



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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STATE BOARD MINUTES
January 16th, 1942

The monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, held on Friday, January 16th, 1942 (postponed one week from the usual meeting date because of the absence from the city of Miss Mitchell, attending the General Council meeting of the League in Indianapolis). Meeting called to order at 10 p.m., Miss Mitchell, presiding, with following members present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Gruenhagen, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Gimslason, Mrs. Witherstine, Mrs. Morin, Mrs. Congdon; staff members, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins; guest, Mrs. Paul Bix of St. Paul.

Mrs. Fleming was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Finance

Mrs. Duff gave the treasurer's report for December, showing a balance December 1st of \$937.55, receipts during the month of \$1,145.49, disbursements of \$892.78, leaving a balance December 31st of \$1,190.26. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Mrs. Duff reported that the bills payable during January were estimated at \$758.82, and that the large balance was due to the fact that pledges of local Leagues were rapidly being met.

Organization

Mrs. Crounse reported for the committee, consisting of herself, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Duff, which was appointed by the November board to submit suggestions to the board for filling the vacancy in the finance chairmanship. She stated that the committee wished to recommend that Mrs. Cant be appointed state finance chairman. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that Mrs. Cant be so appointed.

Miss Horr reported the organization of a new League in Luverne, that it was the only League ever to be organized in Rock county. Miss Mitchell said there

was not only a need for steady, sound new Leagues, but also a definite need for old Leagues to "hold steady."

Dates for the state convention in May were discussed, Mrs. Collins reporting that she and Mrs. Grahame had determined that either the Lowry or St. Paul hotels were available the first week in May, that neither was available during the second week, that the third week was available at either hotel. In discussion which followed it was brought out that holding the convention the first week in May might make ~~it~~ some national officer available for the state convention, since the national convention is to be held the last week in April in Chicago. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Congdon, that Thursday and Friday, May 7th and 8th, be selected as convention dates.

Miss Mitchell reported on a letter she had from Mrs. Starr, chairman of the nominating committee for the national convention, with reference to suggestions for nominations, and asked board members to pass on such suggestions to her. She said that Miss Wells was not to be a candidate for president, and possible members of the national board for such office were informally discussed. It was agreed that the executive committee be asked to consider this matter further.

It was agreed that League members should make themselves active as individuals in various fields of defense work, but that such work should not be brought within the League. It was agreed that members were ready for a definite project within the League, that there seemed to be general recognition among members that the services of the League are essential, and that those Leagues or members who might be wavering in this, were probably those that had been least effective in the past.

There was discussion of the organization of speakers' bureaus, with the need for advertising to the community that such speakers were available, through the press, through special letters, etc., brought out. In this connection, the possibility of using skits or dialogs for those who fear they are not competent to talk at various meetings, was brought out.

Miss Mitchell reported on the general council meeting held January 7th and 8th in Indianapolis, which she and Miss Horr had attended as delegates from the Minnesota League, and led discussion on the points brought out at the council meeting.

The discussion on the necessity for citizen understanding of government at the Council meeting followed closely the discussion on this point by the state board at its meeting in December.

Those present at the Council took it for granted that League members would do "war work" individually, but that the League should make it perfectly clear to all its members what the League's purpose and importance is at the present time.

It was brought out in council discussion very plainly that war work unrelated to the League's concern with government should not be brought into League work. This type of work is to be done as individuals, and not officially by the League.

League tasks not essential to war time should be abandoned was the feeling at the council meeting. In this connection, the board raised the question as to whether or not our work for the establishment of a legislative council might be considered non-essential.

Agreement was reached by the Council that League activity in war time should be to interpret government to the widest possible public. Miss Mitchell then read a letter from Miss Wells on the conclusions reached by the Council, and the "declaration" unanimously adopted by the Council.

Miss Horr outlined the tangible plan suggested for putting the General Council's recommendation into action, which could be simplified so that it would be applicable to even the smallest Leagues in Minnesota. The plan is to be proposed for adoption to each local League.

There was discussion of the possible ways of putting into effect the third statement in the declaration in connection with the 1942 election, bringing out the need for keeping careful record of the votes of incumbents, and the possibility of asking each district chairman to keep track of such votes of the congressman

man from her district.

It was reported that by vote of the Council the name and content of the News Letter was to be changed, that it would henceforth be called "Trends" and that it would deal with general governmental trends, rather than being restricted to subjects on the League program as in the past.

Mrs. Carter gave a brief description of the newly organized Volunteer Service Bureau of the Minneapolis Council of Civilian Defense, of which she is the head. The purpose of this bureau is to recruit for civilian defense, and strengthen democracy by giving individuals a part in health and safety defense. The Bureau is advising organizations to do their own job and to do it better than ever.

There was further discussion of the subject for the course to be sponsored by the League at the Center for Continuation Study, March 12th, 13th and 14th. It was agreed that Mrs. Stakman be asked to recommend to Mr. Nolte of the Continuation Center that the subject of this course be a consideration of the economic problems which must be solved to secure permanent peace.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that a conference for local League presidents be planned for early in February.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Miss Knudson, that the executive committee be authorized to appoint the nominating committee for the state convention.

There was further discussion of the relationship of the League to local defense councils. It was agreed that Leagues should explain to the council what the League is ready and willing to do, that is, show the councils what we are doing, rather than turn to them for leadership. In connection with contributions to the Red Cross, which some Leagues have been asked to make, it was agreed that such contributions should not be made by the League, as not being fair to either members or contributors, who support the League for a specific purpose.

Meeting adjourned at one o'clock for luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Fleming

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters, was held Friday, January 30th, 1942, at Miss Mitchell's apartment. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Newhart, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. McQuarrie, and Mrs. Bartlett (representing Mrs. Grahame); Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

State convention There was some discussion of the length of the convention, with the possibility of ending it at the close of the second afternoon, eliminating a final dinner meeting. It was agreed that this question be presented to the entire board for decision.

Nominations for National convention There was discussion of possible candidates for the presidency, with much interest expressed in Mrs. Field, as well as Mrs. Cheek and Mrs. Wright. It was suggested that the possibility of returning past members to the board, such as Mrs. Eliel and Mrs. Greenough, be considered.

Nominating Committee for State Convention

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Duff, seconded by Mrs. Carter that Mrs. Beard be appointed chairman of the nominating committee. Possibilities for members of this committee from the various districts were presented by Miss Horr, with the following agreed to as good choices: Mrs. Watson, of Northfield, first district; Miss Dorival of So. St. Paul, second district; Mrs. Thurston of Anoka, third district; Mrs. Richard, St. Cloud, sixth district; Mrs. McKenzie of Pipestone, seventh district; Miss Britts, Duluth, eighth district, and Mrs. Townley of Fergus Falls, ninth district. Suggestions for the fourth and fifth districts are to be made by the presidents of the Ramsey County and Minneapolis Leagues.

Budget committee for state convention Mrs. Duff recommended that a small, especially appointed budget committee serve this year, rather than the Finance Advisory Committee. It was agreed that Mrs. Cant, as finance chairman, might serve as budget chairman, with a committee of members selected from the three larger cities, and at least two of smaller size. Mrs. Duff, as treasurer, would serve as an ex-officio member. Possibilities suggested were Mrs. Himes of St. Paul, and Mrs. Robert Congdon of Duluth.

Presidents' Conference Miss Mitchell reported on the plans for this conference the coming week, and urged members of the executive committee, not already assigned to special duties in connection with this conference, to attend.

Preparation of League material Mrs. Newhart presented a proposed procedure for preparation of such material, to be recommended to local Leagues, either for preparation of study material, such as is included in "penny sheets" or in local "broadsides" on current governmental problems. After discussion, the following procedure was agreed to:

Purpose: to give information, to create public opinion, and, incidentally, to give experience to League members.

Procedure: 1) Analysis of the need by the board
2) Gathering of facts; putting facts into form; submission to a reading committee of League members who would, among them, read the proposed material for policy, clarity, adequacy, (whether it meets the need) and simplicity of presentation; final submission to two or more experts.

It was agreed that if a local League board feels the need for material on questions of state-wide or nation-wide significance, such need should be reported to the State Board.

It was further agreed that local Leagues considering the preparation of material on local questions, should submit to the State Board the subject or subjects of such material, and that all local material should be submitted to the State Board, giving the names of experts consulted, for final authorization.

There was some discussion of the difference between "broad-sides" and the usual "penny sheets". It was brought out by Mrs. Duff that the chief difference seems to be that broadsides try to arrive at one point, and focus on what the war is doing to certain aspects of government. There was some discussion of the possibility of urging local broadsides on local budgets, as they are affected by the war effort.

There was discussion of the distribution of broadsides, and it was agreed that it was not advisable to give widespread free distribution, even outside the League membership.

There was discussion in regard to the vacancy ~~in~~ a directorship on the board, created by Mrs. Cant's resignation to accept the finance chairmanship. It was agreed that a director should be selected who could carry on the work in connection with ~~Mr~~ civil service, done by Mrs. Cant, and it was agreed that Mrs. Sam C Gale, of Minneapolis, who is acting as special adviser on state civil service to the Minneapolis League, might be considered.

The plan presented by Mrs. Winter of interest/League's in purchasing defense stamps, to be turned over to the JGS Fund, was considered, but no decision reached.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins

STATE BOARD MINUTES
February 13th, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held, Friday, February 13th, 1942, at the Hampshire Arms Hotel in Minneapolis, beginning at ten o'clock, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Gruenhagen, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Beard, and Mrs. Witherstine. Guests were Mrs. Russell Spear, Minneapolis, Mrs. Paul Greig and Mrs. Hannigan of St. Paul; staff - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minute be dispensed with.

Finance

Mrs. Duff gave the treasurer's report for January showing a balance January 1st of \$1,190.26, receipts during the month of \$967.51, disbursements of \$912.83, leaving a balance January 31st of \$1,244.94. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, that the report be accepted. Mrs. Duff reported bills payable during February estimated at \$698.87, and that at the end of nine months of the current fiscal year, we are running close to budget estimates except in the case of contributions from persons where there are local Leagues. Seventy-two per cent has been realized of the pledges made by local Leagues. Receipts from educational material run over \$900 as compared with the \$700 budget estimate, although the cost has increased correspondingly.

No addition to report to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.

State Convention

Miss Mitchell announced that Mrs. Beard has agreed to serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee, following authority given to the executive committee to make such appointment. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Fraser, that the following members from each district be those first asked to serve on the Nominating Committee - First, Mrs. Watson of Northfield; Second, Miss Dorival of South St. Paul; Third, Mrs. Thurston of Anoka; Sixth, Mrs. Richards of St. Cloud; Seventh, Mrs. MacKenzie of Pipestone; Eighth, Miss Britts of Duluth, and Ninth,

Mrs. Townley of Fergus Falls. The presidents of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues were asked to submit the names of suggested members who might represent their respective districts.

It was reported that the executive committee recommends that the budget committee be a small, especially appointed committee. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that Mrs. Cant serve as chairman of this committee, with possible members - Mrs. Hines of St. Paul, Mrs. Robert Congdon of Duluth, and one member from some smaller nearby League. Mrs. Duff, as state treasurer, would serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

There was discussion of the advisability of ending the convention at the close of the second afternoon, and dispensing with the final dinner meeting. It was agreed that this should not be done, but that the Fireside Supper should be the final event.

Miss Mitchell announced that she had written to the National League to determine if some National Board member would be available at the time of the convention.

Continuation Course

It was reported that a group of citizens in Minneapolis were sponsoring a course on the Post-War World on the same dates set by the League for the course at the Continuation Center. After discussion of the advisability of postponing the course, and/or changing the subject for discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Miss Knudson, that plans be abandoned for the time being.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Duff, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that Mrs. Cant's resignation as a director be accepted, ~~with regret~~.

A letter from Mrs. Jackson, was read, offering her resignation as vice president because of illness. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Crounse, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that her resignation be accepted with regret.

Miss Mitchell reported that the executive committee wished to recommend that Mrs. Samuel C Gale, of Minneapolis, be appointed as a director, with the special portfolio of civil service. In this capacity she would represent the League on the Civil Service Council. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Fraser, seconded by Mrs. Beard, that Mrs. Gale be appointed as a director.

War-Time Service

There was discussion of this service and the ~~entire~~ change of emphasis which it entails with the focus ~~entirely~~ away from the education of League members. ^{only} Miss Horr analyzed the suggested organization chart for this service which had been sent to all local Leagues, showing the relationship to usual League organization pattern.

There was discussion of the enrollment of members, bringing out the necessity for reaching members "face to face." In the discussion on the training of leaders, it was brought out that the chairman of the department under which the subject of a broadside falls might well be called in to assist.

There was then discussion of the distribution and preparation of broadsides. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bartlett, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that one of the first broadsides to be prepared by the State League be on civilian defense in the state. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Anderson that a committee of three be appointed to start thinking through on the most needed type of broadside on state civilian defense. Suggestions made were that it be indicated who makes the various appointments throughout the state, and whether any employees are under civil service.

Suggestions made for other broadsides included state finance, assessment systems, effect of war on state personnel, and the question of lowering the standards for teachers, particularly in the rural schools.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Luwe, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett that consideration be begun on broadside on question of qualifications of teachers.

National Program of Work

Members were requested to study the proposed program before the March meeting and either mail or bring in suggestions and comments.

State Program of Work

Mrs. Duff presented a suggested outline which was received enthusiastically, under the headings of Purpose, Method and Specific Aims: -

Miss Mitchell suggested that Mrs. Newhart, Dr. Boynton and Mrs. Duff meet over to talk this new plan for presenting the program. Board members were asked to consider before the next meeting specific legislative problems which might be included on the program, such as establishment of a legislative council, county assessor system, larger units of school administration, as well as the constitutional amendment on publication of charter changes which may be voted on again at the coming election.

Joint Income Tax

Inasmuch as this question is again being brought up, a letter from Miss Wells, received last fall on this question, was reread.

The proposal of the Minneapolis League to prepare broadsides on the Minneapolis school situation, and another on citizen's responsibility for government, was presented. While it was agreed that the first subject was an excellent choice for a local broadside, it was felt that the need for the second was probably felt by League members needing stimulation for the war-time service plan, but was not the type of subject that should be selected for "purveying" to the public some current governmental problem.

Civil Service

Mrs. Beard reviewed briefly some of the obstacles that have had to be met by the civil service department during the past two years. It was agreed by the Board that this resume be printed in the Voter, and that a broadside be prepared on the effect of the war on state personnel problems, stressing the importance of a merit system.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy L Gruenhagen

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The first draft of the proposed "broadside" on civilian defense in Minnesota, authorized by the February board, was read. Various suggestions for changes and additions were made.

Mrs. Duff presented the outline for the proposed program of work, as presented by her to the February board meeting, and discussed further by herself, Dr. Boynton and Mrs. Newhart.

It was agreed that the proposed statement on PURPOSE be shortened to read "To help make the kind of citizens democracy needs. It was agreed that the proposed statement on METHOD be unchanged except for the omission of the words "into departments" - the statement to read "Through the years, the League has developed a technique of handling problems of government. It has learned how to divide its fields of interest and its activities into small enough tasks for any individual to undertake but large enough in the aggregate to contribute materially to the maintenance of that democracy for which we are fighting."

It was agreed that the statement under SPECIFIC AIMS concerning Helping to Form Public Opinion be emphasized as part of the special war-time plan of the League of bringing to the public information on war-time government, such emphasis to be secured by listing it first, or across the entire end of the program.

Careful consideration was given to the wording under VOTING to avoid the implication of League support of specific candidates. Final wording agreed upon was "The League will work for the election to office of persons who are capable of dealing with the problems which will arise."

Under FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES it was agreed that the fields of special attention be indicated.

Under SUPPORTING LEGISLATION, it was agreed that division should be made between support of federal and state legislation, and that it show that support of state measures is made upon authorization of the State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins,
Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES
March 13th, 1942

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and accepted with two minor changes.

Finance

Mrs. Duff gave the treasurer's report for the month of February, showing a balance February 1st of \$1,244.94, receipts during the month of \$1,082.62, disbursements of \$808.35, leaving a balance February 28th of \$1 519.21. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, that the report be accepted. Mrs. Duff reported that outstanding bills for March were estimated at \$797.28, including the final payment on the pledge to the National League.

Mrs. Cant briefly analyzed the budget recommended for 1942-43 for the National League, which proposes an increase of \$7,105 more than the past year's Budget, due principally to the expenses of a non-resident president, increased provision for field work, salaries and the Convention, and reported that the Minnesota League has been asked to increase its annual pledge from \$4,000 to \$4,200. There was discussion of ways and means of meeting this additional amount, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to all local League finance chairmen, with copy to the president, explaining the budget and reasons for increase, with suggestions of methods for raising the money.

National Convention

It was reported that the Minnesota League would be entitled to its full delegation of 11 delegates and 11 alternates, with additional delegates credentials for department chairmen. While there is no limit on the number of visitor's credentials, the National League has requested an estimate on these before the end of March. Mrs. Stakman agreed to accept the responsibility of stimulating attendance at the convention, especially among long-time League members. The determination of delegates and alternates credentials will be taken up at the April board meeting.

State convention

Miss Mitchell received the board's permission to appoint Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Workman as a special committee to give suggestions for convention program to the executive committee.

Mrs. Grahame was asked to determine whether the Ramsey County League would assume responsibility for entertainment at the Fireside Supper.

There was some discussion of possible speakers and subjects. It was felt by the board that a subject not too definite, but that would point to the citizens' responsibility along our own war-time service would be best choice.

It was suggested that as an economy the usual dinner meeting, open to the public, might be omitted, and small meetings for League members substituted. Two luncheon meetings would be held, with the Fireside Supper as the final event on Friday.

National Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. McQuarrie read a summary of the reactions of the Minneapolis League board on this program. After much discussion it was decided that while the "Active List" might sound a little vague, it could not be made too definite because no one could foretell the future and the League does not want to find its hands tied in an emergency.

to make statements more clear, particularly the statement under "Voting Intelligently", the addition of "high standards of service" in the statement on "Observing Administrative Practices", the addition of enabling legislation for housing among the state measures listed under "Supporting Legislation", and the inclusion under this same division of a statement which would permit action on critical problems of legislation having to do with the war and consequent increase in government. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that these changes be accepted, and the proposed program be sent out to local Leagues for consideration and suggestions.

War-Time Service

Miss Horr gave a short resume of the progress of War-Time Service plans throughout the state. She reported that so far 31 Leagues have standing orders for broadsides as they are published. Plans in progress in Minneapolis and St. Paul were reported. There was some discussion on how to secure subscriptions to TRENDS, particularly from outside the League membership. There was discussion of further use of the radio, particularly in the Twin Cities, where it was requested that the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues take this responsibility, after clearing with each other.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy L Gruenhagen, Secretary

It was agreed that some better wording for "Active List" might be found, such as "List for Activity."

It was agreed that the footnote explaining the focus of the Active List should be placed before the List, and emphasized in some way.

It was agreed that there should be some method worked out to show the relationship between the Platform and the Active List.

There followed discussion of specific items. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Wright, seconded by Mrs. Nelson, that the State Board recommend to the National Board that Maintenance of Essential Civilian Services be added to the Active List. It was also suggested that in the first item on the Active List, "non-essential" might be substituted for "non-defense."

It was voted on motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Gale, that the state board recommend to the National Board that some change be made in wording of the statement on qualified personnel in the Platform, in order to emphasize it more and not qualify it, and that the possibility of placing it on the Active List be considered.

Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Wright brought up the question of separating public health and public welfare, and including "federal" under the latter; as well as the removal of co-ordinated responsibility in the relief item.

State Convention

The members who have accepted to serve on the Nominating and Budget Committees were reported. Mrs. Beard, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, analyzed vacancies which will arise on the board this year and asked for suggestions for her committee in filling them. Miss Mitchell announced her intention to resign as president.

State Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Duff presented some suggestions for changes in the proposed program of work as it had been sent out to board members, which were recommended by herself, Mrs. Newhart and Dr. Boynton. These included some changes in wording

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Miss Mitchell read a promotional letter with regard to TRENDS that had been sent from Miss Wells. There was considerable discussion of ways in which subscription list might be increased, such as stimulating individual selling, contacting schools and libraries. Also opportunities for distributing Broad sides were discussed.

State Convention

It was agreed that the State Board meeting should be held the evening before the convention opens (Wednesday, March 6th), with Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Grahame to consult on possibilities of securing a "hostess" for this meeting. It was agreed that the Presidents' Conference be held the first morning of convention, with suggestions of another concurrent meeting for other delegates discussed. One possibility suggested was an analysis of the National Program, as adopted by the National convention.

The suggestion of basing the convention program on the four responsibilities of citizenship as listed in the proposed program - developing informed public opinion, voting intelligently, observing administrative practices, and supporting legislation - was agreed to. Miss Mitchell outlined a tentative convention program on this basis. It was agreed that the convention should open formally at the time of the first luncheon. It was agreed that Mrs. C J Braun of the Fairfax League be asked to make the response.

There was considerable discussion of plans for Thursday evening. It was agreed that it might be advisable to have an "outside" speaker on Post-War Plans, provided an excellent one could be obtained. After discussion, it was decided that Miss Mitchell should determine whether or not Dr. Simons would be available and what his fee would be. In the event that no such speaker is secured, it was agreed that there should be no dinner meeting that evening, but several small conferences, to discuss items on the legislative support program, such as county assessor system, larger units of school administration and teaching personnel, and Minnesota finances.

It was agreed that the voting on the program of work should occur Friday morning, and that civil service should be the subject of one of the luncheon meetings, with a National Board member at the other luncheon, conferring the League's War-Time Service program. For the Fireside Supper, it was agreed that no "skits" should be arranged for, as previously done, but that it should be an "experience meeting" on War-Time Service.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Crounse, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the convention registration fee be set at 50 cents.

After discussion, it was agreed that delegates' credentials should be apportioned as in the past, and that any League member should be eligible to register as a delegate.

Mrs. Beard, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, discussed vacancies that will occur due to expiration of terms of office. She reported Miss Mitchell's continued intention to resign from the presidency, and her willingness to continue as a vice president, in charge of legislation, and to help a new president in every way possible. Inasmuch as her term of office ~~has~~^{does} not expire at this time, there was discussion as to whether the presidency should be filled by appointment, or opened for election by the convention. It was agreed the latter was preferable. There was general enthusiasm and agreement to the possibility of urging Mrs. Duff to be a candidate for the presidency.

Miss Horr reviewed the situation with reference to the Marshall League, which has reported to the state office that they are planning to disband. Inasmuch as Miss Horr feels there is not much she could do in a brief visit to Marshall, it was agreed that Mrs. Belair, a member of the Minneapolis League who came from Marshall, should be asked to try to interest another group in establishing a League, with her travelling expenses to be met by the League.

Miss Mitchell reported that Mrs. Crounse has submitted her resignation as a vice president, to become effective when advisable.

There was further discussions with reference to nominations for office, and it was agreed that it would not be advisable to correspond with all local League presidents throughout the state, asking for comments and suggestions (as is done by the National League), but that a member of the Nominating Committee from each district meets the need for state-wide responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Covinne K Collins

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Monday, April 6th, 1942, in Miss Mitchell's apartment at the Hampshire Arms Hotel. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Duff, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Grahame and Mrs. Newhart. Absent - Mrs. Crounse. Also present, Mrs. Gale, Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

After discussion it was agreed that the committee recommend that the \$50 budget item for travelling expenses to National convention not be allocated at this time.

There was discussion of the possibility of chartering a bus for the Minnesota delegation to the National League convention, and it was agreed that this should not be done, inasmuch as delegates were due in Chicago at different times. Miss Mitchell reports on the list of those definitely planning to attend the convention.

State Convention

Miss Mitchell outlined the tentative convention program. It was agreed that it might be advisable to have another speaker at the first luncheon, when the National League board member would speak on the League's War-Time Service. Mrs. Grahame was asked to determine whether Harold Wood of St. Paul would be available.

There was discussion of a dinner meeting the first evening on civil service, with the possibility of Mr. James M Mitchell, of Chicago, Director of the Civil Service Assembly, as the chief speaker. It was agreed that Mr. Mitchell be invited. Mrs. Gale was asked to be thinking of ways of stimulating attendance at this meeting, and of special invitations which should be extended.

It was reported that Dr. Quincy Wright, of Chicago, would be available for a luncheon meeting on Friday, but that as his engagements were being made through a lecture bureau, a fee of \$100 would probably be asked. It was agreed that the final decision on this be left to the State Board.

There was discussion of how "Voting Intelligently" could best be presented. No definite decision reached.

It was agreed that the program for the Fireside Supper cover the League's War-Time Service activities, with plans presented for a skit on preparation and distribution of a local League broadside. Plans for possible exhibits were discussed briefly.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins

STATE BOARD MINUTES
April 10th, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, April 10th, 1942, at the Hampshire Arms Hotel in Minneapolis. Meeting called to order at 10 a.m., Miss Mitchell presiding.

Present; Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Witherstine, Mrs. Fraser. Mrs. Wolf, convention chairman, was present as a guest. Staff members - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

Mrs. Newhart was appointed secretary pro tem, and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as mailed out to all members.

Finance

Mrs. Duff gave the treasurer's report showing a balance March 1st of \$1 519.21, receipts during March of \$478.83, and disbursements of \$899.41, leaving a balance March 31st of \$1 368.63. Report accepted. Mrs. D called attention to the fact that the present balance was almost the same as the balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, but that there was still around \$1 000 outstanding in local League pledges. It was agreed that bills outstanding be paid in the usual procedure.

Mrs. Cant reported a \$5 contribution from the Wabasha League to the J G S Fund- the third annual contribution from this League. There was discussion as to how this Fund could be brought to the attention of convention delegates, and it was agreed that some pictorial presentation be made. Mrs. Cant agreed to check on possibilities of having a poster made, and Mrs. Witherstine reported that Miss Parlin might be able to make such a poster, and asked that the necessary information be sent to her.

National Convention

Mrs. Cant presented the request from the National League for an increase from \$4 000 to \$4 200 in the Minnesota's League's pledge. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Duff, seconded by Mrs. Witherstine, that the delegates to the convention be

authorized to pedge \$4 200 to the National League.

Mrs. McQuarrie analyzed the proposed changes in the National by-laws, covering elimination of memberships at large, raising of minimum affiliation fees, doing away with department conferences prior to convention, providing for nominations eight weeks before convention, and changes in the program-making procedure. After some discussion it was the general indication of opinion that the proposed changes were suited to the new type of program. It was agreed that delegates to the convention should have an analysis of these proposed changes.

The list of those known to be planning to attend the National convention was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, that Mrs. Fraser be the proxy for the Social Welfare Department conference, as Mrs. Nelson cannot attend. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Mrs. Duff be the second delegate to attend the general council meetings. Other possibilities of proxies for department conferences, where department chairmen would not be able to attend, were discussed, and it was agreed that those suggested be made proxies. Department chairmen were asked to collect samples of material.

The main speakers at the National Convention were announced to be Bernard De Voto, Richard Tawney, the Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shi, and Edgar Ansell Mowrer.

That the \$50 allotted in the budget for convention expenses of delegates be reserved for Council expense fund next year was approved, because too many are going to convention to make it worth the division.

State Convention

Plans made to date to the state convention were reported. After some discussion, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Grahame were appointed to determine the subject and speaker for the foreign policy luncheon. It was agreed that, inasmuch as Mr. Mitchell of the Civil Service Assembly would not be available for a dinner meeting, that civil service be discussed at an afternoon business session.

Miss Mitchell reported that St. Paul Board Members, and Mrs. Wolf, convention chairman, would be hostesses for the State Board for the pre-convention board meeting.

There was general discussion of a dinner meeting Thursday evening on "Voting Intelligently", based on the plans proposed by the National League for electing qualified candidates. Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Newhart and Mrs. Duff were appointed to decide on and secure speakers for such a meeting. There was general agreement that there be a Minneapolis and a St. Paul newspaper man, plus a member of the University faculty. It was agreed that there be no speaker other than the member of the National Board at the luncheon Thursday noon.

It was reported that the Minnetonka League is considering presenting a change in the proposed program to permit support of legislation affecting the present drivers' license law.

Organization

Mrs. Crouse's resignation as a vice president was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Duff, seconded by Mrs. Carter, that the resignation be accepted, with the expressed hope that she will serve in some other capacity.

A letter was read from Mrs. Dougherty of Austin, offering her resignation as a director and regretting her inability to continue. No action was taken on her resignation inasmuch as her term is expiring at this time.

Miss Mitchell announced that Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Morin have asked not to be considered for re-appointment to their respective department chairmanships.

Miss Horr reported the organization of a new League, with members living in Excelsior and vicinity. There was some discussion of the supervision of Leagues within Hennepin County, with the possibility of the Minneapolis League sometime expanding to take in the entire county. Miss Horr reported that Mrs. Belair of the Minneapolis League, had gone to Marshall, where she formerly lived, to reorganize the League there.

Question raised concerning reluctance of board members to secure more subscriptions to Trends.

Mrs. Duff reviewed the National League material on how to elect a good

Congress. Mrs. McQuarrie suggested that quotations from speeches of congressmen be included with the roll call records. What do we expect of candidates should be definitely expressed. It was agreed that the roll call votes should be available for distribution by the time of the state convention. It was also agreed that in the general campaign, congressional and legislative should be tied together.

With reference to the poll in the April Members' Magazine, it was suggested that local Leagues be urged to conduct such polls in their communities, with accompanying newspaper publicity. It was agreed that a flier, such as the one proposed by the National League, be made available later, possibly during the pre-primary period after filings for office are in.

There was some discussion of which League members should be exempt from political activity, with discussion to be continued at May Board meeting.

With reference to the question as to how much League activity was expected this summer, it was brought out that such activity would be more than ever necessary in view of the fall elections.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen R Newhart, Secretary *Helen R Newhart*

STATE BOARD MINUTES

May 6th, 1942

The regular pre-convention meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday evening, May 6th, 1942, at the home of Mrs. Arthur Cammack in St. Paul, with St. Paul members of the board and the convention chairman as hostesses, Miss Mitchell presiding. Present: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Morin, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Workman. Guests: Mrs. Baldwin of the national board, Mrs. Wolf and Mrs. Krueger of the convention committee. Staff members - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Gale was appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with no additions or corrections.

Finance

Mrs. Duff gave the treasurer's report for April, showing a balance April 1st of \$1,268.63, receipts during the month of \$1 050.50, disbursements of \$915.49, leaving a balance April 30th, the end of the fiscal year, of \$1,503.64. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Mrs. Duff reported that bills payable during May were estimated at \$892.65, and it was agreed that bills be paid in the usual order.

Organization

Miss Horr reported on a visit to Marshall made by Mrs. Belaiw of the Minneapolis League, a former Marshall resident, and Mrs. Workman gave her impressions of the meeting, at which she was also present, reporting that there were only six present and not much enthusiasm shown. She suggested that members of the old group which has disbanded should not be the nucleus for a new group. Action on dropping Marshall was postponed.

Budget

Mrs. Cant presented the report of the budget committee, recommending a

total budget of \$10,490. The budget includes an increase in pledges from local Leagues of \$245, making the total item \$8,745; the item of contributions from League communities, which was estimated at \$500 for the past year and on which \$330 was realized, has been kept at \$500. The net receipts from the Woman Voter are recommended at the same amount, but net receipts from educational material are cut from \$100 to \$50, as a larger proportion of material prepared by the National League is anticipated, on which there is no margin of profit. Receipts from the JGS Fund remain the same, and the item of direct contributions (from persons outside the state or from communities in which there is no League) is included at the exact amount of renewals of such contributions.

On the disbursement side, the pledge to the National League is increased to \$4,200; the salary item is cut somewhat but is still larger than the amount expended during this year; the item for S S taxes is slightly increased, as well as the item for office maintenance, to cover possible increased costs. The depreciation fund was cut from \$100 to \$75, and might be cut still further as this would cover only maintenance of present equipment. The promotion fund is renamed the President's Contingent Fund, and \$100 is included for expenses of President to General Council meeting, and the item for Legislative and Field Work is recommended at \$500. IT WAS MOVED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the budget as proposed by the committee be recommended to the convention. After further discussion on the item for legislative and field work, and possible reductions in other expense items, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Congdon, that the item for legislative and field work be increased by \$100, with the understanding that Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Cant present a plan for distributing this increase among cuts in other expenses, or increase in receipts. Original motion as amended adopted.

Nominating Committee

Mrs. Beard reported on the slate of new officers that is to be finally considered by the Nominating Committee for presentation to the convention.

It was reported that credential registration blanks for state board

members would be held for them at the registration desk, and specific responsibilities of board members during the convention were called to their attention.

Proposed Program of Work

Mrs. Newhart presented the request from the Minnetonka League that the State Board consider recommending to the convention support of changes in the driver's license law. After discussion, bringing out the points that the League already has a heavy legislative program and other organizations are working for this change, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, that the State Board do not recommend this as an addition to the program.

The program as proposed was then read by the secretary. Certain editorial changes were recommended in the wording of the various paragraphs, and two committees, consisting of Mrs. Congdon and Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Newhart and Mrs. Cant, were asked to recommend specific rewording. It was agreed that the program should specifically state that the League does not endorse or oppose candidates, and there was considerable discussion of the broad authorization given the state board for support of measures brought about by war conditions. It was agreed that this statement should be reworded to show more clearly that such measures should have relationship to the League's past experience.

Political Activity of Board Members

There was discussion of what members of the board could take part in political work, either in a party or for a candidate, and what type of activity could be undertaken without jeopardizing the League's non-endorsement of candidates. The discussion brought out the danger of implying League endorsement if members, closely identified with the League, are actively and publicly working in behalf of any candidate. Insofar as members of the state board are concerned, it was agreed that any members wishing to work for a candidate should present her wishes to the board, or executive committee, and that there should be individual decision on each case, taking into consideration the League office held, the type of work contemplated, and connections outside the League. There was discussion of the possibility of adopting a specific rule, such as elected officers

not actively participating in party work or for candidates, bringing out that appointed members, or past members of board, were often even more closely identified with the League in the minds of the public. If the decision was that work by such members might imply League endorsement, it was pointed out that she could resign temporarily from her League office.

With reference to a policy which might be followed by local Leagues, it was agreed that presidents and vice presidents should never work for candidates or hold office in a political party. Miss Mitchell reported that this subject would be discussed at the local presidents' conference during the convention, and that emphasis would be placed on the necessity of local boards carefully considering this problem in the light of their own communities.

Miss Mitchell presented her resignation as president, to take effect after the convention. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that her resignation be unanimously accepted.

Miss Mitchell recommended that the board consider proposing a change in the by-laws which would provide for a smaller board.

A unanimous vote of thanks was offered to Mrs. Cammack, Mrs. Wolf and the St. Paul members of the board, for the "lovely evening."

Meeting adjourned.

Stella Gale, Secretary pro tem

STATE BOARD MINUTES

May 8th, 1942

A special meeting of the elected members of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was called on Friday afternoon, May 8th, 1942, at the Hotel Lowry in St. Paul, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Witherstine, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Peterson.

It was agreed that Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Lawe and Mrs. Cant be re-appointed as chairmen of economic welfare, legal status of women and finance respectively, that Mrs. Beard be re-appointed civil service adviser and Mrs. Bartlett Woman Voter editor. Mrs. Jasper Toutges of Jackson was appointed chairman of government and its operation, Mrs. Everett Fraser, chairman of government and social welfare, Mrs. John McGovern, chairman of government and foreign policy, and Miss Frances McKee, government and education. It was reported that Mrs. Anderson did not wish to be re-appointed College League adviser, with responsibility for state board attendance, inasmuch as she would be unable to attend board meetings, although willing to continue as such adviser. It was agreed that no board appointment be made for such adviser.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Wednesday, May 27th, 1942, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Grahame. Mrs. Collins - staff member. Absent - Mrs. Carter. A discussion of summer plans for the office was held. It was decided to grant Mrs. Collins, this year, a special vacation of one month, dates of which to be planned with her and the Mpls. office; to ask Kathleen Ryan to come in half time or less while Mrs. Collins is away; to discontinue the telephone for 2 months, and use the Mpls. phone.

Tax Legislation

Mrs. Duff reported on a wire just received from Miss Wells with reference to urgent word to Mr. Knutson as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee on including provisions for withholding income tax payments at source, in the consideration of the pending federal tax bill. It was agreed that Leagues in the Sixth District should be sent special requests on this matter.

Congressional Campaign

Mrs. Duff outlined the plans for the summer campaign on the congressional election, with the first phase preceding and during the filing period aimed at creating public opinion on the need for capable congressmen, followed by intensive work during the pre-primary period. In the first phase, suggestions made and plans formulated include a special flier for widespread distribution, interviews with party heads, and local meetings patterned after the congressional dinner at the State convention, to be followed by a broadside on roll call votes of present members.

During the pre-primary period, candidates for congressional office are to be interviewed personally, ^{wherever possible} on the basis of the questionnaire prepared by the National League. It was agreed that the nine congressional district chairmen would be asked to be responsible for these interviews.

With reference to publicity on the congressional campaign, it was agreed that Mrs. Thorp should be asked to write a general release, which would be taken to the Twin City newspapers by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues, and sent to all local Leagues for use in their newspapers.

There was some discussion of what use could be made of the replies from candidates to the questionnaire, and it was suggested that the National League be asked how other Leagues have gotten these returns to the attention of the public.

Radio

In the discussion of the possibility of radio programs, Mrs. McQuarrie reported that the Minneapolis League had been offered a regular 15 minute weekly period over WLOL, with the suggestion that Mrs. Thorp might be willing to make such broadcasts. It was agreed that the State League might arrange for occasional broadcasts, or a different type of series programs over some other station, and it was agreed that Mrs. Clark Fletcher should be asked if she would be willing to assume this responsibility. It was further agreed that such a radio chairman need not be a member of the State Board, but might be especially invited to attend from time to time.

Broadsides

There was discussion of how further use of broadsides could be stimulated during the summer, and discussion of possible broadsides on state subjects. It was felt that the flier, the broadside on congressional roll calls, and three forthcoming ones from the National League, would be sufficient to carry through the summer, but that one or more state broadsides should be ready by September 1st. Dr. Boynton and Mrs. Newhart were appointed to consider broadsides, both from the

point of view of content and style.

Support of candidates by League officers

There was further discussion of this question, following discussion at the May meeting of the State Board and at the Presidents' Conference during the convention. Consensus of opinion was that the Board decision that ~~each~~ case of each Board members should be considered individually was wise. It was reported that no general agreement was reached at the Presidents' Conference, except that a local president should not hold a major position in a political party nor work for a candidate. There was some discussion on the meaning of "work" for a candidate, and it was agreed that a local president was free to give out information on candidates based on their records, particularly on measures on which the League had taken a stand.

With reference to summer activity in support of tax legislation, as well as on the congressional campaign, the opinion was expressed that emphasis should be placed on the latter. The suggestion was made that requests for action on legislation be sent immediately to all State Board members, as a direct request.

Fall Meetings

With the possibility of gas rationing, Mrs. Duff asked for consideration of fall conference meetings. Two alternatives might be two large conferences in the Twin Cities, one for northern Leagues and one for southern, or many small conferences throughout the state, at points accessible by bus or train. Further discussion of this matter by ~~June~~ State Board at June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins,
Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES
June 12, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, June 12, 1942, at the Hampshire Arms Hotel in Minneapolis, Mrs. Duff presiding, beginning at ten o'clock. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. McGovern, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Toutges, Mrs. Gruenhagen, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Witherstine and Mrs. Dalrymple. Staff - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

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

Finance

Mrs. Crounse gave the treasurer's report for the month of May, showing a balance May 1st of \$1,503.64, receipts of \$753.52, disbursements of \$910.60, leaving a balance May 31st of \$1 346.66. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the report be accepted. Mrs. Crounse reported that bills payable during June were estimated at \$812.49, and that most of these had already been paid.

Organization

Thenew members of the board present - Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Toutges and Mrs. McGovern, were introduced.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Dalrymple, that the same executive committee as last year serve again for this year. These members are, in addition to the president - Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Carter, Miss Mitchell, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Grahame.

Miss Horr reported the organization of two new Leagues in Perham and Lindstrom and that these Leagues were being set up without the usual department chairmen, but with special chairmen for the different fields of activity or legislative support.

A letter from Mrs. Wright, resigning as chairman of government and economic welfare was read. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Miss

Mitchell, that the resignation be accepted and a note be sent to Mrs. Wright telling of regret and deep appreciation of all her work on the board. After discussion IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Fraser, that Mrs. Lindstaedt of Austin be first choice for this appointment, and Mrs. Wettelson of Willmar second choice.

A letter from Miss Wells was read, offering assistance from the National League in organizing any of our work. It was felt by the board that there might be ways in which such assistance would be valuable, particularly in the three large cities, and it was left to the executive committee to decide on this, after consultation with the presidents of these Leagues.

There was discussion as to advisability, in view of tire shortage and gas rationing, of holding more fall conferences within a smaller radius. It was decided to continue planning for seven or eight meetings, as usual, and if plans have to be rearranged in the fall, this could be done.

A letter from the president of the University was read, stating that Janet McCart, who had been president of the college league at the University, had been awarded the Clara Ueland Fellowship for the coming year. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that a congratulatory letter be sent to Miss McCart.

It was announced that there would be a "quiz" of new board members at the August meeting.

Radio

It was reported that Mrs. Clark Fletcher, assisted by her daughter, would prepare and give radio programs for the League. It was as yet undecided on which station these would be given, or whether they would be regular or special programs, but it was hoped that WCCO might be interested as it was heard throughout the state.

Legislation

There was discussion of the request for action on the pending tax bill before the House Ways and Means Committee, bringing out that the stand of the League, authorized under the Active List of the National Program, was that the war should be paid for to the fullest extent possible by taxation, that there should be fair distribution of the tax burden, with provision for immediate collection. With reference to the proposed joint income tax return, it was stressed that the League has no position on this question as such, but has expressed the opinion that it should be settled as a tax question and not as a women's rights one.

With reference to possible changes in the present state statute governing minimum wages for women and minors, Mrs. Fraser reported that a model bill drawn up by the Women's Bureau of the U S Dept. of Labor had been revised by the class in legislation at the University, and that some change in the Minnesota statute permitting boards for separate industries was advisable, but that the Industrial Commission might well be swamped if too many separate industries were recognized. Boards for related industries where conditions of employment are the same would be best. It was felt that the League could move ahead on this question at the legislature if there was some advance understanding among affected groups.

There was discussion of how education might be done on the question of improvement in the drivers' license law, and it was agreed that the chairman of Government and Its Operation, under whose jurisdiction this item comes, be asked to prepare or have prepared an article on this subject for the VOTER. League support during the legislative session might be restricted to appearing at a hearing, or might include other types of active support.

Mrs. Beard reported on a letter from the National League on the question of the Equal Rights Amendment, which is now before the Senate. A letter from the National League has been sent to all members of the Senate, giving our reasons for not desiring this legislation. No need for action on the part of all Leagues is indicated at the present time, but word will be sent if such support

seems needed. It was suggested that arguments against this be given in any letters written to Senator Ball.

War Time Service

It was reported that the distribution of broadsides is not increasing. It was thought that giving broadsides away was not quite as good as selling them. Board members were given slips, indicating various reasons for slow distribution, which they were asked to fill out and turn in. Later tabulation of these slips indicated that timidity in making contacts seems to be the biggest stumbling block.

There was discussion of broadsides to carry through the summer. It was felt that the proposed state broadside on the congressional election, plus the two new ones just issued by the National League, were probably sufficient for the summer months. With reference to content of future state broadsides, the following subjects were suggested, with the executive committee to decide which and when - interstate trade barriers, constitutional amendment on charter changes, drivers' license law, state taxes and their use in the war emergency, safeguarding of school moneys. It was agreed that all such broadsides should not be on subjects in which the League is especially interested, but on what the public wants to know, and the advisability of printing rather than mimeographing was stressed.

Miss Wells has written that a special effort be made to increase the subscription list of TRENDS. Board members reported on the difficulties they had met in securing such subscriptions, particularly from men. It was decided that everything possible be done to increase the number of subscribers - through libraries and schools, and all other possible ways. It was felt that one member in each League should have this as her special responsibility. It was suggested that publications of other organizations might comment on it - such as the Journal of the Minnesota Education Association.

Following luncheon, Mrs. Blakey of the Minneapolis League, spoke of some of the problems of taxation, as a check on inflation and the advantages and disadvantages of various proposals.

It was reported by Miss Mitchell that Mr. Pennebaker, director of the state civil service department, was deciding whether or not he should accept a Navy commission. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that a letter go from the State League to Mr. Pennebaker, expressing appreciation of what he has meant in our civil service system and our realization of the continuing need for his services in the state. Miss Mitchell agreed to draft such a letter.

Congressional and legislative pre-election work

There was discussion of methods for using the questionnaire prepared by the National League for congressional candidates. It was agreed that district chairmen be asked to keep track of filings for Congress in their respective districts, and to have charge of interviews. It was agreed that the questionnaires should be presented personally to the candidates, rather than mailed to them, as they are so often overlooked and not returned. After reading the questionnaire proposed by the National League, there was discussion of the purpose of such questionnaires - to have answers to pass on to the public or to clarify the thinking of the candidate.

With reference to legislative candidates, it was left to the executive committee to consider methods of contacting such candidates, and whether anything should be done before the primary election.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy L Gruenhagen, Secretary

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Tuesday, June 23rd, 1942, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. McQuarrie, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Grahame and Mrs. Carter. Staff - Mrs. Collins

Tax legislation Mrs. Duff read a letter from Mrs. Baldwin of the National League of Women Voters with reference to continued work in behalf of the League's support of pending tax proposals, with special reference to reaching public opinion outside the League membership. There was discussion of various means of securing expressions of opinion from businessmen. Mrs. McQuarrie reported that the Minneapolis League is planning to contact the Star-Journal with reference to publicity on the League's stand, particularly on the withholding tax. It was agreed that a general publicity release might be prepared, giving the present status of this legislation and the League's stand, which would be sent to all Leagues with the request that they ask their local papers to publish it. Mrs. Newhart and Miss Briggs to be asked to prepare such a release.

Congressional Campaign

There was discussion of the assignment of interviews with those candidates who have already filed, with the following decisions made:

Mrs. Keyes of the Third District to be asked to determine whether Mr. Gale is to be back in the state before the primary election. If he is, she should be asked to interview him, together with some member of the Minnetonka League. If he is not, the questionnaire is to be mailed to him. Mrs. Keyes also to be asked to arrange for the interview with Mr. Corneaby, together with some member of the Minneapolis League. Interviews with candidates in the fourth and fifth districts are to be made by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues respectively. It was agreed that Miss Knudson be asked to arrange for an interview with Mr. Hughes, after consulting with the president of the St. Cloud League; advising them they will also be responsible for interviewing Mr. Knutson. It was agreed that Mrs. Wright should be asked to contact the two candidates filing from the Ninth District, finding out if they would be in or near Fergus Falls sometime in the near future, and possibly asking the Stephen League for assistance in contacting Mr. Hagen of Crookston. It was agreed that Mrs. Hibbard should be asked to be responsible for interviewing Mr. Northrup of Owatonna who has filed for the Senate, asking an Owatonna League member to accompany her.

It was agreed that Mrs. Crounse should be permitted to work in any way she desired for Mr. Judd, if he files for congress.

There was discussion of the advisability of securing publicity at the present time on the questions that are being asked of congressional candidates. It was agreed that the form of the questionnaire should be taken to the Twin City newspapers, by members of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues, determining at the same time whether the papers would be interested in publishing the replies.

There was further discussion of what use might be made of the replies received. It was agreed that, at the least, they should be relayed to the Leagues in the respective districts, with some warning to the local Leagues so that advance plans may be made for their use.

It was reported that the attempt to secure statements from party leaders on the importance of ~~repairs~~ the coming Congress had not been successful. It was agreed that a letter be sent to party heads, stressing the need for statesmen rather than politicians.

There was discussion of the proposed broadside on the congressional election, and the advisability of giving further information on the votes of incumbents.

It was agreed that if roll call votes are to be given, it should be in some very simplified form, easily understandable. However, it was the consensus of opinion among those present that additional material might better stress the general importance of the coming election and the responsibility of the individual voter, and that such material should be in simple form.

State Fair Booth

It was reported that the League has been asked if it would wish a booth in the Women's Activities Building at the State Fair. It was also reported that the Minn. Federation of Women's Clubs has again expressed willingness to allow League members to be present in their booth, in order to give out League information and material, but could offer no display space. While it was agreed that it might be preferable to accept the offer of the Federation, Mrs. Grahame reported that her board had expressed willingness to "man" the booth half of the time, and Mrs. McQuarrie reported that she wished her board to consider this before any definite decision was made.

Economic Welfare Chairman

Mrs. Duff asked the permission of the executive committee to reconsider the appointment of this chairmanship, made by the State Board, inasmuch as an excellent suggestion had been made since the board meeting. It was agreed that Mrs. Duff determine whether Mrs. Hedin of Red Wing should be considered for this appointment.

Legislative Candidates

There was discussion of the advisability of furnishing local Leagues a sample questionnaire for their own use in contacting legislative candidates within their own districts. It was agreed that Miss Mitchell should ~~conduct~~ be responsible for drafting such a questionnaire, in consultation with others.

Radio

Mrs. Duff reported that Mrs. Fletcher was willing and ready to plan and give radio programs, but that as yet it was undecided whether such programs would be at regular or irregular intervals. It was agreed that, if regular, they probably should not be oftener than every two weeks or even monthly.

Broadsides

Mrs. Duff asked the opinion of members of the committee as to the frequency and type of National broadsides. It was agreed that she report to the National League that certain of the broadsides lend themselves to easy reading and conversation, while others either are not in such easy form or deal with more intricate subjects. It was agreed that state broadsides not be pushed unless an urgent subject presents itself, and that local Leagues be encouraged to continue their use of ~~past~~ broadsides previously published. Interest was again expressed in a broadside on interstate trade barriers, and it was agreed that the National League be asked if a broadside on this question was contemplated. Filing of broadsides with local libraries was agreed to as a suggestion to be passed on to local Leagues.

Field Visits With further reference to the request from the National League with reference to field visits of national officers and staff, it was agreed that the Minnesota League should forego such a privilege at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinne K Collins, Secretary

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, July 10th, 1942, at the League office. Present: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. Grahame and Dr. Boynton. Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Bryan were also present, and Mrs. Collins.

The proposed broadside on the importance of the selection of capable congressmen was discussed, and its final form agreed upon. It was decided that an initial order of 10,000 be placed. It was felt that any other broadsides published before the primary might be held up, unless their distribution was urgent.

It was reported that Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Thorp had contacted the two local theatre chains about the possibility of preparing get out the vote trailers. The cost of such trailers would probably have to be borne by the League.

It was agreed that it was probably futile to do much further work with the political parties.

Radio Spot announcements are being sent to all Leagues with local radio stations. Mrs. Duff reported that Mrs. Fletcher was having a skit on get out the vote prepared for submission to W C C O.

The possibility of having broadsides reprinted in foreign language newspapers was considered. This would apply only to the larger Leagues in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

Various types of local League pre-election activities were discussed, such as securing publicity on pre-election broadsides, publishing election information in local newspapers, public meetings based on the importance of wartime elections, radio and newspaper "spot" publicity. A suggested questionnaire for legislative candidates is to be sent to all local Leagues.

There was some discussion of issues that may come before the next session of the legislature.

The need for reference lists to current periodicals, to accompany certain of the broadsides, was mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins

STATE BOARD MINUTES

August 14, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, August 14, 1942, at the home of Mrs. Philip Duff, Maplewood. Mrs. Duff presiding beginning at 10:30. Present: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Newhart, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Gislason, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Keyes, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Toutges, Miss McKee, Mrs. McGovern, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Dalrymple, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Fraser.- Staff - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Gale was appointed secretary pro tem. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without correction.

Finance

The treasurer's reports for the months of June and July were given by Mrs. Collins, showing a balance June 1st of \$1,346.66, receipts during the month of \$982.96, disbursements of \$915.64, leaving a balance June 30th of \$1,413.98, with receipts during July totalling \$427.69, disbursements of \$748.40, leaving a balance July 31st of \$1,093.27, with bills payable for August estimated at \$763.63. Report accepted.

A letter from Miss Wells of July 22nd was read by the secretary.

There was discussion about reordering appointment calendars from the Missouri League. The consensus of opinion was that the order of last year, which was larger than previous years, should not be duplicated, but that a smaller order might be placed to meet requests from League members desiring this type of calendar, with no idea of promoting the sale of such calendars. The suggestion was made that the possibility of a small notebook or calendar might be considered.

After discussion it was VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Dalrymple that Mrs. R F Hedin of Red Wing be appointed chairman of the department of Government and Economic Welfare.

COLLEGE LEAGUES

It was reported that Mrs. Anderson would not be able to continue as adviser

to college Leagues. There was discussion of the value of college leagues. It was agreed that it was not necessary that the adviser be a member of the State Board, but be invited occasionally. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant that Mrs. Russ be approached to determine whether she would be interested in acting as adviser to the college leagues.

Federal Legislation

The request for protests to be sent to Senators with reference to senatorial confirmation of top employees in the OPA was reported, and that this provision had been removed pending legislation. A telegram was sent to both Minnesota Senators in behalf of the state board by Mrs. Duff.

Mrs. Toutges reviewed the situation with reference to tax legislation pending in Congress.

After discussion, it was agreed that all requests for action on legislation made of local Leagues should go immediately to board members also. (There was also discussion of responsibility of board members toward distribution of broadsides.)

Requests for Cooperation

Mrs. Bartlett presented the request of the War History Committee of the State Office of Civilian Defense that the League put it on the mailing list to receive all types of material issued by the Minnesota League, not only publications, but other printed and mimeographed material, and also that local Leagues be asked to collect material relating to the interests of the League. After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Stakman, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that the League cooperate to a limited extent - sending at least printed and mimeographed material from the state headquarters.

Miss McKee reported on a request from the Educational Policies Commission that the League be one of the sponsors of the publication of the preliminary recommendations of the Commission. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss McKee, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that the League go on record as sponsoring this report as a beginning study toward an educational policy. After discussion as to whether such sponsorship

is needed in order to secure the material for study, the motion was withdrawn inasmuch as the time was too short for adequate consideration.

Mrs. Collins reported on the request of a representative for Time Magazine for a list of local League presidents throughout the state to be sent the study courses on current problems available through this magazine. Although it was agreed that such a list could not be furnished, it was agreed that the names of state department chairman, plus other board members especially interested, be furnished.

Political Activity of Board Members

Mrs. Newhart reported that she wished to serve on the headquarters committee for Senator Ball and offered her resignation as first vice president. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Dalrymple, that Mrs. Newhart's resignation be accepted. It was agreed that publicity should be given to her resignation, and that League members asked to serve on committees for candidates should consider carefully whether they were asked to serve primarily because of their connection with the League.

Civil Service and other state legislative items

A letter from Mr. Pennebaker, director of the State Civil Service Department, in response to the letter directed sent to him by the state board at the June meeting was read.

It was reported that the League broadside "Civil Service and the War Emergency" had been printed in the August issue of the Minnesota Municipalities.

Mrs. Beard reported on the situation with reference to civil service, particularly on criticisms brought out at the recent American Legion Auxillary convention.

Mrs. Toutges reviewed suggestions that have been proposed by the Safety Council for improvement in the driver's license law. The chief improvement suggested is a 35¢ biennial renewal fee, which would allow keeping records up to date, make checking on persons who have lost licenses easier, and allow for more patrols. There was discussion as to why a provision for physical examination was not contemplated, and it was agreed that this should be ascertained before further consideration of

support of such a proposal be given by the League.

State Fair Exhibit

Mrs. Howard, in charge of the League booth at the state fair, outlined plans of her committee. Pre-election information will be emphasized.

Quiz of New Board Members

Following luncheon, Mrs. Stakman "quizzed" new members of the board - Mrs. Howard, Mrs. McGovern, Miss McKee, Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Toutges - on the following questions pertaining to League policy and program.

1. What is the purpose of the League? ; 2. What is the State Board's responsibility? ; 3. What is your responsibility as a member of the State Board? ; 4. What is our War Time Service? ; 5. What place does a League officer have in relation to candidates and party work? ; 6. How is the National program made? ; 7. How is the State program made? ; 8. What is the relationship between the two? ; 9. What is the present form of the National program? What subjects are on the Active List? 10. What four fields of citizens responsibility make up the State Program? ; 11. What has been chosen for support in the next legislature? 12. What are the determining factors in deciding when measures are actively supported in the legislature? ; 13. When and how does the League cooperate with other organization? ; 14. How do we support legislation? As a Board member, what is your part? ; 15. How is the League financed? What is the amount of our budget?

Pre-election activities

It was reported that replies to questionnaires presented to Congressional candidates were coming in to the office and would be relayed to the Leagues in the respective districts, for whatever use they can make of them locally. With reference to expenses of League persons asked to make such interviews, it was agreed that questionnaires should be mailed rather than entailing such expense.

The possibility of a special pre-election broadcast over W C C O was reported, the first script submitted having been rejected because it might be interpreted as

support of a local candidate.

It was agreed that candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor should be contacted to learn their stand particularly on civil service.

Distribution has begun on the congressional broadside, published by the State League, with many reorders from local Leagues already received.

Fall Conferences

The date and place of the eight conferences scheduled for September and early October were read. The general program of these conferences is to be the League's four-fold war time service plan, covering service to the public, thru distribution of broadsides, pre-election work, local government problems, and support of legislation in the public interest.

New Material

It was reported that a new broadside on Lend-Lease had not yet been distributed as it was felt it would receive better attention if it were not distributed during pre-election work. The need for reference lists to accompany broadsides was stressed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella Gale

STATE BOARD MINUTES
September 11th, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, September 11th, 1942, at the Hampshire Arms Hotel in Minneapolis, beginning at ten o'clock, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Gale, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hedin, Mrs. McGovern, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Witherstine and Mrs. Toutges. Staff members - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Gale read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read.

Mrs. Crounse gave the treasurer's report for August, showing a balance August 1st of \$1,093.27, receipts during the month of \$519.54, disbursements of \$824.68, leaving a balance August 31st of \$788.13, with bills payable estimated at \$695.37. Report accepted.

Equal Rights Amendment

Mrs. Duff reported that she had written in behalf of the State League, at the request of the National League, to Congressman O'Hara from Minnesota, who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, telling him of the League's opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment which is before that committee for consideration. It was agreed that this letter should be released to the newspapers. It was also agreed that contact should be made with state Republican party leaders in an attempt to prevent endorsement of this amendment appearing in the party platform.

Civil Service Assembly:

There was discussion as to how to promote attendance among League members at the conference on public personnel administration, sponsored by the Civil Service Assembly in St. Paul, Oct. 1, 2 and 3. It was agreed that announcement of this conference should be made to local League presidents in any letter going

to them before October 1st.

Miss Mitchell reported that a letter was going from the Civil Service Council to all candidates for the legislature, telling them of this meeting. Miss Mitchell also reported that the Minnesota League had been asked if it would like to sponsor a tea for wives and women delegates during the conference. After discussion, it was agreed that a special committee be appointed to consider the possibility and make the necessary arrangements.

Trends

A letter from Miss Wells, announcing a special effort to secure new subscribers was read. A subscription blank and special article is being included in the September issue of the Members' Magazine, with the request that all Leagues follow up their members who are not already subscribers. It was agreed that this suggestion be passed on to all Leagues, together with the instructions for telephone squads furnished by the National League.

Broadsides

It was reported that a new broadside on Washington, D.C., would be ready for distribution the week of September 21st, with a request from the National League that it be given intensive distribution during that week. It was agreed that it was not advisable to ask Leagues to emphasize the distribution of this broadside. There was discussion as to methods for increasing distribution of broadsides generally, and on how distribution might be financed.

Organization

It was reported that the first in the series of eight fall conference meetings had been held at Minnetonka, and that there had been good comments on the program which covered the four fronts of the League of Women Voters wartime service. Board members were urged to attend at least one conference.

Miss Horr reported on some of her conferences with local Leagues.

Pre-Election Plans

It was reported that a letter from Miss Wells, outlining many plans for

pre-election activities, including movie slides, special radio transcription, newspaper advertising layouts, cartoons, billboards, and street corner meetings, had been relayed to local Leagues. Interest was expressed in the plans for Street Corner meetings, carried out by the New York City League, and it was agreed that Leagues might be further urged to have such meetings. Mrs. Withers-
stine reported on the Voters' School, arranged by the Rochester League, and it was suggested that she have a report of this school sent to the National League.

Following luncheon there was discussion of the possibility of holding fewer board meetings, if gas rationing is in effect.

Mrs. Gruenhagen's resignation as secretary, caused by absence from the city, was accepted with regret. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Crounse, that Mrs. Willard Bixby of St. Paul be appointed to this position.

Mention was made of an article to appear in the September Members' Magazine by Senator Thomas of Utah, on "Why a Congress?" which would be suitable for newspaper reprinting or editorial comment. It was agreed that this suggestion be passed on to local Leagues.

It was again pointed out that Leagues should not respond to requests from other organizations for contributions, inasmuch as League funds, either as memberships or contributions, are given for League objectives.

New Material

It was reported that the kit of "penny sheets" on state legislative support items was nearly completed. There was discussion of the possibility of a broadside on the constitutional amendment to be proposed at the general election with reference to publication of charter changes for home rule cities. Amendment No. 1. will deal with the investment of state trust funds, and it was agreed

STATE BOARD MINUTES
October 9th, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, October 9th, 1942, at the Hampshire Arms Hotel in Minneapolis, beginning at ten o'clock, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Miss McKee, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Hedin, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. McGovern. Staff members - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

In the absence of a secretary, it was agreed that Mrs. Collins should record the minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Collins and approved as read.

Finance

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Cant gave the treasurer's report for September, showing a balance September 1st of \$788.13, receipts during the month of \$1 055.12, disbursements of \$867.28, leaving a balance September 30th of \$975.97, with bills payable estimated at \$821.40. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Miss Mitchell, that the report be accepted and placed on file.

The possibility of Miss Pabst, national finance secretary, being in the Twin Cities during the week of October 12th was reported, and there was some discussion of what use could be made of her time, particularly in St. Paul.

Organization

Miss Horr reported the organization of a new League in Detroit Lakes. The president has been a member at large for some time, and preliminary organization was set up several weeks ago. She also reported that the Cambridge League had practically disbanded last spring, and evidently was not functioning; that the Walker League had stopped meetings because of personality problems; and that the Le Sueur League had practically no members left but that plans were being

made to secure new members. The Benson League is having difficulties as the president does not feel the League's wartime service is important, and have asked whether they can continue with less than the required fifteen members. In Albert Lea, the president reported she was unable to get the group together for a meeting with Miss Horr. Miss Horr reported that the strong Leagues seem to be growing stronger, but that some of the weaker Leagues may disband.

The possibility of Miss McKee's going to Walker was brought up, and there was discussion of how much field work could be done with gas rationing in sight. Mrs. Keyes reported on the prospect of a new group in Columbia Heights. Board members were asked to cultivate people in communities in which there are no Leagues who might be interested in organizing a League.

Plans for the College League conference, to be held at the College of St. Catherine, Friday and Saturday, October 16th and 17th, were reported. Mrs. Russ, who had been appointed as college league adviser, had not yet definitely accepted the appointment.

It was reported that Mrs. Willard Bixby of St. Paul was unable to accept the appointment as secretary.

Forty-seven Leagues were represented at the 8 fall conference meetings, with approximately ⁵⁷⁰~~462~~ persons attending. Twenty members of the State Board participated in these meetings, as well as members of eight local Leagues. There was general agreement that the conferences were well worth while, with good discussions at all conferences, and that it might be advisable to cut down the state convention and maintain these fall meetings.

With reference to meetings of the state board, regular meetings will continue with the hope that members from outside the Twin Cities will come as often as possible. In order to avoid delay for luncheon, it was agreed that coffee and sandwiches be served in the meeting room.

FOUR FRONTS

State Legislation Mrs. Beard will report at the next board meeting on remarks

made at the Civil Service Assembly meeting. Miss Mitchell reported that the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary had withdrawn from the Civil Service Council.

It was agreed that candidates for governor and lieutenant governor should be interviewed, and that new candidates that have filed for Senator should be interviewed. Miss Mitchell agreed to make arrangements for interviewing the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, and Mrs. Duff will follow up on the interview with Martin Nelson, candidate for Senator by petition.

Mrs. McQuarrie asked about the procedure on reconsideration of a stand taken by the League on legislative measures. Reply was made by Miss Mitchell to the effect that this would usually have to be done by convention action, but that in some instances the State Board, after careful investigation of any changes in the situation, could reconsider a previous stand.

Miss McKee reported that the report of the Interim Committee on Education was not yet available.

Federal Legislation Mrs. Bartlett reported on the ^{successful} effort~~s~~ made to prevent endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment by the recent State Republican Convention, pointing out that what apparently is needed is more general education of people on the dangers of this amendment.

Mrs. Cant reviewed the League's stand on anti-inflation legislation recently before Congress, reading a letter from Miss Wells of October 2nd, written just before final passage of the bill, pointing out that Congress has failed to meet its responsibility and that the compromise bill will not stop inflation.

It was agreed that Miss Wells' letter should be relayed to all Leagues, unless a subsequent statement is available soon. It was brought out in the discussion that the question of farm wage costs was more a problem of man-power, and the hope was expressed that a broadside would be available soon on this problem.

Service to the Public There was discussion as to whether League members are increasingly aware of the need for building public opinion. It was reported that some Leagues are doubling their orders for broadsides, and there was dis-

cussion of what more could be done to have Leagues see the need for increasing this service. Mrs. Hedin led a "sample" discussion on the OPA broadside. It was brought out that local Leagues should give careful distribution to officials who might be directly interested.

It was reported that it had been decided that reprints of a "broadside" on the two proposed state constitutional amendments, prepared by the League of Minnesota Municipalities, will be circulated by the League.

After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Bartlett, that arrangements be made for a booth for displaying and selling League material at the MEA convention, scheduled to be held in Minneapolis October 29th, 30th and 31st. Mrs. McQuarrie agreed to take charge of such arrangements.

Pre-Election A recent letter from Miss Wells, which had been relayed to local Leagues, was read, with reports on progress made as follows:

It was reported that the Red Wing movie trailer was still being booked by Leagues in Minnesota.

The radio interview with Miss Wells on Sunday, October 11th, was announced in the October Woman Voter, and local Leagues have also been advised that the disc "Popular Suicide" is being broadcast over WCCO on October 12th. Other Leagues sent this disc are beginning to report their use of it.

The new National broadside will be sent on to Leagues as promptly as possible after it is received.

No League so far had decided to try the suggested Street Corner Meetings but it was hoped that arrangements could be made.

The cost of the "Elect the Best Congress" button apparently is prohibitive and too expensive for free distribution.

Local Government Mrs. Howard reported that the Excelsior League had been approached by their local school board president to support a change in the tax system. It was agreed that further use of "Know Your Town" and visiting of

local boards be stimulated. Three local broadsides were reported in preparation - St. Paul and Duluth on county civil service, and Litchfield on city charter changes.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary pro tem

Corinne K Collins

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, October 23rd, 1942, at Miss Mitchell's apartment. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Grahame. Absent - Mrs. Carter. Staff members present - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

There was discussion of the possibility of having special chairmen on the State Board, responsible for the "four fronts" of the League's special war-time service - service to the public, legislation - state and federal, local government and pre-election. While it would be unnecessary to appoint the latter, inasmuch as her responsibilities would be over so soon, there was general agreement that such a chairman would have been helpful during the past few months. It was mentioned that Miss Mitchell, as a vice president, already has undertaken the responsibility for state legislation, and that a co-chairman for federal legislation might be considered.

A letter from Miss Wells in response to an inquiry from Mrs. Duff as to the advisability of such special chairmanships was read. This led into a discussion of the purpose of the executive committee, where it was brought out that this committee should never formulate policies, but only make recommendations to the board or decide on details not involving matters of policy.

There then followed discussion of present responsibilities of state department chairmen and how they fit into the League's new emphasis. On the level of state organization, the usual responsibility of department chairmen - that is, guiding study in their separate fields - is changed, inasmuch as the emphasis is placed on Service to the Public and other "fronts." It was agreed that the present purpose and functions of department chairmen be carefully watched, with the idea of determining whether or not such departments should be continued. It was pointed out that one chairman - foreign policy - had been asked to prepare a special supplementary reading list for the Lend-Lease broadside, and that the GIO chairman had sent out suggestions for following local governmental problems. A letter from the National Economic Welfare chairman to state chairmen was read, showing how their responsibilities weave into the Service to the Public.

There was discussion of how local department chairmen may be kept in close contact with the Service to the Public and help on the other "fronts." A sheet on how to organize a League on the "four fronts" without department chairmen, or how department chairmen may function effectively within these ~~in~~ relation to these services, had been sent to all local Leagues. Some of the Leagues immediately call in the respective department chairmen when a broadside comes, falling within her field.

The need for promoting local projects among local Leagues was brought out, and the feeling expressed that a special chairman might well stimulate this.

Returning to the discussion of special chairmen on the State Board with responsibility for three of the four fronts, it was agreed that when possible present board members should be given such responsibility, that they should be persons who are in a position to come in to the office regularly, and that the question should not be brought before the board unless the executive committee was ready to make definite recommendations as to persons who might accept such responsibility.

Miss Mitchell agreed to continue her responsibility for state legislation, and Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Fraser were suggested as possible co-chairmen for federal legislation. Among her responsibilities would be working with the president on requests for action, contacting outside channels on such requests, planning for publicity. Mrs. Newhart was agreed to be the best choice for local government. In considering possibilities of a chairman for Service to the Public, it was agreed that a person with enthusiasm and imagination was needed. It was agreed that Mrs. Carter should be asked to take over this responsibility - Mrs. Howard was also suggested as a possibility.

There was some discussion as to the type of state convention which might be held, and it was agreed that some sort of institute in connection with the University of Minnesota might be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K Collins

The U.S. Supreme Ct. ruled that the constitutionality of minimum wage legislation ~~can no longer be seen~~ can no longer be successfully attached. - That the act applies to married women with supporting husbands & also to part time employment.

STATE BOARD MINUTES
November 13th, 1942

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, November 13th, 1942, at the Citizens Aid Bldg. in Minneapolis, beginning at ten o'clock, Mrs. Duff presiding. It was reported that the change in meeting place had been made as the Hampshire Arms Hotel is now making a charge of \$3.00 for the use of room. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gislason, Mrs. Toutges, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Dalrymple. Guest - Mrs. Anderson of Grand Rapids. Staff members - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Miss Mitchell, that the reading of the minutes be omitted and approved as sent out in mimeographed form.

Finance

Mrs. Crounse gave the treasurer's report for the month of October, showing a balance October 1st of \$975.97, receipts during the month of \$1,040.76, disbursements of \$1,017.36, leaving a balance on hand October 31st of \$999.37, with bills payable estimated for November at \$834.22. She reported that at the end of the first six months of the fiscal year less than one third of the amount estimated in the budget in pledges from local Leagues had been received, and that 38 Leagues had made no quota payments. A letter is going to local League treasurers, giving the pledges made by all Leagues and indicating the percentage paid, and urging all Leagues with pledges of more than \$50 to make regular quarterly payments. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Cant called attention to the article in the November issue of the Woman Voter, giving some of the results of Miss Fabst's recent visit to Minnesota. Mrs. Grahame reported that a small committee in St. Paul has been going out for contributions, with unusually good success.

Mrs. Keyes reported that the Columbia Heights League had received more

from the Northern Pump Co. than the cost of the full-page advertisement which they sponsored for the League, and that another contribution might be made to their League, both of which could be sent on to the State League.

Mrs. Gislason reported that in New Ulm they are still soliciting contributions and already have \$100, and that the League's present emphasis is apparently "appealing" to contributors. They have decided to send a broadside each time to every person making a contribution.

Mrs. Luwe reported that the Mankato League, following recommendations made by Miss Pabst, had for the first time gone out for contribution in their community, with good results - \$60 realized so far. They did not ask for large contributions, because of the character of the town and the Community Chest campaign. Solicitation tied in with the use of broadsides, and the "Popular Suicide" radio broadcast.

Organization

Miss Horr reported that the Leagues in Pipestone and Willmar are not in good condition and may disband, and that a new League has just been organized in Preston, following contact made and followed up by Mrs. Newhart. Working recently in St. Paul, she has discussed with the units organization on "fronts" rather than under the usual program departments. Mrs. Gislason brought up the question of the minimum membership requirement of 15, and the possibility of organizing small discussion units of two or three persons throughout the county. It was brought out that many Leagues have members from neighboring towns. It was agreed, after discussion, that rather than attempting to secure state members from such communities, Leagues should be urged to solicit members from outlying communities, who would attend meetings when possible, and would stimulate small discussion groups.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Fraser, that Mrs. Ellwood H Newhart be appointed as a vice president.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Mrs. McQuarrie, that Mrs. A R Wolf of St. Paul be appointed as secretary to serve the balance of the

year until the convention.

Mrs. Duff reported that the executive committee had considered the advisability of recommending the appointment of special chairmen or supervisors, from among present State Board members when possible, to assist the president in direction of League activities on the various "fronts," with department chairmen continuing in their present capacities, and that the committee recommended that such a plan be considered by the State Board.

The various responsibilities would come under legislative - federal and state - service to the public, local government, and election. Miss Mitchell already has the responsibility of directing state legislative work, and a co-chairman could be responsible for federal legislation. These chairmen would work with the president in carrying out requests for action, deciding how they could be carried out inside and outside the League; plan with department chairmen for background material (state legislation only); be responsible for making suggestions on publicity, and for reporting legislative developments in the Woman Voter. The state legislative chairman would be responsible for direct work at the legislature.

Chairman of the "local government front" would make suggestions for finding and carrying out local projects, corresponding with Leagues about their projects, and planning for exchange of ideas via the Woman Voter, special letters or bulletins.

Under Service to the Public, it would be the responsibility of the supervisor of this activity to stimulate interest in discussion and distribution of broadsides, to follow correspondence from Leagues on their efforts in this field, prepare special dispatches, work with department chairmen in producing state broadsides, cooperate with the radio chairman.

Following a recent suggestion from Miss Wells that Leagues follow up their pre-election activities throughout the year, a special supervisor might be appointed who would plan pre-election campaigns, prepare any special flyers or pre-election dispatches, and stimulate interest in local elections.

It was agreed that supervisors in these fields should live in or near Minneapolis, and should take their responsibility seriously; that there should be clear-cut division of responsibility and frequent consultation. Mrs. Beard was suggested as federal legislative supervisor and Mrs. Newhart for local government. No suggestions were made for Service to the Public or Election, although there was agreement that the former should be someone with enthusiasm and imagination, as her job would be largely promotional, and that someone with a political background be selected for the latter.

After discussion, IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. McQuarrie, that the plan be carried through and adapted by the executive committee to any plans coming from the National Board meeting the coming week.

There was discussion of accepting the offer of the National League to send broadsides, ordered in quantities of 100 or more, direct to local Leagues. It was agreed that this be done, if billing could continue to be handled through the state office.

State Legislation

Miss Mitchell reported on a conference with Mr. Powers, deputy tax commissioner, on the county assessor system. Leagues have been asked to send in questionnaires from successful legislative candidates, so an analysis of their replies may be made; also Leagues have been urged to hold meetings with their legislators prior to the session. An editorial has appeared in the St. Paul paper on the need for a legislative council, and the possibility of a broadside on this was mentioned. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor are to meet with the Civil Service Council soon, explaining the changes which they feel should be made in the Civil Service Act.

Federal Legislation

A recent letter from the National League, enclosing a statement on the purposes and use of Memoranda, and urging all Leagues to place a standing order

for such Memoranda, was reported. The Minnesota League so far has not had such a standing order, but has been reproducing or revising the Memos as they come out. It was agreed that two copies of each such Memoranda should be sent to each local League, inasmuch as they particularly fill a need for background study material. It was decided that State Board members also should receive such Memos, and that all those desiring this service should make a deposit of 50 cents, mailings to begin simultaneously to all members in order to avoid book-keeping transactions. (11)

Pre and Post Election

A letter from Miss Wells, received just before election, was read, asking for an evaluation of pre-election work by telegraph, with certain specific questions asked. Reply made was read. There was discussion of the reasons for the light vote cast in Minnesota in the recent election, and the possibility of a survey was mentioned. County civil service referenda were adopted in Ramsey and St. Louis Counties, by 2 to 1 and 5 to 1 votes respectively.

The following recommendations were made with reference to pre-election activities:

Need for clearance through state office for candidates meetings planned by local Leagues for state and congressional offices. (27)

That a minimum requirement be proposed to local League presidents to sponsor a candidates' meeting on the local level.

That an attempt be made to get biographical information from state candidates, if possible before the primary election.

A letter was read from Miss Wells, urging work for better constituents, following the election.

A report of pre-election activities was made by Miss Horr, on the basis of incomplete reports, indicating that 10 Leagues used "I have voted" tags; 10 Leagues arranged for broadcasting "Popular Suicide"; 7 arranged for the full-page newspaper advertisement, "Ballots are Bullets"; 11 held candidates'

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meetings; 5 Voters' Clinics or information booths; 1 sponsored a One Day Voters' School; 5 reported use of movie trailers. Other plans included window displays, radio spot announcements, poster contests, special flyers, church bells and whistles, regular reporting of votes cast. Pre-election newspaper publicity was unusually good and frequent, with several Leagues arranging for special series.

Local Government

Reference was made to the recent letter from Mrs. Toutges, government and its operation chairman, to all Leagues suggesting ways of finding out about local government. It was agreed that continuous encouragement must be given Leagues in this field.

Service to the Public

It was reported that the plan to have a booth at the MEA convention had been abandoned, as the rental asked was too high. It was agreed that Leagues should be urged to reach teachers in their local communities, and that arrangements might be made for League booths at MEA district meetings the coming year.

Mrs. Grahame gave her ideas on how broadsides should be discussed at League meetings in order that all members understand all broadsides, classifying broadsides in three groups - simple, expository statements - brief resumes or synopses of problems - and those presenting more complicated problems, giving an idea of the magnitude of the problem and stimulating interest without giving any solution. A key to each broadside, usually appearing in the sub-title, indicates the essence and reason for its being issued.

There was discussion of possible state broadsides, and it was agreed that one on the legislative council might be considered, as well as one on manpower, if discussion at the Minneapolis League's general meeting next week indicated that such might be helpful in addition to the NLWF broadside on this subject.

It was reported that at a subsequent board meeting time might be given to a discussion of the place and function of the Woman Voter.

Meeting adjourned at two o'clock.

sed. pro tem
Respectfully submitted, Corinne K Collins,

A meeting of the executive committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Tuesday, December 8th, 1942, at Miss Mitchell's apartment. Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Newhart and Dr. Boynton. Absent - Mrs. Carter and Mrs. McQuarrie. Also present were Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins, staff members, Mrs. Shapiro of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. McQuire.

League sponsoring of course at Continuation Center on "Financing the War."

Mrs. Newhart reported that during Mrs. Duff's absence she had been approached by a Mr. Thompson of the Midland Wholesalers' Cooperative, asking that the League send a representative to a meeting of various organizations to discuss what could be done to increase interest in and understanding of tax questions. She and Mrs. Mathys had attended this meeting, where other representatives were from the State Federation of Labor, the CIO, the Wholesalers' Cooperative, another cooperative group, the Farm Bureau Federation, as well as Mr. Blakey and Mr. Jesness of the University. Representatives of other organizations present were much interested in the League's use of broadsides, and hope to evolve some plan for reaching their general membership with such information. It was agreed by this group that they consider joint sponsorship of a course at the Continuation Center at the University, ~~in~~ which five members of each organization could attend, on "Financing the War." Mrs. Newhart was appointed on the committee, together with Mr. Thompson and Mr. Blakey, to determine the possibilities of such a course. She reported that the dates of February 15th and 16th were available, and that a program had been outlined. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the executive committee recommend to the board that the League cooperate with other organizations in sponsoring such a course, with five League members to be selected to attend.

Isolationism Again? broadside

The new broadside of the National League, under the above title, was read. It was agreed to use this broadside more widely than ever because of the special need in Minnesota. Mrs. Duff reported that larger quotas, running from 100 for small Leagues up to 1,000 for larger Leagues, and between 3,000 and 7,500 for the three first class cities, had been assigned, and an order already placed, because of the shortness of time, for an additional 25,000 of this broadside. Mrs. Shapiro reported that the Mpls. League had already decided to use 10,000.

Distribution

In addition to suggestions of ways in which this broadside might be distributed in the larger cities, it was agreed that certain organizations such as the AAA, the State Department of Education, as well as key individuals in the state, might be approached; and that organizations such as the MEA, the Federation of Women's Clubs, the AAUW, might consider reprinting it in their membership bulletins.

Publicity

The release from the National League was read, and it was agreed that it be sent to all Leagues in the state, with some revision recognizing the fact that strong isolationist sentiment may not be present in the state, as evidenced by the recent election. It was requested that the release be taken personally to the Twin City newspapers, to assure good coverage and an opportunity to discuss the possibility of editorial comment. It was pointed out that this release had already gone direct from the National League to the Twin City newspapers, (as well as St. Cloud and Duluth)

After discussion, it was agreed that the National League be asked to make no releases direct to any newspapers in Minnesota, to allow for any re-writing which might be considered advisable, as well as to allow for contacting the city editor in certain instances.

Radio

It was agreed that this medium be used as fully as possible, and that the Mpls. and Ramsey County Leagues "divide" the radio stations located in the Twin Cities. It was suggested that commentators be approached, and attention was called to the fact that on "Broadcasting the News" heard over WLB articles of this type are often read. A "canned" script was suggested, especially for stations out in the state. Such scripts are often furnished by the National League and it was decided to wait to see if one would be available on this question.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, that the executive committee recommend that district chairmen be responsible for seeing that their respective congressmen receive copies of each new broadside as it is published.

Respectfully submitted,

Corinne K. Collins

STATE BOARD MINUTES
December 11th, 1942

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, December 11th, 1942, beginning at ten o'clock, in committee room 3 of the Citizens Aid Bldg., Mrs. Duff, presiding. Present: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Newhart, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss McKee, Mrs. McGovern, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Beard, ~~Mrs. Peterson~~, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Congdon and Mrs. Hedin. Staff members - Miss Horr and Mrs. Collins.
Guest - Mrs. Peterson, Mpls. League Education chairman.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Gale, that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted without reading, as mimeographed copies had been sent out.

Finance

Mrs. Crounse gave the treasurer's report for November, showing a balance Nov. 1st of \$999.37, receipts during the month of \$1 887.77, disbursements of \$957.42, leaving a balance November 30th of \$1 929.72, with bills payable estimated at \$854.36. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Miss Mitchell, that the report be accepted and the bills allowed.

Mrs. Cant, finance chairman, reported that payments on League pledges during November have brought pledge payments for the first seven months to just under 50% of the budget. Selected Leagues have been asked to appoint finance chairmen, if they had not already done so. She reported that the Owatonna League had decided not to have a finance campaign, that Duluth had about completed its, that there was no final report from Mankato, and that Red Wing was making an attempt to secure contributions. She called attention to the report of the New Ulm League in the Voter.

Organization

Miss Horr reported, explaining that the League units in the Twin Cities, which she had been visiting recently, seemed to like the League's new

approach to governmental problems, and organization and discussion on "fronts" better than our former set program. She said attendance was good and that many units were meeting downtown since gas rationing. She reported that both the Willmar and Pipestone Leagues, which had been having organization difficulties, were going to continue.

3 Mrs. Collins called attention to the running accounts for board members so they might receive the Legislative Memos now being issued by the National League.

Resignation from Mrs. Cuthbert Carter as a vice president was read and accepted with regret.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bartlett that a resignation from Mrs. Toutges as Government and Its Operation chairman, be placed on file pending further correspondence with her. The consensus of the board was that department chairmen are still of vital importance and necessary to work with the various "front" chairmen. Reference was made to the helpfulness of Mrs. Toutges in saving the Pipestone League and in interviewing congressional and legislative candidates. Mrs. Cant and Mrs. Bartlett offered rooms in their homes to out of town members who find it necessary in days of gas rationing to stay overnight.

Requests for Cooperation

6 Mrs. Newhart reported on a request for cooperation, with several other state organizations, to hold a seminar at the Continus^{tion}/Center at the University on "Ways to Finance the War." Members of the League, with members of other organizations, were called to a meeting by a Mr. Thompson of the Midland Wholesalers' Cooperative, to discuss means of educating the people of the state on this subject. Mrs. Newhart was appointed one of a committee of three to work out a program for this course. Attendance is to be limited to 40 - 5 members from each organization. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Beard,

that the League cooperate in sponsorship of such a course. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell that the representatives, if possible, be the state Government and Its Operation chairmen, the respective chairmen for the Minneapolis and Ramsey County Leagues, with selection to be left to the discretion of the president.

Mrs. Duff read a letter from Miss Sally Woodward, of General Mills, asking for the cooperation of the League in the national salvage program. It was agreed that this was not within the field of the League. The need for some general statement that could be used in answering all such requests was brought out, and it was agreed that the National League be asked about such a statement.

Requests for Action

Mrs. Newhart reported on the request from the National League for interviews with the Republican committee man and woman, prior to the national committee meeting in St. Louis. Mrs. Grahame reported on her interview with Mr. Dunn, and a letter from Mrs. Carlson, who could not be contacted for a personal interview, was read.

A letter from Miss Wells requesting that the newly elected members of Congress be interviewed was read. It was agreed that district chairmen be asked either to make the interviews themselves or to arrange for them.

Service to the Public

There was discussion of possible state broadsides. Mrs. McQuarrie reported that Mrs. Shearer thought there might be some future developments on the state level on the question of manpower, but that the National League broadside covered the subject generally, and state planning is not developed yet.

With reference to a broadside on the legislative council, it was suggested that Mrs. Bartlett might start making notes on what such a broadside should contain, so as to be ready when need for such a broadside comes up. The opinion of the board seemed to be that it would be best for agitation for a

Legislative Council to come from the legislature instead of from the League. Miss Mitchell suggested that background material pertaining to our legislative support program be made available to Leagues.

4 It was reported that Mrs. Blakey is willing to prepare a broadside on state taxes, to supplement the broadsides on federal taxes, and it was agreed that we should move ahead on this.

Discussion on the distribution of the 35,000 "Isolationism Again?" broadsides already ordered brought out many suggestions of publications in which it might be printed, and other organizations and individuals who might cooperate. Higher goals have been set for all Leagues for distribution of this broadside. Board members present were urged to contact their local League presidents and pass on to them the ideas for getting this broadside across. Mrs. Duff reported that at an executive committee previous to this board meeting, called to consider intensive work on this broadside, it was decided that each district chairman place a copy of each new broadside in the hands of her congressman.

Federal Legislation

Mrs. Beard, supervisor of this "front", explained why the League took no action on the poll tax legislation, as reported in a letter from the National Board. It was left to Mrs. Beard how to get this information to the Leagues, providing it is not published in the Members' Magazine. Mrs. Beard spoke briefly on forecasts of federal legislation the League may be active in supporting - taxes, extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, manpower mobilization, Suffrage for the District of Columbia.

State Legislation

Miss Mitchell, supervisor of this "front", reported on forecast of state legislation, and said "The League will stand ready to jump into action when legislation supported by the League comes up." There has been general agreement that the League will not request the introduction of any bills. She stated that about 50% of the Leagues have returned questionnaires from legis-

lators. She warned the board that it must be ready to give careful consideration to the division of League responsibility between present obligations and continuing responsibilities.

Miss McKee, upon Miss Mitchell's request, told of some of the educational problems facing the state legislature. She reported that the report of the Interim Committee was not yet ready, although she understood that some of the recommendations in the previous report were being omitted. There was discussion as to how much emphasis could be placed by the League on educational problems, and whether the League should wait until specific legislative problems arise, or whether general interest in the importance of education should be stimulated.

A request from the Parent-Teacher Assn. for League support of a bill authorizing state aid for kindergartens was read. In the discussion on this question, it was brought out that federal aid would no doubt be available in communities where there are defense industries.

The problem of re-allocation of the state income tax was brought up. The possibility of a broadside on educational problems aggravated by the war, and the need for citizen interest in education was considered. There was some discussion of the League's responsibility in the field of education, with the point made that such responsibility might be considered to be more the creating of an informed public opinion, in order that standards might be maintained, than supporting a wide field of specific legislation.

Mrs. Fraser reported on possible legislation affecting women in industry. The question of the revision of the minimum wage law now appears to be an "academic" one. Miss Burton of the Industrial Commission recommends that an expert survey be made before any changes in the minimum wage law are considered. However, there are other laws governing women in industry which she felt could be improved - such as a daily limitation of hours, provision for one day rest in seven, and for a luncheon period.

It was agreed that there was no need at this time to make any definite decisions on specific legislation, and that authorization for support of any revision of state educational aids or improvements in protective legislation for women workers should be carefully checked from previous convention action.

Miss Mitchell suggested that a legislative forecast be sent to local Leagues early in January.

A letter from Mr. Ludwig, thanking the League for its work in support of the two state constitutional amendments, was read.

Miss Mitchell gave a most interesting account of the recent National Board meeting which she attended.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theda Wolf, Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES

January 8, 1943

Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Philip Duff, President, January 8, 1943 at ten o'clock in the morning in the Citizen's Aid Building, Minneapolis, Minn. Present: Msdms. Duff, Mitchell, Crounse, Stakman, Howard, Hibbard, Grahame, McQuarrie, Knudson, Workman, Tautges, Cant, Bartlett, Beard, Gislason, Fraser, Newhart, Dalrymple, Denny and Wolf.

Mrs. Crounse gave the treasurer's report for December showing a balance December 1st of \$1,929.72, receipts during the month of \$910.39, disbursements of \$1,127.42 leaving a balance December 31st of \$1,712.69, with bills payable estimated at \$808.21. It was moved that the report be accepted and bills allowed.

ORGANIZATION : Miss Horr, reporting on organization, told of her work in Minneapolis, Luverne, and Pipestone. The Pipestone League has decided to carry on and Luverne is progressing all right. Miss Horr gave an anlysis of the Leagues of the first district of which there are fourteen --ranging from the Northfield League in existence for twenty years, down to the newest League, Preston. Five of these Leagues made contributions-- eleven of the fourteen Leagues in this district paid full quotas last year. Membership in the three largest Leagues of this district is quite steady. Miss Horr's report was followed by much discussion on "how to stimulate leagues." Miss Horr suggested that what is needed may be more education on "What is the Purpose of the League of Women Voters". It was decided that district chairmen work out a chain letter for an exchange of ideas among Leagues. Mrs. Beard suggested that it be first a sort of "questionnaire" and then a sort of "round robin" making two projects out of it.

Mrs. Cant suggested collecting from prominent citizens favorable comments on Broad sides. Reports on Plans for "Isolationism Again". Mrs Crounse reported great progress in Broadside distribution in Minneapolis; how a large number had been distributed in Service Clubs, C.I.O. and A.F.L. meetings and P.E.O. etc.

Mrs. Grahame of St. Paul reported the distribution of five thousand of the Isolationism Broadside. Mrs. Duff reported that Duluth mailed back to Washington their three thousand, and have set their standing order at 100. Mrs. Bartlett told of having collected a list of publications which will be contacted for publication ~~66~~ Broad-sided. Miss Horr reported on contact with Individuals including Mr. Stickney of the AAA. Mrs. Grahame suggested a request be made for a broadside on "Reciprocal Trade Agreements" same to accompany "Isolationism Again". Mrs. Newhart suggested that the 'tone' of the broadside be changed. Mrs. Workman told of Tracy League members having contacted their Congressmen and how League members had promised to continue writing letters to their Congressmen.

Mrs. McQuarrie told of interviews with Congressmen. Mrs. Hibbard will report later on contact with Mr. Andreson-- will have to contact by letter. Mrs. Gislason will write to Mr. O'Harra. Mrs. Grahame will contact Mr. Maas. Mrs. McQuarrie reported a telephone conversation with Mr. Judd who stated he was one hundred percent with the League of Women Voters on their tax stand and that he wished to be kept informed on the League program.

Intermission

Mrs. Cant, in the name of the Board, presented Mrs. Collins with a silver tray. Mrs. Collins acknowledged with gratitude.

Finance Chairman's Report Mrs. Cant reported on Minneapolis' progress in forming committees, etc for their March finance drive.

Discussion on the advisability of the League of Women Voters having representatives on Civilian Defense Committees such as Health, Welfare, Education, Housing, etc. brought out that the League might well encourage such committees and judge the value of them as they progress and that the League might well assume the responsibility of seeing that these committees are made up of persons who know the field and might submit names for these committees. Miss Mitchell stated that she would like to see them "functioning committee" not just paper committees- before the League takes a part.

STATE LEGISLATION

*evidence of
advance work
done by League
in contacting
Legislators*

Miss Mitchell spoke on State Legislation and told of her delight with the fact that Miss Horr called the attention to the importance of the Assessor Bill stating the necessity of putting teeth into the old statute that makes requirements for assessors. Miss Horr reported that Mr. Powers is of the opinion that the farmers who are assessors will be too busy with production to give time to the job of assessing. It was suggested that a statement be gotten as to how the assessment system has worked in Bemidji. It was suggested that one person on the Board within reach be appointed to analyse each piece of legislation within the scope of the League. Mrs. Shearer described the three types of Housing Legislation that will be proposed in this session of the Legislature. "Enabling Legislation" - under the U.S. Housing act. "Temporary Housing" - enabling legislation proposed by the National Housing Agency under the O.E.M.C. to get simply building of wartime dwellings. "New York Plan" --many people think this type is Governor Stassen's housing Plan. The order of importance of Legislation and responsibility of the League for, was classified:

1. CIVIL SERVICE----- Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Gale
2. Legislative Council----- Mrs. Bartlett
3. Assessment-----Mrs. Newhart
4. Housing----- Mrs. Shearer. *Mrs. Hedins* -
5. Drivers' License-----Mrs. Adams

It was decided that old legislation should take preference over new ~~such as~~ County Welfare Board, Public Health Nursing, School Aids, Increased aid to Dependent Children, Equalization of Aids for old age grants and Aid to Dependent children, Interstate Trade Barriers, County Nursing. It was decided that the League is not sufficiently prepared on "State Aids" to take action.

PREVIOUS NOTICE

Mrs. Duff gave notice to the Board of a discussion of Public Health Nursing

and possible legislation to be had at the February meeting of the Board.

Federal Legislation

Mrs. Fraser reported that since League members contributed to review by the State Supreme Court of a case on the Minimum Wage Law, they would be interested in the outcome of the case. " The Minnesota supreme court ruled the state's minimum wage law applies to married women as well as to single women, whether their earnings are "for pin money" or to earn a livelihood.

Mrs. Collins asked that reports and motions of Board members be filed with the Secretary for purpose of writing minutes.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted ,

Theda Wolf.

Executive Board
January 29, 1943

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, January 29, at Miss Mitchell's apartment. Present: Mrs. Crouse, Dr. Boynton, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Newhart Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Duff, presiding, and Lois Bondhus.

Mrs. Duff read a letter from the Junior Chamber of Commerce asking the League to have a representative at the meeting planning a farewell for the Governor who is leaving civilian life.

The Board deemed it advisable to have Mrs. Slocum, Chrm. of Service to the Public, join the Executive Committee.

It was decided that the 19th of February be the day for the Presidents' Conference, and the Chairmens 'Service to the Public' be invited too.

Feb. 15-16 at the Continuation Study Center at the University of Minn. the League will join in the program, 'Financing the War'. Asking to join this meeting is most significant because this is the only women organization asked to join the AFL and the CIO etc. Mrs. McQuarrie and Mrs. Graham will be asked to send notices to their league members asking them to attend some of the meetings.

Legislation reviewed by Miss Mitchell

Civil Service: Miss Mitchell reported that the Legislature has asked for a committee on investigation, and they are also asking for a representative from Labor.

Housing Bills: Enabling act-- this calls for housing just during the war.

N.Y. Plan-- private financing

Governor's plan-- definitely just for people who are on relief

Public Nurse : this is a very important measure, but it was decided to wait until the next board meeting before deciding what action to take.

The importance of the BroadSides was discussed, all the members felt that they were of great value. Decided to increase the standing order 160

Board to ask Mrs. C. A. Russ to act as Chrm. of the College Board. ✓
The Board decided to invite her to attend these meetings from time to time.

Convention: Several things were suggested, but no definite plans were made.

Board-- stream-lining the Board was discussed, decided to wait until next meeting to act on this matter.

Lois Bondhus,
Executive Secretary.

STATE BOARD MINUTES

February 12th, 1943

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, February 12th, 1943, beginning at ten o'clock, in the committee room 3 of the Citizens Aid Bldg., Mrs. Duff presiding. Present--Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Crounse, Mrs. Stakman, Mrs. Gale, Mrs. Dalrymple, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Knudson, Miss McKee, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hedin, Mrs. Luwe, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Slocum, and Mrs. Bartlett. Staff members - Miss Horr, Miss Bondhus. Guest - Mrs. Shearer of the Minneapolis League.

The minutes were read, corrected, and accepted.

Finance

Mrs. Cant gave the treasurer's report for January 1, 1943--Balance - \$1,712.69, Receipts \$939.59, Disbursements \$953.61, Balance January 31, 1943 - \$1,698.67 - and also discussed the nine months' budget - Balance May 1, 1943 - \$1,503.64, Receipts \$8,518.84, Disbursements \$8,323.81, Balance January 31, 1943 - \$1,698.67.

Jane Gray Swisshelm Home Fund. A gift of \$5.00 to the fund from the Governor's colored secretary, long an admirer of Mrs. Swisshelm, was reported.

Miss Horr announced that the Faribault League had reported receiving \$50 from contributors.

Organization

Mrs. James A. Slocum of Minneapolis, who has accepted the responsibility for "Service to the Public" for the state League, and Miss Lois Bondhus, the new State League Executive Secretary were introduced to Board Members by Mrs. Duff.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie that the appointment of Mrs. Slocum be accepted. Seconded by Mrs. Grahame.

Mrs. Duff announced that Mrs. C. A. Russ of Minneapolis has been named College League Advisor.

In her report on local Leagues, Miss Horr told of her recent visit to Faribault, where the League is having difficulty because of members moving away. She also referred to a letter from the Duluth League, stating that the 3000 Isolation broadsides, originally refused by that League, had been voluntarily reordered, with a request for 1200 additional copies.

Continuing her survey of local Leagues in each district, Miss Horr discussed the 14 Leagues in the second district, describing this district as 'spotty'.

Disbanding of the LeSeuer League, newest in the second district was discussed.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant that action on dropping the LeSeuer League be tabled. Motion seconded by Miss Mitchell.

Mrs. Cant suggested that a committee, consisting of two board members (qualified to contact weak leagues) and Miss Horr be appointed to deal with the problems of weak leagues.

Mrs. Hibbard reported briefly on the Round-Robin letter idea and suggested that the matter be taken up by district chairmen and Mrs. Duff following the board meeting.

Requests for Cooperation

Mrs. Duff announced the dates for the Seminar on "Ways to Finance the War" as Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8. The Seminar will be held at the Continuation Center at the University. The Board voted League cooperation in sponsorship of this course at its December meeting and Mrs. Newhart was appointed to work on the program committee at that time.

A request for League cooperation in sponsoring a Banquet, recognizing Governor Stassen's leaving the State for service, was discussed.

Mrs. Beard, supervisor of this front, discussed Representative Knutson's Bill on Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

In reference to the McKellar Bill requiring Senate confirmation of all government employees receiving more than \$4,500 a year, which has been denounced by the League as a flagrant attempt to return to the spoils system, Mrs. Beard reported on the replies received from Senators Ball and Shipstead in answer to League letters concerning their stand on the bill. Senator Shipstead sent his usual form letter and Senator Ball replied that he would oppose the Bill in its present form.

Mrs. Duff urged board members to take the responsibility for writing their Congressmen and getting others to write concerning these bills.

State Legislation

Miss Mitchell, supervisor of the State Front, reported on the various bills and resolutions being considered by the Minnesota Legislature and reported action being taken on them. She asked Mrs. Gale to give an analysis of the Civil Service Bills which have already come in.

Miss Mitchell announced that a Bill calling for the establishment of a Legislative Council has been introduced into both houses and suggested that League members urge the printing of editorials on this subject in home town papers.

Probable bills for improvements in the assessment system and the driver's License bill were mentioned.

Mrs. Fraser, upon the request of Miss Mitchell, reported on public health bills and stated there were none as yet to be considered except the child labor bill calling for the lowering of the age of bowling alley pin setters from 16 to 14. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Miss Mitchell, to oppose the bill.

Under bills concerning economic welfare, Mrs. Hedin listed the Housing bills to be considered with a brief explanation of each and Mrs. Shearer discussed the bills at length. These were the Minnesota Welfare Housing Fund Act, Slum Area Reconstruction by private business, and the United States Housing Law. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. McQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. Grahame, to support the United States Housing Law.

Concerning the state broadside on taxation, for which Mrs. Blakey compiled information, it was agreed that such a broadside was not needed at this time and the Voter article and Henderson's pamphlet on taxes were recommended to local Leagues for study and reference material.

Miss McKee, told of the Interim Committee on Education's report and the revised state aid program.

On motion of Mrs. Cant, seconded by Mrs. Beard the Board voted to support the Bill to eliminate the short term senator.

Mrs. Slocum, Service to the Public chairman, discussed problems and plans concerning this front, with special reference to the progress being made with broadsides and their distribution. Mrs. Duff asked board members to consider and pass on suggestions concerning broadside problems to Mrs. Slocum. The new broadside quizz on "Am I an Isolationist?" were passed out to board members.

Mrs. Duff called for discussion of plans for the convention to be held in May.

The question of whether or not the State Board should be streamlined was also discussed. These two matters were left to be taken up at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. E. L. Hibbard

EXECUTIVE BOARD

MARCH 3, 1943

The executive board meeting was held in the lounge of the Hampshire Arms, March 3, at 11 o'clock. Members being present were: Mrs. Duff, presiding, Mrs. Newhart, Mrs. McQuarrie, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Grahame and Lois Bondhus, secretary.

THE BOARD

Members of the committee discussed the cause and effect of streamlining the Board. The purpose of streamlining the board would be to have every member of the board feel their responsibility. The result of the discussion:

Recommendation: The committee recommended not to have more than 25 regular members on the board, and to do away with the offices of district chairmen.

CONVENTION

The committee felt that a one day convention would be the logical movement this year. The committee discussed plans for the day as follows:

A.M. group meetings----finance-- four fronts--publicity

Luncheon-- and a report of the National Council Meeting

P.M. a model league meeting followed by a business meeting also a report on the tax institute at the Continuation Study Center at the University

The problem of having a dinner, and a after dinner speaker will be settled later.

Lois Bondhus
Executive Secretary.

STATE BOARD MINUTES

March 12th, 1943

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, March 12th, 1943, beginning at ten o'clock, in Committee Room 3 of the Citizens' Aid Bldg., Mrs. Duff presiding. Present--Mesdames Duff, Workman, Crounse, Grahame, Witherstine, Denny, Fraser, McGovern, Cant, Knutson, Nelson, Stakman, Slocum, Newhart, Howard, Anderson, Hedin, Beard, Keyes, Gale, Bartlett, and Miss Mitchell. Staff members--Miss Horr and Miss Bondhus.

The minutes were accepted.

Finance

Mrs. Crounse gave the treasurer's report for February 1, 1943-- Balance - \$1,698.67, Receipts - \$821.80, Disbursements \$901.22, Balance - February 27, 1943 - \$1619.25.

Mrs. Cant spoke of growth of financial responsibility in State, hoping for continuance of same.

Finance Campaigns--letter read from Mrs. Herberger reporting St. Cloud's successful Finance Campaign. Methods and approach for contributions discussed. Mrs. Workman of Tracy reported the Tracy method - before Kiwanis Club. List of 17 towns read that have outside financial contributions.

Organization

Recommendations by Executive Committee read by Mrs. Duff: That there be a reorganization of the State Board doing away with the classification of department and district chairmen; that the board consist of not more than twenty-five members including officers, 'front' chairmen, special advisers and directors; that there be only two Vice-presidents.

In the discussion which followed several suggestions were made: That most of the Directors be chosen from out in the State.

That Special Chairmen be invited to Board meetings occasionally but

not be considered permanent members.

That the Board be considered a policy-making organization, but that most members have a special portfolio.

IT WAS VOTED on motion of Miss Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Cant, that Committee be appointed to attend to revision of By-Laws and Constitution so that same may be submitted to the Convention. A board with two instead of three Vice-presidents, no district chairmen or department chairmen and an increased number of directors with an eye toward decreasing the number on State Board. Carried.

Discussion of Convention plans. Recommendations of Executive Committee read by Mrs. Duff: That there be a one-day Convention with morning, noon, and afternoon sessions.

Motion made by Miss Mitchell that committee be appointed to decide as to time and length of Convention - noon to noon, or one full day.

Federal Legislation

Report by Mrs. Beard. Equal Rights Amendment and new Broadside on same. Discussion of Distribution to key individuals.

State Legislation

Report by Miss Mitchell on Legislative Council Bill. Special Order for Bill for Monday at 3 p.m. Report by Mrs. Gale on Civil Service Bills in Legislature and status of same in both House and Senate. Mrs. Fraser on Public Health Nursing hearing.

Miss Mitchell suggested Drivers' License Bill be dropped by League this session because of amendments that have been made in it. Motion made by Mrs. Beard and seconded that League withdraw support of Bill. Voted and so carried.

Mrs. Hedin and Miss Mitchell reported on hearings on Housing Bills.

Service to the Public

Mrs. Slocum asked for suggestions for financing purchase of broadsides by local leagues and what method of distribution to be recommended.

7,000 present distribution in State.

Local Government

Mrs. Newhart reported that she is writing a letter to each league with suggestions for local activities.

Discussion of Local Front.

Discussion of new State Taxation Broadside, which has been prepared by Mrs. Blakey, and is being put into shape by Mesdames Newhart and Stakman.

Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Slocum was appointed by the Board as a delegate to the Council Meeting in May, Mrs. Duff, ex-officio also attending.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Wade McGovern

STATE BOARD MEETING

April 9, 1943

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, April 9, 1943 at ten o'clock in the Committee Room 3 of the Citizen's Aid Building. Mrs. Duff presiding. Present Mesdames: Duff, Fraser, Bartlett, Knutson, Keyes, Newhart, Howard, McQuarrie, McGovern, Beard, Slocum, Russ, Dalrymple, Mitchell, Witherstine, Wolf, and Dr. Boynton. Staff members: Miss Horr and Lois Bondhus.

Minutes of the March Board Meeting accepted

FINANCE:

Mrs. Wolf read the Treasurer's report. Balance \$1,875.99. Receipts \$1,083.01. Disbursements \$826.27, leaving a balance of \$1,875.99 accepted and placed on file. Mrs. Duff reported on finance. Moved by Mrs. Newhart, seconded by Mrs. McQuarrie that the representatives to the National Council be authorized to use their own judgment in pledging the contribution to the National League. This contribution not to exceed \$4200.00 motion carried.

CONVENTION PLANS:

Convention to be held Friday, May 14th at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis beginning at ten o'clock and continuing throughout the day. Mrs. George W. Harsh, general chairman of arrangements and Mrs. Cant in charge of program. Group meetings in the morning until 11:30 followed by business session. Luncheon meeting reports on National Council meeting by Mesdames Duff, Slocum, and Miss Mitchell. Business session after lunch. Dinner at 6:30 the speaker, Senator Joseph H. Ball. The pre-convention board meeting Thursday evening at the Women's City Club, Minneapolis.

STATE LEGISLATION

Miss Mitchell reported on the defeat of the Legislative Council Bill in the Senate Civil Administrative Committee stating that not nearly enough letters had been sent to committee members and adding that we can not expect to get legislation unless we have more community responsibility. She told of numerous bills to injure Civil Service and warned that a great deal of work will be required. IT WAS VOTED on motion of Mrs. Bartlett seconded by Miss Mitchell that a letter exposing the tactics used in defeating the Legislative Council Bill signed by Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Duff be sent to the newspapers.

AMENDMENTS:

Mrs. Beard presented the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-laws. Moved by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Mrs. McQuarrie the Board's recommendation of the suggested changes to the constitution--motion carried. Moved by Mrs. Beard, seconded by Dr. Boynton the Board's recommendation of the suggested changes in By-laws, motion carried.

COLLEGE LEAGUES

Mrs. Russ reported on College Leagues and said an attempt will be made to reorganize former College Leagues.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION:

Mrs. Beard read the Ball Resolution and reported that National Board decided that the League of Women Voters would support this resolution. A letter from Miss Wells, requesting letters to United States Senators on the Ball Resolution. Letter requesting a campaign on the renewal of the Trade Agreements Act. Discussion brought out suggestions for public opinion forming wide use of the broadsides, statements from prominent men to be used perhaps, as a basis for a state flier, speakers at luncheons, broadsides sent to persons living on rural routes, state radio program. Mrs. Slocum reported on distribution and stated that she believed the Board should take more personal responsibility for distribution.

*Respectfully submitted,
Theda Wolf.*

Executive Board Meeting
April 28, 1943

Trade Agreements Discussion:

Mrs. Slocum, Broadside Chairman, talked for a campaign on the distribution of Trade broadsides, especially in "Isolationist Spots" such as New Ulm, Faribault, Northfield, St. Cloud, Winona, and Lake City.

All members present of the Executive Board favored this plan.

Campaign plans:

1. Use spot announcements for radios, and use the spot announcements as "fillers in papers where there were no radios.
2. Letters to Congressmen , and Senators
3. Send Broadside to the following towns using the revolving fund to pay for these broadsides, in hopes that the towns sent these fliers will be able to repay:

1000	New Ulm
1000	St. Cloud
1000	Bemidji
1000	Duluth
1000	Winona
1500	Faribault
500	Northfield
500	Sandstone
500	Tracy

4. Request the Leagues to make their reports at the State Convention, May 14th

Convention

Convention plans were discussed:

Mrs. Cant, program chairman

Pre-Convention buffet supper and meeting to be held at Mrs. John Dalrymple home.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Secretary,

Lois Bondhus

Pre-Convention Board Meeting-- Thursday, May 13, 1943

Meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Thursday evening, May 13, 1943 at 6:30 at the home of Mrs. John Dalrymple, 2327 Pillsbury Ave. Minneapolis. Mrs. Philip Duff presiding. Mrs. Dalrymple was the hostess at a very delightful supper that was served. Board members present were: Mesdames: Duff, Howard, Cant, Mitchell, Knudson, Gale, Denny, Keyes, Gislason, Fraser, Crounse, Hibbard, McQuarrie, McGovern, Slocum, Bartlett, Byington Luwe, Grahame, Fletcher, Congdon, Newhart, Wolf, Peterson, Workman, Toutges, Beard, Dalrymple, Staff members: Miss Horr and Miss Bondhus

Minutes of the April board meeting as mailed to members, approved.

FINANCE

Treasurer's report by Mrs. Crounse accepted and placed on file. Mrs. Cant gave a detailed explanation of the proposal^{ed} budget for 1943-1944. Mrs. Cant moved, Mrs. Congdon seconded the budget by accepted and recommended to the convention, carried. MOVED by Miss Mitchell, SECONDED Mrs. Newhart a blanket resignation of all members of the board whose terms do not expire this year or who are not appointed yearly take effect at the close of the convention.

A request from the Austin League for a Juvenile Delinquency item on the 1943-1944 program, was considered. After discussion it was decided not to recommend it to the convention but to consider it on the floor of the convention. MOVED by Mrs. McQuarrie SECONDED by Mrs. Cant a committee by appointed to change the wording of the fourth Aim in the Proposed Program of work. CARRIED.

Mrs. Gislason & Mrs. Fraser named as a committee to work on the wording. Mrs. Duff lead the board in an evaluation of the year's work.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theda Wolf.

POST CONVENTION BOARD MEETING: May 14, 1943

Nicollet Hotel at 5:00 o'clock

Present: Mesdames Duff, Newhart, Wolf, Grahame, Hines, Workman, Gislason,
Allen, Hibbard, Howard, Staff, Horr

Discussion of appointments to the Board: The following were selected:

Mrs. Harold G. Cant
Mrs. James Slocum
Mrs. Harington Beard
Miss Ruth Mitchell
Mrs. Clark B. Fletcher
Mrs. L.S. Killen
Mrs. Leonard Keyes
Mrs. C.A. Russ

Mpls. 3400 Zenith Av. So.
Mpls. 1900 Knox Ave.
Mpls. 5100 Nicollet Ave.
Mpls. Hampshire Arms
Mpls. 2301 Penn So.
Mpls. 216 Federal Bldg.
Mpls. 3818 Van Buren N.E.
Mpls. 5120 Upton Ave. So.

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STATE BOARD MINUTES
June 11, 1943

Meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held, Friday, June 11, 1943, at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at ten o'clock.

Present: Mrs. Duff, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Megarry, Mrs. Hedin, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Denny, Mrs. Baldwin, President of the New Hampshire League was a guest. Staff, Miss Horr.

IT WAS VOTED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Finance

Mrs. Hines gave the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept it and bills be allowed. Miss Mitchell made motion and Mrs. Howard seconded it. There was a report on coupon books, ten leagues having already purchased all or part of a book and the amount paid in up to date \$73.00. Mrs. Cant discussed the question ~~the question~~ of bonding of Treasurer and would look into the matter. A provision for this is required in our by-laws.

Auditing the Books

It was agreed it should be done as there has not been an audit for several months. The discussion of Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund brought out the fact that according to our by-laws a committee should be appointed to investigate the investment of the funds. The committee is to be appointed by the executive committee.

Staff

Miss Horr is taking over position of Executive Secretary as well as Field Secretary. New office secretary, Miss Sebald,

Appointments

Mrs. Louis M. Daniel was appointed vice-president (1st) Motion made by Miss Ruth Mitchell. Mrs. A.R. Wolfe was appointed member on the Civil Service Council from the League of Women Voters. Motion made by Mrs. Grahame, seconded by Mrs. Hines.

Executive Committee

Discussion on the members of the board who have taken the responsibility for different fronts would be logical members for the executive committee as well as the presidents of the two large cities and a finance person. The following were appointed to serve: Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Grahame. Motion made by Mrs. Megarry and seconded by Mrs. Hibbard.

Organization

Discussion led by Mrs. Howard. In view of Helen Horr's new responsibilities she will have to have some help in visiting leagues. There are two types of visits the speech type and the ^{conference} inspection type. There was discussion of having report blanks for every board member who goes out. Suggestion made for conferences with all the leaders of the league who are responsible for service to the public, federal legislation, state legislation, local government and elections. It was suggested ^{that} if leagues could get along without fall conferences and the question came up of having a substitute meeting in the city in the fall, possibly a president's conference. It was agreed to ask the presidents what their wishes were.

Policy Regarding Republican Action in City Election

It was agreed that it was not the State Boards place to interfere in a question of this kind. After election Minneapolis league might deplore such action. No definite vote taken.

Analysis of Convention

First, on question of a one day convention, at least during the war time, it was the opinion of many that it was long enough and a very good convention. Second, there seems to be a definite need, really a mandate from the convention, for a platform of the Minn. League of Women Voters. Third, there was a need for statement of policy. Fourth, a series of questions on the league similar to the ones used in the past be rewritten.

Trade Agreements

Amendments reported upon and the vote of our Congressman by Mrs. Beard.

Service to the Public

Mrs. Slocum reported 149,500 broadsides have been distributed in Minnesota up to April. Discussion on desire of some leagues to discontinue broadsides during the summer. This resulted in the board stating a policy that leagues must take broadsides or give a month's notice. This policy would be incorporated in a letter to local leagues who have discontinued or have decreased the number of broadsides they have taken.

Pre-election Activities (Mrs. Keyes)

1. Making candidates alert to his awareness of government.
2. Follow-up with continuing responsibility after election.
3. Contact also-rans.
4. Judge candidates by philosophy of government.
5. Publicity booths.
6. Candidates meetings.
7. Questions to candidates
 1. Are you interested in a charter.
 2. Are you aware of division of authority, better city manager, mayor, etc.
 3. What is your idea of the responsibility to the people of the city.
 4. Does your personal interest conflict with city interest.

The board moved and seconded to buy the book of the states. The board thought it wise to clear all the local broadsides through the state office. Social security memos. are to be sent to all board members. A request was made of Miss Horr to write out her talk on the 'Past History of the League.'

Meeting adjourned: 2 P.M.

After adjournment: Dr. O.B. Jessness of the Farm School spoke and led discussion on subsidies. 3 P.M. meeting was over.

STATE BOARD MEETINGS
August 13, 1943

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters was held Friday, August 13, 1943 at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at 10 o'clock. Present were, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Megarry, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Gislason, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Beard, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Russ, Miss Horr, Mrs. Morton for Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. Richardson by invitation and Miss Sebald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and approved with a minor change.

FINANCE. Mrs. Hines gave the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance on June 30th of \$1886.44, receipts of \$482.19, disbursements of \$834.53 leaving a balance on July 31st of \$1534.10. The report was accepted as read.

PRESENTATION OF

PLAN FOR AROUSING PEOPLE TO THE NEED FOR WORLD COOPERATION. Mrs. Howard reported on the new undertaking of the League of Women Voters as explained in the training course at St. Louis. The purpose of this plan is to insure national awareness of the desirability of a constructive foreign policy. This would necessitate a change in the policy of the League of Women Voters away from intensive self-education in government toward spreading simple facts before the millions. The National League plan calls for six weeks of concentrated effort along these lines, beginning August 1st. Mrs. Howard and Miss Mitchell both stressed the need of immediate action, so as to exert some effect before Congress reconvenes. The methods connected with this plan were reported as follows:

1. 50,000 recruits to be sent out to "spread the gospel" to 3,000,000 people, i.e., 60 apiece. These recruits may or may not be league members but a non-league person must be recruited in place of each League of Women Voter who does not go out.
2. Recruits to work in squads of 10 to 15 persons each headed by a special squad leader who would receive special training.
3. Squads should hold a one hour meeting every two weeks to receive new material from National headquarters.
4. The discussion at meetings should be divided as follows:

30 minutes	--	general techniques
15 "	--	special techniques (w
15 "	--	subject matter

DISCUSSION OF PLAN. There was discussion of whether the new "action squads" would disrupt the old local units. It was felt that whereas the national plan specifies a six weeks drive, the time may be much longer, and the "action squads" might continue on in place of the old neighborhood units. There was considerable discussion on the desirability of such a change, but no conclusion was reached.

The question arose as to whether it would be possible to work through existing units where these were of appropriate size instead of redistributing the personnel for "action squads"; and it was decided that this matter could be dealt with by each league individually.

The problem of responsibility for recruiting was discussed. Mrs. Duff suggested that it should be handled through the membership chairman of local leagues rather than through a special member on the state board.

Several people expressed concern over the fate of the "the four fronts", as Mrs. Howard had explained that all other activity of league groups would cease during the world cooperation emergency drive. Miss Mitchell suggested that local boards and the state board will have to handle problems which arise on the local and state fronts respectively, passing them on to the general membership only if emergencies arise. Suggestions were made for various ways of financing extra broadsides for the drive; this will be a problem for the local leagues. It was decided that 25,000 broadsides and quizzes should be ordered from Washington.

Plans were laid for informing the Minnesota leagues of the project. Mrs. Howard and other members of the board would present the plan to representatives of the three largest leagues, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, separately; and would then meet with representatives of the remaining leagues in three groups arranged according to size. Leagues which were unable to send delegates to these meetings would later be contacted individually by a board member.

PLAN VOTED IN. Mrs. Beard made a motion that the Minnesota League cooperate with the National League in carrying out its new program on foreign policy. Mrs. Grahame seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

INTERVIEWING CONGRESSMEN. Mrs. Megarry told about a meeting of the St. Cloud board with Congressman Knutson. Mrs. Gislason reported on an interview of representative of the New Ulm league with Congressman O'Hara. Mrs. Keyes asked whether it would be permissible for the Columbia Heights league unit to comply with the request of two CIO members to sponsor an open meeting with Representative Gale as speaker, the topics to be limited to inflation and foreign policy. Approval of the board was given, ~~with the suggestion that the meeting be conducted on foreign policy only.~~

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT. Miss Mitchell brought up the fact that the Federation of Womens' Clubs are about to take a poll on the Equal Rights Amendment. The board agreed with her suggestion that League of Women Voters material on the amendment be passed on to the Womens' Clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne D. Hull

STATE BOARD MINUTES

September 10, 1943

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, September 10, 1943 at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present were: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Megarry, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Beard, Miss Horr, Mrs. Carl Drebes for Mrs. Grahame, and Mrs. Denny.

Mrs. Hines gave the Treasurer's report showing a balance on July 31st of \$1534.10 receipts of \$496.62, disbursements of \$952.96 leaving a balance on August of \$1077.76. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

REPORT ON CONGRESSMENS' INTERVIEWS

Mrs. Keyes reported that interviews had been obtained from seven congressmen on the subjects of foreign policy and inflation. It was suggested that material from these interviews be used in the next WOMAN VOTER, after being checked by the Congressmen for accuracy.

FOREIGN POLICY CAMPAIGN

Miss Horr reported that at this time 34 of the 63 Minnesota Leagues had met with members of their state board to hear about the campaign. Plans had been made to get in contact with several others, but a few would have to do without help. Miss Horr suggested that six leagues be dropped as they had virtually ceased to function in spite of efforts to keep them interested. The membership concurred that it was useless to maintain the expense of carrying these leagues. Mrs. Duff agreed to write them. The Leagues thus dispensed with were: Chisholm, Albert Lea, Willmar, Detroit Lakes, Perham and Chaska.

REPORT OF PROGRESS ON FOREIGN POLICY CAMPAIGN

Reports were made on progress in the Minneapolis, St. Paul and St. Cloud Leagues. In all of these leagues chairmen of local units had been instructed in the plan but had not finished carrying it to their unit membership.

FURTHER GUIDANCE IN THE CAMPAIGN

- 1) Inspiration. The importance of exciting and maintaining enthusiasm was discussed. Good squad leaders and squad meetings were emphasized.
- 2) Publicity. Mrs. Beard suggested that publicity would hinder the effectiveness of the person to person contact, ~~especially~~ in the smaller towns. There was general agreement on this point

DISCUSSION OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' FOREIGN POLICY

Mrs. Daniel read the League's platform on foreign policy. It was agreed that more specific principles would be needed before long as a basis for the evaluation of peace plans.

PUBLICITY AND RADIO

- 1) Press. Miss Horr presented the problem that very few newspapers will take releases sent straight from the Washington League headquarters. It was suggested that they would have to be sent through local league offices and revised there for greater local reader appeal.
- 2) Radio. Mrs. Fletcher reported that she was just making a skit on radio publicity.

AFTER THE CAMPAIGN, WHAT?

The problem of organization was discussed. Several fairly large leagues which formerly met as a body, have been broken down into units of 10 to 15 for the six weeks campaign. The general opinion was that these small groups were far more effective and should be continued if possible. There was discussion on what the activities of the leagues should be after the six weeks. It was generally agreed that the campaign would get members in the habit of "spreading the gospel" to such an extent that they would henceforth be able to do this in addition to their customary work on the "four fronts". The matter was left open until the October meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Allen discussed the difficulties of the Austin League in revising 'Juvenile Delinquency' laws. It was agreed that they would be written to and suggestions made for the proper procedure.

It was decided that Mrs. Hines should be bonded as treasurer.

The provision, with regard to League payment of expenses for field trips, was revised to read "2¢ per mile or railroad or bus fare". This revision was made through a motion which was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Killen suggested making the 'WOMAN VOTER' more of a "house organization" for the smaller leagues, giving recognition to what these leagues are doing. Others urged the necessity of giving over the greater portion of the current issues to events on the four fronts, since this information will not otherwise be circulated during the campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne D. Hall

STATE BOARD MINUTES

October 8, 1943

Present: Mesdames Duff, Megarry, Killen, Cant, Congdon, Beard, Keyes, Hines, Crounse, Howard, Dreves for Mrs. Grahame, Hedin, Slocum, Denny, Gislason, Wolf, Hibbard, Miss Mitchell. Guests: Mrs. Musser of Wells, Mrs. Baldwin of New Hampshire. Miss Horr

Resignation of Mrs. Daniels. Mrs. Cant moved acceptance. Seconded. Passed. Mrs. Cant moved that Mrs. Slocum be appointed Vice-president. Seconded. Passed.

Mrs. Hedin, in absence of Mrs. Hull, read secretary's report.

Mrs. Hines, as Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report, showing a balance on August 31, 1943 of \$1077.76, receipts of \$466.81, disbursements of \$754.10 leaving a balance on September 30, 1943 of \$790.07. Mrs. Megarry moved acceptance of Treasurer's report. Mrs. Cant seconded it.

Mrs. Cant gave the Finance Report. The books are to be audited. Mrs. Hines is to be bonded.

Report of a letter from Mr. Spaeth, State Commissioner of Taxation, saying contributions to the Minnesota League would be deductible from State income tax.

ORGANIZATION

Miss Horr reported on Leagues that decided to disband, Albert Lea, Benson, Chaska, Fairfax, Willmar. Report of new League, Knollwood - through work of Mrs. Keyes.

REPORT OF CAMPAIGN

Actual reports from 124 squads organized. Number reported seen up to date 5,000 people. Far from goal.

DULUTH

Mrs. Congdon reported on a model squad meeting being presented before church groups. Booked to present it before Jewish Council and Womens' Club.

"It is a chance for new life in the Duluth League. This plan should continue". The new method of squads has helped. Many new people. New members. From church groups used as a form of recruiting workers. Comment: There were some members of the Duluth League wanted to return to old method of speakers and study groups.

ST. CLOUD

Mrs. Megarry, "Hasn't hurt membership. New members. Teachers College has been recruiting. It has made the town conscious of the League of Women Voters. Men interested. Radio programs use men."

They weren't anywhere near their six weeks goal. Eventually need something on essential points of the resolution. She thought it would be wise if the next broadside dealt with this question. Six ministers have preached a sermon on cooperation.

NEW ULM

Mrs. Gislason, "So far no change noted. Can't tell yet. Just starting the campaign". They have just started a house to house canvas. Took Quiz as a contact. Went as a neighbor not member of League of Women Voters. New Ulm working through schools.

MINNEAPOLIS

Mrs. Crounse. Reported 48 squads. Considerable enthusiasm. Can't say how they will feel after the six weeks. Some groups wanting to go back to old unit, but retaining squad set-up for emergency.

Mrs. Cant - that unit trainers should take news of the last two or three days as opening for a conversation. Should increase the ground swell. People can be effective if they care. Should be a germ for each meeting. Series of questions. At least 15 minutes essential bringing out an idea of post-war such as jobs for returning soldiers. What relation does this bear to the world picture? Economically?

Mrs. Beard - Ground swell. One purpose to influence our representatives to do one thing. Need something concrete to let them know. Can the National League give us questions for our Congressmen? Questions that could be discussed in our local leagues. Should go into next step of influencing our representatives.

Mrs. Killen - Minneapolis business group. Attendance dropped off. Members don't give much. Don't want to give. Can't stop now. More people will be interested as a working method for anything we take up.

Mrs. Slocum - Working very well. Never go back to the old way. Don't leave Quizzes cold. Example; They were destroyed at church supper. Some mention should be made by minister or leader of group.

Mrs. Keyes (Columbia Heights) - Stronger for it. No loss of members. New members coming in.

ST. PAUL

Mrs. Dreves - Not made a great deal of difference. No one outside of membership working.

Mrs. Wolf (St. Paul) - Believes campaign will do wonders if active units increased activity in securing contributions.

Mrs. Hines (St. Paul) - St. Paul has had good publicity.

RED WING

Mrs. Hedin - Reports an enlarged membership. Seems the only way membership can grow. Other groups will take care of those who want to study. The peace plan is not a scrap of paper. A trend over many, many years. Attitude of people just as important as a definite plan.

EXCELSIOR

Mrs. Howard (Excelsior) - All but two members working. Twenty-seven new people recruited. Potential great. Greatly strengthened League.

LAKE CITY

Mrs. Hibbard - Doing very well. Very enthusiastic. Reports of 454 contacts. Several recruits. Told of incident of a woman who wanted to work but thought it difficult. Second day reported contacted twenty-eight people.

WELLS

Mrs. Musser - Friendly attitude in town toward the League. Contact with churches.

BROADSIDES

Mrs. Slocum questioned whether same quantity of broadsides would be needed as we developed face to face. General discussion showed per cent of broadsides that 25% of contacts made used broadside. Felt use of quizzes was naturally larger than broadside. It was suggested by some leagues and agreed to by others if date was left off. Since often subject matter was timely. Date made people feel it was old stuff. Suggest use alphabet method.

FULBRIGHT RESOLUTION

Suggested letters to Congressmen commenting on their votes. Thank you letters, etc. Would let Minnesota Congressmen know how people felt. Permissible without request coming.

NATIONAL NOMINATIONS

President

Mrs. Slocum moved and Mrs. Hibbard seconded to urge Miss Wells to consider continuing as President. Wondered if expense for President in Washington could be paid.

Secretary

Mrs. Beard moved. Mrs. Wolf seconded. Recommended Mrs. Halsey as secretary.

Director

Mrs. Wolf moved. Mrs. Keyes seconded. Miss Mitchell be retained as Director.

EQUAL RIGHTS

Mrs. Beard reported a letter had gone to those Congressmen who were on recess at the time their letters were received on Equal Rights.

Mimeograph the broadside for those groups debating it.

RADIO

St. Paul League will accept responsibility of securing a St. Paul member for the joining of a radio committee with Junior Chamber of Commerce, etc., in regard to a letter to be sent to men overseas.

Discussion of National program. At request of National League before the National Board meeting.

Bemidji recommendation on 'negro question'. Miss Mitchell suggested they be asked one question:

"What and where does it tie up with government. Not to be passed on to National since we could not see where it tied up with government nor did board want to include it.

It was brought out there is a need for a shorter program.

It was brought out that some items might be grouped. For instance; all peace plans for post-war and inflation grouped in one item.

Omit Public Health Policy --

Simplify and classify --

Rec -- Two board members work on this before next board meeting: Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Duff.

Meeting adjourned. 4 P.M. -

*Helen M. Howr.
Temporary Secretary -*

STATE BOARD MINUTES

November 12, 1943

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, November 12th at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at 10 o'clock. Present were: Mesdames Duff, Howard, Hines, Beard, Megarry, Wolf, Keyes, Ueland, Killen, Workman, Cant, Slocum, Fletcher, Russ, Dreves for Grahame, Mrs. Hull and Miss Horr.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Mrs. Hines gave the treasurer's report as follows: balance September 31, 1943, \$790.07. Receipts, \$1211.05, disbursements \$835.33, balance October 31, 1943, \$1165.79. The treasurer also read the six months report of treasurer and comparison with budget. Both report and bills payable were accepted as read.

ACTIVE PROGRAM

The active program of the National League was discussed at some length. Mrs. Duff suggested discussion of programs in all city leagues. Mrs. Ueland brought a request from the Minneapolis League that Federal Aid for Education be put on the program. It was pointed out that the League had studied this problem in past years and given it up. Amendment of constitution to allow majority vote in Congress to ratify treaties.

Mrs. Duff brought up this question of the implications of the "Active List" in light of the new concept of the League. The old plan of studying a problem for two years before stating it for action is obsolete, as the League has shifted its emphasis away from study toward opinion making. However, a League cannot recommend a specific subject for action without first studying it sufficiently to be able to come to a stand.

Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Beard led in a discussion which ended in general agreement that the Minnesota League recommend a very general active list based on two major issues (1) postwar organization for peace (2) war finance program. Mrs. Duff suggested sending in the Minneapolis and Rochester proposals for the Program without a vote by the State Board.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Mrs. Russ reported on the conference of college leagues which was held recently. About twenty girls attended from St. Cloud, Mankato, Winona, Hamline and Macalester. A very enthusiastic group; they liked the foreign policy campaign. A Business meeting was held in the morning; in the afternoon Mrs. Howard spoke on the "face-to-face" program. Miss Mitchell and Miss Horr were also there. Mrs. Russ told also about a League tea she attended at Hamline.

St. Olafs has written that they wish to revive their league group, and Mrs. Russ said Gustavus Adolphus might come back too. Her biggest problem, she said, was at the University of Minnesota and she proposed to go to work on this right away. She said she was working to get cooperation between college and town leagues, adding that the town members could perhaps help to finance the college leagues.

RADIO

Mrs. Fletcher reported on the League's radio publicity. She has been trying to get regular time on W.C.O. but without success so far. However, three broadcasts have already been given over station W.L.O.L. The arrangement has been made whereby material from League clippings is ready over the university radio station, though no mention of the League of Women Voters is made. Mrs. Fletcher requested that she be allowed to join the radio council for a fee of \$5. Permission was given. The radio council are a group who ask for free time on the radio, get advice, etc.

APPOINTMENT

Motion was made, seconded, and carried that Mrs. Leslie Wells of Duluth be appointed as the alternate for Mrs. Congdon.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Mrs. Cant raised the question of how to get increased state contributions. She asked for names of persons in non-league communities who might make contributions. Mrs. Workman suggested getting contributions from ex-members of disbanded leagues.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mrs. Ueland reported that the Minneapolis League had invited the National League to have the National Convention in Minneapolis.

FIELD REPORT

Miss Horr reported that she has visited 23 leagues and that only 7 leagues have not been visited or have had a delegate at one of the Presidents' Conferences on Foreign Policy. The Moorhead League has disbanded, she said, but she got the Annandale League back on its feet. She said that the new aims and methods of the League are easy to get across and make it easier to organize new leagues. Mrs. Ueland spoke of a need for more league groups in north Minneapolis and asked for names of residents of this section who might be interested.

FOREIGN POLICY CAMPAIGN

46,790 contacts were made by Minnesota leagues; there were 124 squads in the state, and 216 non-league recruits. It was generally agreed that whereas these figures fall far below the quota, they do not adequately represent the true picture, as many people did not bother to keep track.

MOSCOW RESOLUTION

Miss Horr told that 50 wires had gone out from Minnesota Leagues just before the vote. The board decided to write Senator Shipstead expressing disapproval of his vote on the Moscow Resolution. Mrs. Ueland read from the latest TRENDS on the Moscow Declaration. Said the League will have to understand the declaration and interpret it to the people, also they will have to see that Congress interprets the resolution

fairly when it comes to consideration on peace plans.

Mrs. Ueland also discussed Sumner Welles' speech in which he spoke of the danger of the four powers becoming dictatorial and suggested as remedy that an executive council from representatives of the United Nations should be set up right after the four power agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Howard read Miss Well's letter on "face-to-face" contacts. Miss Horr spoke of the value and interest of 'CUES'. Mrs. Megarry requested 'CUES' for group leaders in St. Cloud. Mrs. Keyes reported on her analysis of stands of congressmen on postwar policy and on inflation. The Board agreed that it was all right for her to grade the congressmen on a positive, negative scale with regard to these two issues, as long as the basis of these gradings was made clear.

FUTURE OF THE LEAGUE

It was generally agreed that in future the League would concentrate on opinion making and influencing congressmen; i.e., the active approach as contrasted with study. It appears that some Leagues will continue to function in squads, whereas others will go back to their former organization of groups but will use these groups in a new way. The value of recruits for squads was stressed. Miss Horr and Mrs. Ueland stressed the value of TRENDS as a source of information for League members and urged that more members take it. It was suggested the counter-propaganda be posted in the League office as a means of letting league members know what they are up against. Mrs. Ueland suggested sending bibliographies to leagues that want more material.

The meeting was adjourned at 22:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hull
Secretary

STATE BOARD MINUTES
December 10, 1943

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, December 10th at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis beginning at 10 a.m., Mrs. Duff presiding. Present were: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. Hedin, Miss Mitchell, Miss Horr, Mrs. Rae and Mrs. Frazier visiting.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read. Mrs. Wolf read the Treasurer's report. The balance on October 31st was \$1165.79. Receipts \$1428.75; disbursements, \$933.63. Balance November 30th, \$1660.91. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

REQUEST FOR ACTION - INFLATION

Mrs. Duff read Senator Ball's reply to the Minnesota board's letter favoring continuation of subsidies. Senator Ball stated his position as opposing subsidies in general. Mrs. Grahame discussed subsidies and inflation with reference to her outline. Miss Mitchell suggested that the Board write for copies of Judd's speech in the House on subsidies.

Miss Mitchell suggested that by far the most effective use of letters is that of getting several leading citizens, particularly big political leaders, to do the writing. The Board expressed enthusiasm and plans were made for acting on this suggestion in the matter of subsidies.

FOREIGN POLICY

Mrs. Duff stressed the importance of the Foreign Policy campaign, emphasizing the fact that it is by far the most important job the League has this year.

Miss Mitchell reported on the conclusions of the National Board of the League of Women Voters with regard to the Foreign Policy campaign. The National Board decided that the Foreign Policy campaign is of overwhelming importance and must go on until the quota of 3,000,000 contacts has been reached. There was some discussion as to whether the work of the League would be confined entirely to the Foreign Policy campaign, when such important issues as the subsidy question are coming up. Miss Mitchell stated that members of the League would inevitably be interested in these other issues and could act on them on their own time, rather than on League time, but that the National Board felt that the general membership should confine their activities to the Foreign Policy campaign until success is achieved. Later this same technique may be applied to other issues. In the meantime state and city boards may deal with emergency matters which come up on their respective fronts. Miss Mitchell spoke also of some of the difficulties of the campaign as the National Board saw them (timing of the campaign; tying in the campaign with other business of state and local boards).

The members of the State Board spoke in turn on their ideas of the value of the campaign. Mrs. Fletcher mentioned some of the difficulties (1) making members record their contacts, and (2) educating members so that they knew what they were talking about. She stressed the need for continued group study and said study groups want to work things out for themselves not have the material handed down by the National Board.

Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Cant and Miss Mitchell reiterated, saying that the new program should make members more independent, less "spoon-fed" than ever before, as the CUES give only a minimum of guidance.

Our member.
Mrs. Slocum criticized the National Board and the State Board for doing a very poor job on the Foreign Policy campaign. More specifically she said that the timing and organization were poor and that not enough direction was given at a time when it was most needed. She then gave her suggestions for a good squad meeting, as follows:

- 1) Cards should be sent out to all members several days in advance, specifying the time, place and subject of the next meeting.
- 2) Chairmen would call two people to assemble a bibliography for the new CUE. She would also call one person to assemble points concurring with the CUE and a second person to assemble controversial points.
- 3) The meeting would open with a few interesting reports on contacts made. A short review of old CUES with any new ideas on them would follow.
- 4) Some inspirational material from the State Board would be read.
- 5) The CUE or BROADSIDE would be read aloud. Specific facts given should be underlined and learned.
- 6) Suggested examples of approach would be given.
- 7) Bibliography presented.

Mrs. Ueland stated that she believes that such a meeting, dealing almost entirely with the mechanics of how to talk on Foreign Policy will not hold the interest of intelligent people.

Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Duff and Miss Mitchell on the other hand felt that such a meeting should at least be tried.

Mrs. Duff stated that the Foreign Policy campaign in Minnesota is to go on at least until the State quota is reached. According to a letter from Miss Wells only 29% of quotas has been met so far.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Cant discussed various money raising campaigns and said that on the whole things are going well. She mentioned that any gift to the League of Women Voters in 1943 is deductible from the ^{State} Income Tax.

PUBLICITY

Mrs. Rae discussed the League's newspaper publicity. She requested that some Minneapolis member consult with her regularly. Mrs. Fletcher discussed the League's radio publicity. She spoke of the difficulty of getting good scripts, also of difficulty in getting a regular time. There was discussion of how to go about getting better scripts. It was

It was decided to approach Margaret C. Banning and Brenda Ueland.

REPORT ON LEAGUES IN MINNESOTA

Miss Horr reported that she has been working in So. St. Paul and reported that she got 38 paid members in one afternoon. She also reported visiting Bemidji, Park Rapids, and Cass Lake leagues and getting them to work on the "face-to-face" campaign.

Mrs. Duff announced that the National League is requesting that Miss Horr be released to work for them for two weeks, in January. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Minnesota League would release her for this purpose. *

COOPERATION - UNITED NATIONS

A letter from Miss Wells was read by Mrs. Duff reminding the Board that it is the policy of the League to remain independent of other organizations, also that no lists of league members should be given out. Mrs. Duff noted that the United Nations committee could not be made an exception.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne D. Hull,
Secretary

* Mrs. Duff read a letter from Mrs. Wells of Duluth stating that ^{she} was unable to accept a position on the board to replace Mrs. Congdon. The Board decided to retain Mrs. Congdon on the board, in spite of the fact that she will be away for several months.

STATE BOARD MINUTES
January 14, 1944

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, January 14, 1944 at the Citizens' Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Duff presiding. Present were: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Megarry, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Ueland, Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Gislason, Mrs. Cant, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Beard, Miss Horr and Mrs. Hull.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. It was decided that in the future the minutes of Board meetings would be mimeographed and sent out to members.

Mrs. Hines gave the Treasurer's report as follows: Balance, November 30th, \$1660.91; receipts, \$798.93; disbursements, \$808.70; balance, December 31, 1943, \$1651.14. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. It was decided in the future to omit an itemized reading of "Bills Payable" at Board meetings.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Cant discussed the budget, analyzing changes in the cost of various items.

ROLE OF STATE BOARD

Mrs. Duff read a statement of the duties and obligations of a State Board. She discussed them, emphasizing the responsibility of individuals on a Board for the effectiveness of the whole.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION

National headquarters sent two requests for action during the past month.

- 1) A request for appropriations for UNRRA. Mrs. Duff, who wrote the Congressmen on behalf of the Minnesota League, discussed correspondence she had had with Congressman Andresen on the subject.
- 2) A request that members discuss informally control of inflation with Congressmen while they were home. The Board members had had no opportunity to do this.

NINE LEAGUE CONFERENCE

At Miss Wells's suggestion the Minnesota League invited nine of the largest Leagues in the state to send delegates to a meeting on the Foreign Policy Campaign. The President and her squad leader captain of each League was invited, the Minnesota League paying fares. The Conference was held January 13th from ten to four o'clock. Progress of the Foreign Policy Campaign was discussed, and all Leagues present promised a supreme effort to reach their goal by March 1st, although several were doubtful of numerical success.

ANALYSIS OF FOREIGN POLICY CAMPAIGN REPORTS

A total of 59,877 or 37% of quota have been reported so far. Several Leagues, although working on the project, have sent in no report so far. Four Leagues in the state have reached their quota; namely, Worthington, Sandstone, Glenwood and New Richland. A general feeling among members of the Board was that a great many contacts are not reported because of a reluctance on the part of the general membership to keep an accurate tally. Board members agreed that whereas a numerical count of contacts made has no very significant meaning, the process of "keeping track" is a psychological spur. Also, Mrs. Megarry suggested, the National League needs figures to go by, and the Minnesota League fulfills its responsibility to the National Board by seeing that its members turn in their figures.

Mrs. Ueland suggested that League members should be given enough background to understand clearly why the League is so overwhelmingly concerned, at this time, with foreign policy. They must be made to see the dependence of national and local problems on international cooperation. It was suggested that a broadside on this subject would be valuable. There was a discussion of the degree to which the present techniques ("face-to-face" discussion with a numerical record of contacts made) will be continued when the present campaign is over. Miss Horr said that the method has hardly been tried out here. However, there is a marked tendency for members to return to their old groups and old-type meetings. There was discussion of outside

"recruits" for the Foreign Policy Campaign. It was urged that all such non-member recruits be followed up and invited to join the League.

REPORT ON LEAGUES

Miss Horr reported that she has been concentrating on the St. Paul League during the past month, visiting groups and speaking on the Foreign Policy Campaign. She said that she plans to finish with St. Paul and to work with Minneapolis groups. There was some discussion of how many Leagues the Minnesota League of Women Voters can swing now. It was Miss Horr's opinion that it is better to concentrate on building up Leagues already going rather than to start many new ones at this time. It was the general opinion that certain "qualifications for Leagues" should be changed as they are outdated. It was decided that the matter should be brought up at the State convention.

THE FOUR FRONTS

Mrs. Keyes recommended that permanent interviewers be set up by the League in every legislative and congressional district. The question arose whether only specially trained persons should conduct the interviews or whether a large number of persons should be encouraged to participate in the interviewing as a type of training. It was suggested that national congressmen be interviewed by skillful, well-trained persons, while State legislators be interviewed by a variety of members.

Mrs. Keyes urged that legislative council and civil service work be begun right now. She mentioned the possibility of destructive legislation in civil service; i.e., legislation which would give returning servicemen unfair advantage over their competitors.

Mrs. Keyes also urged that every League member should attend her precinct caucus, not only as an act of good citizenship but in order to oppose isolation-minded candidates. The following measures were decided upon to publicize the idea:

- 1) Seeing newspapermen about publishing the date and place of all caucuses.
- 2) Writing League Presidents.
- 3) Printing an article in "The Woman Voter".

PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE

Mrs. Duff raised the issue of whether it will be necessary to have a Presidents' Conference this Spring, suggesting that it might be advisable to combine it with the State Convention, thereby eliminating much travel. It was decided that cards should be sent out to League Presidents asking their preference in the matter.

JANE GREY SWISSHELM FUND

Mrs. Cant brought to the Board's attention the fact that there is no written statement of how the fund is to be handled; i.e., as a permanent endowment, or otherwise. It was moved, seconded, and carried that a Committee be appointed to settle the question.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne D. Hull
Secretary

Minnesota League of Women Voters
914 Marquette Ave., Minneapolis

STATE BOARD MINUTES
February 11, 1944

The regular meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held Friday, February 11, 1944, at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Duff, President, presiding. Members of the Board present were Mesdames Duff, Hines, Grahame, Wolf, Megarry, Ueland, Killen, Beard, Workman, Hedin, Keyes, Russ and Miss Horr. Mrs. Haglin was present in place of Mrs. Fletcher, Radio Chairman. In the absence of Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Wolf acted as Secretary.

Mrs. Hines gave the Treasurer's report as follows: balance, December 31st \$1651.14; receipts \$418.68; disbursements \$677.60; balance, January 31, 1944 \$1392.22. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

FINANCE

In the absence of Mrs. Cant, Miss Horr gave a report of local league's standing as to quotas payable to State League. Up to date sixteen leagues have paid nothing on their assumed quota.

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Mrs. Beard reported on having contacted Dr. Jessness as to the best farm group to approach in regard to subsidies. Mrs. Duff had a conversation with the executive of the Midwest Cooperative who promised to send letters to Congressmen. It was brought out that we shall probably again have a request for action on Subsidies after the present bill is vetoed.

VOTER

Mrs. Killen raised the question as to the effectiveness of the Voter. How widely read by members? Mrs. Haglin said the Voter needed "pepping up". Mrs. Grahame said she was afraid people didn't read the Voter. Mrs. Ueland said

she liked the Voter as it is. Mrs. Killen suggested the possibility of cartooning it with the hope that more would read it and, thereby, absorb the meaty articles at the same time. After some discussion it was decided to popularize an issue or two and watch results.

RADIO

Mrs. Haglin reported that it is impossible to get regular time on a good radio station without script with popular appeal prepared for several months ahead. Discussion brought out means for developing such a program and Mrs. Haglin's plan to call a number of people with "flare" for script writing together, was enthusiastically received. It was suggested that radio script be exchanged between local and state league and that local leagues send to state a copy of each of their radio scripts.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

It was announced by Mrs. Duff that the National Convention would be held at "The Elms" in Excelsior Springs, April 25-28, inclusive. Only delegates possibly one or two alternates and no visitors allowed. Expenses for each delegate will be approximately fifty dollars.

NATIONAL PROGRAM

Discussion of the "Proposed Active List", proposed by the National Board for consideration and action at the 1944 Convention. Suggestion was made that item 3 might include the word "social" amending the item to read, "Adoption of domestic policies, political, economic and social, which will facilitate the solution of international problems". After discussion of item 7, it was suggested that Mrs. Hedin come to next Board meeting prepared to explain the item further.

POLICY REGARDING SMALL LEAGUES

Mrs. Duff brought out the inadvisability of carrying local leagues with very

small membership and suggested that leagues not able to keep a membership of at least twenty be dropped from the State, members being offered State membership at large. Miss Horr stated she believes leagues can and will meet the challenge.

After thorough discussion Mrs. Grahame moved that the Board recommend to the State Convention that local leagues have a minimum membership of twenty in order to maintain membership in State league. Mrs. Hines seconded. Mrs. Workman moved that local leagues be required to meet quota standards to maintain State league membership. Mrs. Megarry seconded. Both motions carried.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Board accepted St. Paul's invitation to the State Convention to be held the second week in May.

NOMINATIONS

Nothing further to be done on nominations for National league.

REPORT ON "FACE-TO-FACE"

Foreign Policy Campaign. Miss Horr reported that according to results sent to the State league, the campaign has reached 49% of its quota and Miss Horr reported she is now organizing squads in St. Paul and will start soon visiting the nine test leagues brought to Minneapolis for special emphasis on the campaign.

ELECTION ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Keyes reported the dates of the coming Republican Caucuses, and the national conventions. A discussion of caucuses and how to be recognized officially followed.

A report of the voting on appropriations for UNRRA disclosed Congressmen Maas, Knutson and O'Hara as having voted against the bill.

Miss Horr suggested letters to these men and letters of congratulation to those voting for the bill.

Mrs. A.R. Wolf

Minnesota League of Women Voters
914 Marquette Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

March 8, 1944

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 2, 1944

10 a.m.

Present: Mesdames Duff, Beard, Slocum, Howard, Grahame, Ueland and Miss Horr.

DISCUSSION OF COOPERATION

Mrs. Grahame brought up the question of showing a film released by the National Manufacturers Association. No decision, as a preview was to be shown to Mrs. Grahame, Mrs. Slocum, etc.

Mrs. Grahame brought up the question of cooperation in regard to joining all womens' organizations in a new venture, with by-laws, dues, etc., as a clearing house for all civic matters.

Questions arose as to a super organization, about the league being involved in action whey they might not agree.

Advice of Executive Committee was not to become involved in it.

Mrs. Duff then talked of an advisory committee made up of various groups to formulate questions for a public opinion poll here in Minnesota. It was agreed she could represent the league in ~~them~~.

Executive Committee recommends the following for the nominating committee:

Chairman - Mrs. Warner Workman

1st District	- 1st choice	- Mrs. A.J. McGillvray, Austin
	2nd "	- Mrs. K.B. Law, Lake City
	3rd "	- Mrs. Johnson, Waseca
2nd "	- 1st "	- Mrs. J.T. Outges, Jackson
	2nd "	- Mrs. Frank Proshek, New Prague
	3rd "	- Mrs. Milton Mason, Mankato
3rd "	- 1st "	- Mrs. Ed. Sullivan, Excelsior
	2nd "	- Mrs. Lloyd Wehnes, Excelsior

4th District

- Mrs Henry Zavoral

5th "

- Mrs. Maples, Minneapolis

6th "

- Mrs. August Luckmeyer, St. Cloud
Mrs. H.D. Stokes, Sandstone

7th "

- Mrs. O.S. Talle, Glenwood

8th "

- Mrs. L. Henderson, Grand Rapids
Mrs. Johnson, Duluth

9th "

- Mrs. Earl Hanson, Fergus Falls
Mrs. John McKee, Bemidji

Executive Committee recommends the following for Budget Committee:

Mrs. Harold C Cant, Chairman
Mrs. Lyle Hines, Treasurer
Mrs. R. Congdon, Duluth
Mrs. W. Feldman (Finance Chairman), Rochester
Mrs. Vernon Welch, Minneapolis

Executive Committee voted on the following to be delegates at the National Convention:

1- Mrs. Ueland - Minneapolis ✓
2- " Slocum - Minneapolis ✓
3- " McNamara - Minneapolis ✓
4- " Richardson - St. Paul ✓
5- " Grahame - St. Paul ✓
6- " Johnson - Duluth ✓
7- " McKee - Bemidji ✓

8 Mrs. Howard - Excelsior ✓
9 " Duff - Wayzata ✓
10 " Megarry - St. Cloud ✓
11 " Mason - Mankato ✓
12 Miss Horr - Minneapolis ✓

(Three places vacant)

13- Hines St Paul - 3
14- McQuinn - Mpls - 4
15- Mrs Pearce Redwing

Alternates suggested:

Mrs. Workman - Tracy ✓
" Ashton - Pipestone ✓
" Hines - St. Paul ✓
" Haglin - Minneapolis ✓
" Shearer - Minneapolis ✓
" Bixby - St. Paul ✓

~~Paul Mpls.~~
~~Peltson Mpls.~~
~~Mrs Patten - St Paul~~

2 alternates from Duluth
1 Mrs Morton
2

Executive Committee recommended Miss Horr write to Mrs. Cant about Chairman of Budget

Committee, about contributions due in March, about going to National Convention.

Mrs. Beard was asked to check on By-Laws.

Discussion on proposed state program. No decision made. Recommendation from Miss Mitchell read.

Some discussion on state convention and choice of National Board members to speak:

Marguerite M. Wells first choice, Mrs. Field second choice.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

STATE BOARD MINUTES

March 10, 1944

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of the Minnesota League of Women Voters was held on Friday, March 10th at the Citizens Aid Building in Minneapolis, beginning at 10 a.m., Mrs. Slocum presiding in the absence of Mrs. Duff. Present were Mesdames Howard, Hull, Hines, Wolf, Ueland, Grahame, Gislason, Slocum, Keyes, Beard, Miss Mitchell and Miss Horr.

The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting by the secretary. The minutes were approved as read.

Mrs. Hines gave the Treasurer's report as follows: balance, January 31st \$1392.22; receipts, \$1487.13; expenditures, \$1155.77; leaving a balance on February 29th of \$1723.58. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Mrs. Slocum read the recommendations of the Executive Committee for the nominating committee as follows:

Chairman	- Mrs. Warner Workman
1st District	- 1st choice - Mrs. A.J. McGillivray, Austin
	- 2nd " - Mrs. K.B. Law, Lake City
	- 3rd " - Mrs. A. Johnson, Waseca x
2nd "	- 1st " - Mrs. J.T. Toutges, Jackson
	- 2nd " - Mrs. Frank Proshek, New Prague x
	- 3rd " - Mrs. Milton Mason, Maukato
3rd "	- 1st " - Mrs. Ed. Sullivan, Excelsior x
	- 2nd " - Mrs. Lloyd Vehnes, Excelsior
4th "	<i>Zavonall</i>
5th "	- Mrs. T. Maple, Minneapolis x
6th "	- 1st " - Mrs. A. Luckmeyer, St. Cloud x
	- 2nd " - Mrs. H.D. Stokes, Sandstone
7th "	- Mrs. O.S. Talle, Glenwood
8th "	<i>Mrs. MacWalter Olive</i>
	- 1st " - Mrs. L. Henderson, Grand Rapids x
	- 2nd " - Mrs. L. Johnson, Duluth
9th "	- 1st " - Mrs. E. Hanson, Fergus Falls
	- 2nd " - Mrs. J. McKee, Bemidji x

Mrs. Wolf moved that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be accepted; Mrs. Hull seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Slocum read the recommendations of the Executive Committee for the Budget Committee as follows:

Mrs. Harold Cant, Chairman
Mrs. Lyle Hines, Treasurer
Mrs. R. Congdon, Duluth
Mrs. W. Feldman (Finance Chairman), Rochester
Mrs. R. Welch, Minneapolis

Mrs. Congdon moved that this recommendation be approved. Mrs. Ueland seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Slocum read the suggestions of the Executive Committee for delegates and alternates to the National Convention:

Delegates

Mrs. J. McKee, Bemidji
Mrs. S. Ueland, Minneapolis
Mrs. J. Slocum, Minneapolis
Mrs. H. Richardson, St. Paul
Mrs. F. Grahame, St. Paul
Mrs. Lyle Hines, St. Paul
Mrs. L. Johnson, Duluth
Mrs. C. Howard, Excelsior
Mrs. D. Megarry, St. Cloud
Mrs. M. Mason, Mankato
Mrs. I. McQuarrie, Minneapolis
Miss H. Horr, Minneapolis

Mrs. Congdon asked that places be left for two alternates from Duluth. Miss Mitchell recommended that Mrs. Hines be shifted from an alternate to a delegate in the event that Mrs. Cant does not go, in order to keep "Finance" well represented. Mrs. Ueland said that she didn't feel that either Mrs. Slocum or Mrs. Cant adequately represent the Minneapolis League as their work is mostly in the state organization. She asked, therefore, that Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. McQuarrie be admitted as delegates from the Minneapolis League. Mrs. Howard gave plans for rooms and train accommodations for the National Convention. Mrs. Ueland moved that the remaining openings for delegates and alternates be filled out by the Executive Committee. Mrs. Grahame seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grahame stated that the St. Paul League wished to hold the Convention

May 17th and 18th. The Board approved these dates. It was agreed that there would be two luncheon meetings and one dinner. Miss Mitchell suggested that a special convention committee be formed. The subjects for the general meetings were discussed.

PLANS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Miss Horr suggested a two or three hour Presidents' Conference, as things were too rushed last year. Mrs. Ueland suggested opening the convention with a formal luncheon meeting at noon, putting the Presidents' Conference the following morning. Miss Mitchell said it would be best to have the Presidents' Conference first, the presidents arriving early, and, therefore, not wasting other delegates' time.

Discussion was held on the group divisions to be set up at the convention in addition to the Presidents' Conference. The following were suggested:

- 1) Group to discuss securing new members.
- 2) Squad leaders' group.
- 3) Election meeting. Mrs. Keyes suggested getting a speaker from the University of Minnesota to discuss the relationship of Congress to the national picture. She suggested that at this meeting voting records of congressmen be discussed as well as material from congressional interviews. Plans would be made for further congressional interviews.
- 4) Finance group. Mrs. Hines and Miss Mitchell stressed the importance of a meeting on "finance" to make plans for getting contributions and to clear up confusion about the general financial set-up of the League.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Miss Mitchell asked several questions from blanks sent out by the National League:

- 1) What were major governmental issues in the state this year?
ANSWERS: Soldiers' Vote-Taxes-Postwar planning-State re-organization-Labor law-(suggested as continuing problems)-Unemployment compensation and civil service-Legislative council-School problems, teacher shortage especially.
- 2) Have any of these problems been satisfactorily solved?
ANSWER: The Soldier Vote probably will. Postwar planning has gone very well in some localities.
- 3) How has the League contributed to the solution of any of these problems?
ANSWER: Their understanding and support has helped civil service.
- 4) What new crucial state issues is the League ready to work on?
ANSWER: No special plans at present.
- 5) What continuing issues should the League do constructive work on?
ANSWER: Civil service, legislative council.

Miss Mitchell said that this questionnaire was a preview to deciding the State Legislative program.

NATIONAL BY-LAWS

Miss Mitchell proposed that changes to be proposed by the National Board at the Convention be explained and discussed. She prefaced her discussion by reading a letter from Miss Wells explaining the spirit behind the changes.

1- Discussion of proposed changes in Article II-----

The purpose and policy of the League. The National Board has proposed that the purpose and policy of the League be defined as follows:

PURPOSE: The purpose of the League of Women Voters shall be to help the individual form opinions on governmental issues and stimulate the citizen's political thinking, and to demonstrate that a group of citizens, representing no special or party interest, can affect decisions of government in the public interest.

POLICY: To carry out this purpose the League of Women Voters shall stimulate a sense of responsibility in citizens by working from individual to individual, supplemented by other appropriate means and it may take action on public issues.

The State Board expressed enthusiastic approval of the advocated changes, since they express the change in emphasis and methods which the League has undertaken this year through its "face-to-face" campaign.

2- Miss Mitchell asked several questions concerning functioning and value of State Boards as a preamble to exposition of an important change in organization advocated by the National Board.

First, Miss Mitchell raised the question of how many League members are really conscious of membership in a national organization. Mrs. Wolf said she thought a large percentage were not. Mrs. Howard said she thought that the "face-to-face" program had made many members conscious of the national organization. Miss Mitchell said the Minnesota League members are more than usually conscious of the national organization.

Miss Mitchell asked what a local league board should do for its members.

ANSWER: (1) Plan way in which local league measures should be carried out. (2) Plan how to raise funds and how to allocate them.

Miss Mitchell asked whether local Boards do too much for their members in the way of getting speakers, etc. rather than planning how members can help issues. ANSWER:

In general it was felt that members had been coddled too much. Mrs. Howard said she thought the campaign had changed this in the right direction. Miss Mitchell then asked what state Boards should do for their members. ANSWER: They should serve as the connecting link between the national Board and local leagues. They should be a stimulus to local leagues. Miss Mitchell suggested that the feeling of many members and many local leagues that they have no real function or power in the national organization is due to the fact that the state Board blocks (not in Minnesota) their relationship to the national organization by intercepting the national material and not handing it on down. Miss Mitchell said the situation is worse in some states than others. She told of instances where national material reached state offices and died there. (President gone to Florida or something) She said that there is no uniformity between the states at present only nineteen having state offices, six of which are part time. She stressed the importance of close contact between national and local leagues, particularly since rapid action is so important now. She stressed the importance of this contact as a stimulus. Members of the Board concurred.

After leading the discussion up to this point Miss Mitchell explained that the proposed new by-laws change the status of the state organization materially by limiting its scope to state legislative problems and arranging direct contacts between the national Board and local leagues. She explained that the new budget proposed might allow for one person on the Washington staff to serve as expert on local problems. It might allow further for one staff member and one volunteer from the national organization to visit every local league annually.

Other changes relating to the plan include representation of every local league at the National Convention by at least one delegate with an additional delegate for every additional 100 members up to 10. Miss Mitchell suggested that local leagues be encouraged to increase their budgets to allow for sending a delegate. The National Board also advocated changing the by-laws so as to make a minimum membership of 25 persons in an affiliated league. She explained that the national Board had decided that smaller groups, of which there are very few, cannot be a real influence in the community.

Getting back to the state organization as a 'bottleneck' for national material, Mrs. Ueland said that direct contact between national and local would be a great help to the local organization, freeing it for original effort. Mrs. Congdon said she considered state help and stimulus was a great help to the Duluth league; other members pointed out that the national organization could be equally helpful.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Miss Mitchell next took up the new plan conceived by the national Board with regard to state organizations, continuing the idea of greater representation for local leagues. There would be an executive body made up of the president of every local league plus a chairman. Function of the council would be to work only on pre-election material and state legislative issues. Financial support would be contributed by all local leagues. Meetings would be held only when urgent business was pending, probably not more than once in non-legislative years and three times in legislative years. The majority of the Board greeted the change in by-laws with enthusiasm. Several members stated that it was more democratic than the present set-up. Mrs. Slocum stressed the large financial saving which would result from the elimination of duplication between national and state boards. Miss Mitchell pointed out that this money would take care of visits from national headquarters and funds for the legislative councils.

Mrs. Beard said that the proposed new state organization held promise for states that have poor state Boards and are made up of big city leagues, but that she thought it would be a problem to keep up the many small rural leagues in this state through one or two annual visits from national. She thought they needed the constant care of a state field secretary or at least one field secretary for every three or four states. Miss Mitchell said the latter would not differ essentially from having several roving experts from the national staff.

PROPOSED ACTIVE LIST

Miss Mitchell said that another change the national Board would propose is with regard to the active list. They advocate that in future the national Board send out a proposed active list and local organizations send in changes or additions.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

The national Board also proposes that in future there be national membership, every league member contributing \$1.00 and receiving a membership card.

AFTER LUNCHEON-----

RADIO COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Fred. Winston reported on the progress of the radio committee. She said that a group of five women are working on a program in skit form which would carry the same group of characters through 13 incidents. The plan is modelled on a successful series done by the League of Women Voters of New Jersey. She said the first sketches should be ready in two or three weeks. She hopes that either WCCO or KSTP will accept the series. Mrs. Winston also announced that station WLWL will take a group of four minute talks to be worked into musical programs. She outlined the requirements and asked that several be ready by the end of March. Mrs. Slocum said that the CUES furnished good material for such talks. Miss Mitchell suggested a talk on the large attendance at caucuses this year.

STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM RECONSIDERED

The state Board recommends nothing new for legislative support. It recommends that civil service, legislative council, and school problems, its continuing responsibilities, be major. The Bemidji league sent in a request that the state league back the Airport Amendment which will go before the legislature this fall. Miss Mitchell and Miss Horr suggested that many special interests will be behind it and that it would not be necessary for the league to back it. It was suggested also that it is not the type of thing in which the league is particularly interested. It was moved, seconded and carried that a vote on whether or not to back the Airport Amendment be postponed until the next meeting.

FOREIGN POLICY CAMPAIGN

Miss Horr reported an estimate of 103,000 contacts made on the Foreign Policy campaign in Minnesota or 61% of quota. She said that new squads are being formed in several places. Mrs. Congdon told about Duluth's special way of making contacts. The members have conducted a poll of five or six questions on international cooperation.

PLANS FOR STATE BROADSIDE

Mrs. Keyes and others are working on a state broadside concerning elections and foreign policy. It will feature voting records of congressmen.

REQUEST FOR ACTION - EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Miss Horr read answers from Congressmen Maas, Gale and Judd in response to the request for action.

NATIONAL PROPOSED PROGRAM

Miss Mitchell said more material is coming out on the proposed program and it was agreed that discussion be postponed until the material arrives.

EXPLAINING PROPOSED BY-LAWS TO LOCAL LEAGUES

Miss Horr said she thought as many local leagues as possible should hear about the proposed changes before the convention takes place. Miss Mitchell

suggested that the Board send out a letter to the membership on the subject and enclose Miss Wells' letter. General opinion was that personal contact was far better than a letter. It was agreed that Miss Horr or a Board member should go to every community from which a delegate will be sent and to other leagues if they want someone and in so far as it is possible to visit them.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary