particularly. Mrs. Parkes urged the importance and value of carrying League organization out into the farming districts of the state.

#### State Convention Plans

Miss Lusk reported a meeting of the convention committee, made up of department, committee and district chairmen, following the last board meeting. Following its discussion, the committee voted to authorize the executive committee to arrive at more detailed plans for submission to the board.

Mrs. Wittich, ~~met with the committee and~~, at the request of the chair, presented a summary of program plans. She mentioned and briefly reviewed four subjects in the League program which the <sup>executive</sup> committee thought were particularly opportune for discussion at the 1931 convention: disarmament in the program <sup>the</sup> of/International Cooperation to Prevent War Department; taxation and nomination and election procedure in the program of the Efficiency in Government Department; unemployment in the program of the Department of Public Welfare in Government. The committee thought that the discussion of these subjects might be led by our own chairmen with some prominent speaker brought for an evening meeting and perhaps for the luncheon.

Miss Lusk reported the invitation of the Ramsey County League to hold the state convention <sup>in St. Paul.</sup> ~~there~~. She also submitted the committee's recommendation that the dates be September 30-October 3. There was some discussion of whether to close the convention on Friday or Saturday. Mrs. Stai suggested that those wishing to attend from the state teachers colleges prefer to come on Saturday.



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Miss Lusk spoke of the <sup>possible effort to secure</sup> ~~possibility of securing~~ Judge Florence Allen as luncheon speaker and it was thought that the decision as to the final day might depend upon whether she could come better on Saturday than Friday. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce, to accept the invitation from St. Paul and to approve the recommendation as to dates with the question of the closing day left to the executive committee for final action. It was VOTED to authorize the executive committee to carry forward the convention plans as outlined.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Pearce reported for the Committee on Education, reviewing briefly the history of the committee and mentioning the national and state legislation that has been supported in the field of education. Mrs. Musser reported for the Living Costs Committee.

Mrs. Wittich reported for the Department of Efficiency in Government in place of Mrs. Atwater who was absent.

Mrs. McGuire reported for the Department of International Cooperation to Prevent War calling particular attention to our task of securing signatures for the petition to the general Disarmament Conference of 1932.

#### Woman on the Industrial Commission

Miss Lusk reported that she, with a committee, interviewed Governor Olson recently, as authorized by the board at a former meeting, to urge the appointment of a woman upon the Industrial Commission for the term beginning July 1. The secretary read a resolution prepared at the request of the executive committee for the board's approval. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Clark, to adopt the resolution as read for presentation to the governor.

Division of Women and Children of State Industrial Commission

Miss Lusk reported that, at the request of the executive committee, a delegation called upon Mr. Gallagher, new member of the State Industrial Commission, to learn the facts about the dismissal of Miss Schutz, superintendent of the Division of Women and Children. At the request of the chair, Miss Child reviewed the facts brought out in the interview. (See report in files.) It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, that a letter be sent to the State Industrial Commission emphasizing the importance of the Division of Women and Children and urging that no action be taken to lessen the effectiveness of its work.

~~Miss Lusk expressed the appreciation of the board to the Willmar League and to Mrs. Tallman for their hospitality.~~

~~The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.~~

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

~~Margaret Searl, Secretary~~

Other Business

Miss Lusk reported the recommendation of the executive committee that the next board meeting be held on Tuesday, July 7, in order that Miss Katharine Ludington, vice-president of the National League, may be present. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wittich, to approve July 7 as the date of the next board meeting.

Miss Lusk expressed the appreciation of the board to the Willmar League and to Mrs. Tallman for their hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD MEETING

Aug. 14, 1931

The regular meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Ave., Minneapolis on Friday, August 14, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:35am, Miss Lusk presiding.

Board members present were: Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Atwater, Miss Clark, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Hampton, Miss Lusk, Miss Kercher; and in the afternoon, Miss Monahan and Mrs. Cant. There were also present Miss Florence Harrison, Mrs. T. C. Peck, Miss Child and Miss Frances Baker. In the absence of the Secretary the minutes were read by Mrs. Pearce and approved as read.

Miss Lusk spoke of the decision to omit the July board meeting because of the excessive heat, thus releasing Miss Ludington from her promise to attend en route to the coast.

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Miss Child reported, in the absence of Mrs. Cant, that flowers had been sent in behalf of the board for Mrs. Harrison's funeral.

#### Treasurer's Report *(made in afternoon)*

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on June 1 of \$533.76. Receipts during June amounted to \$2009.28, of which \$237.90 was received in quotas. Payments were received from Shakopee, Pine Island, Duluth, St. Cloud State Teachers College, St. Paul, Watson. Disbursements during the month amounted to \$1497.53, leaving a balance July 1 of \$1045.51. Bills payable amounting to \$765.58 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Mrs. Ringstad, to accept the report and order the bills paid when possible. Mrs. Cant reported a balance on July 1 of \$1045.51. Receipts during July amounted to \$165.55, of which \$135.00 was received in quotas. Payments were received from Granite Falls and Ramsey County. Disbursements during the month of July amounted to \$846.00, leaving a balance August 1 of \$365.06. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept the report.

#### Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. Morrison reported for the FIRST DISTRICT that work in the Winona League will start in September with a board meeting and a membership tea. Mrs. Underwood reported that the Lake City League has filled in the disarmament petition for return to the state office.

Mrs. Ringstad reported for the THIRD DISTRICT that the Northfield League is planning to feature disarmament at the county fair. Mrs. Colby reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT that the Ramsey County League will do a thorough piece of educational work in connections with circulating the disarmament petitions in the early fall. Mrs. Dowling reported for the SEVENTH DISTRICT that meetings in Olivia will be resumed in September.



Mrs. Hampton reported for the EIGHTH DISTRICT that the Duluth League held a legislative clinic in June and more recently worked to get-out-the-vote in the school board election, asking each member to telephone five others, reminding them to vote. A better vote than usual resulted with appreciative editorial comment. She outlined various activities planned for early fall and reported a new money-making activity that involves selling chances on fine quality wool blankets.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Atwater, second of Mrs. Beard, to send an expression of sympathy to Mrs. Spear in connection with the death of her mother, reported by Mrs. Hampton.

#### Report for State Headquarters

Miss Child reported that a letter from Mrs. McGuire to local chairmen of her department was sent out on July 3 conveying the disarmament petition. The petition had been sent out earlier to college Leagues and returns have now come from Hamline and St. Olaf, as well as from Leagues in Atwater, Randolph and St. Cloud. A follow-up message has just been sent out reminding chairmen of August 25 as the date for the return of the petitions to state headquarters.

The request of women's groups for the appointment of a woman upon the Industrial Commission met the usual fate, a man being appointed as the representative of the interests of labor. Miss Florence Burton, a member of the staff for some years past, was appointed to succeed Miss Schutz as superintendent of the Division of Women and Children. *(omit in min.)*

Miss Horr will return to work on August 24. Miss Frances Baker started work as office secretary on August 3, succeeding Miss Hampe.

Miss Child reported the action of the executive committee in deciding to send a year's complimentary subscription to the VOTER to four Minnesota women named as Master Farm Homemakers in the group of 48 for the country as a whole. The purpose is to let these leading farm women know of the work of the League in the hope that they may wish to cooperate in it at some future time.

#### Disarmament Petition

There was discussion of the fact that men cannot sign the League petition and often want to do so. It was suggested that those wishing to meet this need carry also a second petition such as that of the League of Nations Association. The advisability of League representatives circulating the material of another organization was questioned but it was thought that the distinction between the petitions could be made clear.

#### Organization and Finance in the League

Miss Florence Harrison of the National League staff was present by special invitation and discussed the problems of the League in this field. She spoke of the need of giving the rank and file of members an understanding of the value of the organization and of the money needed to maintain it. The first finance field days were held in Illinois for

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the purpose of conveying this understanding to local League officers. Local League presidents were invited to attend at first, but later the treasurer, the finance and membership chairmen were the officers selected for attendance.

Miss Harrison stressed the necessity of regularity in quota payments to the national and state Leagues and spoke of the excellent record of Minnesota in the payment of its monthly quota to the National League. The situation as to the financing of state Leagues is in general unsatisfactory because the responsibility is being born by too few people. There are not enough who have faced the realization that the League is worth working for in terms of money. This is a challenge that we cannot ignore. We must analyze what we have in the League that is worth paying for.

The League has a treasure in its publications that is often more appreciated outside than within its membership. We need to make each member realize what a contribution the League is making in this one respect. One way to do this is for every local League to subscribe to the National League \$3.00 mailing list for which they receive one copy of each new publication as it is issued. An officer may be named to receive the material and report upon each new pamphlet at a general League meeting. It may then be passed on to the local Library or to someone especially interested in the subject--a local minister, newspaper man, banker, etc.

Members of state boards also should have the \$3.00 subscription, Miss Harrison said, and should read in addition a certain general list of references on the League which can be made up at state League headquarters for about \$2.00. Much interest was expressed in the \$3.00 subscription list and Miss Child therefore listed the following orders for it: Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Underwood, Miss Clark, Mrs. Musser, Mrs.

Hampton, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Colby.

Miss Harrison spoke of the fact that in local Leagues that have realized the value and made good use of League publications, there has often resulted a raising of membership dues as a proof of this appreciation. In Illinois, Leagues are fast raising their dues to \$3.00. Another stimulus to increased dues has been the making of an adequate local League budget, including an item for expense of local department and committee chairmen in going to state headquarters for conferences with the state chairmen of the same committees. In one League, a president said she would take the office only if close contact with the state League were assured, thus making its leadership and help available to the local group.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. Grammis reported upon her attendance at meetings for the discussion of child labor at the National Conference of Social Work in Minneapolis during June. She called attention to the new National League publication, "The Nation's Concern for Mothers and Babies."

Mrs. Musser reported having just received a letter from the National League Living Costs chairman conveying new material for the kit on Muscle Shoals and urging that state board members and local Leagues become acquainted with the new material preliminary to interviews with Congressmen this fall. Mrs. Musser said that she would prepare a letter to go to local League chairmen of her committee (being cleared through the executive committee) enclosing a mimeographed copy of the new material. She characterized it as exceedingly interesting and lucid.

Miss Monahan reported that she also plans to send out the letter already authorized by the board, to Legal Status Chairmen asking them to follow the operation of the new marriage law in their counties. Mrs. Denny reported having visited the office of the clerk of the district



court in Hennepin county and listed the number of waivers of the waiting period granted by each district court judge. There were 65 waivers granted for over 1000 marriage license applications. No record is kept of refusals to waive the requirement. It was thought that a request might be made direct to the judges that they keep such a record in their office. Mrs. Colby said that a record of refusals is kept in Ramsey County in the book in which other facts are recorded.

State Convention Committee Appointments

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Ringstad, second of Mrs. Botsford, to name as the Budget Committee Miss Wells, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. F. J. Jewett, Mrs. Carl Weinhagen and Mrs. R. D. Underwood.

IT WAS VOTED to name as the Nominating Committee the following, with Mrs. C. E. Shafer of Minneapolis as chairman: Mrs. Guy E. Maxwell of Winona, Mrs. James Baikie of Redwood Falls, Mrs. Hulburt Hutchinson, of Faribault, Mrs. E. C. Stakman of St. Paul, Mrs. M. W. Richards of Brainerd, Mrs. D. L. Fairchild of Willmar, Mrs. George H. Spear of Duluth, Mrs. Paul Wilkie of Fergus Falls, and Mrs. P. N. Cunningham of Wayzata.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Dowling, to name as the committee on revision of the Constitution and By-Laws Miss Ruth Mitchell, chairman, Mrs. Ringstad and Mrs. O'Neil.

There was general discussion of the program as planned to date. It was suggested that the Finance Field Day be held Thursday afternoon instead of Saturday morning so that more time might be given to it. Mrs. At water suggested that the discussion of the income tax amendment be scheduled for Friday morning and the direct primary for Friday afternoon. Saturday morning might be given to the Department of International

Cooperation to Prevent War, following adoption of the program of work. Judge Florence Allen is to be the luncheon speaker. A Friday evening session will be devoted to the subject of Unemployment.

The question of a registration fee was discussed. The suggestion was made that there be a fee of fifty cents for League members and a larger fee, perhaps a dollar, for all others. The details of the plan were not decided upon. Mrs. Dowling suggested a \$2.50 charge for the luncheon in lieu of a registration fee. IT WAS VOTED, motion of Mrs. Dowling, second of Miss Clark, to ask the executive committee to recommend a plan for approval by the board at its next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Rogers Pearce and

Emily Child, secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MEETING  
September 11, 1931

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, September 11, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am., Miss Lusk presiding.

Board members present were: Miss Lusk, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. Atwater, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. O'Neil and Miss Monahan were present in the morning and Miss Kercher in the afternoon. There were also present Miss Child, Miss Horr and Miss Baker. Miss Agnes Peterson of the United States Women's Bureau was guest of honor and spoke informally at the luncheon.

The minutes were read by the secretary and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance on August 1 of \$365.06. Receipts during August amounted to \$249.91 of which \$212.50 was received in quotas. Payments have been received up to date from Ramsey County and Duluth.

Disbursements during August amounted to \$432.75, leaving a balance September 1 of \$182.22. Bills payable amounting to \$563.79 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. O'Neil to accept the report of the treasurer and order the bills paid.

Mrs. Cant reported that an advertisement for semi-made dresses will be published in the September VOTER and that board members are requested to assist in having the coupon request for the catalogue returned by as many women as possible. Mrs. Colby spoke of the excellence of the dresses and it was agreed that this is the type of advertising that we can use in the VOTER. If sufficient response is received by the advertiser, we shall have further opportunity to increase our income in this way.

A communication from the Cleveland League of Women Voters was read by Mrs. Cant announcing the publication of a calendar of the Phillips Brooks Calendar type but with pictures of League officers and quotations from them making it of particular interest to the League membership. Orders in quantities of 50 or more will be received before October 1 at 35 cents each to be sold at the per copy price of 50 cents. After discussion, it was decided to place an order for 150 calendars with the request that a few advance copies be sent us for display at the Convention. IT WAS AGREED that local Leagues should have the privilege of buying the calendars for resale at 35 cents but that direct sales by the state League should be at the increased price. Orders were recorded by Miss Child from local League officers present for a total of 105 copies.

Report for State Headquarters

Miss Child reported upon the return of 25 disarmament conference petitions from local Leagues in the state. The distribution with Mrs. McGuire's letter of July 3 was of 75 petitions and supplementary supplies have been received at our request of some 45 petitions, in addition to 30 being sent to the Ramsey County League direct. Twenty-three petitions were filled at the State Fair booth making a total of 48 returned from Minnesota to the National League.



Minutes of the PRE-CONVENTION MEETING  
of the State Board  
October 1, 1931

The pre-convention meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was called to order in the Green Room of the Lowry Hotel at 9:20 am, October 1, 1931, with Miss Lusk presiding.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Musser, to omit the reading of the minutes of the last Board meeting.

Board members present were: Miss Lusk, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Ringstad, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Colby, Miss Monahan, Mrs. Denny and Miss Wells.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant gave the Treasurer's report. The September 1st balance read was \$182.22. The receipts during September amounted to \$2112.52, of which \$1771.54 was received in quotas from Willmar, Duluth, Lake City, Redwood Falls, LeRoy, Fergus Falls, Monticello, St. Cloud, Minneapolis, Ramsey County. Expenditures during September amounted to \$1552.21, leaving a balance on October 1 of \$739.74. The bills read amounted to \$676.28. It was moved by Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Underwood, that the report be accepted and the bills paid.

Revision of By-Laws

The proposed change in the wording of the "Object", Section 1 in the new constitution was approved by the board.

Proposed Program

In considering the proposed program it was the consensus of opinion that seven minutes would be an ample amount of time for presentation by the chairmen at the opening session.

Note to Mrs. Burr

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mrs. Cant that an expression of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Burr for her hospitality to the out of town delegates at a fireside supper at her home.

Fiscal Year

Mrs. Cant spoke of the proposed change in fiscal year - September 30 to October 1st. IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Cant and seconded by Mrs. McGuire that the change in date be made.

## Report of the Budget Committee

Miss Wells presented the report of the Budget Committee - Miss Wells, chairman, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, and Mrs. Jewett. Miss Wells said that Board could make the VOTER and the League publications pay for themselves. There is a cut in both these items. She questioned the wisdom of cutting the League staff because it would reflect on the usefulness of every functioning chairman. If such a cut were ever made a "horizontal cut" of every item in the Budget, excepting the National Budget Quota, ought to be made. But at present such a cut is not warranted. Miss Wells then recommended and moved the adoption of a Budget of \$10,399 by the Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Beard and VOTED by the Board.

Miss Wells MOVED the authorization of the Convention to the Board to make a ten percent cut if that should become necessary. It was seconded by Mrs. Cant and VOTED by the Board.

On the recommendation of Miss Wells Mrs. McGuire moved and Mrs. Underwood seconded that the Board appoint three additional members to the Finance Committee. IT WAS SO VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Gage Colby  
Secretary Pro Tem.

STATE BOARD MEETING  
October 23, 1931

P A special meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, Minneapolis, on Friday, October 23, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Those present were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Shafer, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Searl, Miss Horr, Miss Child and Miss Baker.

The minutes of the pre-convention board meeting were read and approved. Miss Child told the board that Miss Lusk had presented to the state office a very handsome small eight day clock. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Beard, that the secretary be asked to write Miss Lusk expressing the board's appreciation of her gift.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Cant made no monthly report since the September report was submitted at the pre-convention board meeting. She read a letter from the National League treasurer with information of general interest to the board. The question was discussed of a plan for distributing the supply of calendars we have ordered from the Cleveland League. Mrs. Grannis volunteered to be responsible for the sale of two dozen. It was AGREED that the calendars should be distributed through board members, so far as possible, eliminating cost of mailing, etc.

Reports of Local Leagues

Mrs. Underwood reported for Lake City, Mrs. Searl for Kenyon (telling a dramatic story of an open forum meeting arranged by the local League for presentation to the voters of the question of a municipal power plant), and Mrs. Beard reported for Minneapolis. A letter was read from the publicity chairman of the Duluth League with news of its activities.

Report for State Headquarters

Miss Child read a letter of appreciation from one of the five farm women given complimentary memberships-at-large in the state League. She reported that the



list of state fair visitors who registered at the League booth has now been copied, showing that in addition to some 625 signatures secured for the disarmament petition, there were 162 registered visitors. Material for the use of local Leagues is now ready to be mailed including Miss Mitchell's first letter to local League presidents, the final form of the Program of Work as adopted at convention, ~~and~~ list of study references available on these subjects, and a Calendar of Activities for local Leagues to call their attention to definite responsibilities such as filling out the disarmament petition, planning pre-election activities for certain months, etc.

#### Department and Committee Chairmen Appointments

Miss Child reported the recommendation of the executive committee that the present chairmen be reappointed except in the following instances: Miss Florence Monahan was recommended for the chairmanship of the Department of Public Welfare in Government and Mrs. J. M. Dobson of St. Cloud for the chairmanship of the Committee on Legal Status of Women. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Grannis, to accept the recommendations of the executive committee.

In response to a request from Mrs. Grannis to be relieved in the chairmanship of the Committee on Child Welfare, it was DECIDED to name Miss Caroline M. Crosby of Minneapolis as vice-chairman of the committee to share the work with Mrs. Grannis until such time as the latter must be wholly relieved of the chairmanship responsibility.

Miss Child asked what the board wished to do about the chairmanship of the Legislative Council which the executive committee last year recommended should be carried by the chairman of Public Welfare in Government. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Underwood, that Miss Monahan be asked to assume this chairmanship.

Miss Horr's suggestion was reported that a chairman of organization be

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named to confer with district chairmen in regard to their activities and to assist the state board by making suggestions in this field. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Denny, that Mrs. Underwood be appointed as chairman of organization.

#### Executive Committee and District Chairmanships

The chair asked whether the board wished to name individuals to serve upon the executive committee or whether it wished to follow the policy adopted in the past of providing that the committee should be made up of the president, treasurer, three department chairmen and the president of the Leagues in Minneapolis and St. Paul. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Grannis, that the executive committee be made<sup>up</sup> of the officers and chairmen named.

Miss Child reported the resignation of Mrs. Ringstad as chairman of the third congressional district owing to increasing pressure of work connected with a church district chairmanship which she holds. The possibility of asking Mrs. O'Neil to take this chairmanship was suggested. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Denny, that, in the absence of Mrs. O'Neil, the executive committee should be empowered to make interim appointments, pending action by the board, to fill vacancies left by resignation.

#### Reports by Committee Chairmen

Mrs. Denny reported that she would like to invite five or six women from nearby Leagues to meet with her for round table discussion of subjects of interest to the Special Committee on Immigration Problems, especially possible subjects of legislation in the coming Congress. The board, by consent, gave its approval to the plan.

Miss Kercher reported that a kit had now been received from the National League on Federal and State Unemployment Services and that the state League is assembling a smaller and less expensive kit on the same subject and with part of the same material, for general distribution. Miss Kercher further reported that

following the state convention she took to the State Industrial Commission the opinion on the constitutionality of the 1923 hour law which she had in a letter from the attorney general following his reading of her brief on the subject. The Industrial Commission decided to ask the attorney general to address an official communication to it on the subject, and Miss Kercher will hear when this has been received. She recommended that ~~the~~ should the opinion indicate the possibility of establishing the constitutionality of the law, a friendly employer be found to institute a friendly suit to secure a court decision on the subject. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Beard, that the board be instrumental, through its chairman, in starting such a suit, providing no expense to the League be involved.

Communications from the National League

The chair called the board's attention to a recent letter from Miss Sherwin asking that congressmen be interviewed on the League's federal measures before the convening of Congress. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Denny, second of Mrs. Grannis, to authorize the executive committee to take the necessary action in following up this request. A letter from Miss Sherwin accompanying the second supply of disarmament petitions to be returned to the National League before January 1 was also reported by the chair.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary



STATE BOARD MEETING  
November 13, 1931

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, Friday, November 13, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Board members present were: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Hoke, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Hawkinson, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Mrs. Pearce Monahan, Mrs. Shafer. Miss Horr and Miss Child were also present.

The minutes were read by the Secretary and approved.

Miss Mitchell spoke informally to the Board of her acceptance of nomination and election as president in spite of already having a "peak load" of responsibilities, and emphasized her need of relying upon the cooperation of each member of the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant gave the Treasurer's report. The October 1st balance read was \$739.53. The receipts during October amounted to \$1010.28, of which \$335.75 was received in quotas from St. Cloud, Litchfield, Wayzata, Kasson, Winona, Duluth. Expenditures during October amounted to \$1189.50, leaving a balance on November 1st of \$560.31. The bills read amounted to \$739.25. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Pearce that the report be accepted and the bills paid.

ORGANIZATION

Miss Mitchell introduced new district chairmen present: Mrs. L. F. Hawkinson of Brainerd (sixth district) and Mrs. J. L. Townley, Jr. of Fergus Falls (ninth district). She announced that Mrs. James O'Neil of Faribault has accepted appointment as third district chairman.

A report of the conference of district chairmen on November 12 with Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Underwood, Chairman of Organization, was made by Mrs.

Hampton in the absence of Mrs. Underwood. Minutes of the conference are to be reproduced so that each district chairman and each interested Board member may have a copy.

Mrs. Hampton also reported for the Duluth League upon Miss Horr's recent work there interesting new groups in the League, and upon Miss Wells' conference with a group invited to hear her. Mrs. Colby reported upon membership work in St. Paul by which 100 new members were added to the League in a short time. A Young Voters group of 75 members is now meeting regularly. Mrs. Beard reported for Minneapolis that the League has some 70 new members and about 250 of the new and old members are enrolled in study groups. Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Denny reported upon the controversy over married teachers in the public schools.

Mrs. Hawkinson reported for the Barinard League, Mrs. Townley for the Fergus Falls League, Mrs. Hoke for Wayzata, Mrs. Pearce for Faribault, Mrs. Grannis for South St. Paul and Mrs. Searl for Kenyon. A letter from Mrs. Morrison was read telling of Winona League plans and activities.

#### Report for State Headquarters

Miss Child asked the Board's approval of a plan by which a synopsis instead of a transcript of the Board minutes would be sent out with the notice of the Board meeting, thus reducing mailing cost and office expense. The Board approved the suggestion by consent. Mimeographed material prepared in the office recently includes a second supply of Mrs. McGuire's Disarmament Conference statement, the World Court Dialogue suitable for use in groups outside the League, the letter and questionnaire on the 5-day waiting period law to Legal Status Committee chairmen and the Calendar of Activities for Local Leagues, together with a list of study references and the Program of Work.

Miss Child mentioned plans for the College League Conference on November 20 and 21. She submitted the recommendation of the executive committee that

plans be made for a mid-winter state meeting with department and organization conferences in the morning and a luncheon with a speaker on some outstanding subject in the League's program. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Colby, to have such a meeting on the day of the regular meeting of the Board, February 12 (Lincoln's Birthday) with the following division of time:

State Board meeting	10 -- 11 a.m.
Conferences	11 -- 1:00 p.m.
Luncheon	1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Colby will inquire whether the Woman's City Club in St. Paul can give us the necessary five meeting rooms during the morning and whether arrangements can be made for luncheon there.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Miss Monahan reported upon her letter to Legal Status Committee chairmen, introducing Mrs. Dobson as the new chairman and conveying the questionnaire on local operation of the 5-day waiting period law. Mrs. Denny reported that Hennepin County judges are not having a record kept of reasons for granting of refusing waivers. The Minneapolis League will address a communication to them on the subject. Miss Monahan suggested that the publicity on replies to the questionnaire, when these have come in, will serve as a spur to proper record-keeping and enforcement of the law.

Mrs. Grannis reported that Senator Wesley Jones of Washington, an author of the maternity-infancy bill in the last Congress, is to be in Minneapolis on November 25 upon invitation of the University. Mrs. Grannis and other League officers will interview Senator Jones to call to his attention the interest of Minnesota women in this measure.

Mrs. Denny reported that she has had the help of the office in writing presidents of nearby local Leagues for suggestions of those who might join a round table study group on Immigration Problems. Such a group is now in process of formation.



National League Communications

Miss Child reported that the executive committee has asked district chairmen to follow up the request that we interview our Congressmen on the League's federal measures. Reports have been received from Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Ringstad (former third district chairman) and all Congressmen will be reached in some way.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Wittich, to name Miss Lusk and Mrs. McGuire as delegates to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington, January 18-21.

State Budget Conference

Mrs. Wittich told of the plan for a Budget Conference at the Capitol on November 24, the first of the kind to be held. She hopes for the attendance of women as representatives of the public in the gallery. The purpose of the conference is to build a foundation for cooperation between department heads and staffs and the budget commissioner.

Report of Field Secretary

Miss Horr reviewed her work with local Leagues since last August. She mentioned each of the Leagues she has visited this fall and told some outstanding fact about them.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 2:00 p.m.

respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl

Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING  
December 11, 1931

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, Minneapolis, on Friday, December 11, 1931. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Those present were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Hawkinson, Miss Kercher, Miss Monahan, Miss Clark, Mrs. Searl, Miss Child, Miss Horr, Miss Baker, Mrs. Parkes and as guests from college Leagues, Miss Dorothy Holmes of the College of St. Catherine and Miss Amy Groff of Macalester College.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. Pearce, to omit the reading of the minutes of the last board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance November 1 of \$560.31. Receipts during from the Northfield, Olivia, Litchfield and Farmington Leagues. November amounted to \$121.54, of which \$32.50 was received in quotas. Disbursements during November totalled <sup>\$663.97</sup> ~~\$17.88~~, leaving a balance December 1 of \$17.88. Bills payable December 1 amounting to \$760.62 were reported. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept the report and order the bills paid.

The auditor's report was also read by Mrs. Cant. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. Underwood, to accept the report and to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Scales for her work.

Reports on Organization

Miss Horr told of her work in organizing new study groups in Minneapolis. Reports on local League activities were given by Mrs. Beard for Minneapolis, Mrs. Colby for St. Paul, Mrs. Botsford for Winona, Mrs. Pearce for Faribault, Mrs. Searl for Kenyon, Mrs. Grannis for South St. Paul, Mrs. Musser for Wells, and Mrs. Hawkinson for Brainerd.

Arrangements for the February meeting under state League auspices were

discussed. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Cant, that it be left to the executive committee to select the final date and place for the meeting and to make the necessary arrangements.

Mrs. Colby extended to the board <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ invitation to hold its March meeting at the new Women's City Club in St. Paul, as guests of the Ramsey County board. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Pearce, to accept the invitation.

The matter of membership ~~of~~ in the board, of chairmen of the committees on Finance, College Leagues, Organization, and Immigration Problems, discussed informally at a previous board meeting, was brought to the attention of the board for action. Miss Kercher advised the board that the committees mentioned are permanent committees in the Minnesota League, renewed by annual appointment, and that they can, therefore, be considered as "standing committees" ~~covered by the~~ whose chairman are ex-officio members of the board. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Cant, that the board approve this interpretation of Article VII, Section 1 of the By-Laws as revised by the 1931 convention.

#### Report of College League Conference

Miss Clark reported in detail upon <sup>the</sup> ~~this~~ first Conference of College Leagues held apart from the state convention. Sessions were held Friday evening and Saturday morning at Carleton College, on November 20 and 21. Representatives attended from state teachers colleges in St. Cloud, Mankato, Winona; from Hamline University, Macalester College and the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul; as well as from the College of St. Olaf and Carleton College in Northfield.

Miss Amy Groff, president of the Macalester College League, and Miss Dorothy Holmes of the St. Catherine's College League, reported upon organization and activities in these college League groups and ~~gave the~~ ~~impressions~~ ~~of the~~ spoke in appreciation of the Conference.



Department and Committee Chairmen ~~and~~ Reports

Mrs. McGuire read a telegram just received from Miss Morgan stressing the need of many more signatures for the World Disarmament Conference petitions and asking that all petitions be in the Washington office by New Year's. She also reported a telegram from the National League asking that ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>wire</sup> be sent <sup>to</sup> President (on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Miss Clark,) Hoover commending his message on the World Court. It was VOTED to send such a wire in the name of the Minnesota League. Mrs. McGuire then reviewed the facts about the Manchurian ~~xxxxxx~~ situation. ~~xxxx~~

Mrs. Grannis reported upon an interview ~~arranged~~ with Senator Jones of Washington, during his brief stay in Minneapolis recently, when she with Miss Crosby, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Shafer and Miss Child talked with him in regard to federal legislation for maternity and infancy. Senator Jones has now introduced into Congress the same bill that passed the House in the last session.

Mrs. Musser reported upon the conference of Public Welfare Department chairmen under the auspices of the National League which she attended in St. Louis in October. She stressed the importance of frequent conferences between local League and state League committee chairmen.

Mrs. Pearce brought to the attention of the Board the <sup>current</sup> discussion of the state Teacher Tenure Law by those interested in introducing weakening amendments in the 1933 legislature. She suggested that the state League should perhaps issue study (supported by the state League in its passage,) material on this law, so that the membership will be prepared to know what action it wishes to take at the 1932 state convention. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Miss Monahan, that the preparation of such material be authorized.

Mrs. Dobson reported to the board a request received from the New York League of Women Voters for <sup>a</sup> supply of copies of the November VOTER with Miss Monahan's article, the same question of married teachers being under discussion there.

Mrs. Colby reported correspondence received from the National League chairman relating to proposed changes in the Program of Work.

Mrs. Denny reported that she is hoping for a membership of 8 or 9 women

women in her round table group for the study of immigration problems. The group will also follow federal legislation before the Congress this winter.

#### State League Radio Program

Miss Child reported the recommendation of the executive committee that a weekly radio program be arranged by the state League to carry information on our program. WCCO has offered to give us a period early in the afternoon on Friday or later on Tuesday. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Colby, to accept the period from 4:00 to 4:15 on Tuesday and to use the dialogue on the Employment of Married Women as one of the first programs. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Denny to leave to the executive committee detailed arrangements for the weekly programs.

#### Communications with Congressmen

Miss Child reported that the executive committee asked district chairmen to interview or write the Congressman relative to League measures that will be before the Congress. She reported upon the replies received up to date.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, that letters to our Senators in behalf of League measures be ~~sent~~ addressed to them by Miss Mitchell as president.

#### Other Business

The chair informed the board that she has received word that the following can attend the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington:

Mrs. Walter R. Ramsey, Mrs. M. V. Seymour and Mrs. Harington Beard. Information has also been received that additional delegates credentials will be available to the Minnesota League. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Colby, that those named above be appointed as delegates to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

January 8, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Minneapolis College Women's Club on Friday, January 8, 1932.

Those present were Miss Mitchell, Miss Wells, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Monahan, and Mrs. Underwood. Others present were Mrs. Parkes, Miss Child and Miss Horr.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with Miss Mitchell presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with a correction in the treasurer's report to which Mrs. Cant called attention.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant read and explained the annual statement of the League's finances. She reported a balance December 1 of \$17.88. Receipts during December amounted to \$1192.93, of which \$964.00 was received in quotas from Faribault, Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, St. Cloud, Duluth, Redwood Falls, Willmar, Lake City and Moorhead. Disbursements during December totalled \$905.58, leaving a balance January 1, 1932 of \$305.23. Bills payable January 1 amounting to \$873.94 were reported. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Shafer to accept the report and order the bills paid so far as possible.

Miss Wells then gave a talk on the budget, giving the main items in it: quotas, office and organization expenses, Woman Voter, publications. The last two items were to pay for themselves, and showed evidence that they could do so. The item of quotas showed a gain/over the same period ~~for the first three months~~ last year. Office and organization expenses could probably not be cut below the amount allowed in the budget. The difference between receipts and disbursements must be made up of outside contributions, and the matter of getting them was thoroughly discussed.

Department and Committee Reports

✓ The question of tax cuts in various towns and counties was brought up by Mrs. Pearce, who cited local conditions in her own county. Miss Wells warned of cuts



being made that discriminated against the work supported by women's organizations and especially the League, because no one was there to protect what had been fought for and won. The remedy is to analyze expenditures to see where saving is possible and not merely lop off items where they dare to. It was suggested that local Leagues be asked to undertake a project in the study of services supported by local taxes, and allied to the League program, in connection with their study of taxation. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Miss Monahan, to prepare material to assist local Leagues to study and prevent such indiscriminate cutting of items in county budgets.

Miss Wells reported on the status of the Leagues' federal measures.

Miss Monahan spoke of the recent conference called by the governor to plan a state conference as a follow-up of the White House Conference on child welfare and asked why the League had no delegate present. Information on this point will be <sup>secured for</sup> reported at a future meeting.

Miss Monahan moved, seconded by Mrs. Botsford, that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution requesting ~~XXXXXX~~ Governor Olson to appoint women to vacancies now occurring in the membership of State Boards. The committee appointed to draft the resolution were Miss Monahan, Miss Child and Miss Mitchell.

#### Organization

Mrs. Denny reported completion of plans for her Round Table on Immigration Problems. Two meetings have already been held. Four bills have been introduced in the Congress, two by Minnesota men, to repeal the National Origins Act.

Mrs. Cant reported activities in the Minneapolis League and spoke of the last minute help given by the chairman of International Cooperation to Prevent War in having additional petitions filled to assure Minnesota's quota of signatures to the World Disarmament petition. It was decided to send an acknowledgment and appreciation of her work to Mrs. Russell Duncan.

Miss Child reported for state headquarters that with the special help of

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the Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues in filling extra petitions over the number requested of them, we have secured our quota of signatures to the petition. Miss Horr reported on her work for the Minneapolis League and visits to Leagues in Austin, Kasson, Randolph and Farmington.

Plans were discussed for the February 5 meeting at the Curtis Hotel. The board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. Department and committee conferences are planned for 11:00 o'clock followed by luncheon at 12:30 o'clock. The speaker and topic for the luncheon address was left to the executive committee for final action.

The resignation of Mrs. Morrison of Winona from the state Board was read. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Pearce, that Mrs. Morrison's resignation be accepted and that she be assured of the regret of the Board in so doing and their appreciation of the fine work she has done.

#### Other Business

It was mentioned that Minnesota has been allowed credentials for six delegates who will attend the conference in Washington on the Cause and Cure of War.

Mrs. Wittich reported on the Budget Conference and also explained her work as Commissioner. She said she is trying to set up books to account explicitly for every release of state money she makes. She has found many accounts and items buried in totals for departments that heretofore had been handed over without question. She brought up the fact that the Division of Child Hygiene is functioning on appropriations received for maternity and infancy work and urged a study by the League to determine whether all the money is being expended for this work. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Botsford, second of Mrs. Pearce, that a committee be appointed to look up the matter. Miss Mitchell appointed Miss Monahan, Mrs. Grannis and Miss Crosby as the committee.

The request of the National League for suggestions of local Leagues in

Minnesota to which they may write ~~inxxxxxxx~~ for help with ~~the~~ a study of the effectiveness of education by radio covering Voters' Service programs during February was reported. Miss Child mentioned having talked with the manager of the Minneapolis studio of KSTP who said that a conflicting program over the blue chain of the National Broadcasting Company (the Voters' Service being on the red chain) would probably make it impossible to carry the National League programs. This statement has been reported to the National League with a request for certain information not yet received.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Florella Underwood, Secretary pro tem



STATE BOARD MEETING  
February 5, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Curtis Hotel on Friday, February 5, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell, presiding.

Those present were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Searl, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Hawkinson, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Everett, and Mrs. Denny.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, to omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance January 1, 1932 of \$305.23. Receipts during January amounted to \$864.33, of which \$332.25 was received in quotas from Winona, Atwater, Fergus Falls, Wells, Breckenridge, Bemidji, Olivia, Kasson and Minneapolis. Disbursements during January totalled \$908.26, leaving a balance February 1 of \$243.30. Bills payable amounting to \$942.94 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant also spoke of the Berth Robert advertisement in the January VOTER, urging board members to remind others to send in the coupon. This advertising helps with the cost of the VOTER and can only be secured again if there is a good return on it.

Proposed Changes in National League By-Laws

Mrs. McGuire spoke of proposed changes in the By-Laws of the National League that each state League is asked to study. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Everett, that Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. McGuire be asked to become familiar with them and report at the next meeting.

Department and Committee Reports

A telegram from the National League was read asking for letters in support of the federal maternity and infancy bill. Discussion followed and members agreed to assist in securing letters from all congressional districts.

Miss Kercher reported the recommendation that the governor be asked to request the Industrial Commission to enforce the 1923 hour law as a means of securing a Supreme Court decision on its validity. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Pearce, that the Board authorize such a request.

Other Business

The secretary reported receipt of a letter from the governor acknowledging the resolution adopted by the board urging his appointment of women upon state boards.

Attention was called by the chair to the Call to the National League convention in Detroit April 25-30.

Mrs. Shafer reported that plans are underway by the executive committees of the state and of the Minneapolis League for moving their headquarters into adjoining offices in the building on the corner of 9th Street and Marquette. The building is new, the space adequate, and the rent substantially lower.

Mrs. Wittich invited the board to hold its April meeting at the State Capitol where she will be hostess for the meeting. Miss Mitchell also reported an invitation from the St. Cloud League for a future meeting and Mrs. Hampton of Duluth delivered the invitation of the Duluth League for the May meeting. Action on these invitations by the board will be at a future meeting.

Mrs. McGuire was asked to use the remaining fifteen minutes of the meeting in reporting informally on the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

March 11, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the Women's City Club in St. Paul on Friday, March 11, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Those present were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Grannis, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Searl and Miss Child.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard presented the treasurer's report. A balance of \$234.30 on February 1 was reported. Receipts during February amounted to \$587.70, of which \$194.50 was received in quotas from the St. Cloud, Duluth, Lake City, Kenyon, Grand Rapids, Faribault, Stephen, Litchfield and South St. Paul Leagues. Disbursements during February totalled \$805.34, leaving a balance March 1 of \$25.66. Bills payable amounting to \$837.87 were reported. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. O'Neill, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept the report, ~~and allow the bills.~~

Miss Mitchell called the attention of board members to the fact that this year, for the first time in the League's history, we will not <sup>have paid</sup> ~~be entitled to~~ our full quota <sup>to</sup> ~~of delegates at~~ the National League <sup>by the date of the Convention.</sup> ~~convention because of non payment of the last two months (February and March) of the National League quota unless a plan is made to secure the necessary funds before April 1.~~ Mrs. Colby said that she would like to try to secure the necessary funds in St. Paul to apply upon the quota assumed by the Ramsey County League. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Musser, that a moratorium in the payment of all other bills be declared up to March 28 when it is hoped ~~the necessary~~ funds for the payment of the national quota can be secured.

Miss Mitchell also mentioned the fact that, in addition to contributions in money, the state League often receives contributions that are a money equivalent and



asked whether it might be well to recognize such contributions in some such way as having them reported at board meetings. It was AGREED by consent to ask the executive committee to decide upon a plan for recording and reporting such contributions.

The continued help of board members was asked in seeing that the Berth Robert coupons are sent in from the January VOTER since Miss Child reported that future advertising to help meet the expense of the VOTER depends upon the response received from this ad.

#### Organization

Mrs. Colby reported for the FOURTH DISTRICT on the luncheon in St. Paul at which reports were given on the Cause and Cure of War Conference. She also told of the six study groups organized by Miss Horr for the Ramsey County League.

Mrs. Beard reported upon a recent tea at which the Minneapolis League presented a caucus skit prepared for the occasion. Study of the direct primary will be undertaken in the period before the election. Mrs. O'Neill reported for Faribault in the THIRD DISTRICT and Mrs. McGuire told of having spoken at a meeting in Hutchinson.

A letter from Miss Monahan was read offering her resignation as Public Welfare in Government chairman and expressing appreciation of her past associations in the Minnesota League. It was VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Beard, to accept Miss Monahan's resignation with regret. Miss Mitchell appointed Mrs. Colby, Mrs. McGuire and Miss Kercher as a committee to prepare ~~an~~ a reply to Miss Monahan's letter, to which signatures of Board members may be attached.

#### Constitutionality of the 1923 Hour Law

Miss Kercher reported having headed the delegation of organization representatives that interviewed the Governor immediately following the last meeting of the board, asking him to issue an executive order requiring the State Industrial Commission to enforce the 1923 hour law. He agreed to do so as a means of securing a

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higher court decision upon the law. The order has now been issued and Miss Kercher will keep closely in touch with the Industrial Commission to assure a proper presentation of the case in court. It is tentatively AGREED that the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company is to be the defendant since the Minnesota Employers Association which Miss Kercher hoped would arrange the defense does not wish to be responsible for presenting the case against the validity of the law.

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Reports ~~xxxx~~ Department and Committee Chairman upon National League Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Grannis reported for the Child Welfare program. Mrs. Musser reported proposed changes in the Living Costs program. She suggested in regard to the state Program of Work that she thought it should contain the item "Regulation of Public Utilities in State and City" recommended for study in the National League program. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, that Mrs. Musser be asked to prepare an outline for such study to be submitted to the state board and to the state convention next fall in connection with a recommendation for the inclusion of such an item.

~~xxxxStakmanxxxx~~ Miss Child reported Mrs. Stakman's comments upon proposed changes in the Efficiency in Government program. Mrs. Stakman, who had been asked to comment upon the department program, was not present.

Miss Kercher and Mrs. Dobson reported changes in the Women in Industry and Legal Status of Women programs; Mrs. Pearce reported for the Committee on Education and Mrs. Colby for the Committee on Social Hygiene. Mrs. Colby stated that she does not approve the proposal to discontinue this committee, and read from the memorandum of the National League presenting arguments pro and con. Mrs. Denny reported red ink items in the program of the Special Committee on Immigration Problems.

Mrs. McGuire called attention to additions in the International Cooperation department program and reported upon the resolution concerning the World Court recently proposed by Senator Reed.

### Woman on the Industrial Commission

Miss Kercher informed the board of the resignation of Mr. Gallagher of the Industrial Commission and recommended that another attempt be made to urge the governor to appoint a woman member of the Commission. It was VOTED upon motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Colby, to arrange for a delegation from the League to interview him, definite arrangements to be left to the executive committee.

### Proposed Changes in National League By-Laws

Mrs. McGuire and Mrs. Pearce read aloud the present articles and proposed amendments. After detailed discussion, it was VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Dobson, second of Mrs. McGuire, to write the National League expressing a preference for the present plan of having department chairmen also hold the office of vice-president and of having the three chairmen, as well as the finance chairman, serve as members of the executive committee. It was thought that this ~~decision~~ does not preclude the possibility of a first vice-president who would share executive and administrative responsibilities with the president.

### Inquiry into State Maternity-Infancy Work

Mrs. Grannis reported upon a conference with Dr. Hartley and Miss Peterson of the Child Hygiene Division <sup>(on January 14)</sup> in accordance with the instruction of the board at its January meeting. ~~held on January 14, 1914~~ Mrs. Grannis <sup>reported</sup> ~~thought~~ that the League's interest in seeing that the funds <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ expended for definite maternity-infancy work was made very clear at this conference. At the recommendation of Miss Monahan, an informal <sup>and confidential</sup> inquiry was later addressed to the United States Children's Bureau asking about the possibility of their surveying the work in Minnesota. The reply received was that, in view of the present pending federal legislation, it seemed best not to take any action in regard to the request <sup>at this</sup> time.

### Other Business

A letter was read from Mrs. Whitney, chairman of the National League Nominating Committee, to Miss Mitchell, asking for nominations for offices to be filled at



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the National Convention. It was AGREED by consent that no changes be suggested in the present list of officers.

It was VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. McGuire, to accept Mrs. Wittich's invitation to hold the April meeting at the Capitol.

Miss Mitchell reminded the board of the invitation from the Duluth League for the May meeting. She asked how many board members present could plan to go. It was decided that information on bus and railroad schedules and rates should be secured and a definite plan for attendance be made before the invitation is accepted.

It was VOTED to thank Mrs. Colby and the Ramsey County League for arranging <sup>place of</sup> the meeting.

The hour of adjournment was 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary

STATE BOARD MEETING

April 8, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the State Capitol, in the House retiring room, on Friday, April 8, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

There were present Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Wittich, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Dolby, Mrs. Denny, Miss Keith Clark, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Townley, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Searl, Miss Horr and Miss Child. There were also present two guests from the St. Cloud League. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report -

Mrs. Cant reported a balance March 1 of \$25.66. Receipts during March amounted to \$715.64, of which \$580.00 was received in quotas from Hutchinson, Brainerd, Austin, St. Cloud, Lake City, Ortonville, Northfield and Minneapolis (\$500.00). Disbursements during March totalled \$487.92, leaving a balance April 1 of \$253.38. Bills payable April 1 amounted to \$876.28. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, to accept the treasurer's report and authorize the payment of bills.

Mrs. Cant called attention to the advertising in the March issue of the VOTER and asked board members to help by sending in for the catalogue offered (~~names were listed by Mrs. Cant~~ signatures were secured by Mrs. Cant during the luncheon hour).

Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. Townley reported for the NINTH DISTRICT having secured county chairmen for four of the seven counties in her district in which there is no local League. Two additional members-at-large have been secured by the chairman in Red Lake County.

Mrs. Denny ~~for~~ reported for the FIFTH DISTRICT that the Minneapolis League at its meeting to consider proposed changes in the National League program authorized the suggestion for report to the International Cooperation Department

chairman that the League of Nations be transferred from the program for study to the program for support. Chairmen of all study groups in the city were called together to confer with Mrs. Beard on program plans for next fall. The Minneapolis League took its turn in sponsoring the reception to new citizens securing their naturalization papers.

Mrs. Colby reported for the fourth district on the young voter group in St. Paul and plans under way to entertain members of the three college ~~xxx~~ League groups in St. Paul. A rummage sale is to be held as a money-raising activity. Mrs. Colby reported similar action by the Ramsey County League board to that of the Minneapolis board on the League of Nations item.

Mrs. O'Neil reported for the **THIRD DISTRICT** upon activities of the Faribault League. Miss Mitchell reported a very successful candidates meeting arranged by the St. Cloud League in the **SIXTH DISTRICT** with excellent newspaper publicity.

#### National League Dollar Membership Plan

Mrs. McGuire reported the proposed plan to be submitted to the National League convention substituting a per capita dollar membership for the quotas <sup>to the National League.</sup> now paid by state Leagues. A mimeographed statement received from the National League was reviewed by Mrs. McGuire. Mrs. Cant reported upon preliminary discussion in a conference of Miss Lusk, Miss Wells, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Parkes, and Miss Child held at the request of the National League April 27, 1931. The board were in agreement with the conclusions of that conference that a change in the plan of payment from the state to the National League is not desirable in Minnesota and would <sup>probably</sup> result in no increase in the amount paid. Mrs. Wittich suggested the substitution of ~~may~~ may in place of shall in the proposal, making it permissive instead of mandatory.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. McGuire reported a letter of appreciation to Secretary Stimson for his message to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the World Court.



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This was sent in response to a request by wire from the National League. Mrs. McGuire also reported the present status of discussion in the World Disarmament Conference.

Miss Kercher reviewed the history of federal cooperation with the states in public employment services, as an introduction to her presentation of facts about the Wagner bill in the last and the present Congress.

Mrs. Dobson and Miss Child reported upon the followup of the questionnaire on the five-day waiting period law to secure returns from counties in which there is no League organization. Mrs. Grannis reported a communication from the National League and one from Governor Olson in regard to cooperation by the League in the observance of May 1 as Child Health Day. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grannis, second of Mrs. McGuire, to include mention of such cooperation in the next communication to local Leagues. Miss Clark reported upon college student activities in which the Carleton College League group has cooperated.

#### Proposed National League Program to Local Leagues

Discussion was asked by the chair on the desirability of asking department and committee chairmen in future to prepare brief commentaries on proposed changes in the National League program to accompany the printed pamphlet when it is sent to local Leagues. It was AGREED by consent that this plan should be carried out in future, as a source of information and help to chairmen in local Leagues.

#### Delegation to National League Convention

Those ~~now known~~ planning to attend the National League convention were named as delegates by consent. The question of proxies for committee chair-  
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men/will not go to Detroit was discussed. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Grannis, to ask Mrs. Wittich to serve as proxy for the Department of Efficiency in Government. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Pierce, that appointment of other delegates and the naming of proxies for the committees on Legal Status of Women, Women in Industry, Child Welfare and Social

Hygiene be left to the executive committee. Mrs. Dobson suggested that Mrs. Swain of Winona might go as her proxy and agreed to write her.

The offer of the Christian Science Monitor to send a complete file of issues containing reports of the National League Convention for a payment of 30 cents was reported.

#### Organization

Miss Horr reported having visited the Leagues in Redwood Falls, Ortonville, Pipestone and Brainerd. New Leagues have been organized since the last board meeting in Gaylord in the Third District and in Marshall and Glenwood in the Seventh District.

Miss Mitchell reported a plan made by the Executive Committee to stimulate a check of membership in local Leagues from April 15 to May 15 for the purpose of renewing memberships and VOTER subscriptions and securing new ones.

#### Communications from National League

Miss Mitchell reviewed letters she has received from Miss Sherwin during March and April. She read ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> quotation of policy, as formulated by the National Board, on partisan activities of League officers. Mrs. Grannis reported upon letters sent in the name of the state League to Minnesota senators, in response to news forwarded from the National League of a proposed cut of 25 percent in the U. S. Children's Bureau budget.

#### Appointment of Women to State Boards

Mrs. Colby reported upon an interview which she and Miss Mitchell had with the governor as a delegation from the League to request him to appoint a woman to the vacancy in the State Industrial Commission. He referred to the League's previous resolution in support of the appointment of a woman to the State Board of Health and asked for suggestions of qualified women. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Grannis that the following names be submitted: Dr. Mary Ghostley of Lake Julia Sanatorium, Dr. Helen Hughes Hiescher of Mankato and Dr. Charlotte Stickney of St. Cloud.

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May Board Meeting

~~IT WAS VOTED~~

The recommendation of the executive committee was reported that the May board meeting be held in one of the Twin Cities, instead of in Duluth, so that attendance might be better for a program of reports upon the convention. It was hoped that the invitation from Duluth might be postponed to another time. IT WAS VOTED upon motion of Mrs. <sup>Grannis</sup> ~~Exley~~, second of Mrs. <sup>Colby</sup> ~~Grannis~~ that an invitation be extended to local League presidents to attend the meeting, the place to be left to the executive committee.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Wittich for her hospitality.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searl, Secretary

Addendum (by correction of the minutes at the May meeting of the Board)

The decision of the executive committee was reported by the chair that an exception be made in the case of local public libraries to the ruling that the VOTER be sent within the state only to dues-paying members of the state or local Leagues.



STATE BOARD MEETING

May 12, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club, Minneapolis, on Thursday, May 12, 1932. The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m., Miss Mitchell, presiding.

Those present were Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Grannis, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Botsford, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Musser, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Townley, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Wittich, Miss Horr and Miss Child. There were also present as guests members of the Leagues in Minneapolis, South St. Paul, Willmar, Austin, Mankato and Northfield. Total attendance at the luncheon, 42.

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

Mrs. Underwood, as secretary pro tem, read statements from the National League in regard to the Postal Telegraph Company plan of securing signatures to a petition in connection with the attendance of distinguished women from other countries at the World Fair in Chicago in 1933. The National League advises against cooperation because of the support involved from commercial interests.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance April 1 of \$253.38. Receipts during April amounted to \$998.47, of which \$432.55 was received in quotas. Disbursements during the month totalled \$1048.54, leaving a balance May 1 of \$203.31. Quotas payments were received from Winona, St. Cloud, Willmar, Fergus Falls, Minneapolis, Duluth, Olivia, Randolph and Wabasha. Bills payable amounting to \$1331.53 were reported. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Underwood, to accept the report and authorize the payment of bills when possible.

Miss Child reported the outcome of the sale of the Cleveland League calendars. Two hundred were ordered by Minnesota of which all but sixteen were sold very quickly. It is hoped that local Leagues were able to realize a small

income from the sale of the calendars since all postal charges involved were borne by the state League. The charge of \$10.40 still due, with 16 calendars on hand, was met by a donation of \$4.80 by a member of the Cleveland League (omitted to state that the price board (in view of the fact that the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Cleveland League ~~XXXXXX~~ did not include postage) and by a donation of \$5.60 by a member of the Minnesota League.

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There was general discussion of what can be done to meet the present which is not deficit in the state budget/due to an over-spending of the estimated budget but rather to a failure to receive estimated receipts. Mrs. Cant spoke of the unusual response there has been in quota payments from small Leagues during the year. Nevertheless, an extra lift with the budget is needed. Miss Mitchell asked whether Leagues or individuals that have already contributed might be asked to do still more in view of the emergency. Mrs. Colby thought that the time has come for individuals and groups within the League to do more than they ever have in planning small money-raising events, the money from which may be turned into the League treasury. Mrs. Beard asked whether a state-wide finance committee might not secure one hundred dollar contributions from individuals scattered throughout the state ~~whether~~ whether or not they may be in places where there is local League organization. Mrs. Underwood thought that in small places it is much better to have the request for contributions from individuals come directly from a state League officer. Local women are involved in so many money-raising responsibilities that they are handicapped in asking for individual contributions. Miss Horr suggested that it is better not to press new Leagues to make quota payments until the organization is in good working shape and the officers understand thoroughly the value of the League and its work. When they do, she thought they responded well to the suggestion of sending ~~in~~ quota payments to the state League.

#### Reports by District Chairmen

Mrs. Beard reported for the Minneapolis League upon the success of its

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monthly teas for the membership and upon study groups that have been active during the year. Mrs. Colby reported for the Ramsey County League that they have had equally successful meetings for their membership held in a regular central meeting place. A rummage sale recently held ~~xxxxx~~ brought a considerable sum into their treasury.

Mrs. Townley reported for the NINTH DISTRICT the addition of another county chairman leaving only two counties in her district without chairmen. Mrs. Underwood, as chairman of Organization, told of a new plan which she and Miss Horr worked out to provide for an exchange of local League news. Two mimeographed exchanges have been prepared and sent out to local Leagues following a request addressed to each local League to report ~~their~~<sup>its</sup> most interesting meeting of the year. Mrs. Underwood also stated that she would like to have a second conference with district chairmen, perhaps at the time of the June board meeting, as a follow-up of a similar conference last fall.

Miss Horr reported upon plans for group meetings of several Leagues to be held all over the state in May. During the past week she attended such meetings in Pipestone and Ortonville, taking Mrs. H. H. Weeks with her as speaker, and one in South St. Paul addressed by Mrs. Russell Duncan of Minneapolis. She thought such group meetings, to which she takes a representative of the state League as speaker, are excellent for the morale of local Leagues. They end on a high note at the end of the year and are ready to resume work in the fall with enthusiasm.

#### Department and Committee Reports

Mrs. McGuire reported a letter written during the last month to President Hoover, in response to a wire from the National League, commending the leadership of the United States' delegation at the World Disarmament Conference. She discussed the question of cooperation by local Leagues in assuming responsibility for the three-day seminar offered by the Women's International League for Peace and



Freedom for a charge of one hundred dollars. In the discussion, board members seemed to agree that in the smaller cities of the state, it would be better for League members to support the seminar as individuals rather than assuming responsibility for it as an organization, whether alone or in cooperation with other organizations. Mrs. McGuire pointed out that the purpose of the seminar seemed to be to agree upon action which might fall outside the scope of the program authorized by official action of the League membership.

Mrs. Musser reported the recent status of legislation affecting Muscle Shoals. She stated that she has some simplified material on the tariff that may be suitable for mimeographing to use in connection with the National League pamphlet on the subject. It was AGREED that more elementary material than the National League pamphlet on the Tariff is needed for use by local Leagues. Discussion ~~that took place~~ at the National Convention on the importance of state Leagues, preparing such material to supplement that of the National League, which is necessarily somewhat more sophisticated, was reported by Mrs. McGuire.

Mrs. Grannis reported the present status of maternity-infancy legislation and quoted a letter from Miss Sherwin on the subject. Mrs. Wittich reported that the April issue of the American Mercury had an article by Dr. Glendenning on the diversion of funds for maternity-infancy work which she thought members of the board might be interested in seeing.

#### Pre-Primary Activities

The <sup>desirability</sup> ~~question~~ of questionnairing candidates before the primary election was discussed in connection with <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ problem of what published use to make of the replies and biographical data secured. It was suggested that a printed booklet of information on the candidates be published and either sold to the public or financed by asking candidates to pay for space. Mrs. Wittich thought the latter plan undesirable because all the candidates would not take space and the book would either be incomplete or the plan would have to be different for different candidates. Mrs. Beard asked whether information could be secured from candidates on measures

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other than those in the League program. It was thought that this would only be possible in the case of incumbents whose votes on Congressional bills might be reported as a matter of recorded fact. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, second of Mrs. ~~Tennet~~ Townley, to send out the questionnaire to <sup>Congressional</sup> candidates ~~according to the plan in~~ <sup>as in</sup> former years. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. McGuire, second of Mrs. Pearce, that a Committee of Three be appointed by the president to investigate the possibilities of publishing information on candidates to serve the purpose of information to voters and perhaps also serve as a money-raising activity.

The meeting adjourned on motion at 12:45 p.m. and did not re-convene, the afternoon being devoted to talks on the National League convention by the delegates who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Florella Underwood, Secretary Pro Tem

## STATE BOARD MEETING

June 10, 1932

The regular monthly meeting of the state board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held at the College Women's Club on Friday, June 10, 1932.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

There were present Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Musser, Miss Kercher, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Hixon, Mrs. Underwood, Mrs. Colby, Mrs. Searl, <sup>Miss Horr</sup> and Miss Child.

### Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Cant reported a balance May 1 of \$203.31. Receipts during May amounted to \$921.25, of which \$613.50 was received in quotas from the Leagues in Grand Marais, Lake City, Columbia Heights, St. Paul, Pipestone, St. Cloud, Minneapolis, Shakopee, Farmington and Wayzata. Disbursements during May amounted to \$581.28, leaving a balance June 1 of \$543.28. Bills payable as of June 1 were read totalling \$1400.35. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Dobson, to accept the report and order the payment of bills so far as possible.

### Executive Committee Recommendations

Mrs. Cant and Miss Child reported the plan to close the office for July and August, members of the staff being on leave of absence without pay for periods supplementing the vacations allowed. The executive committee further recommended the omission of the July and August issues of the VOTER. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Pearce, second of Mrs. Hawkinson, to accept the recommendation of the executive committee in regard to summer plans, authorizing the executive committee, with the finance chairman, to make such changes as are necessary in the plan.

Miss Mitchell reported the recommendation that Mrs. Swain of Winona be appointed to the vacancy in the first district chairmanship. It was VOTED, on motion of Mrs. Shafer, second of Mrs. Underwood, to accept the recommendation.

### Department Reports

In the absence of Mrs. Grannis, Miss Child reported upon various con-



ferences held by Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Grannis and Miss Crosby, as a follow-up of the Board's instruction, on the subject of the maternity-infancy work carried on by the Division of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health. She reported that the last of these conferences was with Dr. Blanche M. Haines, a member of the staff of the United States Children's Bureau in charge of maternity-infancy work.

Miss Kercher reported in regard to the progress of plans to secure a test case on the 1923 hour law, following the executive order by Governor Olson requiring the Industrial Commission to secure its enforcement. Miss Kercher asked that if action should be delayed beyond the coming week, a letter be addressed to the governor asking him what action is being taken. It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher; second of Mrs. Cant, to approve the sending of such a letter upon word from Miss Kercher. Miss Kercher was asked to prepare the letter to be sent in the name of the board, if it proves necessary ~~to send it~~.

Miss Kercher, at the request of the chair, read a letter from Miss Sherwin to Miss Mitchell on the subject of federal relief legislation, as the new item for support in the national program, and reviewed the contents of a Congressional News Letter outlining measures pending in the Congress. A letter was read by the secretary from a woman working in a store in a small town in the state, reporting extremely long working hours.

#### Pre-Election Activities

A communication from the National League was reported asking the cooperation of the state League in calling the planks proposed by the National League to the attention of delegates who will attend the national conventions in Chicago this month. It was suggested that board members undertake to make personal contact with as many of the delegates as possible, supplementing a letter from Miss Mitchell enclosing a copy of the proposed planks. It was suggested that opinions of prominent people on the planks be secured for purposes of publicity, but no plan for securing such opinions was made by the Board.

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Preliminary Plans for State Convention

Mrs. Beard conveyed the invitation of the Minneapolis League that the convention be held in Minneapolis. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Pearce, to accept the invitation. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Underwood, to hold the convention Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the third week in October, with the possibility that special conferences might be scheduled on Wednesday and the opening convention session held Thursday morning. It was also suggested that the fireside supper might be held Wednesday evening and that the convention might end with a dinner meeting Friday in place of the usual luncheon. Following discussion of what candidates should be invited to speak at a candidates' meeting, it was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Colby, that candidates for governor be invited to speak Thursday evening, October 20, and that replies from Congressional candidates be mimeographed and distributed at the meeting if the expense involved is approved by the Finance Committee.

It was VOTED on motion of Miss Kercher, second of Mrs. Pearce, that the executive committee serve as the program committee for convention and appoint a chairman who may or may not be a member of the executive committee.

Miss Mitchell reminded the Board of the necessity of beginning the discussion of recommendations for the legislative program to be submitted to the Board for approval in advance of the convention. It was decided to ask the department chairmen to meet with Miss Mitchell and Miss Child for a preliminary conference on Friday, June 24.

Message to Governor in re State Board of Parole

Miss Child reported that Miss Monahan has been in Minneapolis for a few days and that she urged that some action be taken in the matter of urging the appointment of a qualified woman to the vacancy created by the death of one of the members of the Board of Parole. Since <sup>Miss Monahan</sup> ~~she~~ thought action should not be delayed until the board met, Miss Child called together organizations repre-

sented in the Legislative Council for a meeting on June 4. The group <sup>agreed to send</sup> ~~authorized~~ a letter to the governor in which the League was authorized to join by vote of members of the executive committee.

#### Appointment of Woman to State Board of Health

Mrs. Colby reported the newspaper announcement of the appointment by the Governor of Dr. Helen Hughes Hielscher to the State Board of Health. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Musser, to send a letter to the governor expressing appreciation of the appointment.

#### July and August Board Meetings

A letter from Mrs. Everett was read by the secretary inviting the state board to hold its July meeting in Redwood Falls. After discussion, it was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Pearce, that a reply be sent explaining the difficulties in the way of accepting the ~~the~~ invitation. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, second of Mrs. Colby, to hold the July meeting at Old Orchard at Lake Minnetonka. Miss Mitchell extended an invitation to the Board to hold the August meeting at Grandmother's Garden in St. Cloud and suggested the possibility of district chairmen holding a **second** conference on legislative program recommendations the day preceding the meeting, remaining overnight with her.

It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby to accept Miss Mitchell's invitation for August.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Searle, Secretary



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Afternoon Session

Project for Selected Local Leagues

Miss Horr outlined a plan which she would like to suggest to some six local Leagues in the state to undertake an intensive study of the local county government with a special list of questions prepared by the state League department chairman on some phase of the department program. The study would also supply the necessary background for action by the local League in defense of cutting out county expenditures for public welfare services allied to the League program. The Board by consent approved the plan.

Partisan Activity of League Board Members

Miss Mitchell reported that Mrs. Botsford has asked whether the Board would like to have her resignation in view of her service upon the committee of five women in the campaign for Earle Brown for governor. The report of previous discussion on a similar situation was read from the Board minutes of April 1930. It was AGREED that such partisan activity should never be carried on along with her League office by those holding the presidency of the state or a local League. It was thought that for others, such as directors, the fact that some work for one candidate, some for another is a sufficient safeguard of the unpartisan policy of the League in the eyes of the general public.

Mrs. Beard expressed it as her opinion in general that a League officer engaging in partisan activity should not resign but should be given leave of absence for the period of the campaign. She also thought that the present policy of having Board action on each case as it comes up is necessary to enable each decision to be made in the light of growing experience. It was VOTED on motion of Mrs. Colby, second of Mrs. Beard, that Mrs. Botsford's offer of resignation should not be accepted.

*Emily Beard*