



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1951.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, January 24, 1951, in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, president, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Chapin, Partridge, Brustuen, Seham, McKee, Chesley, Livingston, McMillan, Guthrie, Everson, Nickoloff, Washburn, Alderman, Newstrom and the Misses Washburn and Blanpied.

SECRETARY AND

The minutes of the December 7 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

The summary budget report as of December 30 was read and accepted.

NICKOLOFF REPORT

Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff, chairman of the international item on the national agenda, gave a chronological report of the military events in Korea since June 24 and of the parallel actions of the UN and finally of the resulting "Great Debate" on the foreign policy of the U.S. Mrs. Nickoloff's plea was for continued support of our commitments to the UN and to the North Atlantic Pact, her word of hope that out of the Great Debate will come a common ground on foreign policy which will put country above party.

Mrs. Nickoloff's logical and factual presentation was so helpful to the Board that it strongly recommended sending at once this kind of material to all League members. Accordingly, Mrs. Nickoloff was asked to write a letter or bulletin which would go to every League member in Minnesota. The possibilities of a tape recording and of radio talks, are also to be explored. A letter from Mrs. Lee on the international situation, dated January 19, 1951, is attached.

MCKEE REPORT

Miss McKee reported on matters relative to the economic item at both federal and state levels. Some discussion followed relative to the advisability of preparation of materials in the state office, on such aspects of the federal item as the federal budget, the economic advisers report, etc. Two memos are promised from the Washington office at an early date; one in late January on economic mobilization and one in early March examining the defense tax program based on the federal budget. In view of this it seemed to be the general consensus that no similar materials be prepared by the state.

Miss McKee discussed the state item and what next steps - perhaps next year's program - should be considered. She indicated the need for a more detailed study of appropriations and how they are spent; which groups present budgets; how they are supervised (budgetary controls); how to use the Little Hoover recommendations applicable to Item II.

REPORTS FROM THE
LEGISLATURE

Constitutional Revision. Two bills have been introduced: (1) H.F. 22 (S.F. 10) has two parts - (a) shall a convention be called and (b) shall the revised constitution be submitted to the people. (2) H.F. 21, an amendment revising Section 14 of the constitution so that the revised constitution would have to be submitted to the people. Both house bills have been referred to the Committee on General Legislation; the senate bill, to the Judiciary Committee.

Mrs. Livingston stressed the importance of local leagues contacting appropriate members of the committee. Such leagues will be notified by the legislative chairman. Senate hearings begin February 5th. It was agreed that both bills be league supported.

F.E.P.C. S.F. 69 has been introduced and referred to the Rules Committee, but it is possible that it will be sent to the Judiciary Committee. H.F. 74 has been referred to the House Labor Committee. Hearings for proponents are scheduled for Jan. 29, for opponents Feb. 5. Chances for passage seem good and the League has effective workers on the job.

January 24, 1951

Civil Service. H.F. 61 has been introduced making mandatory that labor be represented on the Civil Service Board. The League is in favor of an unbiased, objective citizen group; therefore, opposes this bill.

It was agreed to take no position on bills which recommend Civil Service salary increases.

The new veterans preference bill drawn by the "Veterans Preference in Public Employment Commission" was explained by Mrs. Everson who suggested that the League appear before the committee to which the bill is referred, supporting those parts of the bill consistent with League policy. If the bill which comes from the committee is an improvement on existing law, the League might indicate support. This procedure was agreed upon by the Board.

Child Labor. Mrs. Livingston read a letter from Florence Burton calling attention to a Child Labor bill introduced recently. The bill, H.F. 96, provides a 16 year minimum for employment in certain occupations; minimum age of 16 for employment during the hours that school is in session; 40 hour week for minors under 16 years; 48-hour week for minors 16 and 17 years of age; prohibition of hazardous occupations under 18; and does clearly come within the League platform.

Education. Mrs. Partridge asked the Board to take a position on the amount of basic aid requested of the Legislature. The state Department of Education recommends \$75, (present allowance \$56 for current biennium, will revert to \$50 if law is not amended this session) which will increase the total amount per year by 10 to 11 million dollars. Mrs. Partridge moved that the League support the bill allowing \$75 per pupil basic state aid. Seconded, passed.

Mrs. Livingston moved that the Minneapolis League be permitted to engage in appropriate legislative activity. The motion was seconded and passed that the Minneapolis League be allowed to work on the following:

1. Enactment of a change in the law pursuant to the charge for care of patients committed to certain institutions which would make the county of residence responsible for the cost rather than the county of commitment.
2. Enabling legislation which would make it possible for Hennepin County to lease a building which would be suitable for detention of juveniles instead of using the present facilities which are the County Jail.
3. The Leagues of Hennepin County request permission from the state Board of the League of Women Voters to study and work for the support of the proposed bill or bills which will be presented at the state Legislature pertaining to the consolidation of Minneapolis Public Relief and Hennepin County Welfare Boards, providing the majority of Hennepin County leagues are in favor of such consolidation.

Housing. Mrs. Livingston reported that there may be a bill which would limit activities of housing authorities to slum clearance.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mrs. Hargraves reported that Miss Strauss would be in Minnesota in mid-March. She is anxious to work with local Leagues on their finance problems and has requested that a "Board Institute" session be arranged.

Dr. Louise Young has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker at the state convention which will be held May 23rd and 24th at the St. Paul-Hotel Curtis Hotel.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman
Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

*Request
for
Action*



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE UNITED STATES
1026 17TH STREET N. W. • WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

FILE COPY

January 19, 1951

RE: UNITED NATIONS AND NORTH ATLANTIC PACT

Authority: Platform Item IV, 1, "Strengthening the United Nations and its specialized agencies through increased use, adequate budgets, improved procedures, and provision of adequate powers to keep the peace and stop aggression." - 2, "International agreements for the limitation of armaments, international control of atomic energy, and collective defense arrangements as steps toward a universal security system."

This IS Going Out on Standing Orders - Price: 3¢

To: State & Local Presidents
From: Mrs. John G. Lee

There is now in progress in Congress and throughout the country a great debate on this nation's foreign policy. Touched off by the speeches of Mr. Dewey, Mr. Hoover, Senator Taft, Mr. Dulles and Mr. Truman, many possible courses of action have been presented to the American people. Your national Board shares the feeling expressed by so many of you in letters, phone calls and wires to the national office, that the League has an obligation to exert leadership in this situation.

The League has a long and continuous history of support of the principle of collective security. This support was vigorously affirmed at our national Convention last April. I believe that the overwhelming majority of League members are prepared and eager to express this point of view at the present time. We supported ratification of the U.N. Charter, passage of the U.N. Participation Act and the North Atlantic Treaty. We have urged maximum use of U.N. machinery and recently supported the United Nations General Assembly's "Uniting for Peace" Resolution. The League considers the U.N. and the North Atlantic Pact essential instruments in promoting the security and well being of the American people. In the League's opinion they are founded on principles which are fundamentally valid; they answer basic needs of our national interest. Because their foundations are sound, the U.N. and the North Atlantic Pact continue to be essential to the U.S. in a time of crisis. Both Treaties rest on the basic concept of interdependence in today's world. Both recognize the impossibility of isolation for the U.S. Military defeat in Korea has not changed these concepts. The growing threat of aggression has heightened our need for allies and pointed up the impossibility of our stemming the tide alone. More than ever, the U.S. today needs the U.N. and the North Atlantic Pact as machinery for forging unity among the free nations. Let us now throw our weight behind full implementation of our obligations under these undertakings. Not only are we morally bound to do so; our chance for survival probably depends upon it.

The country is generally united in believing that Communist aggression must be opposed but there are wide differences of opinion as to where and how. We must promote discussion of current controversies in an objective spirit, making clear the complexities of the issues and the need to weigh alternatives. There are no black or white solutions. There are no solutions which do not entail risks. Decisions must be made on a basis of the ultimate effect on the security of our country and the United Nations.

Following this Request for Action will be a President's Letter which will set forth our commitments under the U.N. Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty. This, plus the League publications "Building World Security" and "The United Nations and Aggression," and the December 11, 25 and January 22 issues of TRENDS, provide the necessary background information. It is important at this time to impress all Senators and Representatives with public demand for wholehearted U.S. support of the U.N. and the North Atlantic Treaty.

Nothing less than a large public-opinion building job will meet the present need. All means with which you are familiar should be utilized fully: interview your editors and radio stations to gain their support; stimulate wide use of the Letters to the Editor columns in your papers; consider public meetings and special conferences on a wide scale; convince individuals that registering their opinions with their representatives is continuously important.

We must be prepared to sustain this campaign until it is conclusively decided that the U.S. government fully accepts its commitments to the other free nations of the world for our mutual defense and survival.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 6, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Tuesday, March 6, 1951, in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, president, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Guthrie, Chesley, Partridge, Livingston, Lush, Brustuen, McMillan, Chapin, Hargraves, Kelly, Newstrom, Alderman; Miss Hope Washburn; guests: Mrs. A. Meinecke, Mr. Rossman and Mr. Crabtree.

Prior to the regular meeting of the Board it was addressed by Mr. L. A. Rossman, publisher of the Grand Rapids Herald Review. Mr. Rossman's subject was "Some Aspects of Minnesota's Economy" which he discussed principally with reference to the future of the iron ore industry. Mimeographed copies of Mr. Rossman's talk were available to Board members.

MINUTES Mrs. Hargraves called the meeting to order at 11 o'clock. Reading of the minutes was omitted and they were approved as circulated.

BUDGET Mrs. Chapin presented the budget for 1951-52 as proposed by the Budget Committee. It was moved by Mrs. Brustuen, seconded and passed that the budget be approved by the Board. Final approval will be made by Convention delegates in May.

Mrs. Chapin moved that Mrs. Newstrom be authorized to reimburse the president for expenses to the extent that the 1950-51 budget permits. Motion seconded and carried.

NATIONAL VOTER Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Mrs. Lee asking the Minnesota League to cooperate in distribution of the new NATIONAL VOTER by mailing from the state office. It was agreed that this would be desirable if the national League can help defray the additional clerical and postage costs.

COUNCIL MEETING The matter of representatives from Minnesota to the Council Meeting in Washington, April 24-26 was discussed, but no appointments were made.

BY-LAWS Mrs. Hargraves explained that a minor change in the state by-laws was indicated due to action at national convention changing the method of apportionment of delegates. It was agreed that this be presented at the state convention.

STATE LEGISLATION Mrs. Livingston reported on state legislation with which the League is concerned. A brief summary of her report follows:

The Constitutional Convention bill was defeated March 1st on the floor of the House by a vote of 63-53. In the House, the FEPC bill has been sent to the House Appropriations Committee where it is in danger of being killed by voting no funds; in the Senate, action will probably be delayed until after the final House vote. The State Aid and Child Labor bills are in committee where some changes may be made in the bills before they are brought to the floor of either house. The Veterans Preference bill will probably not be acted upon this session.

March 6, 1951

Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Mrs. Samuel Gale asking that the Minneapolis League be granted permission to work on the following legislative matters at the state Legislature, which will affect the city of Minneapolis.

1. A total increased tax levy of 12 mills for schools.
2. A greater share of state tax monies for Minneapolis and/or additional sources of revenue other than the property tax.
3. Opposition to the bill introduced by Senator Duenke which would force city-wide referenda on public housing sites.

Mrs. Brustuen moved that the Board grant the requested permission. Seconded, carried.

PROPOSED STATE
AGENDA

Mrs. Hargraves led the discussion on the proposed state agenda for next year.

The following tentative program was accepted and will be sent to local Leagues for consideration.

1. The League will build public opinion for a new state constitution.
2. The League will study the state tax structure with emphasis on special taxes which apply to industry and commerce.
3. The League will study the practical application of Minnesota civil service rules.

It was agreed that the decision on the civil rights item be postponed until after the Legislature has voted on the Fair Employment Practices Bill.

STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Hargraves reported on plans for the state convention which are progressing as outlined at the previous Board meeting. It has been necessary to change the place of meeting to the Curtis Hotel with the St. Paul League in charge of arrangements.

ORGANIZATION

Miss Washburn reported on organization. Two good new provisional Leagues have been recognized - Circle Pines and Brainerd; a new provisional League has been started at Alexandria which has not yet been recommended for recognition; two Leagues (Park Rapids and Cass Lake) are in danger of disbanding unless their membership can be built up; Mrs. Chapin and Mrs. Guthrie are helping with state organization.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel W. Alderman
(4)
Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Room 406, 84 South Tenth Street
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

March 21, 1951

MEMORANDUM

Re: State Program
To: State Board Members
From: Mrs. Hargraves

The status quo of the economic item instead of "The League will study special taxes on industry and commerce in Minnesota", which the Board agreed upon, is not an indication of presidential recalcitrance. It became evident as I began to put the Program on paper that we were not justified in changing the statement of Item II, either because of local League request or accomplishment. Not one League has made a recommendation in regard to dedicated funds (a unit of the Tracy League suggested, somewhat vaguely, that whenever there is an "excessive accumulated surplus" in any fund the percentage of revenue dedicated to that fund be reduced.) We seem to need further and more thorough study of taxes and related problems, which in most Leagues have had rather superficial attention. A gathering of several Board members a few days after our Tuesday meeting reached separately the same conclusion. I have consulted, also, Mrs. Burgess who feels that special business taxes are among the most difficult and controversial and that we are not ready for them. There is controversy enough for us to cope with, to wit -

1. Whether earmarked funds should accumulate while increased taxes are levied or new tax sources sought to meet current budget.
2. The political implications of the iron ore and railroad taxes.
3. Reinterpretation of "public education" to allow use of income tax for teachers' colleges, University, junior colleges.

You will have another opportunity to express yourselves on this Item when second suggestions are received from the local Leagues and we are making up the Proposed Program to present at Convention. If you have strong objections, speak soon, or hold your peace until the next Board meeting, May 2nd.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 3, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, May 3, 1951, in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Livingston, Alderman, Chapin, Guthrie, Kelly, Washburn, Nickoloff, Everson, Lush, Partridge, McMillan, Newstrom and Miss Hope Washburn.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's statement for the past fiscal year was read. (Attached to file copy)

PROPOSED CURRENT
AGENDA

Local League suggestions and comments on the Proposed State Program were considered. (Attached to file copy)

1. Constitution Convention. A letter from Mrs. Brustuen indicated she might not attend the convention and Mrs. Livingston was asked to present this item as stated in the Proposed Program.

2. Economic Item. Since Miss McKee will not attend the state convention, Mrs. Washburn will present this item which was changed to "The League will study the relationship of revenue requirements and revenue sources in Minnesota."

3. Civil Rights. Since the FEP bill was defeated in the Legislature, the Board will propose that this item be stated as it was on the 1950-51 Agenda. Board presentation of this item by Mrs. Lush will point out that this item is not limited to the negro problem and that material is available for study of the problems of migratory workers and Indians.

4. Civil Service. The Civil Service item will remain as stated in the Proposed Program. Mrs. Everson in her presentation will distinguish between civil service rules and civil service law.

A fifth item, party designation of legislators, was discussed. The Board felt that it was too late to add this to the Proposed Program and that supporters of the item should introduce it on the floor of the convention. Mrs. Chapin was asked to speak for the Board on this item.

CONVENTION

There was a discussion of the Convention program. The Proposed Rules for convention were approved and suggestions were made for the contents of convention kits.

Mrs. Dworak, who has been nominated a director, has accepted a paid position with a party. Even though she will not begin her work until after convention, the Board felt her name should be withdrawn from the slate.

The time of the dinner meeting was changed from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Miss Washburn reported that the Alexandria group had met all requirements for being recognized as a provisional League. She moved that the Board recommend recognition of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Alexandria by the National Board. Seconded, carried.

May 3, 1951

Miss Washburn also reported the sudden death of the Lake City League which disbanded before the Organization Committee was able to help.

COLLEGE LEAGUES

Mrs. Kelly reported that she and college League members are drawing up a two-year plan for college League activity. The plan will include study of fundamentals of local, state and national government, and political parties; voters service work; and Go-See trips. It was suggested that Mrs. Kelly send the plan to national when it is completed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Nickoloff reported on the grave national and international scene and the need for interest in & support of the United Nations during the summer months. The Board asked that she prepare a supplement to her previous outline.

Mrs. Lush called to the board's attention a Local League statement which might have been construed as an endorsement of Minneapolis judges. There was some question as to whether League visitors are competent to judge officials and whether stating their judgment is a violation of the non-partisan policy.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. Newstrom
Mrs. E. H. Newstrom, Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-second annual convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order by the president, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Wednesday, May 23, 1951 at 10:00 a.m.

I. The first Order of business was Appointments:

- (1) Mrs. Reuben Brustuen moved that Mrs. Allan Meinecke be appointed parliamentarian for the convention. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harry Shapiro. Motion carried.
- (2) Mrs. Russell Duncan moved that the president's appointment of Mrs. K. M. Simonton and Mrs. T. P. Regan as members of the credentials committee be approved. Motion seconded and carried.
- (3) Mrs. G. V. Chapin moved that the president's appointment of Mrs. Basil Young (Hibbing), Mrs. Donald Johnson (Waseca), Mrs. Payson Wolfe (Worthington), Mrs. P. S. Morrow (White Bear Lake) as members of the Elections Committee be approved. Motion seconded. Carried.

II. The proposed rules of the convention, as circulated, were read by Mrs. Meinecke, amending Number 3 to limit the discussion to two minutes, until all who wish to speak have been heard. Mrs. Reuben Brustuen moved to accept the rules as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

III. Mrs. H. H. Livingston moved that the order of business as printed in the program be adopted, authorizing the president to make such changes as she considered advisable. Motion seconded, carried.

IV. Reports: The reports of the President, Treasurer, Organization Chairman, College League President were read.

The report of the auditor was read. Mrs. Meinecke moved its acceptance. Motion seconded and carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by the chairman. The following slate was presented:

President	Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, Austin
First Vice-president	Mrs. J. R. McNamara, Minneapolis
Second Vice-President*	Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin, St. Paul
Treasurer	Mrs. R. P. Raustadt, Mahtomedi
Director	Miss Alice Brandt, South St. Paul
Director	Mrs. John Donohue, St. Paul
Director	Mrs. Luther Long, Owatonna
Director	Mrs. Payson Wolfe, Worthington
Chairman, 1952 Nominating Committee	Mrs. Fallon Kelly, South St. Paul

*Term to expire 1952

The president called for nominations from the floor.

Mrs. W. H. Alderman moved that Article XI, Section 1 of the state By-Laws be changed to read "Section 1. National Convention. - The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provision of the by-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States." The motion was seconded.

V. Presentation of Proposed Program.

- (1) Mrs. H. H. Livingston moved that item I on the 1951-52 Agenda read "The League will build public opinion for a new state constitution." The motion was seconded.
- (2) Mrs. Abbott Washburn moved that item II on the 1951-52 Agenda read "The League will study the relationship of revenue requirements and revenue sources in Minnesota." The motion was seconded.
- (3) Mrs. Philip Lush moved that item III on the 1951-52 Agenda read "The League will work for a greater understanding of civil rights in Minnesota and for legislation to correct discrimination." The motion was seconded.
- (4) Mrs. T. O. Everson moved that item IV on the 1951-52 Agenda read "The League will study the practical application of Minnesota civil service rules."

The president asked for additional items for the Current Agenda.

Mrs. Russell Duncan, Minneapolis, moved the addition of the following item to the 1951-52 Agenda "The League will study the present method of nominating state legislators on the ballot without party designation." The motion was seconded.

Mrs. Lloyd Hale, Minneapolis, moved that the above item be considered the following day. Motion seconded, passed.

The second session of the convention was called to order by the President at 2:00 p.m., May 23rd.

By common consent it was agreed that a telegram (to be worded by the international relations chairman) be sent to Minnesota Senators Humphrey and Thye indicating the League of Women Voters of Minnesota support for the extension of reciprocal trade agreements without crippling amendments.

Mrs. K. K. McMillan gave the financial report.

Mrs. Luther Long presented the proposed budget.

The third session of the convention convened at 9:30 a.m., May 24, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, president, presiding.

- I. The president stated that if there were no objections the minutes of the convention would be approved by the Board.
- II. Mrs. Lincoln Thomas moved that the slate of officers as presented the previous day be elected. Motion seconded and passed. The secretary cast the ballot.
- III. Mrs. Luther Long moved that the revised budget for 1951-52 (copy attached) be accepted. The motion carried.
- IV. The question was called for the motion on changing Section 1 of Article XI of the by-laws as presented the previous day. The motion, changing the by-laws was carried.
- V. Current Agenda.

- (1) Mrs. Lush moved the previous question (Item I). Motion carried. Mrs. Thomas moved that the item be amended to read "The League will build public opinion for the calling of a constitutional convention." Motion seconded, carried.

The acceptance of Item I as amended was passed.

- (2) Mrs. Brustuen moved the previous question (Item II), carried. The vote on the question: in favor 84, opposed 75.
- (3) Mrs. Carlson moved the previous question (Item III), carried. The vote on the question was taken and carried.
- (4) Mrs. Buzzell moved the previous question (Item IV), carried. The vote on the question was taken and lost.
- (5) Mrs. Chapin moved the previous question (Item V), carried. Mrs. Hale moved to amend Item V to read "The League will study the present method of electing state legislators with a view to supporting party designation." Motion seconded, passed.

The vote was taken on adopting the item as amended for inclusion in the 1951-52 agenda. The motion carried (2/3 majority required). The vote: 125 for, 24 against.

The final meeting of the convention was called to order at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 24th by the president.

Mrs. Harry Shapiro, Convention Chairman, presented the credentials report: total attence - 285; 166 delegates; 104 observers; 14 state Board members; 1 national Board member; 39 Leagues represented; largest delegation outside the Twin Cities - Rochester League with 18.

The above minutes record only the business transacted at the convention. No changes were made in the program as printed in the official program copy attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

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Proposed Current Agenda

THE LEAGUE WILL BUILD PUBLIC OPINION
FOR A NEW STATE CONSTITUTION

THE LEAGUE WILL STUDY THE RELATIONSHIP OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS AND REVENUE SOURCES IN MINNESOTA

THE LEAGUE WILL WORK FOR A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN MINNESOTA AND FOR LEGISLATION TO CORRECT DISCRIMINATION

THE LEAGUE WILL STUDY THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF MINNESOTA CIVIL SERVICE RULES

Nominating Committee Report

The 1951 Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for positions to be filled at the annual state convention:

President.....MRS. KENNETH McMILLAN, Austin
First Vice-president..MRS. J. R. McNAMARA, Minneapolis
*Second Vice-president**..MRS. HAMILTON LUFKIN, St. Paul
Treasurer.....MRS. R. P. RAUSTADT, Mahtomedi
Director.....MISS ALICE BRANDT, South St. Paul
Director.....MRS. VINCENT DWORAK, Minneapolis
Director.....MRS. LUTHER LONG, Owatonna
Director.....MRS. PAYSON WOLFE, Worthington
Chairman, 1952 Nominating Committee

MRS. FALLON KELLY, South St. Paul

*Term to expire 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. REUBEN BRUSTUEN

MRS. T. RIEBESEHL

MRS. GERTRUDE WALLINDER

MRS. LINCOLN THOMAS, *Chairman*

Proposed Budget

Income

Local League Support.....	\$10,621.50
Members-at-large	30.00
National Publications	1,000.00
State Publications	250.00
State Convention and Meetings.....	950.00
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter).....	1,000.00
National Voter	1,200.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.....	40.00
Direct Contributions	700.00
College Dues	21.00
Appointment Calendars	175.00
Miscellaneous	25.00

TOTAL INCOME\$16,012.50

Expenditures

Equipment, Supplies, Postage.....	\$ 700.00
Insurance	
Liability	10.00
Fire	5.00
Rent and Electricity.....	350.00
Telephone and Telegraph.....	275.00
Board Meeting Expenses.....	150.00
President's Expenses	125.00
Delegates' Expenses	200.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
League Promotion Travel.....	500.00
National Publications	1,100.00
State Publications	157.50
Bulletin	750.00
Appointment Calendars.....	175.00
Salaries and Salary Taxes.....	4,800.00
National Services	5,900.00
State Convention and Meetings.....	750.00
Special Project Fund	40.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES\$16,012.50

Proposed Change in By-Laws

Article XI

National Convention and Council

Section 1. *National Convention*.—The Board of Directors, at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Minnesota under the provisions of the by-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

32nd Annual Convention

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MINNESOTA



May 23-24, 1951

CURTIS HOTEL

Minneapolis, Minnesota



"We are convinced because of what we have learned in the League that national and world government cannot be stronger than local and state foundations."

MRS. MALCOLM HARGRAVES

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Wednesday and Thursday, May 23rd and 24th, 1951

CURTIS HOTEL MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Wednesday, May 23rd

REGISTRATION 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

OPENING SESSION 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Presiding: Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, *President*

East Room

Organization of the Convention—Approval of Rules

Report of the President.....MRS. MALCOLM HARGRAVES

Introduction of State Board Members

Report of the Treasurer.....MRS. G. V. CHAPIN

Report of the Auditor.....MRS. ALLAN MEINECKE

Organization Report.....MISS HOPE WASHBURN

Report of the College League Adviser.....MISS HELEN SHIMOTA

Report of the Nominating Committee.....MRS. LINCOLN THOMAS

Proposed Change in By-Laws.....MRS. W. H. ALDERMAN

Presentation of Proposed Program

Constitutional Convention.....MRS. ABBOTT WASHBURN

Discussion

State Taxes.....MRS. H. H. LIVINGSTON

Discussion

Civil Rights in Minnesota.....MRS. PHILIP LUSH

Discussion

Civil Service.....MRS. T. O. EVERSON

Discussion

Presentation from floor of items not on proposed Current Agenda

SECOND SESSION 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

East Room

\$\$\$*The Grass Roots Look Greener*\$\$\$.....MRS. K. K. McMILLAN

Presentation of Proposed Budget.....MRS. LUTHER LONG

Announcement of Pledges.....LEAGUE MEMBERS

Success Stories.....MRS. ABBOTT WASHBURN

Duluth and Kasson Leagues

All Dressed Up and a Word to Say.....Rochester League

DINNER MEETING 7:00 p.m.

East Room

LOOKING BACK TO SEE AHEAD.....LOUISE M. YOUNG

Thursday, May 24th

REGISTRATION 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

THIRD SESSION 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

East Room

Election of Officers

Final Action on Budget and By-Law Change

Those Who Represent You Make the Decisions

Embattled Return—Report from the Legislature...MRS. H. H. LIVINGSTON

REPRESENTATIVE SALLY LUTHER

Voters Service—Bridge Between Opposing Sides of the

Political Stream.....MRS. FRANK CHESLEY

Program Discussion and Action

LUNCHEON MEETING 1:00 p.m.

Cardinal Room

Credentials Report.....MRS. HARRY SHAPIRO

Presentation of New Board of Directors

A Meeting of Minds in Washington.....MRS. EUGENE BURGESS

Report of National Council Meeting.....MRS. K. K. McMILLAN

Adjournment

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 21, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, June 21, 1951, in the office of the Minneapolis League. Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames McMillan, Wolfe, Guthrie, McNamara, Wilson, Donohue, Lufkin, Raustadt, Newstrom, Kane, Gruner, Alderman and Miss Brandt.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 3rd Board meeting were read and approved. The president stated that she would appoint a reading committee of the Board to approve the minutes of the Convention which are filed with Board minutes.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Mrs. Raustadt read the treasurer's report which was placed on file.

DAY OF BOARD
MEETING

The Board agreed upon the third Wednesday of the month. There will be no July meeting. The August date - 15th, September 19th, October 17th.

STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Alderman moved that the cordial invitation of the Rochester League to hold the 1952 convention there be accepted with thanks. Motion seconded and passed.

UN ASSOCIATION
RADIO CONFERENCE

The president asked Mrs. Kane to attend a conference June 27 to meet with Mrs. Dorothy Lewis of the Radio Division of the UN association. This was at the request of Mrs. George B. Palmer, Minnesota UN Communication Committee.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Mrs. McNamara moved that Barbara O'Neill be paid \$180 for the month of July. Seconded, carried. She will substitute for Mrs. Newstrom while she is on vacation.

Grace Wilson will be available this summer for consultation with resource people. It was agreed that such conferences be arranged by the latter and that Mrs. Wilson be reimbursed on an hourly basis. Mrs. McNamara moved that Mrs. Wilson be paid at the rate of \$1.25 an hour. Seconded, passed.

Mrs. Guthrie moved that the president, Mrs. K. K. McMillan; the treasurer, Mrs. Robert P. Raustadt; and the executive secretary, Luella Newstrom; be authorized to draw checks on checking account deposited at the Northwestern National Bank. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Donohue moved that Mrs. K. K. McMillan, Mrs. Robert P. Raustadt and Katharine M. Alderman be authorized to withdraw money from the Jane Grey Swisshelm account on deposit at the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank.

BUDGET IN BRIEF

The government printing office has again published "The Budget in Brief" a popular presentation of the 1951-1952 Budget. It was moved, seconded and passed that each local League be provided with a copy and billed for same.

June 21, 1951

CONFERENCE WITH
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McMillan read a letter from Mrs. Lee describing the plan of the national Board for holding conferences with state Boards in 14 states throughout the country. The "pilot" conference at which all national board and staff members will meet with the Illinois Board will be in Chicago, September 12 and 13. The Minnesota conference to be attended by one national Board member and one national staff member and the Minnesota Board is scheduled for September 17 and 18. Conferences with local Leagues in Minnesota will follow. The discussion at all conferences will center on "Greater use of the League as an agency for political responsibility."

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. McMillan moved that the following be approved for appointments to the Board: Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Gruner, Mrs. Nickoloff, Mrs. Drinkwine, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Dahl. Motion seconded and carried.

ASSIGNMENTS

The president announced the following assignments: Miss Brandt, economic items; Mrs. Donohue, legislation; Mrs. Wolfe, Finance; Mrs. Guthrie, structure of government; Mrs. Chesley, voters service; Mrs. Kane, editor, Articulate Voter; Mrs. Gruner, civil rights; Mrs. Nickoloff, International Relations; Mrs. Martin, college League adviser; Mrs. Dahl, education; Mrs. Lufkin, party designation.

The president asked for and received various suggestions for committee members.

CALENDAR

A tentative calendar for local League activities for 1951-52 was set up. (copy attached) to be circulated to local League presidents about July 1st accompanied by information on available materials.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Katharine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
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July, 1951

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SUGGESTED CALENDAR FOR A LOCAL LEAGUE*

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SUGGESTED PROGRAM ITEM</u>	<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>
SEPTEMBER	1. Membership, Orientation, Organization 2. Legislative Review, Party Designation	Nationwide finance drive begins
OCTOBER	1. International Item 2. International Item	UN Rally Oct. 24 - UN Day Oct. 28 - Program suggestions to national board
NOVEMBER	1. National Economic Item 2. National Economic Item	
DECEMBER	1. Administration of Conservation	
JANUARY	1. Civil Rights 2. Civil Rights	Jan. 15 - Program suggestions to state Board
FEBRUARY	1. Local Government 2. Presidential Primary	Feb. 26 - Registration for presidential primary closes
MARCH	1. Constitutional Convention 2. Constitutional Convention Review of Civil Service	Mar. 18 - Presidential primary Changes in proposed national program
APRIL	1. State Economic Item 2. State Economic Item	National Convention Changes in proposed state Program
MAY	1. Annual Meeting Report of national Convention	State Convention
JUNE	1. Local Government Report of state Convention	

Voters Service is a year-round job. A special calendar for Voters Service work during the year will be sent to you in the early fall.

This calendar is a suggested outline for covering League Program items. You may wish to change it. However, material on the state Agenda will be sent to you on the following dates: Party Designation - August 1st; Civil Rights - December 1st; Presidential Primary - January 1st; Constitutional Convention - February 1st; State Economic Item - March 1st.

* See also Page 52 of the Local Leaders Handbook.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 15, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, August 15, 1951, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames McMillan, Guthrie, Kane, Wilson, Raustadt, Lufkin, Donohue, Dahl, Chesley and Miss Brandt.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 21 Board meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was omitted.

PROGRAM
CONFERENCE

Mrs. McMillan announced that results of the September 17-18 meetings should get out to the Leagues in the state by January. She asked all board members to be thinking of suggestions to the national board on Program since suggestions must be in Washington by Oct. 28. The program conference may affect our ideas of what we want to suggest. The conference will be held in the Minneapolis office. National asked that all materials sent to members by national, state and local Leagues be gathered together for the conference. The Board decided that Minneapolis, Rochester and Worthington be the local Leagues to gather material which they gave their members. The national office also suggested that since the national Board members are coming to us on a restricted budget, that hospitality for their housing would be welcome.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

Mrs. McMillan appointed an executive committee consisting of Mrs. McNamara, Lufkin and Alderman.

ARTICULATE
VOTER

Mrs. Kane spoke of the Articulate Voter. The issue in preparation for August is on Party Designation; for October, United Nations; the December issue it was decided would be on a report of the Program Conference. It was suggested that the Organization Committee collect success stories, for some future Voter. (For example, Wabasha revival). There was general discussion about the name of the "Articulate Voter", general dissatisfaction being expressed by board members. It was suggested that local Leagues be asked their opinion, with the idea of making a change, perhaps, by next fall.

BOARD
APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. McMillan announced that there are still four vacancies on the Board. Mrs. Harold Field, St. Paul, was suggested, by Mrs. Lufkin, as public relations chairman. Barbara Stuhler was suggested for College League Adviser. Mrs. Lufkin said that two Anoka women, (whose names she could not recall) last year's president and the president before that, would also be good candidates for a board job.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Guthrie asked the Board's advice on what one or two most important points should be emphasized in this field, in reaching the public this year. She wanted a slogan or some phrase to dramatize the idea. Mrs. Lufkin spoke of book I'll Meet You in the Lobby which might give Mrs. Guthrie ideas. Miss Brandt suggested that the Missouri experience in getting a new constitution would give us help. William Anderson's book would also be helpful, Mrs. McMillan said.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Chesley reported that she would work on a Calendar for voters service work. Mrs. Lufkin spoke of a skit on caucuses for Leagues to use which she would send to Mrs. Chesley. It was suggested that Voters Service be emphasized all year long in relation to our calendar of action.

August 15, 1951

CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. Wilson reported on the material she was gathering on the study on Indians and the Migrant Worker. Mrs. Donohue suggests that the study of the Mexican be emphasized, too.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Donohue wants a state-wide committee on Legislation. She will meet with Mrs. McMillan to appoint this committee. The result we hope will be better response to calls for action. Legislative luncheons may be the function of this committee throughout the state. This committee can also help arrange the legislative workshop next fall.

ECONOMIC ITEM

Miss Brandt reported that she is getting a committee to work with her. She also reported that many of those who attended her workshop on economics would be available for leadership in their communities and she was informing the Leagues of this fact.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Wilson

Mrs. Harold L. Wilson
Acting Secretary

July 31, 1951

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR PROGRAM CONFERENCES - SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1951

Introduction

I. Purpose of these Conferences is to mobilize the League's full strength and resources in order that, with imagination and boldness, it may play the most useful part possible in helping citizens work out solutions to the challenging issues of our day. Our country faces a long period of danger, either of recurring crises and persistent high tensions, or of the confusions which accompany years of uncertainty. How can the League best help the American people to keep calm, to maintain a sense of balance, to exert leadership and to keep confident that constructive solutions will be found so that freedom will endure?

These conferences will provide an opportunity for a critical review of the role of the program, the process of program-making and the action that results. They should lead to a search for needed changes and to consideration of proposals for modification of our program methods where necessary - as well as to the courage to carry them through. The conferences should help the League membership to develop a better understanding of the potentialities of the League program, and so lay the basis for sound thinking in preparation for the decisions to be made at the 1952 Convention. At that time we will be shaping a program to guide our course through an important election year and through 2 critical years of human history. The conferences should be a creative venture to help the League realize its potential stature.

II. The Plan and the Method - National Board and staff members in teams of two will meet with the state Boards of 14 Leagues in two-day conferences. Each of these state Boards will then assume the responsibility for following through on these conferences with their local Leagues, either through area meetings or in conferences with individual Boards within the state.

Our aim is to seek through discussion solutions to the problems connected with the best use of League program at all levels. Our membership has shown, through the process of revising our structure, our ability to shape and develop the organization towards increasing fulfillment of our purpose. The progress we have made in past years towards mastering successful organizational patterns frees us now for emphasis on program. A mature and seasoned organization, we ask ourselves - "How can our Program be developed most successfully to promote our objective?"

THE AGENDA

1st Session - What We Aim To Do; What We Are And What We Have to Work With

I. What is the League's Job Today?

It is important at this time to refresh our understanding of the League purpose and to relate it to the continuing danger to the nation and the challenge to the democratic concept the world over. Although fundamentally the purpose of the League throughout its history has remained the same, the type of program has changed with the needs of the times and the growing experience of the organization.

1. Is the present situation in which the League finds itself any different from what it has always been?

- a. What are the differences?
- b. Will they change or continue?
- c. How do they affect the purpose of the League?
- d. How do they effect the carrying out of the purpose?

1. Discuss the fundamental job of the citizens of the U.S. in complex world.

2. Discuss League purpose.

- 2. How has the emphasis in the League program shifted through the years?
(Use visual aid)

- a. What is the significance of this shift?

- b. Has the League kept abreast or ahead of the times? (Here it is important to have discussion as to whether the League should provide leadership for a forward movement in our society, as government affects it, or is such an idea in conflict with the League purpose?)

- c. Does this provide a guide for the future?

- d. Should the League be more flexible?

organization-wise?)

procedure-wise?) Yes or No. Leave development till later.

program-wise?)

3. Discuss "Going to Community". In recent years this has been given growing emphasis in our statements of intent.

- a. Has our performance been commensurate with such statements.

- 1. in making League membership representative of the community?

- 2. in reaching community outside membership?

- b. In reaching the community, should our emphasis be on:

- 1. Stimulating citizens to think through issues, encouraging political action on the part of many citizens, arousing citizens to the belief that it matters that they inform themselves on public issues and, using their best judgment, take action in the public interest?

- 2. Exerting leadership to influence decisions on specific issues?

- 3. Training citizens through a limited League program which develops individual and group experience and responsibility?

- a. Does the individual member use her League training outside the League program?

- b. How should she do so?

c. Is there any conflict resulting from our wish to develop responsible individuals as well as to achieve legislative success as an organization?

1. If there is, what do we do about it?
2. If there isn't, how do we promote greater progress towards both objectives?

II. What We Are And What Assets We Have To Work With

A. A brief organizational picture of the League today (kinds as well as number of communities in which organized); size of membership; financial resources. See visual aids. (Here there should be a similar statement by a member of the state Board where the conference is being held, giving facts and figures for that state.)

B. Our Assets - Actual and Potential

1. Purpose and our dedication to the democratic form of government of the U.S.
2. Structure of organization.
 - a. Members control it.
 - b. Members operate it.
 - c. Provides training and experience in representative government.
 - d. Provides training and experience in individual and group political action.
3. Nonpartisanship.
4. Cross-section membership.
 - a. Represents various political, economic, social points of view.
 - b. Acts in public interest only, so does not exclude representatives of special interest.
- c. Justice Brandeis said: "I have no general philosophy. All my life I have thought only in connection with the facts that come before me." Does this apply to the League?
5. 31 years of experience.
 - a. Is this of any value?
 - b. Is it a handicap?
 - c. Has it brought prestige?
6. Other assets?
7. What about liabilities?

2nd Session - The Program (This is the most important part of the Agenda - Summarize areas of agreement reached in 1st session.)

I. What is the function of the League Program in relation to the definition of our purpose as agreed upon in 1st session? (A searching attempt should be made to come to grips with this problem to bring out fresh ideas. If it is to be a selected program, what are the criteria for this selection?)

A. What type of program item provides the best vehicle?

1. Is it best to work for broad principles?
2. How should we implement them?
3. How should we select the specifics under these broad principles?
4. Are complex, technical issues, like international trade, governmental finance, suitable for arousing wide citizen interest and action?
5. Can we gain community-wide understanding of the principles involved in these issues?
6. How much knowledge about such subjects must a citizen have to enable him to form an intelligent opinion as a basis for action?
7. Are measures which tend to make government responsible to the citizen, and to facilitate citizen participation in government (for example, Congressional reorganization, improved election laws) more satisfactory program items?
8. Do the answers to these questions differ with the different levels of government?

B. What about the size of the program load? (Discuss from leaders' as well as members' load.)

1. Is it necessary to cover many fields in order to attract to our membership women of diverse interests?
2. Is there much membership concern over "too much program"? (visual aid)
3. If there is general agreement on this, how can we extricate ourselves from the predicament of continuing to vote too heavy a program load?
4. What about the weight of program we've accumulated over the past 31 years?
5. Can we drop "continuing responsibilities" without being accused of being superficial and lacking persistence in achieving our ends? (Equal Rights, Reorganization, etc.)
6. Once we have worked on a measure, and seen it through to enactment, are we obligated always to come to its rescue when its continuation is jeopardized? (Merit system, Public Housing, etc.)
7. What is our responsibility in following the administration of laws for which we've worked? This should lead up to discussion of:

8. How does this affect our action in the community?

9. Do we overload the community?

C. The Platform

1. What is the function of the Platform and its relation to the Current Agenda?

2. How do we change the Platform? Add to, take from?

3. What devices might be used to limit action?

a. Would it be desirable?

4. Are state and local Platforms advisable?

D. The Program-Making Procedure (This is very important. The leader should present briefly the steps and an appraisal should be made by the group.)

1. Is it too lengthy and cumbersome for these fast-moving times? (Visual aid.)

2. Does it hamper us in readiness to act quickly?

3. What are its strengths?

4. How can we promote fullest use of the channels it provides for membership determination of program?

5. The role of the Board at all levels - providing leadership in program-making.

6. The final step in program-making is Convention decision. What is delegate's role?

7. Why not "instructed delegates"?

8. Is there a better way to handle "not recommended" items?

9. Is the 2/3 rule desirable?

10. In the light of this discussion and also of the conclusions reached on the kind of program we would like to come out with - do we wish to modify our program-making procedure?

11. How can this program-making method be made a more valuable experience in the democratic process of reaching group agreement?

12. What is the role of the minority?

E. Carrying out the Program (Discuss this from the first preparation through to responsibility on "Requests for Action.")

1. What is action?

2. Who takes action? In whose name?
3. What is the responsibility of League leaders?
4. Are we reaching all our members adequately?
5. When we take action in the name of the League, do we know we represent membership opinion? Discuss "polling".
6. What are the relative values of individual citizen action as compared with action in the name of the organization? (Inflation, etc.)
7. What is the responsibility of the local Board to its members on the whole program?
8. What is the responsibility of the member?
9. Reaching the community - How much part does this play in our plans for carrying out program? (International economic item)
10. What about action in the summer? (Note that Congressional action now comes to a head in the summer months.)
11. Would it be preferable to call our Requests for Action "Time for Action"? (Discuss the new situation in Congress due to hearings on principles before a bill is written, and by omnibus bills procedure. Does this present a difficulty to the League?)
12. At what point do we bring in the community?
13. Is our general policy on cooperation realistic and sound?

3rd Session - Tools and Techniques (Review chief conclusions so far. Gear this discussion to these. Spend less time on this session.) How can we continue to build up resource leadership, carry out an effective demonstration of citizen action on a selected program, yet never lose sight of the goal of developing the whole idea of citizenship responsibility?

1. What are the most effective ways of helping to develop political judgment in the community?
2. How necessary is League legislative action to education for citizen responsibility?
3. How useful a public service do we perform and how successfully do we further the League purpose where we provide information on issues (presenting all sides), rather than "taking a position"?
4. If we did more of the former, would our program be a more effective demonstration to show the way for all citizens to carry their full share in a democracy as informed, alert participants?
5. Do we graduate trained League people into public life? Into party activity?
6. In the light of our aim, what type of material is needed for:

a. Leaders

b. Members

1. Appraisal of THE NATIONAL VOTER

2. Are our materials: understandable for the average member, interesting enough for the public, and profound enough for the League leadership?

c. Reaching the community

1. Whom are we reaching?

2. Whom do we want to reach?

3. Do we plan realistically to tailor our materials and our methods to fit the people toward whom they are directed? (Items I and II.)

4. Do we appraise community opinion and attitudes?

5. Do we plan to reach the open-minded, the unconvinced, the opposition? Or do we talk mostly to ourselves and to those who already think as we do? (Civil Liberties, etc.)

6. Do we try to analyze the extent, source and background of "the opposition"? (Reciprocal Trade, etc.)

7. What are the channels for reaching the whole community? - our Units, other organizations, public meetings, press, radio, TV, window displays, etc.

8. What is the success of our Voters Service work in the community and do we make best use of its tools and techniques in other program fields?

At the end of this session review all important conclusions so far. This must be well done - positively and constructively. The state Board should then be charged with the responsibility of using the first half of the 4th session (without national Board or staff representatives being present) to lay definite plans for putting the conclusions into operation. The state Board secretary should have taken very careful notes on the conclusions at the end of the 3rd session. These should form the basis of the agenda for the first half of the 4th session with the state Board.

4th Session - The first half of this session will be the state Board meeting without national Board representatives.

The second half is allotted for discussion with state and national representatives of state Board plans. This should be aimed at plans for servicing locals with this conference as the basis and discussion of any other major problems facing the state Board.

The conclusion of the conference should be a very brief summing up of the job of the League of Women Voters as a whole in view of the present situation.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota and members of the state organization committee met, September 17 and 18, 1951, with Mrs. Orville Foreman of Illinois and Mrs. Israel Hervin of Oregon, both members of the national Board of Directors, to discuss the program of the League, the program making procedure and the action that the League has taken in the past, in view of today's world situation. (See attached Agendas) This meeting followed a similar meeting in Chicago, with the Illinois Board, at which all the members of the national Board sat in on the meetings, and the same plan will be followed with fourteen state Boards in all.

It was announced that the meetings would be divided into four half-day sessions, would begin at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m.; that the secretary, Mrs. Alderman, would take the minutes, that the executive secretary, Mrs. Newstrom, would take shorthand notes, and that a third person, the rapporteur, Mrs. Wilson, would keep track of the conclusions reached through the discussion, these conclusions to be read to the group at the beginning of each session. The first half of the fourth session was to be conducted with the national Board members absent so that the Minnesota Board could make plans for carrying the discussions to the local Leagues and, also, so that the Minnesota Board could evaluate the conference just ending.

Those attending the sessions, besides Mrs. Hervin and Mrs. Foreman were: Mesdames McMillan, Lufkin, Alderman, Raustadt, Brandt, Chesley, Dahl, Donohue, Field, Guthrie, Kane, Wilson, Newstrom, Youngberg, Chapin, Dosse and Gale; and the misses Stuhler and Washburn.

By way of introduction, Mrs. Hervin spoke of the changing era in which we live. What is least understood is the leadership role which the United States finds itself in, today. Experts say we have a 50/50 chance for war or peace and our actions, as citizens, will determine which it shall be. What are the best means to fulfill the League's purpose to bring to citizens the understanding that will help to solve the challenging issues of the day? We need a re-evaluation to meet the needs of the times, to help people understand clearly the issues involved, and to develop citizen responsibility on all levels of government.

The conclusions reached at this meeting are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
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CONCLUSIONS OF PROGRAM CONFERENCE
September 17-18, 1951

The following conclusions were reached at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota with members of the state organization committee. The discussion was led by Mrs. Orville Foreman and Mrs. Israel Herwin, members of the Board of the League of Women Voters of the U. S.

A. WHAT IS THE LEAGUE'S JOB TODAY?

1. Is the present situation in the world different than it has been in the past?
We agreed that the times have not changed but have speeded up.
2. Is the League's job today different than it has been?
We agreed that the League's job also has not changed but has been intensified, sped up and made more difficult. There were, however, two unsolved questions (1) Does the situation make the national Program more important than state and local? (2) Is there still a basic isolationism which we have to cope with?
3. Should the League continue to make decisions on issues?
We were agreed that we must continue to make decisions on issues as part of our leadership job and that we should emphasize more than we have individual action in fields other than those on our program.
4. Has the League been ahead of the times?
We were agreed that the League has exerted leadership in the past and must in the future and in order to give this leadership, our program must be forward looking.
5. Assets and Liabilities
We agreed that the increased money spent on local projects, membership, budgets and coverage of states and territories indicate the League is becoming better equipped to do its job.

Our assets are:

1. devotion to democratic government
2. control of League by its members
3. skills learned in running League help to know how to run government
4. non-partisanship - a great advantage although it has drawbacks
5. cross-section membership, although not quite realized
6. 31 years of experience
7. more uniform procedures
8. publications
9. prestige
10. national convention

Our liabilities are:

1. democratic process is cumbersome
2. confusion with other groups because of our name "League"
3. limited budget
4. cross-section membership not realized
5. small membership
6. unit system - has weaknesses

B. PROGRAM

1. How should program items be chosen? We agreed that items should:
 - a) affect the greatest number of people, citizens as well as League members
 - b) not be cared for by some other organization
 - c) not add too much to the load
 - d) be closely connected to the structure of government
 - e) be timely, yet follow the lines of general League interest
 - f) be one in which members can participate widely * show citizen responsibility
 - g) have the support of a large majority of the membership
 - h) be one on which study material can be prepared

2. Should program items be more specific? It was agreed that
 - a) they can't be more specific on the national level, might be on the local level
 - b) items should be related to everyday experience of citizen

3. How much information must citizens have to form intelligent opinions as a basis for action?
 We agreed that we should sell the general principles to the public at large, sell some specifics to a selected public. Some of the underlying principles we want to sell on the national level are:
 - a) higher standard of living everywhere means higher standard here
 - b) war anywhere means war here
 - c) self protection makes us support collective security
 - d) the cost of aid to our allies is a small per cent of our total cost of defense. (Total military defense budget - \$60 billion; total military aid to allies - \$6 billion. The Marshall Plan to date has cost \$12 billion which is equal to the cost of 3 days of war.)
 - e) the cost per U.S. citizen for defense is less than the cost per European citizen for defense in proportion to their respective incomes
 - f) the relationship between defense expenditures and inflation is very close

Mrs. Foreman gave us a series of statements, prepared by the national Board, of basic principles, simply expressed, re the economic item. These would be good to emphasize in reaching the public.

- a) Inflation is bad (though extra money in pockets seems good)
 - 1) it hurts certain groups more than other groups (bad in a democracy)
 - 2) it creates lack of confidence in the government (reflection of a lack of confidence in ourselves)
 - 3) it creates insecurity for our country because defense is more expensive
- b) Overall inflation results when there are more dollars than goods
 - 1) last year's inflation was due to greed, not government spending
 - 2) next year's inflation will be due to government spending
- c) Inflation can be controlled by any government with the cooperation of its citizens
- d) To prevent inflation, we must choose between guns and butter, that is, we must offset the increased government spending by decreasing citizen spending. We do this by:
 - 1) heavier taxes (curtail consumer spending)
 - 2) government borrowing (buy bonds)
 - 3) reduce credit available to individuals
 - 4) reduce goods available for individuals to buy
 - 5) direct controls
 - 6) keep government from borrowing from banks and creating credit

4. How can we limit the program load?

We agreed that we can't cut down the number of program items too much because members and contributors would lose interest and we would become special pleaders. Our platform is a protection against too long an agenda.

5. How much responsibility does the League have in the administration of laws they have worked to pass? There was discussion but not agreement on this.

- a) some thought we should watch administration from an overall point of view
- b) others thought we should watch administration in fields in which we have worked
- 3) all agreed that responsibility should be traced to the elected official responsible and if necessary, the problem carried to the public through Voters Service

6. Is our program making procedure too cumbersome? We agreed it has to be in a democracy.

- 1) some thought that planning in June by locals would be an improvement; others, in October
- 2) others said the extra months would not improve the situation
- 3) all thought that the small number of suggestions from members is not due to lack of interest, but to a feeling of incompetence
- 4) board planning, and the coming area conferences, could perhaps give impetus to program making

7. What is the role of the minority in the League? It was agreed that:

- a) good manners and humility on the part of the majority would take care of most situations
- b) there is flexibility within the League to allow for the freedom of the minority

C. ACTION

1. When does your responsibility for action on an item begin? We were agreed:

- a) it begins with the orientation of the new member, up through the education of all members on the subject matter, and on to education of the public at large and of selected members of the public
- b) that most of us could do more in reaching the public through letters to the editor, news stories tied to the action call, working through selected members of the public with like interests who have previously been softened up
- c) that good board planning and committee work was necessary for an adequate response to calls for action
- d) that calls for action mailed directly to all members is a good technique - responses from members, as individuals, supplement official League letters.
- e) that discussion of the answers received from legislators in response to members' letters is one good incentive for members to respond to Requests for Action
- f) that we should do more sizing up of community previous to action call and analyze how best to influence legislator

2. Are we reaching League members adequately? It was generally agreed that

- a) we are in small Leagues and are not in large Leagues, and that the unit system is in some ways a liability
- b) better training meetings with mimeographed material to supplement oral reports would help some Leagues
- c) more distribution of League material to members of units, as well as to leaders would improve the situation
- d) the plan some Leagues have of providing in the budget for distribution of all literature to all members is excellent
- e) the longer, more informative Requests for Action give the members better information for their letters and telegrams

- 3) Do we adequately reflect League opinion in our action? We agreed that we usually do
 - a) when dissension exists, however, it can usually be sensed through discussion, by visits to local Leagues, by letters from Leagues
 - b) if necessary, a poll is taken by some League, their action depending on the result of the poll
 - c) "Time for Action" is an improvement over "Request for Action"

D. TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

1. Are we reaching the public with our tools?
 - a) we agreed that several methods used locally, such as a sound truck, distribution of broadsides door to door by Scouts, placing materials in libraries, etc. were good
 - b) new suggestions were a broadside in poster form to put on bulletin boards or in windows, or posters with pockets for League material
 - c) all agreed that more advertising techniques should be used to reach the public
2. Would pros and cons be better than material just in favor of an item?
It was agreed that
 - a) pros and cons should go to members, to reinforce members ability to answer arguments and thus promote the item 100,000 strong
 - b) favorable material should go to the public
3. Is there too much material? for leaders? for members? (The display of material on all levels was laid on the table) We agreed that
 - a) there was not too much material, we needed it all
 - b) the material is simple, but not condescending - discussion outlines are helpful
 - c) two copies of leaders materials should go to the local president so that she can keep one copy and pass the other on to the responsible Board member
 - c) publication service should be resumed and advertised
4. Is the National Voter being used in the best possible way?
 - a) it was agreed that the Voter should be a publication for the average member, including the members at large and that League news, legislative news and progress reports should be included, that it need not be popularized to the Mrs. Dooley level.
 - b) it was agreed that briefs, memos and broadsides should be retained as they are and aimed at the public as well as the League member and leader
 - c) some suggested that information in briefs and some mimeographed material might be incorporated into the Voter
 - d) some dislike the shiny paper and blue ink
5. Do you try to reach the open-minded, the unconvinced, the opposition in your community? Do you analyze your public?
In conclusion, we all agreed with Mrs. Foreman's Voters Service credo
 - a) Energize the people with you
 - b) Evangelize the middle group, the undecided
 - c) Soothe the people against you, they may be with you next time

6. Are the democratic processes in the League too slow for these fast moving times?
 - a) we agreed that the democratic process is slow and has to be so
 - b) we were greatly impressed by the timelessness of the League program, when viewed over a 31-year period and felt a great admiration for the League members in the past who created such a forward looking program
 - c) we agreed that to get members' opinions on specific legislation, which unexpectedly appears in the limelight of the day's news and was not foreseen at the time of the convention, is a slow process; but this democratic method we now use is a safeguard against the League's taking a stand which is not supported by the membership
7. Have we really learned to use the discussion method as a means to learning?

We agreed

 - a) that helps in the way of institutes on the discussion method, and pamphlets, such as Let's Have A Discussion, would probably improve our techniques
 - b) that the best guarantee of a good discussion is a fund of information in the minds of the leaders and participants in the group
 - c) that dividing the leadership in the discussion between several members, sending questions ahead of the meeting to those coming, and sending a typed resume of the discussion conclusions to members after a meeting, are all ways to improve the quality of the discussion
 - d) that pros and cons in material would help members in talking with the public on an item - it gives them a miniature lobbying experience
 - e) that it would be helpful if there could be included in material the kind of questions which are being asked by the uninformed public
 - f) that it would be helpful if there could be included in the material some ideas on preparing all members of a group to come to the meeting primed to enter into the discussion
8. How shall we carry this discussion to the local Leagues? We agreed
 - a) that area conferences are a better idea than individual meetings
 - b) that anyone who talks to local Leagues before the area conference may speak of this meeting to start them thinking about what they want to say
 - c) that two leaders should go together to one of the nine or more area meetings for a one-day conference
 - d) that at least two or three members from each League, and the whole Board if possible, should attend a conference
 - e) that the main purpose of these conferences is:
 - to arouse us to face the present danger of war and inflation
 - to stimulate the total membership to act (resist impulse to be a spectator)
 - f) that the conclusions reached by us here today are only tentative and the most important thing is to get the views of all our members and poll those findings for the benefit of the whole League and of the whole country.

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1026 17th Street, N.W.
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September, 1951

THE AGENDA IN BRIEF

Is the League geared to the times?

How has the job of the U.S. citizen changed?

Has the job of the League changed?

What are our assets and liabilities?

Is the League program geared to the job?

Is there a conflict between purpose and program?

What is the best kind of program?

Is our procedure for making the program suited to the times?

How are we carrying out the program?

What is action?

Do we have the tools?

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 19, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, September 19, 1951, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, president, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Alderman, Dahl, Donohue, Field, Guthrie, Johnson, Kane, Lufkin, McMillan, Newstrom and Wilson and Miss Barbara Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 15 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was read. The balance on hand as of August 31, 1951, was \$1,170.70.

NATIONAL BOARD
NOMINATION

It was agreed that Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, former state president, be suggested to the national Nominating Committee as a nominee to the national Board.

STATE NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

The following were suggested as members of the Nominating Committee - Mrs. J. R. McNamara and Mrs. R. P. Raustadt as the two Board members; Mrs. A. K. Aslakson, Mound, and Miss Hope Washburn, St. Paul, as the two non-Board members. Mrs. Fallon Kelly was elected chairman of the committee at the last convention.

BOARD RESIGNATIONS
AND APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. McMillan announced the resignation of Mrs. Wolfe, as state finance chairman. Mrs. Carl Johnson of Worthington was asked to take Mrs. Wolfe's place on the Board.

Mrs. McMillan explained that Mrs. Nickoloff felt she would be unable to give much time to her League work since she had taken a temporary job. Mrs. Guthrie suggested that a committee might be formed to relieve Mrs. Nickoloff of some of her work until she is free to give it more attention.

Mrs. Guthrie moved that the following be approved as members of the Board: Mrs. Carl M. Johnson, Worthington, Finance Chairman; Mrs. Harold Field, St. Paul, Public Relations Chairman; Miss Barbara Stuhler, Minneapolis, College League Adviser.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. Wilson reported on the civil rights material since there is not yet a chairman of this subject. She is hoping to receive enough free copies of Migratory Labor in American Agriculture, Report of the President's Commission on Migratory Labor for the local Leagues. Copies of Minnesota and Her Migratory Workers, a publication of the Minnesota Council of Churches, are available for 15¢. Mrs. Dahl moved, it was seconded and passed that 50 copies of this publication be purchased. It was agreed to give these pamphlets without charge to local Leagues.

CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION

Mrs. Guthrie reported on the plans of the Constitutional Convention committee. One of the suggestions was that Girls' State might hold a mock constitutional convention at their next meeting. Mrs. Guthrie was given Board approval for contacting the American Legion Auxiliary about this. Other suggestions were the possibility of a booth at the state fair and cartoons on slides accompanied by a short commentary for use at public and organization meetings. The committee will ask Mr. Hawf of the St. Paul newspapers to do these cartoons. Mrs. Guthrie also announced that members of the League committee will work with the Citizens Committee for a Constitutional Convention to build public support for revision and convention.

Consider asking

September 19, 1951

COLLEGE LEAGUES

Barbara Stuhler reported that last year College League members expressed a lack of interest in state and national Program items and that a planning committee had decided a two-year course in practical politics would be more interesting. Miss Stuhler read the outline of the course which will be sent to College League presidents and advisers (copy attached). The Board agreed that League materials included in the course should be sent without cost to College Leagues.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Field discussed the work which might be done in the Public Relations field this year. She hopes to get better coverage in the smaller state newspapers, more letters to the editor in support of League items, a full page in a Sunday edition of the newspaper which would have picture and name appeal to out-state communities, television time for League programs. It was suggested that Mrs. Field might work up a Public Relations kit for local League use.

Mrs. Donohue mentioned that the Florida League had raised money to send out-state League members to the Legislature. This was done by selling a column on the Legislature to local newspapers.

Mrs. Wilson reported that station KUOM and the State Department of Education had suggested that tape recordings of the League radio program be made available to local Leagues for rebroadcast in their communities. Letters have been sent to 16 local Leagues offering this service for the approximate cost of \$15 for tapes and postage.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Kane read the schedule for radio broadcasts concerning the United Nations. This schedule will be printed in the next issue of the Articulate Voter along with a reminder of the KUOM League broadcast at 11:15 every Monday beginning October 1st.

Miss Stuhler announced that the following organizations: Foreign Policy Associations of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota United Nations Association, United World Federalists - Minnesota branch, and the Atlantic Union Committee will sponsor a meeting at which Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, ambassador to Denmark, will speak at Northrup Memorial Auditorium, October 26. It was moved by Mrs. Field, seconded and passed that the League of Women Voters join in sponsoring this meeting since Ambassador Anderson has long been a member of the Red Wing, Minnesota League.

Mrs. Alderman moved that we ask Mrs. John G. Lee, national president, to speak at our next state convention. *seconded & passed*

PROGRAM CONFERENCES

Ten area conferences were set up to service local Leagues with a discussion similar to that held September 17 and 18 with Mrs. Israel Hervin and Mrs. Orville Foreman of the national Board. The conferences will take place before Thanksgiving. Conference details will be worked out by Mrs. McMillan and the staff.

Mrs. McMillan announced that she is in the office the first Friday of every month.

The next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 17th. National Program suggestions will be worked out then.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. H. Newstrom, for
Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

October, 1951

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE LEAGUES

1951-1952 and 1952-1953

1951-Fall

I. Why Politics?

- A. Explanation of year's program and introduction
 - 1. Is Politics Your Job? - League of Women Voters Memo
 - 2. Understanding Politics - Louise M. Young
 - 3. Self-Government USA - Carrie Chapman Catt Fund publication
- B. Examination of local government and politics
 - 1. Cooperate with local League of Women Voters in arrangements
 - a. Whole group visit one of the local governing boards
 - 1) City Council
 - 2) School Board
 - 3) Board of County Commissioners
 - b. Representatives visit groups and report to membership
 - c. Interview mayor and other local politicians

1952-Winter and Spring

II. Mechanics of Politics

- A. Role of political parties and party responsibility
 - 1. You Can Be the Life of the Party - League of Women Voters publication
- B. Procedures in Minnesota and/or other states
 - 1. You Are the Government - St. Paul League of Women Voters publication
 - 2. From Precinct Caucus to National Convention - Minneapolis League of Women Voters publication
 - 3. What's the U. S. to You - A Quiz - League of Women Voters publication
 - 4. Materials from the GOP and DFL parties
- C. Initiate mock national conventions or have a discussion on issues in coming national election

1952-Fall

III. Election Year

- A. Initiate and cooperate in campus political rally
- B. Voters Service activities - cooperate with local League of Women Voters
 - 1. Registration facts
 - 2. Absentee ballots
 - 3. Information on candidates
 - 4. Straw vote on campus
- C. Analysis of election results

1953-Winter and Spring

IV. Minnesota Legislative Year

- A. Prepare for conference at Legislature - discussion of issues or have a mock session
 - 1. Ninety Days of Lawmaking in Minnesota - Minnesota League of Women Voters publication
 - 2. You Are the Government - St. Paul League of Women Voters publication
- B. Analysis of work of the Legislature and discussion of general problems of state government

Suggested Program for College Leagues - 2

V. Politics as a Career or Avocation

A. Summary Discussion

1. Agenda for a One Day School on Political Effectiveness - League of Women Voters publication
2. How to Go Into Politics - Hugh D. Scott, Jr.

STATE CONFERENCES

Fall, 1951 - Meeting on organization of program for the two-year period

Spring, 1952 - State meeting - speaker on politics

Winter, 1953 - Conference at Legislature

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Administer all college elections.

Sponsor a weekly news round-up of 15 minutes at some convenient time - survey by faculty member one week, by student the next.

KIT OF MATERIALS

All of the materials mentioned in this outline are made available to you except the two books, Understanding Politics by Louise M. Young and How to Go Into Politics by Hugh D. Scott, Jr., which are probably available in your college library. Additional copies of League materials may be purchased from the state office. Consult your adviser or other faculty members for additional references.

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"Politics is the most important business a man can get into, because it is by politics that the affairs of this country are conducted. There is no other way to do it. There are a great many more good politicians than there are bad ones. If this were not so, the country would go to the dogs. People are accustomed to use the word 'politician' as a term of contempt. This is because their immediate contacts are with politicians of the lower order. But even these are necessary. As you go farther, you will find that there is as much - possibly more - integrity among politicians as among men in any other walk of life. You read the papers and see stories of graft and boodle and crooked deals. Many of these are true. Men seek to enrich themselves easily or wield influence improperly. But when you look at the whole city, or the whole state, or the whole nation, you become aware that there must be honesty at work, and efficiency and decency in the handling of the people's business. Because it works. It wouldn't work if able men did not do good jobs. Remember that politics is the profession of handling the public welfare. And on the whole, it is more to be admired than criticized. The business of this city gets itself pretty well done, and the business of this state and nation. And professional politicians do it."

Clarence Buddington Kelland
Republican National Committeeman from
Arizona

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 17, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, October 17, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Kane, Johnson, Lufkin, Field, Dahl, Newstrom, Guthrie, McNamara, Raustadt, Wilson, McMillan and Alderman, and Miss Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 19 meeting were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer, Mrs. Raustadt, gave the financial report. The balance on hand, September 30, 1951 - \$1489.63. (Detailed report attached to file copy).

PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY

There was considerable discussion and some confusion re the League's responsibility in relation to information on the Minnesota Presidential Primary law (passed in '49 - effective for the '52 election). The consensus seemed to be that Voters Service material be prepared to inform League members on the provisions of the law without bringing up the constitutionality of the party declaration provision.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. Wilson reported on materials for the Indian study. She recommended that the League buy the Minnesota Council of Churches publication "Indian Neighbors in Minnesota". It was moved, seconded and passed that the League buy 75 copies and each local League supplied with one copy.

Mrs. Wilson reported on a conference she had called on Oct. 15th of representatives of various organizations concerned with human relations. 14 persons attended. The conclusion reached by the group: "Since all communities differ so much in size, population groups, industry and in the amount of progress which has been made in this field, the League cannot offer any one bit of advice that would be helpful to all local Leagues. Therefore, it was decided to offer the services of a trained person to help make plans for the community action which seemed best for a particular community at a particular time. Whatever action is undertaken should be in cooperation with as many other groups in the town as can be interested." The Board signified its hearty approval of the plan.

NATIONAL PROGRAM
SUGGESTIONS

There was spirited discussion on the question of what the national Program for 1952-54 should embody. The president appointed an "editing" committee to pull together the discussion and formulate a letter to the national Board. Copy attached.

Mrs. McNamara moved the Board recommend that Item III of the present national Current Agenda be deleted. Seconded, carried.

MISCELLANEOUS
ITEMS

1. Miss Stuhler gave further details of Mrs. Eugenie Anderson's appearance October 26th.
2. Miss Stuhler announced that plans are underway for an all college League conference in November at Augsburg College.
3. The 4th Annual Conference on Human Relations will be in the afternoon and evening of November 13 at the University of Minnesota.
4. Mrs. Helen Mudgett will give a series of human rights programs on KUOM on Wednesday noons.
5. There was some discussion of plans for the several area conferences October 29 and November 5.
6. The next Board meeting will be held on November 28th, the one following on January 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 1951

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 1951

\$1,170.70

INCOME:

Local League Supports	\$	949.50	
Members-at-large		38.00	
National Publications		153.69	
State Publications		14.63	
Bulletin		<u>225.52</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,381.34	<u>1,381.34</u> \$2,552.04

EXPENDITURES:

<u>General Administration</u>			
Rent and Electricity	\$	26.00	
Telephone & Telegraph		30.48	
President's Expenses		62.50	
Miscellaneous		<u>1.43</u>	\$ 120.41
<u>Direct Service to Local Leagues</u>			
League Promotion Travel		7.50	
National Publications		77.00	
State Publications		7.50	
Bulletin		<u>93.10</u>	185.10
<u>Salaries and Salary Taxes</u>			240.90
<u>National Services</u>			500.00
<u>Meetings and Convention</u>			<u>16.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,062.41	<u>1,062.41</u>
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1951			\$1,489.63

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 28, 1951

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, November 28, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Lufkin, Field, Donohue, Kane, Guthrie, Flaten, Chesley, Dahl, Newstrom, McNamara, Wilson, Alderman and Miss Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Newstrom read the treasurer's report. The balance on hand October 1, 1951, was \$1,407.08.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following miscellaneous items were considered.

(1) The president announced that at a meeting of the Organization Committee on November 27, plans were completed for visiting all Leagues during the year. Board members are requested to notify the office when they plan to visit a local League.

(2) It was moved, seconded and passed that the League subscribe to the St. Paul Pioneer Press-Dispatch, delivery to be made to the state office.

(3) The consensus of the group was that Governor Anderson be visited by Board members, preferably the president, first vice-president and legislative chairman.

(4) It was announced that the national office is again accepting subscriptions for the publication service. It was agreed that the League order the service sent to Mr. Fred Neumier of the St. Paul papers. It was suggested that the Public Relations Chairman confer with Mr. Gideon Seymour as to the advisability of such a subscription for the Minneapolis papers. It was moved, seconded and passed that the subscription service also be sent to Mr. Robert Gannon, Director, Research and Legislation, Minnesota State CIO Council. He has offered to provide the League with the voting records of state legislators.

(5) Mrs. Wilson described a new film which should be useful in promoting the League's civil rights item. It is "It Can Be Done" and was produced by a group of St. Louis citizens. Various local groups are being urged to buy and use the film cooperatively. It was moved, seconded and passed that the League of Women Voters contribute \$25 from the Special Project Fund towards the purchase of "It Can Be Done".

(6) Circle Pines, now a provisional League, has completed all the requirements and now seeks status as a local League. It was moved, seconded and passed that the state Board recommend such recognition to the national Board.

(7) The Board approved, by motion, the president's appointment of Mrs. Anton Flaten of Mankato as chairman of the Conservation item.

(8) It was moved, seconded and passed that two copies of all state material be sent to local League presidents.

VOTERS SERVICE

(1) The President read a letter from Mrs. Lee re the matter of League members interviewing their Congressmen during the present recess. After considerable discussion on the various angles involved (timing, preparation, public relations, etc.), it was moved and seconded that an appropriate letter be sent to each Minnesota Congressman and Senator with a copy of the November 1st National Voter enclosed. The motion carried.

November 28, 1951

(2) It was moved, seconded and passed that \$1 be sent to the two groups in each party (DFL Women's III and V District Organization, Republican Workshop, and the Republican and Democratic State Central Committees), requesting that the League office be placed on their mailing lists.

(3) Mrs. Chesley read the material which she had prepared for local Leagues on the presidential primary, which will go out January 1st. She also has prepared a one-page broadside on the subject.

PROGRAM

Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Hargraves reported to the Board as chairman of the Citizens Committee for A Constitutional Convention. The committee, made up of organizations and individuals, met on November 27 to plan its work for the year. Mrs. Hargraves sought the Board's opinion on the League's contribution to the work of the committee. Mrs. Alderman moved that the League continue its cooperation by contributing a reasonable amount of office time and facilities to the work of the committee. Seconded, passed.

Mrs. Guthrie proposed that since building public opinion was the job for the year, that an illustrated folder listing eight reasons why we need revision, be issued by the state League. It was moved, seconded and carried that the constitutional revision committee be authorized to proceed on such a leaflet and to contract for printing the first 10,000 copies (approximate cost \$165).

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Little Hoover Reports. A sufficient number of copies of these/ available to supply one to each local League president. It was suggested that they in turn inform their various resource chairman of the pertinent material contained therein, applicable to their particular items.

Civil Service. Mrs. Guthrie reported that Mrs. Seham, a member of the Structure of Government Committee in charge of Civil Service, wished some guidance on her activities in this field. It was suggested that her regular attendance at meetings of the Civil Service Board was all that was indicated for the present.

Cheese. Mrs. McNamara outlined the history of the current controversial "cheese amendment" (Section 104 of the Defense Production Act) and what the League had done. (Complete and thick file in office)

ARTICULATE VOTER

Mrs. Kane read the story she had prepared from the October-November area conference reports which will appear in the November-December Articulate Voter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held January 16th.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 16, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, January 16, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Donohue, McNamara, Wilson, Raustadt, Guthrie, Flaten, Johnson, Field, Chesley, Lufkin, Kane, and Miss Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Raustadt read the treasurer's report for the month of December. Balance on hand as of January 1, 1952 was \$900.⁵⁴.

BUDGET

The following were approved as members of the Budget Committee: Mrs. Robert Gambill, Minnetonka, Chairman; Mrs. E. J. Egan, Duluth; Mrs. Glen Gullickson, Minneapolis; Mrs. Raustadt and Mrs. Johnson, State Board.

The Board approved the following recommendations to the Budget Committee:

(1) that an Equipment Fund be instituted. A minimum of \$50 was suggested as the budget item. This money would be kept in a savings account until needed for the purchase of costly equipment.

(2) that the League Promotion Travel item be changed to read League Organization Travel.

(3) that a Program Action item be instituted to cover costs of building public opinion and legislative hearings.

(4) that the convention registration fee remain \$1.50 as it was last year.

(5) that we separate in the budget the two items National Services and National Voter.

(6) that the item, National Services, be raised to \$6000.

(7) that the salary item be raised as follows: \$5 per month for Mrs. Wilson, \$20 per month for Mrs. Newstrom.

ORGANIZATION

Circle Pines. Mrs. Wilson reported that the national Board had declined full recognition of the Circle Pines Provisional League at this time for these reasons: the submitted budget was inadequate, they allowed no expenses for representatives to state or area meetings, there was not an adequate item allowing for contributions from the community.

Mrs. Wilson read the reply which Miss Washburn, as acting Organization Chairman, had written explaining that the submitted budget had been made out for an 18-month period and that it was not actually a true picture of the finances of Circle Pines. Additional information, including the intention of the Circle Pines League to have a finance drive, has been sent to the national office and we are waiting for their reply.

State Board members questioned the advisability of Provisional Leagues having finance drives before they have met the standards of recognition of a local League.

Brainerd. Mrs. Wilson read a letter from the Brainerd Provisional League requesting recognition as a local League and reported to the Board that they had adequately met all standards of recognition. Mrs. McNamara moved, Mrs. Guthrie seconded, that the Board recommend full recognition to the Brainerd Provisional League. Passed.

January 16, 1952

PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY

Mrs. Chesley presented two proposed Broadsides explaining the new presidential primary law and how it affects the citizen. The Board approved one with additions stating that the League had not taken a stand for or against the law but that the broadside was non-partisan information for voters.

STATE PROGRAM

Constitutional Convention. Mrs. Guthrie showed the cartoons which Mr. ^{typion} had drawn to illustrate eight reasons why we need constitutional revision.

State Economic Item. Barbara Stuhler, a member of the state economic committee, outlined the material which Miss Brandt and her committee have prepared. Roughly, it will consist of three parts:

1. Introduction and information on revenue resources and requirements
2. Principles of a good tax system and evaluation of Minnesota's system
3. Assessment in Minnesota - this will lend itself to local League study

Civil Service. There was some discussion about state civil service and questioning of present practices. Board members wondered whether Mike Halloran or Fred Neumier might be questioned on this subject.

STATE CONVENTION

A general theme for convention was discussed. Suggestions for concentrated attention were Orientation, Membership, Expansion, Program-Making and Radio work. Specific titles were suggested: You Are the League, A Bigger League to Meet a Bigger Challenge. Miss Stuhler suggested that a comparison be drawn between the members' responsibilities as citizens and as League members.

The meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 20th.

Respectfully submitted

Luella Newstrom

Mrs. E. H. Newstrom
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 20, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, February 20, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Lufkin, Field, Kane, Wilson, Brandt, Newstrom, Alderman and the Misses Stuhler and Washburn. Mrs. J. R. McNamara presided in the absence of the president.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 16, meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Newstrom presented the treasurer's report for the month of January. The complete report is on file. The balance on hand, January 31, \$1730.02, a healthy balance for this date.

Mrs. Lufkin moved that the state League accept with thanks a check for \$200, a gift from the Minneapolis League. Motion seconded and passed.

DORA DOOLITTLE

Hope Washburn showed the dummy of a promotion booklet "Dora Doolittle" prepared by Patricia Bratnober of St. Paul. Estimated cost of publishing the pamphlet is seven cents each, selling price ten cents. Mrs. Lufkin moved that the state League underwrite the expense involved in publishing the booklet and make plans to promote its distribution.

NATIONAL
CONVENTION

The board agreed that the following persons be asked to be official delegates from the state League to the convention in Cincinnati, April 28 - May 2: Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Donohue, Miss Stuhler. It was also agreed that Mrs. Newstrom should attend the meeting as a staff representative.

Mrs. Alderman moved that the budget committee consider the possibility of increasing the budget allowance for convention delegates. Motion seconded and passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Miss Stuhler moved that the Board approve the appointment of Mrs. Thomas Simmer of New Prague, replacing Mrs. E. J. Egan of Duluth on the budget committee, and Mrs. Allan Meinecke as parliamentarian for the 1952 convention and as auditor for the 1951-52 fiscal year. Motion seconded and passed.

ENCAMPMENT FOR
CITIZENSHIP

Mrs. Wilson sketched briefly the purpose ("an experience in citizenship") and procedures of the Encampment. It was suggested that the president might mention this in a president's letter or enclose a flyer if she wishes.

CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION
AMENDMENT

There was considerable discussion on the advisability of broadsides covering all five amendments which will be voted on in the November elections. No decision was reached. It is assumed that the League will take no position on 4 of these amendments. It was agreed important to take a stand at once on the proposed amendment concerning procedure for adoption of a new constitution. Barbara Stuhler moved that the Board go on record in favor of the proposed amendment which would require that a new constitution be submitted to the people. Seconded and passed.

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PROPOSED
CURRENT
AGENDA

The Board agreed on the following statement of the proposed agenda which now goes to local Leagues for reaction and comment:

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The League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state will work for:

- I. A NEW CONSTITUTION
- II. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES
- III. PARTY DESIGNATION FOR LEGISLATORS

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The next Board meeting will be held on March 19; May 6 was set as a tentative date for the following one.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 19, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, March 19, at the Y.W.C.A., Minneapolis, at 10 a.m. Present were: Miss Barbara Stuhler; Mesdames Gruner, Alderman, Newstrom, Guthrie, Kane, Chesley, Donohue, Johnson, Flaten, Wilson; Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presiding.

MINUTES The minutes of the February 20 meeting of the Board were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Newstrom and showed a balance on March 1 of \$2,590.46.

BUDGET Mrs. Johnson presented the proposed state budget for fiscal 52-53 (copy attached). Mrs. Alderman moved that the Board accept the budget as recommended by the budget committee. Seconded, passed.

Barbara Stuhler moved that the present (51-52) budget be amended by increasing the following categories in these amounts: delegates to national convention, \$100; national services, \$100; president's expenses, \$85.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Wilson reported that: Brainerd has been recognized by the national Board as a full fledged League; Circle Pines processing has been delayed by loss in the mails of its application documents; North St. Paul asks to be recognized by the state Board of Directors, as a provisional League. Mrs. Alderman moved that North St. Paul be recognized as a provisional League. Seconded, carried.

STATE CONVENTION Mrs. McMillan discussed tentative plans for the state meeting in Rochester. Minor modifications were suggested. Final plans will appear in the March-April Articulate Voter.

NATIONAL BY-LAW CHANGES Proposed changes suggested were considered. Mrs. Kane moved that the Board accept the recommendations of the national Board. Motion seconded and carried.

PROPOSED NATIONAL PROGRAM The proposed program was discussed in detail and agreement reached. A letter will be sent to the national Board with our suggestions and will be attached to file copy of these minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS Mrs. Guthrie moved the confirmation of Mrs. Gruner's appointment as Chairman of Civil Rights. Seconded, passed.

Miss Stuhler moved that the president be authorized to send a letter to the governor indicating that the League will not participate in the Youth Conference, May 9-10.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on May 6.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

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April 4, 1952

Mrs. John G. Lee, President
League of Women Voters
1026 17th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

It was generally agreed by the state Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota at its last meeting that the make-up of the Proposed Program, 1952-1954, would be confusing both to members and non-members. If there is a desire to express the philosophy of the League by way of an introductory statement, why not quote from the By-Laws, "The purpose of the League of Women Voters shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government." This would certainly seem to proclaim the League's belief in democracy and the concepts of self-government that we associate with it. Some of the members of the Board wondered if the phraseology of the Proposed Preamble was not a reflection of the discomfort of many individuals and groups against whom, justly or unjustly, charges of "unpatriotic" are leveled. The Board felt that the League did not have to proclaim its patriotism; its statement of purpose does that.

If it is the wish of the members to point up the Voters Service work of the League, a desire with which the Minnesota board was in full agreement, why not use a more explicit statement comparable to that incorporated in the Program 1950-1952. The Board members were of the opinion that spelling out voters service activities would be much more effective in the interests of emphasis and clarity.

Speaking now only in terms of make-up, there was a definite expression by the board members that the Proposed Introductory Statement was superfluous. It should be included as part of the Proposed Current Agenda.

In summary then, the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota agreed that the Proposed Program 1952-54 should consist of the following:

1. Statement of purpose quoted from the By-Laws
2. A definition of voters service
3. Proposed Current Agenda

SUGGESTED CURRENT AGENDA 1952-54

The League of Women Voters recognizing the need for international cooperation in the development of world security and mutual prosperity will concentrate action on:

- I. The development of a program of mutual security, including cooperative aid for international economic advancement, related wherever possible to the United Nations.
- II. Measures to strengthen our domestic economy in this time of national emergency.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 6, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, May 6, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Field, Johnson, Flaten, Newstrom, McNamara, Gruner, Chesley, Wilson, Guthrie and Alderman. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, President, presided.

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was omitted.

STATE
CONVENTION

Mrs. McMillan reported on minor changes in convention arrangements. (1952 Convention, Rochester, May 21-22)

PROPOSED
CURRENT
AGENDA

The Board then turned to a consideration of local League comments on the state agenda as printed in the March-April Articulate Voter, with a view to modification if indicated.

Mrs. Field moved that an item on civil service be added to the state program. Seconded, passed. Mrs. Gruner moved that the FEPC item be enlarged to include "other legislation to correct discrimination". Seconded and passed.

Mrs. McNamara moved that the agenda items be presented at state convention in the following order: Constitutional convention; FEPC; Civil service; Party designation. Seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The first session of the 33rd annual convention of the L.W.V. of Minnesota was called to order at 10:15 A.M. May 21, 1952 by the president, Mrs. K. K. McMillan, in St. Mary's Auditorium, Rochester. (The minutes that follow do not record the program items given as listed in the attached official program, but records any action taken there on.)

- (1) Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves moved the appointment of Mrs. Allan Meinecke as parliamentarian. Motion seconded and passed.
- (2) Mrs. Hargraves moved that Mrs. Don Krueger, and Mrs. G. Frick compose the credentials committee. Motion seconded and passed.
- (3) Mrs. Hargraves moved the appointment of Mesdames Daley, Cass Lake; Chapin, Kasson; and Everson, Minneapolis; to the election committee. Motion seconded and passed.
- (4) Mrs. Meinecke moved the adoption of the proposed rules of the convention (copy attached). Motion seconded and passed.
- (5) It was moved seconded and passed that the order of business as printed on the official program be adopted with authority granted the president for such changes as she deemed advisable. Seconded and passed.
- (6) Mrs. Meinecke moved that the report of the treasurer be accepted as read. Motion seconded and passed.
- (7) Mrs. Down moved that the convention consider for its current agenda an item reading "the elimination of certain statutorily dedicated funds". Motion seconded and lost. (2/3 majority required)

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1952

- (1) The president called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and announced that if there were no objections the minutes of the convention would be approved by the Board of Directors. No objections were heard.

- (2) In the absence of Mrs. Fallon Kelly, chairman; Miss Hope Washburn read the slate proposed by the nominating committee for officers and directors. Mrs. Baer moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as read. The motion was seconded and carried. The secretary cast the ballot for

First Vice-president	Barbara Stuhler
Second Vice-president	Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin
Secretary	Mrs. Basil Young
Directors	Mrs. Frank Chesley
	Mrs. Harold Field
	Mrs. John Gruner
	Mrs. Carl Johnson
	Mrs. Stanley Kane
Chairman, 1953 Nominating Committee	Mrs. W. H. Alderman

- (3) Mrs. Gambill presented the revised budget and moved its acceptance (copy attached). Motion seconded and carried.

- (4) Miss Barbara Stuhler moved the adoption of the following introductory statement to the current agenda for 52 - 53.

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota, in the interests of responsible, efficient and democratic government in our state, will work for;"

Motion seconded and passed.

- (5) Mrs. Donald Guthrie moved the adoption of item I. "A constitutional convention". Motion seconded and passed.

- (6) Mrs. John Gruner moved the adoption of item II. "The enactment of fair employment procedures law and other legislation to correct discrimination".

The motion was seconded. After considerable discussion Mrs. Lush moved the question (to close debate required 2/3 majority.) The motion was seconded and lost.

After further debate Mrs. Gruner's motion carried.

- (7) Mrs. J. R. McNamara moved the adoption of item III. "an efficient civil service system". - The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

- (8) Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin moved the adoption of item IV. "party designation for legislators". Motion seconded and passed.

The report of the credentials meeting at the afternoon session revealed that:

A total of 275 persons attended the convention; 133 of the above were delegates; 127 observers; 14 members of the state Board; 1 member of the national Board; 36 local leagues were represented; 13 members attended from Red Wing, 13 from White Bear (largest number outside Twin Cities and Rochester); 37% of the Kasson members attended.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M. with sincere thanks to the Rochester League for the efficient handling of arrangements and the gracious dispensing of hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 18, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, June 18, 1952 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Miss Barbara Stuhler; Mesdames Gruner, Field, Donohue, Lufkin, Newstrom, Wilson, Chesley, Johnson, Grindlay, Kane and Young; Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presiding.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 6, 1952 meeting of the Board were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report, given by Mrs. Newstrom, showed a balance of \$1619.05.

NON PARTISANSHIP
POLICY

Discussion was had and plans formulated for drafting a statement of board policy on activities of League members in political parties and offices. It was agreed that the policy statement should begin with a re-affirmation of the league's non-partisan stand, followed by the paragraph under Voters Service, page 2 of Mrs. Lee's letter of June 6, 1952, and conclude with a request to the local leagues to follow closely party activities, attend party meetings, etcetera. (Statement attached). ? /

ORGANIZATION

Omaha Conference

Mrs. Wilson reported on the regional organization conference held at Omaha on June 3, 1952, conducted by Mrs. Foreman and Miss Sweeney of the national Board of Directors. She stated she had received much valuable information and many new ideas at this conference, which she passed on to the board members; that the League is spreading so fast there is a bigger job to do and state board responsibility for taking care of the local leagues is greater than ever.

Outlying Minneapolis
Units

The problem of finance in these sections was discussed. Miss Stuhler moved that a committee be established to study the problem of metropolitan finance drives in Minneapolis. Seconded and passed.

Recognition of
Alexandria

Mrs. Wilson reported that Alexandria had applied for recognition; that they had met all requirements, and read a letter outlining their achievements. Miss Stuhler moved that the State Board recommend to the National Board the recognition of Alexandria as a local league in Minnesota. Seconded and passed.

Plans for next year

Mrs. Grindlay reported that organization plans for the year which she and Miss Washburn had worked out include: Orientation outlines for each board member and one for each unit; yardsticks for local league boards, letter introducing Dora Doolittle. Kits will go out by July 30th. She also named 10 cities in which leagues should be started.

PROGRAM PLANS FOR
YEAR

National - Item I - Proposed World Affairs Councils, presented by Barbara Stuhler. This would be an education project sponsored jointly by the World Affairs Center and the League of Women Voters, and would consist of 1-day institutes in several cities in Minnesota, with outside speakers from Washington or New York, to which other organizations in the community and surrounding territory would be invited. It would provide a channel for greater participation in non-partisan world affairs, a clearing house of ideas on world affairs, co-ordinate the work

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of all these organizations, provide league with channel to get its material out to the public, and generally to reach the public in a more effective way. A permanent committee would be established. Miss Stuhler stated we fall down in this respect; we stop with league members and don't go any further; this type of program would give us a wonderful basis for cooperating with other organizations in this field and might start cooperation in other areas as well. Mrs. Lufkin moved that we try the World Affairs Institute in three Leagues in Minnesota. Seconded and passed.

Civil Rights. Mrs. Gruner stressed the importance of lobbying between now and January on all groups, as many business men as possible, the general community, and the legislators, and gave suggestions for reaching each group. The cooperation of the legislative and voters service committees will be needed in presenting the civil rights program to the communities and legislators. ^{Suggested} Materials to be used ~~will~~ include: Pamphlets for Employers, suggestions for conferences, "Reply to Otto Christenson's comments", movie and film strips, ~~Mpls.~~ FEPC reports, scrap books. She is particularly anxious to receive specific questions from local leagues resulting from their interviews with business men et al.

Party Designation. In her report on this item, Mrs. Lufkin referred the Board to the statement made at the convention; she stated there was nothing new to add to this presentation. Questions and answers have been drafted to use in the Legislative kit. She has contacted the chairmen of the resolutions and platform committees with reference to including party designation in both party platforms.

NON-PROGRAM Legislation. Mrs. Donohue presented sample copies of two kits which PLANS will be prepared between now and September: 1) "Lobby by Letter", for every league member, and 2) "There's a Lady in the Lobby". She outlined the format and contents of these kits in detail, and they received the enthusiastic approval of all members of the Board. Other legislative plans are: Area Conferences in September, review of state legislation in October, and legislative tours each month. Local leagues will be urged to hold meetings with representatives and senators in December before they leave for the Capitol.

Voters Service. Mrs. Chesley made the following suggestions for helping local leagues carry out their voters service program for the year: ~~A~~ sheet to be sent out: "How to Conduct an Interview", ^{mtg minutes} A letter with suggestions for pre-election work, suggestions for candidates meetings, outline to fill in for Voters Service, cooperation with Junior Chamber of Commerce, use of: "Individual Liberty, U.S.A.", service-men's package, and "Give the Voter a Hand." All these suggestions met with the approval of the Board.

Two broadsides, one an amendment 2, and one on all 5 amendments, will be ~~prepared and~~ sent to local leagues. She reported that legislative questionnaires will be sent out to local leagues for interviews and publicity thereof. The format of the questionnaires was discussed and adopted. She also described the Candidates Fair as a novel way of establishing rapport between the candidates and community.

Articulate Voter. Mrs. Kane asked the Board if the Articulate Voter could be more of a program tool. It was decided to devote the August Voter to Finance and Amendment No. 2; October - Civil Rights, December - Civil Service, February - Lobbying, and April - Convention.

Finance. Mrs. Johnson requested approval for a finance kit. She was instructed by the Board to prepare a sample kit for use by the workers. She presented publicity material which could be used in the August Voter, and suggested a time limit be set for sending in finance drive reports.

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Public Relations. Mrs. Field offered several ideas for taking Constitutional Revision to the community: 1) Interview everybody coming to town about Constitutional Revision and put it in the paper; 2) Have mock trials on ridiculous things in the constitution, 3) Use mats of "8 reasons Why" in newspapers, 4) Plaster state with "Vote Yes for Amendment 2" and, 5) Use stickers on cars.

CALENDAR A tentative calendar for local league activities for 1952-53 was set up (copy attached), to be circulated to local league presidents.

MISCELLANEOUS Mrs. Johnson moved that we accept Mrs. Grindlay as organization chairman on the State Board. Seconded and passed.

Miss Stuhler moved that Mrs. Arthur Down of Anoka be accepted on the State Board as Civil Service chairman. Seconded and passed.

Letter of resignation of Mrs. Raustadt read by the president, and resignation accepted.

The Board agreed upon the third Thursday of the month as the day of Board meeting. There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be August 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basil Young
Mrs. Basil Young,
Secretary.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 21, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, August 21, 1952 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Miss Barbara Stuhler, Mesdames Gruner, Wilson, Donohue, Chesley, Downs, Lufkin, Fields, Loucks, Johnson, Schmidt, Newstrom and Young, Mrs. K.K. McMillan, president, presiding.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 18, 1952 meeting of the Board were read and approved.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The treasurer's report had not been completed at the time of the meeting; its reading was waived.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Chesley reported that broad-sides on all 5 amendments which will appear on the general election ballot November 4th are in the process of being completed. Questionnaires for gubernatorial and other state offices, congressional and legislative offices are coming in; they will be typed up in the state office and sent to local leagues; local leagues will be urged to mimeograph and distribute them.

Candidates Meetings A form letter will be sent to all local leagues asking them to report candidates meetings they are planning to have.

Mrs. Loucks of White Bear asked for and received permission to hold a gubernatorial candidates meeting.

It was pointed out that anyone wishing to hold a vice-president or presidential candidates meeting would have to clear through the national office.

A letter will be sent to local leagues giving the reason why "Individual Liberty USA" and "Self Government USA" were included on the calendar as item 2 for September.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Wilson reported that Alexandria had been recognized as a local league by the national office.

She reported that the national office is going to make a review of the rules that are being used in starting new leagues, with reference to the definition of the lowest unit of government on which a league can take action in more than one field of interest. They are trying to gather facts which will be ready by October 1st.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Donahue gave the schedule of area conferences on state legislation to be held on September 18, 23rd, 24th and 25th throughout the state. The theme of the conferences will be "The League is in the Lobby"; they will last all day and will include a noon luncheon, at which the local Senator will talk on "Legislative Procedures." Outlines have been prepared and the points covered will be: Purpose fulfilled, This is Your Job, Legislative facts of life, and Your Program Quiz Show. There will be a registration fee of 35¢ to help defray the cost of material, including the kit "Lobby by Letter", which will be introduced at the conferences.

Mrs. Field moved, seconded by Mrs. Lufkin, that we accept the "Lobby by Letter" kit at a cost of 25¢ to each member. Passed. It was decided to print 2500 to begin with.

FINANCE

Mrs. Johnson stated she had received a letter from the national office relative to procedure for finance reports, and suggesting that all local leagues tie their drives to the national drive between Sept. 8 and Nov. 15th. Kits will be sent to local leagues shortly.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Field suggested a series of campaigns, everybody in the various leagues working on publicity for the same campaigns at the same time. For example, on amendment 2, from after the primary up to the general election, an all-out effort should be made for publicity of testamentary factual information, give broadsides wide distribution; send copy of reports to the paper on what has been done to get out the vote, a campaign on legislative publicity, the area conferences, visits to the legislature, how they voted compared with how they said they would vote; campaign on finance, constitutional revision, FEPC, civil service and party designation.

PROGRAMAMENDMENT 2

Mrs. Lufkin made the following suggestions for action on this amendment: Extensive use of: "8 Reasons Why," Report of Little Hoover Commission on the items that require constitutional revision; use of all materials for constitutional revision with amendment #2; use 2 copies of "8 Reasons Why" in store windows.

Party Designation ties in so well with constitutional revision "Lobby by Letter" will have material for both these items.

Civil Rights Mrs. Gruner reported successful meetings had been held with human relations representatives, business men, Sen. Lund and Mr. Gannon of CIO. A survey has been made of all arguments in opposition in the past, and are being prepared and grouped in 20 topics and answers to them, positive arguments in brief form. She called attention to an article in the July Fortune "Negro Employment Progress Report" and stated she had inquired about procuring reprints of this excellent article which she called "an answer to the FEPC lobbyists' prayer" Other materials for Civil Rights will include: Positive brief for FEPC, Question & Answers, Dept. of Labor Report, possibly a discussion outline and a new leaflet in re: president's executive order. She also described another pamphlet she has been working on, namely: "Free Enterprise, Fair Employment and Good Business.", and stated the estimated cost of printing this pamphlet would be \$200 for 10,000.00. There was considerable discussion as to the financing of this pamphlet. Barbara Stuhler moved that Mrs. Gruner and Mrs. Field work together to promote the publication of this pamphlet; seconded by Mrs. Chesley and passed.

Civil Service Mrs. Downs stated her plans for civil service include preparing study material for local leagues, with emphasis on the function of civil service departments and use of the Little Hoover Report. This material will be ready by November 1st.

U N INSTITUTES

Miss Stuhler reported that letters had been sent to 3 leagues: Bemidji, Fergus Falls and Hibbing inviting them to hold UN institutes. Fergus Falls and Hibbing have accepted and they will be held in those two communities.

She also reported she had received from the national office a proposal for a workshop on Citizens and Foreign Policy to be held in September and October in connection with Fall Voters Service Work and observance of UN Day. Post card reminders will be sent to all leagues.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Donahue moved that we write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Harold Wilson who designed the cover for "Lobby by Letter". Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Gruner moved that we employ additional clerical help for the state office; seconded by Mrs. Donahue and passed.

Mrs. L.W. Loucks was accepted on the state board as College League Advisor.

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The president announced that Mrs. Kane had found it necessary to resign as editor of the Articulate Voter and asked for suggestions for this office.

Mrs. Paul Schmidt was accepted on the state board as Treasurer.

Letter from the Nicollet Hotel inviting the state league to hold its 1953 convention at the Hotel Nicollet was read and the secretary was instructed to answer the letter advising the facilities required and requesting prices.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ethyl Young

Mrs. Basil Young,
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 18, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, September 18, in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Anderson, Donohue, Schmidt, Down, Snell, Grindlay, Chesley, Field and Miss Stuhler. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, President, presided. Gruner

MINUTES The minutes of the August 21 Board meeting were read and approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT The report of the Treasurer was waived.

VOTERS SERVICE A discussion was held as to whether or not the League should indicate its support for Amendment #2 in the Broadside explaining the five amendments. It was agreed that the League should take this position, and a final wording was accepted.

Mrs. Chesley reported on suggestions from the national Board for use of the new publication On the Record.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay said that a committee meeting had been held and assignments determined. Requests from about six communities for new Leagues had been received.

LEGISLATION Mrs. Donohue told of plans to promote Lobby by Letter in October. A copy will be sent to all state organizations with legislative programs. Similarly, a copy will go to all other state Leagues.

CIVIL RIGHTS Mrs. Gruner described the contents of the civil rights kit which will be sent to all Leagues. It was announced that the proposed pamphlet, Fair Employment, Free Enterprise - Good Business, is in the hands of the Journalism Department at the University of Minnesota. A public relations expert suggested that 100 copies of the proof be run off and sent with personally typed letters to leading businessmen asking for their suggestions. This will be done. Arrangements for financing the publication have been completed.

There was some objection to sending out so much material in the kit. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that a selected amount be sent as the original material and the balance as a civil rights "library" follow in two or three weeks. Board members felt that the contents should be carefully examined to insure a good balance with regard to references about Catholics, Negroes, Jews, labor, etc.

UN INSTITUTES It was reported by Miss Stuhler that the first institute will take place in Hibbing on Saturday, September 27.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Field indicated a desire for committee members out in the state. Several names were mentioned as possibilities. Suggestions for distributing Broadside were considered.

CIVIL SERVICE Mrs. Down has done some preliminary work in preparing the material. An interview with Mr. Stover revealed that, in his opinion, the activities of pressure groups to increase salaries for specific categories of employees may well wreck civil service.

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STATE
CONVENTION

information.

The Nicollet Hotel has offered the Minnesota League the dates of May 27-28 for the state convention. The Board decided that Mrs. Young should write to the Curtis and Radisson Hotels for similar

BOARD
APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the appointments of the following new Board members:

Mrs. Robert Anderson, Circle Pines	Education
Mrs. Robert Snell, White Bear Lake	College League Adviser
Miss Eleanor Salisbury, Minneapolis	Articulate Voter Editor

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stuhler
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 6, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, November 6, in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Gruner, Newstrom, Johnson, Wilson, Field, Down, Lufkin, Grindlay, Anderson, Schmidt, Snell, Chesley, Young, Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury. Mrs. K. K. McMillan President, presided.

MINUTES The minutes of the September 18 Board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Schmidt presented the budget report for the first half of the year, April 1 to Sept. 30, showing a balance on hand as of September 30th of \$325.55. The budget items were discussed and the small balance duly and gravely noted.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Wilson's report covered the following prospective Leagues: Arden Hills, which is near recognition as a provisional League, has requested permission to hold a candidates' meeting. Since this town is not yet completely organized and this type of meeting is very much needed there, and in view of the fact this is exactly the type of thing the League is trying to do, it was decided to allow them to go ahead with their meeting with Mrs. Wilson and Miss Washburn lending their able assistance and supervision.

Wells will soon be ready to request recognition as a provisional League.

Possibilities are being explored for forming Leagues at Albert Lea, Deephaven and Richfield.

COLLEGE LEAGUES Mrs. Snell reported on the College League Conference held on Oct. 18 at St. Paul. She feels the college Leagues should have more direct supervision and suggested that League members be appointed in these towns to visit them. The Board left this matter to her discretion.

APPOINTMENTS The president made the following appointments with Board approval: Nominating Committee: Mrs. Katherine Alderman, Chairman; Mesdames Chesley, Grindlay, Guthrie and Dosse. Budget Committee: Mrs. Johnson, Chairman; Mesdames Schmidt and Meinecke.

CONVENTION Letters from the Dyckman, Nicollet, Radisson, and Curtis Hotels quoting prices, menus, facilities and dates available were read and discussed. Miss Stuhler moved that the convention be held at Hotel Nicollet on May 13 and 14, 1953. Seconded by Mrs. Snell and passed.

STATE PROGRAM Civil Rights. Mrs. Gruner outlined the items she had sent out in the second kit and the article which will appear in the Articulate Voter. She felt, too, it was important that the legislators receive vital information on the civil rights issue. The matter was discussed at some length in relation to material on the other items on our Agenda. Miss Salisbury suggested that the Articulate Voter pertaining to civil rights, as well as issues containing information on our other state items, be sent to the legislators, and moved that the members of the Legislature be placed on the mailing list for the next three issues of the Voter. Seconded and passed. Mrs. Gruner was given permission to send letters expressing our gratitude to people who had cooperated in furnishing material for our kits, and reciprocating with some of our material.

Civil Service. Mrs. Down read correspondence in connection with filling the position of grain weigher from the civil service rolls, citing it as an example of situations that arise under our present system. She announced she had

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ordered 100 copies of "Off on the Right Foot", state employees manual, and described other literature to be included in the kit.

NATIONAL
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UN Institutes. Miss Stuhler reported that the UN Institute was held in Hibbing, but that Fergus Falls will be unable to have one until next fall.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Wilson stated she has forwarded a copy of "Lobby by Letter" to the national office requesting permission to send a letter to state Leagues offering use of the idea without charge, but at a cost of 10¢ per cover for handling, if they want to use the cover. The national office gave its blessings to the plan on condition that no profit should accrue. The Board decided to permit other state Leagues to adopt the idea without charge and not have the publication available from the state office.

It was also decided to send each legislator a letter enclosing the summary of each program item as it appears in "Lobby by Letter".

Educational Television Channel. -- meeting to be held November 7th. The purpose of this meeting as outlined by Miss Salisbury is to determine the amount of public interest for a state television system administered by a group of educators drawn from public and private schools all over the state, under the supervision of the University of Minnesota because of its facilities. The program will necessitate a separate appropriation by the Legislature and would be for the purpose of education only. She stressed the importance of getting it now or it will be taken over by commercial stations. 167 people have been invited from various communities, including League members. Our contribution would be to develop public opinion to get the appropriation. The main station would be in Minneapolis with 8 sub-stations throughout the state.

Mrs. Anderson, Education Chairman; Mrs. Field, Public Relations Chairman; Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury were appointed to attend the meeting.

Discussion was had on what contribution the League could make to this endeavor within the framework of our Current Agenda and Platform. It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that the results of tomorrow's meeting together with any other pertinent information be compiled and sent to the local Leagues, asking for their opinion. On the basis of their replies the Board will then decide the role of the state League in this connection. Seconded and passed.

Little Hoover Citizens Committee Meeting. Miss Salisbury reported that the talks and ensuing discussion at this meeting centered on the work done by the Little Hoover Committee and the reasons recommendations didn't get through the last session, namely: 1) because legislators did not receive information on them by January 1st, and 2) because of the single omnibus bill approach. This time the plan is to introduce separate bills dealing with specific proposals.

VOTERS
SERVICE

Mrs. Chesley stated she had received many fine reports of candidates meetings, getting out the vote and work on Amendment 2. She suggested that in the future we might consider the possibility of printing all voters information on a single sheet instead of many mimeographed sheets and displayed samples from Mass. and Ill. Mrs. Wilson has written concerning the cost of printing these.

Mrs. Chesley also reported receiving a letter from the national office suggesting interviews with our congressmen now. She also received a letter from national regarding a project to have an investigation into primary systems in every state with a view to studying the results and determining possible reforms. The letter enclosed a list of questions which she will send to five people in the state. She suggested a letter be sent to local Leagues covering this matter.

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PUBLIC
RELATIONS

Mrs. Field's public relations plans include: use of charts about candidates meetings and amendment broadside distribution, sending out copy of Articulate Voter on Civil Rights to the newspapers at the time of study on civil rights, working on something for civil service kit for newspapers, and working up pictures about various people interviewing congressmen.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Lufkin reported on a get-out-the-vote meeting of various organizations.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 1952.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ethel Young

Mrs. Basil Young
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 4, 1952

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, December 4, in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Johnson, ^{Anderson} Field, Lufkin, Wilson, Snell, Gruner, Donahue, Young, Miss Barbara Stuhler and Miss Salisbury. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, President, presided.

MINUTES The minutes of the November 6 meeting were circulated to the Board members, not read.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report for November showed a balance of \$986.99.

ORGANIZATION Miss Stuhler moved that the State Board recommend to the National Board that recognition be withdrawn from the League of Women Voters of Two Harbors. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Wilson reported on the organization of leagues in Arden Hills and Deephaven. Since these groups have met the standards required for provisional leagues, it was moved that these two leagues be recognized as Provisional Leagues. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Wilson reported that Irene Sweeney, national organization secretary, will be in Minnesota to help with organization problems on the following dates:

STATE PROGRAM Constitutional Revision: Discussion was had on action to be taken in the next legislative session. Some possibilities were:

1. Work for another amendment on basis of large majority voting for Nos. 2 & 3 and fact they did not pass.

2. Duo-referendum providing for the calling of a convention, the constitution be submitted to the people for approval, such as H.F. 22 of the '51 session.

3. Change in amending process. Chance is better since No. 55 lost.

4. Supreme Court decision or attorney general opinion on:

1) approval might not be asked

2) Legislators may serve.

Question of whether the attorney general has ruled on this, and the weight of his opinion.

5. A referendum to cover HF 22 and the legislator's right to serve as a delegate.

6. Bill to submit amendments in such a way that the people would have to vote against the amendment. Alabama has done this sort of thing. This would not require a change in the amending process.

7. Put amendments on same ballot as state officials.

The consensus of opinion was that the League should work for:

1. The calling of a constitutional convention, with or without the provisions of Amendment No. 2.

2. A change in the amending process.

3. Amendments which are in line with those revisions which the League supports.

In preparation for the Legislative session, the following points should be investigated:

1) Procedure used in Alabama.

2) Bills which require constitutional revision and are supported by the Little Hoover Commission.

3) Amending process used in other states and recommended by various organizations such as the N.M.L.

Educational Television. Mrs. Anderson reported that reports from the local leagues indicated they were generally in favor of the plan, but wanted more information, particularly with reference to financing.

Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury, having attended the general meeting, reviewed the facts and brought the board up to date on what has been done thus far: A steering committee of 9 people has been formed to look into the matter of finances and the controversy over who should be the head. It has been decided to apply for the whole network: Minneapolis, Duluth and out-state sub-stations. The total cost will be \$5 million, annual operating cost, \$500,000. There is opposition from KSTP and the public schools. Public school opposition centers on the question: "Who is the manager going to be?" Public schools are afraid if the manager is working with or on the staff of the University, they will not be given sufficient time. It is a question of personalities. The appropriation must be made by the legislature out of the general fund, not the income tax fund.

educational
Mrs. Field moved that we approve the idea of ~~adult~~ *educational* television for Minnesota, but that the League's position on specific issues involved in the establishment of ~~adult~~ television be effected at a later date when more detailed information can be given to the local leagues for their determination and our guidance. Seconded and passed.

Education legislation. Mrs. Anderson advised the Board that the State Citizens committee ~~has~~ will hold a meeting and has asked all member organizations to come with ideas for support for various legislative proposals. It is also interested in getting member organizations to educate people to the fact that the so-called surplus is only a working reserve. Considerable discussion was had on whether or not to support the increase of basic aid from \$70 to \$100. It was decided to attempt to get more information from the citizens committee, ~~from~~ people who know something about Minnesota taxes, more specific information on figures, so that we may arrive at a conclusion we can be sure of.

Civil Service legislation Mrs. Downs discussed a letter and draft proposal of a civil service bill which she had received from Senator Duff. There is to be a meeting on December 19th which she will attend.

FEPC Pamphlet. Mrs. Gruner brought the Board up to date on the status of this pamphlet; the first draft has been drawn up and she has submitted it to various business men, public relations men, U of M. School of Journalism and labor unions, and outlined their comments and suggestions to the Board. Discussion was had on when would be the best time to use this pamphlet, whether it would be most effective now or later on in the legislative session, when the "going gets tough". Mrs. Gruner would like to go to the business men and

see how they felt before sending the proof to the 100 selected men, and where our money would be more effective, at the legislature or putting out brochures previously. She was authorized by the Board to call a meeting of her committee and make plans for conferences with business men. The plan is to make a list of business men; to call them and tell them names of other business men; have them choose and talk with them personally.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Mrs. Donahue announced a meeting of Twin City and surrounding area legislative chairmen on December 9th, at which the legislative set-up and responsibilities, procedure, etc. will be explained.

She outlined the legislative kit which will contain a short resume of each item, voting records, legislative etiquette, seating charts. She also stated a coffee party is being planned for all legislators and that letters have been sent to them enclosing the inside of "Lobby by Letter".

"Lobby by Letter"

A letter has been received from the national office ordering 34/kits to be used at the Regional Conference on Political Effectiveness" instead of sending them to the state presidents.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LISTING Mrs. Field reported she is exploring the possibility of getting the League of Women Voters placed on the Chamber of Commerce "approved" listing.

BEMIDJI The president announced that the National Municipal League has been running a contest among cities on citizen action within communities which has been published in Look Magazine. We have received a letter from the National League asking cooperation by sending in league towns doing outstanding work in this field. We submitted the name of the Bemidji league for their work on the city charter. They are still in the first 20 listed throughout the United States.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 1953.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Basil Young

Mrs. Basil Young,
Secretary.