



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JANUARY 15, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, January 15, in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Gruner, Lufkin, Young, Field, Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presided. Weather: stormy.

MINUTES The minutes of the Dec. 4 Board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S
REPORT Mrs. Newstrom read the Treasurer's report, showing a balance as of December 31, 1952 of \$16.69.

STATE
LEGISLATION Mrs. Newstrom read a report from Legislative Chairman, Mrs. Donohue, on bills being drafted in re items on our state program.

Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Lufkin gave additional information on bills being introduced on this item. The reports of Mrs. Donohue and Mrs. Lufkin included bills being drafted which provide as follows:

1. For the calling of a constitutional convention, the revised constitution to be submitted to the electors, which bill will be the same as H. F. 22 introduced in the 1951 session.

2. For amending the amending process by requiring a majority of both houses to propose amendments and a majority of the electors voting on the question to pass. The League stand requires a two-thirds majority of both houses to propose an amendment and a majority of the electors voting on the question to pass.

After discussion of these two bills, Miss Stuhler moved that we support the bill comparable to H.F. 22 of the last session; seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

Mrs. Lufkin moved that we support the bill on the amending process, but testify in committee that we would prefer that a two-thirds majority of both houses be required to propose amendments. Seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

Party Designation. Mrs. Lufkin reported that a party designation bill will be introduced but that it is not ready.

Civil Service. Mrs. Donohue's report stated that the Veterans Preference bill to be introduced contains several changes from the present law:

1. That preference be used only once, and
2. That it cover only people who have lived in Minnesota 5 years prior to enlistment in the service.
3. The other modifications for which the League has worked.

After discussion, Mrs. Lufkin moved that we support this bill with the hope that it will come closer to what we want and that we work in committee to improve it. Seconded by Miss Salisbury and passed.

Employment on Merit. Mrs. Gruner outlined the changes to be incorporated in this bill, which include:

1. Privilege of employer to discharge employee during period not to exceed 60 days established by collective bargaining agreement or custom applicable to all employees of employer not subject to regulation.

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2. Religious institutions were formerly exempted entirely; they are now exempted with regard to religion, but not race.

3. The bill will be uniform throughout the state; no community shall have any ordinance which is inconsistent with it.

Mrs. Gruner moved that we support the Employment on Merit bill with the understanding that we try to work in committee to strengthen and improve it. Seconded and passed.

CIVIL RIGHTS Mrs. Gruner reported that General Mills is giving us expert help on getting our pamphlet out; they are employing a professional company to work on it. She hopes to have the proof by the end of this week to present to businessmen for their signatures. She asked that another note be sent to the Leagues pushing the employer interview program and stressing its importance.

She advised the Board she had received a letter from Mr. Glatstein of the Minnesota Jewish Council suggesting a plan whereby the Leagues would arrange for calling the leaders in each community together to plan strategy for that community for lobbying. He would then be glad to go out and take other professionals with him and meet with these groups, the League to schedule the meetings within the next few weeks. After considerable discussion it was the conclusion of the Board that we write the local Leagues asking them to cooperate on the employment on merit feature of this program, but in view of the short time allotted, we would not be able to plan the programs for the Leagues; that the planning will have to come from them. Mrs. McMillan appointed Mrs. Gruner and Mrs. Donohue to look into the matter, to express our views to Mr. Glatstein, and when the Leagues ask for the program, to discuss with him who will go on these tours.

Mrs. McMillan read a letter from Laurence M. Gould requesting the League to send a representative to a luncheon meeting today, January 15, called for the purpose of making plans for observing Brotherhood Week, February 15-22. It was decided to send a letter to all Leagues reminding them of this observance and suggesting they cooperate with other organizations insofar as it fits in with our current agenda. Mrs. McMillan appointed Mrs. Gruner to represent the League and she was excused at 12:30 to attend the luncheon meeting.

Miss Salisbury called the Board's attention to the fact that there is likely to be an attack in the Legislature on University academic freedom through appropriations and possibly censure of books. All members agreed this is a serious matter to which we should give careful thought and that the educational resource chairman should be instructed to watch it closely and report developments.

EDUCATIONAL TV Mrs. McMillan stated she had received a letter from Walter Finke, chairman of the Executive Board of the Minnesota Citizens Committee, asking her to serve on the board. The state Board granted her permission to accept this appointment.

Miss Stuhler advised the Board it has been agreed that the University act as licensee for Educational TV. It was suggested that another letter be sent to the local Leagues bringing them up to date on the present status of this program after the meeting on next Thursday which Mrs. McMillan will attend.

MISCELLANEOUS A letter was read from the Minneapolis League requesting permission to work for legislation affecting Minneapolis which may be introduced during the coming session, and also to work for a metropolitan area transit authority. No action could be taken because of the lack of a quorum, but it was the consensus of opinion of the members present that they be given permission to

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work on the three items covered by their agenda, and to work on the transit authority if they have permission and cooperation from all the Leagues in the area affected.

Mrs. Field reported that 50 representatives and senators and approximately 50 League members attended the Legislative Coffee Party at her home on January 14th; she and the other members of the Board who attended felt it was a successful meeting.

The following matters were also discussed, but no action taken:

Letter from the Civil Service Council asking the League to take an active part in reactivating the Council.

Question of holding bi-ennial instead of annual convention. The state convention would then be held in the alternate year from the national and something comparable to council meeting the following year. It was pointed out this would relieve Leagues of the job of annual program making. Mrs. McMillan appointed Mrs. Down, Mrs. Lufkin, Miss Salisbury and Miss Stuhler to make a study of what would be required in the way of amending the By-Laws relative to making this change and report at the next meeting.

Since a quorum was not present, the following matters were tabled for action at the next meeting:

Organization Report
Program Suggestions for State
Basic Aids to Education
Platform changes on National Program

The president urged all members to read carefully Mrs. Lee's recent letter regarding the National Platform and to be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 5, 1953.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ethel Young

Mrs. Basil Young
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 5, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, February 5, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Snell, Schmidt, Donohue, Field, Lufkin, Anderson, Gruner, Alderman, Johnson, Newstrom, Wilson, Chesley, Grindlay, Hargraves, Young, Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presided.

MINUTES The minutes of the January 15th Board meeting were circulated and approved.

NATIONAL Mrs. Lee's letter of December 30th with reference to National Platform
PLATFORM form changes suggested by the Platform Committee, and requesting
the opinion and suggestions of state Leagues, was discussed and
the Board agreed:

- 1) That the platform be revised
- 2) That the By-laws be revised to provide for systematic platform review, and
- 3) That a policy be formulated for action based upon the platform.

(See reply to Mrs. Lee's letter answering questions by National Platform Committee attached.)

STATE BY-LAWS Miss Stuhler, chairman of the committee to study by-law-revision to provide for biennial conventions and council meetings, presented draft of Proposed Amendments to the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota for Action at the Convention in 1953 (see copy attached) for study and discussion by the Board. Each proposed amendment was explained and discussed. She pointed out that the council meeting would be more of a training meeting and be a substitute for area conferences. Under the proposed change, we would have our state convention in odd numbered years, the same year the National Council and the State Legislature meets. The state Council Meeting would then be held the same year as the national Convention.

Miss Stuhler moved that ARTICLE VIII, Section 1 be amended by substituting for the first sentence thereof: "A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota shall be held biennially in the odd-numbered years not later than the thirty-first of May." Seconded by Mrs. Johnson and passed.

Mrs. Lufkin moved that the first seven by-law changes recommended by the committee on pages 1 and 2 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Johnson and passed.

Mrs. Anderson moved that the changes recommended on pages 3 and 4 be adopted. Seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

The committee was also authorized by the Board to work out details on manner of elections and make the necessary editorial changes.

STATE PROGRAM An analysis was made of the suggestions submitted by the local Leagues. 33 local Leagues wrote letters concerning state Program. 20 Leagues mentioned one or more of the present Current Agenda items. 18 Leagues mentioned Constitutional Revision in their letters; 14 Leagues mentioned FIPC; 12, Civil Service; 13, Party Designation; 15, taxes.

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Constitutional Revision. Miss Stuhler moved that Constitutional Revision be retained on the Agenda, with a possible re-wording of the item for greater appeal, with emphasis on re-apportionment, study of the Little Hoover and Constitutional Commissions' recommendations, dedicated funds, taxes and the amending process. A detailed explanation of these points for emphasis would be included. Seconded and passed. It was pointed out it could be decided at council meetings what legislative action would be.

Party Designation. Mrs. Lufkin moved this item be removed from the Agenda and placed on the Platform. Seconded and passed.

Civil Service. Mrs. Down moved this item be removed from the Agenda and placed on the platform. Seconded and passed.

EEPC. Mrs. Gruner felt it was important that we keep a Civil Rights item on the Agenda whether or not an employment on merit bill passes the current session of the legislature. If it does pass, the many modifications being proposed might make it necessary for us to watch how it works out; there will still be need for education in the community to make it a success. There would also be much to do with regard to legislation affecting restrictive covenants, the migratory workers and the Indians. If it does not pass, of course we would want to be able to continue working for a law and increase our efforts to make the people understand the need of a law.

The Board discussed the matter quite thoroughly in relation to the program in general and came to the following conclusions:

1. It reviewed the definition and interpretation of action which would consist of providing information, building public opinion and supporting legislation under an agenda item and supporting legislation only under a platform item. Therefore, placing the civil rights item on the platform would not prevent us from supporting legislation against discrimination.

2. Material on migratory workers and Indians could be sent out to local Leagues. In the event an E.O.M. bill passes, the League Board might consider these other possibilities and whether or not they go on as recommended or non-recommended items.

3. That we could do a better job on what items we have on our program if we limited the Current Agenda to one item.

4. That constitutional revision includes so many different phases and is basic to the solution of so many other problems, it is more important that we do a concentrated, conscientious, information-building job on this one item for the next biennium, than to spread our energies over a wider field.

5. Constitutional revision has been on our agenda in various forms for several years. We have spent a great deal of time, effort and study on it. Let's bear down and put it over, thus paving the way for new items.

Mrs. Gruner offered the following motion: That the civil rights item be included on the agenda; that we support legislation against discrimination. It was lost for lack of a second.

and on the basis of suggestions of local Leagues

As a result of the above discussion and action, the state Program as proposed by the state Board will consist of one item: Constitutional Revision, the other items on our Current Agenda will be placed on the platform. (See Articulate Voter attached.)

LEGISLATION

FEPC. Mrs. Gruner mentioned the possibility of an amendment putting the commission in the labor conciliation department, who-ever was appointed for this purpose in that office to have the assistance of one deputy. Many objections have been raised to this amendment and it has been decided by the authors of the bill and other interested groups that no publicity be given this suggestion. The authors of the bill were authorized by the various interested groups to draw up an amendment that would, if necessary, place the commission under some existing department provided they would retain citizens advisory board, enforcement and subpoena powers; also to include wording to protect the Minneapolis ordinance and statement of 1951 bill omitted from present bill prohibiting employers from eliciting information pertaining to race, religion and national origin from applications. She called attention to another amendment which would make exceptions of persons of responsibility and trust and pointed out that it would be unfortunate if minority groups got the impression that they couldn't hold positions of trust.

Education. Mrs. Anderson reported that the State Citizens Committee would like the League to take more active stands on school legislation since they feel we would carry more weight in the legislature. The Board's reply to this was a reiteration of our basic principle, i. e., that the only way the League can be of any value to anyone is by the way we arrive at a decision, through study and our program-adopting process. Education is a platform item.

In answer to questions Mrs. Anderson submitted from the Citizens Committee and the League Educational Committee, the Board advised her:

1. That the League can support no specific figure on basic aids; we have always stood for increased aids if they are necessary and to the extent they are necessary; that there is no basis for reaching an actual figure.
2. The League has taken no stand on dedicated funds; we have supported retention of income tax dedication until some change of structure of dedicated funds.
3. The League supports:
 - a. Continuation of aid for Junior Colleges
 - b. Reorganization of school districts
 - c. Qualifications for County Superintendents
4. Not prepared to take a position on:
 - a. Advancing time of payment for state aid to schools
 - b. Extension of legal school age
 - c. Clarification of authority on State Board of Education

It was felt that the education groups are better prepared to make decisions on these points.

5. The State Board cannot authorize the education committee to send more material to local Leagues; they can circularize and get support and ask for it at convention. The state office will help them in this respect.

MISCELLANEOUS

Educational TV. The objections that were originally raised have all been taken care of, with the exception of how it is to be financed. Until we know more about that, there is nothing specific we can do. In principle, the League is for it.

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Mrs. Field submitted her resignation. She will be out of town for two months and felt someone should be appointed to fill her place as public relations chairman. The Board felt, however, that someone could be appointed to fill her position temporarily and did not accept her resignation. She will be granted a temporary leave of absence.

The next Board meeting will be March 18th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ethyl Young

Mrs. Basil Young
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 18, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, March 18, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Gruner, Down, Snell, Donohue, Lufkin, Wilson, Marshall, Newstrom, Chesley, Young, Miss Washburn, Miss Salisbury and Miss Stuhler. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presided.

MINUTES The minutes of the February 5th Board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Newstrom went over the treasurer's report and proposed
PROPOSED BUDGET budget for 1953-54 with the Board. She reported there would be approximately \$500.00 balance at the end of the fiscal year, but that there were some outstanding bills.

Mrs. Lufkin moved that Mrs. Newstrom be instructed to pay the current bills and that any remaining balance be placed into an equipment fund. Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Chesley moved that provision be made in the proposed budget for this equipment fund in the amount of \$50.00. Seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

ORGANIZATION Mankato Mrs. Marshall and Miss Washburn reported that the Mankato League has dropped in membership from 130 to under 40. Many of the older members and 14 new members have dropped out because they are so embroiled in the local situation they are no longer a part of the state and national picture. They have had considerable help from the state League, but it was suggested that Miss Washburn make another attempt to talk to the older members and other key people in Mankato. It was also suggested that an attempt be made to have Irene Sweeney of the national office go down in the Fall.

Falcon Heights Miss Washburn reported that part of this League wants to belong to St. Paul and the rest wish to start a League of their own. You would then have the situation of having in one community some units belonging to St. Paul and a LWV of Falcon Heights. Mrs. McMillan stated that Miss Sweeney had at one time made the statement that a League member could join any group she wished. It was decided to go along with the situation for the present and see how it works out during the next year without giving up the idea of forming a League there.

Excelsior Mrs. Wilson reported that the Excelsior League has worked out a compromise on their action program.

Richfield is on its way to becoming a local league.

Hennepin County Leagues are exploring the idea of a Hennepin County Council so they could act on Hennepin County matters.

Wells Mrs. Gruner moved that Wells be accepted as a League; seconded by Mrs. Donohue and passed.

Mrs. McMillan presented and circulated the following new material on organization: "Organizing New Leagues" and "The Big City".

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING Mrs. Donohue moved that Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. Young serve as delegates to the National Council meeting in Washington April 21-24. Seconded by Mrs. Snell and passed.

STATE CONVENTION PLANS The program for the state convention to held at the Nicollet Hotel, May 13 and 14th, was discussed. Mrs. Lufkin moved that Mrs. Marc Law be asked to speak at the dinner meeting. Seconded and passed. Mrs. Snell suggested the possibility of including small conferences on orientation, finance, league organization, program making and public relations at the convention. The matter was discussed and it was decided to include conferences of this type.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO BY-LAWS

Miss Stuhler presented the Proposed Amendments to By-Laws incorporating the changes suggested at the meeting of February 5th. The changes were discussed and approved.

LEGISLATION

Employment on Merit. Mrs. Gruner reported that this bill has been amended, removing the court enforcement powers, but leaving the Commission, Board of Review, and subpoena powers. There appears to be considerable support for this bill, as amended, and there is also the feeling if we don't accept this, we are not going to get anything. The Board decided to go along with the amended bill.

Veterans Preference. Mrs. Down announced the death of this bill. She suggested we might work with the veterans groups and attempt to form some sort of interim commission to make a study of Veterans Preference, and that we might also be able to help revive the Civil Service Council and perhaps do something through that organization.

Party Designation. Mrs. Lufkin reported that the motion to reconsider Party Designation was lost in the House on March 17th, which means it has now passed the House and is up to the Senate.

EDUCATIONAL TV

Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury reported there is considerable support for this program, but not enough information has been forthcoming and still no clear solution to the problem of finance. Miss Stuhler proposed that a letter be sent to Mr. Finke, chairman of the Citizens Committee, signed by Mrs. McMillan, as a member of this committee, suggesting that something be done on these points and offering the assistance of the League. It was agreed this should be done.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. McMillan read the following correspondence:

1) Letter from the LWV of the District of Columbia complimenting the Minnesota League on Lobby by Letter and other effective things done.

2) Letter from the World Affairs Center inviting the League to join the World Affairs Center. Mrs. Snell moved that two members be appointed from the League to serve on the Board. Seconded by Mrs. Donohue and passed.

3) Letters of resignation from Mrs. Field and Mrs. Johnson. Miss Stuhler moved that we accept these resignations with regret, and with appreciation for the excellent work done by these board members. Seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

The president appointed Miss Salisbury as chairman of the Budget Committee.

It was announced that the National League would hold a Political Effectiveness Conference at the Curtis Hotel on March 25th and 26th.

Mrs. Gruner was instructed to express the Board's appreciation to General Mills for its contribution and help on the Fair Employment brochures.

The next board meeting will be held on April 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Basil Young, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 30, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, April 30, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League. Present were: Mesdames Down, Gruner, Donohue, Simonson, Schmidt, Anderson, Newstrom, Chesley, Lufkin, Young, Wilson, Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury. Mrs. K. K. McMillan, president, presided.

- MINUTES The minutes of the March 18, 1953 meeting were read and approved.
- TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report was circulated, discussed and approved.
- FINANCE CHAIRMAN Mrs. Gruner moved that Mrs. Clifford Simonson of Alexandria be appointed as Finance Chairman; seconded and passed, and Mrs. Simonson was welcomed to the Board.
- EQUIPMENT FUND Mrs. Newstrom reported that the amount of \$134.61 had been set aside for a special equipment fund; that the purchase of a badly needed new typewriter, however, would come out of the general equipment fund.
- ORGANIZATION Mrs. Wilson reported on the progress of new and prospective Leagues in Richfield, Falcon Heights, Roseville, Hopkins, Deephaven, and Arden Hills, and that Miss Washburn was in Mankato trying to find out what can be done there.
- COLLEGE LEAGUES Mrs. Wilson brought up the problem of College Leagues, pointing out that only one League has paid affiliation dues and that Augsburg has died. The matter was fully discussed; the suggestion was made that instead of having a state Board member work with the College Leagues, a member of the local League in the town in which the college exists might be given the responsibility; that the college Leagues would then pay their \$3 dues to the local League. Miss Stuhler moved that a letter be sent to national asking whether or not it would be possible to decentralize the servicing of the college Leagues from the state to local level where the college and local Leagues are in the same community. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson and passed.
- REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING Mrs. McMillan stated she had been unable to attend the national Council meeting and had appointed Mrs. Down to go in her place. Mrs. Down gave a report of the meeting which was held in the Statler Hotel, Washington D. C., April 21-24.
- CONVENTION PLANS The format of the convention program was gone over and approved. Board members were assigned to attend the group conferences scheduled for the afternoon of May 13th. Miss Salisbury was appointed to take care of the publicity for the convention. Mrs. Gruner moved that Edith Meinecke be appointed parliamentarian; seconded by Mrs. Anderson and passed. Mrs. McMillan requested the Board to approve the payment of dinner and luncheon tickets and registration fees for all Board members. Request granted.
- PROPOSED PROGRAM Suggestions from local Leagues were gone over and discussed. The wording of the proposed Current Agenda was discussed and Mrs. Gruner moved that the following wording be proposed to the Convention: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for a new state constitution. To that end we shall support the calling of a constitutional convention and make recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain." Seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed.

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It was also agreed that the Convention be asked to give the items on which emphasis is to be placed during the next two years: reapportionment, taxes, etc.

Non-recommended items were gone over and discussed. It was agreed that it be proposed to the convention that employment on merit and party designation be placed on the Platform.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ethyl Young

Mrs. Basil Young
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The first session of the thirty-fourth annual Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 10:30 a.m., May 13, 1953, by the president, Mrs. K. K. McMillan, in the East Room of the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. A cordial welcome was extended the delegates by Mrs. Samuel Gale, president of the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Mrs. Allan Meinecke be appointed as parliamentarian of the Convention.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the president's appointment of Mesdames A. W. Partridge of St. Paul and George Hawley of Red Wing as members of the credentials committee be approved.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the president's appointment of Mesdames A. R. Garies of New Ulm, C. F. Roemer of Duluth, Arnold Aslakson of Mound and William Dorsey of Park Rapids as members of the elections committee be approved.

Mrs. Meinecke moved the adoption of the proposed rules of the convention (copy attached). Motion seconded and passed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the order of business as printed on the official program be adopted.

There followed introduction of state Board members by the President. Report of the President, by Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, report of the Treasurer by Mrs. Paul Schmidt; and report of the Auditor by Mrs. Meinecke, who moved that the report of the Treasurer be adopted as read. Seconded and passed. The Organization report was then given by Mrs. John Grindlay.

Mrs. Arthur Down presented the proposed amendments to the By-laws (copy attached) and moved their adoption. Discussion followed concerning the proposal of a biennial instead of an annual convention and a council meeting in non-convention years. After some discussion motion was made to close debate. Seconded and passed. Mrs. Down's motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, St. Paul, chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate proposed by the nominating committee for officers and directors. The president called for nominations from the floor. None were heard.

Miss Barbara Stuhler moved the adoption of the following Current Agenda for 1953-1955:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for a new state constitution. To that end we shall support the calling of a constitutional convention and will make recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain."

Mrs. Lufkin seconded the motion.

Miss Stuhler moved the adoption of the following platform changes:

- "(1) Amend Social Problems Affecting General Welfare by adding:
Employment on Merit Act
- (2) Amend Increased Efficiency in Administration of Government by adding:
Party Designation for State Legislators."

Mrs. Grindlay seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

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Mrs. Gordon Grunditz of Minneapolis moved the following non-recommended item for consideration:

"The League will work to build public opinion favorable to reapportionment in the state legislature and thereby facilitate accomplishment of constitutional revision."

Seconded and lost.

Mrs. S. L. Lyksett of St. Paul moved the following non-recommended item for consideration:

"The Minnesota League of Women Voters will work for democratic, efficient government through revision of the state constitution with emphasis on these items: Reapportionment, taxation and finance, special legislation and local government, the amending process, organization of government."

Seconded and lost. Session adjourned at 12:30.

Afternoon Session, 2 p.m.

Mrs. F. M. Kohout of Minneapolis moved the following non-recommended item for consideration:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for enactment of an employment on merit bill."

Seconded and lost.

After discussion, Mrs. Lufkin, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider. Seconded and carried. After further discussion, motion was made to close debate. Seconded and carried. Mrs. Kohout's motion was again put to a vote and lost.

Miss Elsie Grina of Fergus Falls moved the following non-recommended item for consideration:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will make a study of the library system in the state."

Seconded and lost.

Mrs. Robert Snell of White Bear Lake presented the proposed budget (copy attached).

Mrs. Clifford Simonson of Alexandria led the announcement of pledges by the Leagues.

Mrs. Frank Chesley of Red Wing gave a report on Voters Service; Mrs. Romaine Powell of Bemidji and Mrs. Ralph Norgaard of Minneapolis reported on awards their Leagues had received.

The Legislative Report was given by Mrs. John Donohue of St. Paul. She then presided over the "Capitol Question Box" containing questions from the delegates. The questions were answered by the following panel members: Mesdames Hamilton Lufkin, John Gruner, Robert Anderson, Arthur Down, Gordon Grunditz and Miss Eleanor Salisbury. Mrs. Donohue concluded the Legislative presentation with "An Open Letter to the Ladies of Caledonia."

The afternoon session adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The delegates attended group conferences on Organization, Orientation, Finance, Program Making and Public Relations.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 9:30 a.m.

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 and it was so ordered.

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, chairman of the nominating committee moved that the slate of officers presented on Wednesday be elected and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the following officers:

President:	Mrs. Basil Young, Hibbing
First Vice President:	Miss Barbara Stuhler, Minneapolis
Second Vice President:	Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin, St. Paul
Secretary:	Mrs. Vernon Moen, St. Paul
Treasurer:	Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder, Duluth
Directors:	Mrs. Arthur Down, Anoka
	Mrs. John Grindlay, Rochester
	Mrs. John Gruner, Minneapolis
	Mrs. Frank Chesley, Red Wing
	Mrs. Roger Klein, Brainerd
	Mrs. Kenneth McMillan, Austin

Chairman, Nominating
Committee:

Mrs. Donald Guthrie, White Bear Lake.

Seconded and passed.

Mrs. Robert Snell presented the revised budget after tabulation of delegates' pledges, showing a deficit of \$349. Delegates raised their pledges to make up the deficit. The Budget Committee was instructed by the president to meet and present a revised budget later in the day.

Miss Stuhler read the proposed Current Agenda which she had moved for adoption on Wednesday.

Mrs. Grunditz moved that the proposed Current Agenda be amended to read as follows:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for a revised state constitution and in the off-legislative year will work to building public opinion for reapportionment. We will support the calling of a constitutional convention and make recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain."

Seconded. Discussion followed. Motion made, seconded and carried to closed debate. Mrs. Grunditz' motion put to a vote and lost.

Mrs. Lyksett of St. Paul moved that the proposed Current Agenda be amended to read as follows:

"The League of Women Voters will work toward a systematic revision of the state constitution and to that end will support the calling of a constitutional convention and make recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain."

Seconded. After discussion, the question was moved and the motion was lost.

Mrs. Roy Gessner of Minneapolis moved to amend the proposed Current Agenda to read as follows:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for a new state constitution. To that end we shall make recommendations as to where the necessary monies to sustain a convention will come from."

Seconded and lost.

Miss Salisbury moved that the proposed Current Agenda item be amended to read as follows:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for the calling of a constitutional convention and will make recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain."

Seconded by Mrs. Lufkin. Discussion followed. The question was moved. Miss Salisbury's motion to amend carried.

Mrs. Roemer of Duluth moved that the above amendment be substituted for the original motion made by Miss Stuhler and adopted as the Current Agenda item. Seconded and unanimously carried.

The president then asked the convention to indicate what items should be given emphasis under the Current Agenda item adopted.

Standing votes were taken with the following results: Tax study received 155 votes; Legislative reorganization received 96 votes; Reapportionment received 88 votes; Little Hoover Commission and report of the Constitutional Commission received 86 votes, and Home Rule received 63 votes.

The president ruled that the first three items would be given emphasis for next two years.

Miss Stuhler read the proposed platform changes which she had moved for adoption on Wednesday. The motion carried.

Adjourned at 12:15.

Afternoon Session, 12:30 p.m.

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

- (1) 40, of 49, local Leagues were represented
- (2) White Bear Lake was the League, outside the Twin Cities, with the largest representation (20)
- (3) The total registration was 308

Delegates	184
Observers	108
State Board	15
Nat'l. Board	1

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Mrs. Robert Snell moved the adoption of the revised budget (attached).
Seconded and carried.

The convention adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with thanks to the Minneapolis League; Mrs. Somes, convention chairman; and Mrs. Meinecke, parliamentarian; for their efficient handling of the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Basil Young
Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 18, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, June 18, 1953, at 10 a.m. at the Sheridan Hotel, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were: Mesdames Duncan, McMillan, Chesley, Gruner, Snell, Kane, Grindlay, Klein, Wallinder, Lufkin, Down, Simonson, Loucks, Moen; Miss Stuhler and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES The minutes of the April 30, 1953, meeting were read and approved.
The minutes of the 34th Annual Convention were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder reported a balance of \$14.13 in the treasury. She also gave figures bringing the cumulative budget report up to date, and announced that there will be a running account of the budget given at every Board meeting in the future.

BANK SIGNATURE CHANGES It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that an account for the equipment fund be opened at the Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank and that any two of the following be authorized to make withdrawals: Mrs. Young, Mrs. Moen, Mrs. Wallinder. Seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that any two of the following be authorized to make withdrawals from the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund deposited at the Farmers & Mechanics Savings Bank: Mrs. Young, Mrs. Moen, Mrs. Wallinder. Seconded and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that checks issued against the checking account deposited at the Northwestern National Bank be signed by any two of the following: Mrs. Young, Mrs. Wallinder, Mrs. Newstrom. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Klein and passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Lufkin moved the approval of the following as appointed Directors: Mrs. Loucks, Mrs. Kane, Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Simonson, Mrs. Duncan. Mrs. Gruner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS Mrs. Young announced the following Board assignments:

Mrs. Lufkin - Orientation
Miss Stuhler - Assistant to the president
Mrs. Chesley - Legislative Reorganization
Mrs. Down - State Tax Structure
Mrs. Grindlay - Organization
Mrs. Gruner - Civil Rights
Mrs. Klein - Voters Service
Mrs. McMillan - Chairman, Constitutional Revision
Miss Salisbury - Voter Editor
Mrs. Simonson - Finance
Mrs. Kane - Reapportionment
Mrs. Duncan - International Relations
Mrs. Loucks - Legislative Chairman
Mrs. Wallinder - Budgetary Procedures

Party Designation and Public Relations are yet to be assigned.

June 18, 1953

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Mrs. Young asked for approval of the following appointments to the Nominating Committee: Miss Stuhler, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Chapin of Kasson and Mrs. Wallace Bloom of Alexandria. Mrs. Gruner moved that the appointments be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hallinder and passed. Mrs. Donald Guthrie was elected Nominating Committee Chairman at the Convention.

ORGANIZATION College Leagues. Mrs. Snell read a letter from national re College Leagues, advising that responsibility for these Leagues should remain with the state League. It was brought out in discussion that there are only 13 College Leagues still in existence, of which 6 are in Minnesota, and that none of the latter have been able to measure up to League standards. It was moved by Mrs. McMillan that the College Leagues be dissolved and Mrs. Snell be instructed to write to national about the decision and to the colleges in Minnesota stating our new policy and offering League services to them. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Grindlay and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay discussed the demise of the Mankato and Northfield Leagues. The Northfield League has disbanded itself. Mrs. Grindlay moved that we recommend to national that the Mankato League be disbanded and the members notified. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed. The Wabasha League was reported to have only nine members, but it was agreed that action on this League could wait.

It was moved by Mrs. Grindlay that we recognize Richfield as a provisional League. It now has 76 members and has fulfilled all requirements. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McMillan and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay moved that Falcon Heights be recognized as a provisional League. It now has 21 members and has fulfilled all requirements. Seconded by Mrs. McMillan and passed.

She also reported that Hopkins and Marine-on-St. Croix have held pre-organization meetings. The new Organization Digest was explained.

CALENDAR FOR YEAR The Suggested Calendar for Local Leagues was discussed and partially formulated on the basis of anticipated events and Current Agenda to be covered. It was agreed that the final details of the Calendar should be worked out between Mrs. Young and the office staff.

PLATFORM Mrs. Lee's letter on Platform was discussed. It was generally agreed that the proposed new format represents a decided improvement, and that the proposed six-year interval between platform reviews seems sound. It was felt that No. 1 under Proposed Program Record was confusing.

NONPARTISANSHIP Mrs. Lee's letter on nonpartisanship was discussed. It was generally agreed that the emphasis on party work should not be changed, but that the restrictions on Board members possibly should be tightened or at least expressed in more definite terms. The Board favored Mrs. McMillan's suggestion that the policy require Board members to resign for one whole League year after participation in party work or running for office, and that a public statement of such resignation be sent to the newspapers.

CIVIL RIGHTS Mrs. Gruner suggested the formation of an interim commission on FEPC to set up machinery for collecting data on existing discrimination and promote voluntary programs among businessmen and to keep abreast of the work being done elsewhere in this field. The Board approved of her participation on such a commission in line with her Board assignment as Civil Rights Chairman, provided it entailed no extra expense to the League.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held the third Thursday of August at 10 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 20, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, August 20, 1953, at 10 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were: Mesdames Wallinder, McMillan, Simonson, Grindlay, Loucks, Chesley, Down, Klein, Kane, Lufkin, and Moen.

MINUTES The minutes of the June 18, 1953, meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder reported a balance of \$46.24 on hand July 1 and read figures bringing the cumulative budget up to date.

BOARD
APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Young called attention to the fact that no appointments have been made to the Board as yet for Public Relations and Party Designation and asked the Board for suggestions.

COMMUNICATIONS A letter was read from Attorney General Brownell inviting us to send a delegate to the National Education Association Conference on Citizenship to be held in Washington, D. C., next month.

A letter offering subscriptions to "Adult Leadership" Magazine at \$2.00 per year was read and discussed.

PLATFORM CONFERENCE A letter from Mrs. Lee was read, stating that she and Mrs. Mitchell will hold a Platform Conference with us on October 9.

OCTOBER BOARD
MEETING Since Mrs. Lee's letter suggested that we hold our October meeting after the Platform Conference, the likelihood of holding the Board Meeting on Friday evening, October 9, or on Saturday, October 10, was discussed, but action delayed until September meeting.

UNESCO CONFERENCE Mrs. Young will be one of two League of Women Voters delegates to the UNESCO Conference on September 15, 16 and 17. The Minnesota League is cooperating by loaning the services of our executive secretary, Mrs. Newstrom, who will take charge of registration.

SEPTEMBER BOARD
MEETING Mrs. McMillan moved that the next Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, September 15. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

ARTICULATE VOTER
PAYMENTS A letter from Mrs. Gale, President of the Minneapolis League, was read re their loss of membership to the new suburban Leagues subsequent to their annual assessment for the Articulate and National Voters. It was moved, second and passed that an adjustment be made by assessing the new suburban Leagues on the basis of their April 30 membership, and deducting such payments from the Minneapolis and St. Paul assessments.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported that Mankato has finally voted voluntary disbandment and that the matter is now in National's hands. Mrs. Grindlay moved that we recommend to the National Board the disbandment of the Wabasha League, since they voted at their June meeting to disband. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Down and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Grindlay that we recommend to the national Board the recognition of Deephaven as a local League. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane and passed.

August 20, 1953

MRS. HORNER'S VISIT A letter was read from Mrs. Lee stating that Mrs. Horner will be in Minneapolis from November 23 to December 4 and asked our approval of her visit. The Board not only was agreeable to her visiting Minneapolis, but also felt visits to St. Paul and Duluth and possibly Rochester would be helpful.

FINANCE Mrs. Simonson reported on her visit to Fergus Falls and asked for our suggestions for helping smaller Leagues with their finance drives.

NATIONAL ITEM II Mrs. Wallinder called attention to all the material from national on Budgetary Procedures and asked for suggestions on preparing the item. Discussion favored holding regional meetings in Congressional districts with study sessions and inviting Congressmen. Discussion also favored preparing a bibliography of all material already furnished local Leagues or available to them.

COUNCIL MEETING A letter from the Hotel Leamington was read, asking us to consider holding our next convention there. The suggestion that we meet outstate in Bemidji was discussed, and there seemed to be general enthusiasm for the idea. It was agreed that Bemidji should be notified of our interest in their suggestion and asked if we could be accommodated on May 13-14, or, as a second choice, on May 20-21. The holding of a mock Constitutional Convention was discussed and considered impracticable for a Council program. Mrs. Chesley, Legislative Reorganization Chairman, suggested that Mr. Fjelstad of Carleton College be asked to speak on Legislative Reorganization at the Council meeting.

REAPPORTIONMENT Mrs. Kane reported that she is writing to Leagues in other states to get material on legislative reapportionment.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Loucks suggested that Leagues throughout the state sponsor pre-filing meetings next spring in cooperation with other organizations and the press with a view to sounding out public opinion and arousing interest in issues well in advance of the next legislative campaign.

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL The advisability of holding a training meeting for local League Presidents was discussed, and it was suggested that such a meeting might be held in conjunction with the next Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 15, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Tuesday, September 15, 1953, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were: Mesdames Gruner, Klein, Grindlay, Lufkin, Duncan, Chesley, Down, Wallinder, McMillan, Kane and Moen.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 20, 1953, meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder reported a balance of \$353.26 on hand August 31 and read figures bringing the cumulative budget up to date.

PLATFORM
CONFERENCE

Mrs. Young announced that the Platform Conference with Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Mitchell scheduled for October 9 will be held in the Rose Room of the Hotel Leamington from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lee requested us to invite the Presidents of the South Dakota and North Dakota Leagues to the conference, and Mrs. Young had carried out this request for us.

OCTOBER BOARD

It was moved by Mrs. Wallinder that we hold our next Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m., October 9, following the Platform Conference. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Grindlay and passed.

STATE COUNCIL
MEETING

A letter was read from Mrs. Powell of the Bemidji League re dates and facilities available for State Council Meeting there, and Mrs. Young reported on a follow-up telephone conversation with Mrs. Powell. It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that the State Council Meeting be held in Bemidji on May 13 - 14. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Grindlay and passed.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay moved that we recommend to national that North St. Paul be recognized as a local League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McMillan and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay moved that Roseville be recognized as a provisional League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chesley and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay moved that we recommend to the national Board that Arden Hills be recognized as a local League, contingent upon completion of their finance drive. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay raised the question of obvious violations of League policy which are disclosed by the minutes of local League Boards. It was generally agreed that it was in order for the office staff to write to such local Leagues, calling attention to such infractions of policy.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from the Red Wing League, inviting state Board members to their membership tea on September 16.

A letter was read from Mrs. Horner re her tentative schedule for meeting with League boards in Rochester, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth.

A letter was read from Mr. James Richards, Chairman of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom of the Minnesota State Librarians Association re the possibility of the League's taking a stand on censorship.

FERGUS FALLS

A letter was read from Fergus Falls, asking for a reduction in the bill for the Articulate Voter and the National Voter. Although their membership has fallen off almost half, they were delinquent in reporting this decrease to the state office. It was moved by Mrs. Wallinder that we make a special concession and credit their account, pro-rated for the balance of the year, as soon as the reduced mailing list is furnished us. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McMillan and passed.

BUDGETARY PROCEDURE PLANS

Mrs. Wallinder presented the material she has prepared for local chairmen and outlined proposed plans for regional meetings with Congressmen.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. Gruner asked permission to mail the League's Legislative Report on Employment on Merit to about twenty groups and individuals who have been generous in furnishing literature to us. Mrs. McMillan moved that she be authorized to do so. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane and passed.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Kane reported on her conference with Mr. Bergerud, Chairman of the House Committee on Reapportionment and read an outline of the material she is preparing on reapportionment.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Klein reported she is sending out a letter urging local Leagues to hold public meetings before their municipal elections.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 9, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Friday, October 9, 1953, at 4:30 p.m., in the Rose Room of the Leamington Hotel, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were: Mesdames McMillan, Lufkin, Kane, Loucks, Wallinder, Klein, Grindlay, Down, Gruner, Chesley, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury. Mrs. Claude Roemer, president of the Duluth League and member of the state organization committee, and Mrs. John G. Lee, national President, were present as observers.

MINUTES The minutes of the September 15 meeting were circulated and the reading thereof waived.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report was dispensed with.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL BOARD It was moved by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Lufkin that we nominate Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves to the national Board.

PLATFORM REVISION The following Committee on National Platform Changes was named: Miss Stuhler, Chairman; Mrs. McMillan, Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Lufkin, and Mrs. Kane. The committee was asked to make a report to the Board at the November meeting.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported on the Richfield League, and moved that we recommend to the national Board the recognition of Richfield as a local League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay moved that the state Board recognize Marine-on-St. Croix as a provisional League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Down and passed.

Mrs. Young asked for a discussion of the problem of the St. Paul League. The president of the St. Paul League had called on the state Board to explain to her local Board, League policy as it pertained to the county item voted onto the local Agenda by the membership at the annual meeting, and on which it was felt all study and action should cease because the St. Paul League had not fulfilled the prerequisite for action on a County item. Mrs. Lufkin reported on her two visits to the St. Paul Board and her visit to the Unit Chairmen's Meeting. Mrs. Moen reported the views of dissenting members of the St. Paul League. Letters from 15 units and 6 individual members protesting inactivization of the Agenda item were read. Discussion of the matter between the Board members and Mrs. Lee developed the following points:

in taking action on a county item, the St. Paul League would be

1. That/ the County study which the St. Paul League had made in violating 1947 would not fulfill the requisite for a Know Your County survey ^{because} it had not policy of followed the national outline or been kept up to date or placed in the hands of the the League members within the last several years. as a whole since

2. That furnishing to the membership the available information on the item could have been interpreted as study rather than action.

3. That a committee could be appointed to make a preliminary study of county government and preparation made for the forming of a county council with a view to placing a Know Your County survey on the Agenda at the next Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Lee observed that the nonpartisan policy deviation seemed in large part responsible for the difficulties in which the St. Paul League found itself and that time and again Leagues have found themselves in trouble as a result of having presidents or Board members whose husbands have politically appointed positions.

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Mrs. Lee pointed out that we are all members of the League of Women Voters of the United States, and it is incumbent upon each and every one of us to uphold League policy. She also pointed out that we are a membership organization and that all decisions must be left up to the members themselves and that the matter should be resolved by the St. Paul members themselves at a special meeting.

It was therefore, moved by Mrs. Lufkin that, in view of the petitions received, the Board send a letter to the St. Paul Board asking for a conference on this subject and suggest that the St. Paul Board take the problem to its membership at a general meeting for decision by the members. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed.

It was suggested that we outline a letter to the St. Paul Board (attached to file copy) and recommend the St. Paul Board send it to their membership.

NEXT BOARD
MEETING

The next Board meeting was announced for November 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

October 10, 1953

To the Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of St. Paul
St. Paul, Minnesota

The state Board has received several letters from units in the League of Women Voters of St. Paul protesting a decision by the Board to limit action on a Current Agenda item, adopted by the membership at its annual meeting on May 21st.

The specific policy here involved is, "when local services are dependent upon the county, the local League must survey the county government as a whole before taking action and must understand the effect upon all citizens in the county of any measure it wishes to adopt". (Local Leaders Handbook, page 53) Almost every large city in the United States is closely tied, to the county of which it is a major part. Because they are so closely tied, it is especially important to realize that city and county are two different levels of government. A general knowledge of the relationships between a city and a county, where they exist, does not constitute a survey of either.

Policy in the League of Women Voters has been built up through thirty-two years of hard experience. Like the British Constitution, it has developed through the experience of the citizenry and it will continue to do so.

The requirement of a county survey is based upon the basic League policy of study before action. Prestige of the League has been built over the years on the publicly-known fact that the League does not act until its membership is informed on every possible aspect of a question. The basic policy of study before action derives from the stated purpose of the League of Women Voters, "to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government".

The League of Women Voters is a membership organization. The members must decide what the League shall do. Each of us is a member of the League of Women Voters of the United States, for purposes of convenience organized on the basis of political subdivisions. As a member of a national organization, the decisions each of us makes reflect upon the entire League.

The state Board recommends that the St. Paul Board provide the membership with an opportunity to discuss future League activity on the "jail item". In the light of League purpose and policies and other factors which they may choose to consider, the members will make their decision.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Basil Young
President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 19, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, November 19, 1953, at 10: A.M., in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were: Mesdames Wallinder, Simonson, Duncan, Lufkin, Grindlay, Down, McMillan, Klein, Kane, Chesley, and Moen, and ^{Gruner} Misses Stuhler and Salisbury. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves of the national board was present as an observer.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 9th meeting were read and corrected as follows:

At the beginning of Point 1, insert after "That" the words "in taking action on a county item, the St. Paul League would be violating policy of the League as a whole, since" and change the word "since" later in that sentence to "because".

In the paragraph following Point 3, strike out the words "the nonpartisan policy deviation seemed in large part responsible for the difficulties in which the St. Paul League found itself and that."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder reported a balance of \$239.11 on hand October 31, and read figures bringing the cumulative budget up to date.

ORGANIZATION

St. Paul - Miss Stuhler reported that the St. Paul Board at a special meeting on October 12 decided to send Mrs. Young's letter to the membership, and called a membership meeting for Thursday evening, October 15. Mrs. Young reported on the meeting at which the St. Paul League voted 86 to 43 to re-activate the jail item. Copy of a letter was read, written by Unit 22 previous to the meeting, asking the St. Paul Board to drop the jail item. Letters were also read from Unit 27 and from Mrs. Paul O'Connor objecting to the St. Paul League's violation of policy and asking the State Board for guidance. It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that a letter be written to the St. Paul Board by Mrs. Young, answering these inquiries. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed. (Letter attached to file copy)

Arden Hills - Mrs. Grindlay reported that the National Board felt that Arden Hills had not yet met all standards. National's reply to our recommendation for recognition and Arden Hill's answer to National's objections were read. It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that the additional information from Arden Hills be sent on to National for consideration. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed. Since they have not been recognized as a local League, Arden Hills cannot hold their candidates meeting as planned, and ask permission to hold a Town Meeting instead, discussing village issues, offices to be filled, duties of the officials, and introducing the candidates, but not allowing them to speak. It was moved by Mrs. McMillan that they be granted permission to hold such a Town Meeting as part of taking their Town Survey to the citizenry. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed.

Richfield - Mrs. Grindlay reported that Richfield has been recognized, and is a fast-growing local League. Mrs. Wilson complimented them on their successful candidates' meeting.

Wayzata - Mrs. Grindlay reported that Wayzata is almost ready for recognition as a Provisional League.

North St. Paul - has been recognized by national as a local League.

College Leagues - Mrs. Young read a letter sent to College Leagues asking them to call a meeting of their membership to meet with a member of the State Board to discuss the problems and difficulties involved in servicing college Leagues. Answers have been received from Hamline and St. Catherine's. A letter was read from a St. Olaf student, asking for help in reorganizing. It was agreed a reply should be sent

COUNCIL MEETING

It was moved by Mrs. McMillan that we engage the services of Miss Saloshin for our Council Meeting on May 14. The motion was seconded and passed. It was moved by Mrs. Kane that we ask Mr. Fjelstad to be our dinner speaker on May 13. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Grindlay and passed.

It was agreed that we invite Mrs. Powell, President of the Bemidji League, to attend a State Board meeting in January or February as an observer.

NATIONAL CURRENT AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

The following items were generally agreed on and referred to the Platform Committee to be put in statement form:

1. International Item - Measures which contribute to international cooperation, with emphasis on international economic advancement and reduction of trade restrictions.
2. Civil Liberties
3. Election Laws

PLATFORM REVISION COMMITTEE

Miss Stuhler reported briefly on the work being done by the Platform Revision Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was read from Miss Ruth Mitchell regarding the reactivation of the Minnesota Civil Service Council, but the Board did not feel that the League should take any initiative in the matter.

A letter was read from Mrs. Lee, former president of the Granite Falls League, addressed to all League presidents in Minnesota, asking for support of Amendment No. 1 to the State Constitution on reform of probate courts.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

was announced for Thursday, Dec. 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary.

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November 26, 1953

Memo to: Board of Directors, League of Women Voters of United States
From: Board of Directors, League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Subject: Proposed Current Agenda, 1954-56

The League of Women Voters believes that the building of a peaceful world is the most important issue facing the country. The League is aware that our domestic and international problems are inter-related and will promote understanding of their relationship. Action will concentrate on:

- I. Measures which contribute to international cooperation, with emphasis on reduction of trade barriers and advancement of international economic stability.
- II. Appraisal and possible support of measures which implement the traditional democratic guarantee of individual liberties, with full recognition of the requirements of internal security.
- III. Appraisal and support of measures relating to the reform of federal election procedures.

Explanation

- I. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is confident that the Platform as amended by the 1954 Convention will contain both Principles and Continuing Responsibilities which will permit action in support of the United Nations. Even so, we find it inconceivable that an item on international cooperation would not be on the Current Agenda. We feel that international economic stability may prove to be one of the most important issues confronting the country in the next two-year period. For this reason, we propose an item which will emphasize American trade policies and technical assistance.
- II. There was a strong indication from local Leagues in Minnesota and unanimous opinion on the part of state board members that the League of Women Voters could no longer dodge the issue of individual liberties. The only question was how specific should the item be. We chose to make a broad statement so that we might examine such possible issues as congressional investigations, academic freedom and the Brownell proposals, etc. We also felt that our statement should express our awareness that liberty and security are opposing concepts between which balance can and must be found.
- III. In the aftermath of a presidential election, local Leagues in Minnesota expressed a greater interest in election procedures than ever before. The following specific areas of possible study were mentioned: electoral college; nominating procedures; residence requirements for voting in national elections; absentee voting, and others.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 10, 1953

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, December 10, 1953, at 10:00 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board room, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Wallinder, Down, Lufkin, McMillan, Grindlay, Gruner, Kane, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury.

MINUTES The minutes of the November 19 meeting were read and approved, with the addition of Mrs. Gruner's name to the list of those present.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder reported a balance of \$576.38 on hand November 30, and read figures bringing the cumulative budget up to date.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported on the work of the Organization Committee and on the status of several Leagues:

Wayzata. Mrs. Grindlay moved that Wayzata be recognized as a Provisional League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane and passed.

Hopkins. Mrs. Grindlay moved that Hopkins be recognized as a Provisional League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

Knollwood Park. A letter was read from Mrs. Leonhardt, the president of the Knollwood Park League. Mrs. Grindlay moved that we accept the decision of the Knollwood Park League to disband. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

White Bear Lake was reported in the process of reorganizing into a Township League and a City League.

College Leagues. Letters were received from St. Catherine and Hamline College Leagues, following Mrs. McMillan's visits, stating that they are disbanding. Mrs. McMillan moved that we write to national reporting that all our College Leagues have voluntarily disbanded. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING It was suggested that we ask Miss Sweeney to spend part of a day with us at our regular January Board meeting since she will be in St. Paul on January 25 and 26. It was agreed that the January meeting be tentatively set for Tuesday, January 26, and that Mrs. Powell of Bemidji be invited to attend as an observer.

BRICKER AMENDMENT It was agreed that we should appeal to the local Leagues to express themselves concerning the Bricker Amendment so that the state Board could express an opinion to the national Board.

BUDGET COMMITTEE It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that the following members be appointed to serve on the Budget Committee with Mrs. Wallinder and Mrs. Simonson: Mrs. Allen of Richfield, Mrs. Bowe of Red Wing, and Mrs. Weed of Rochester. The motion was seconded and passed.

COMMUNICATIONS A letter was read from Mrs. Heffelfinger on the Technical Assistance program.

A letter was read from Mr. Fjelstad, accepting our invitation to speak at the Council Meeting, and asking for expenses, but leaving the matter of a fee up to us.

PLATFORM

The report of the Platform Committee was carefully reviewed and was approved as submitted with but two modifications. (Copy attached to file) Item C under I was changed to read: "Elimination of discrimination against any individual or group because of race, color, sex, creed, or national origin." In Item D under III, the word "adequate" was added between "A" and "system".

It was decided that the proposed platform changes should be brought to the membership through a pre-convention conference for presidents and delegates on Friday, February 26, followed by articles in the Articulate Voter.

The February Board meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, February 25, to precede the platform conference.

It was suggested by Miss Salisbury that we start soon to make a review of our state platform, item by item.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Young reminded us that community action on constitutional revision will be an important part of our work in the near future, and asked that we be thinking of new and dramatic ways to present the subject to the public.

NEW OFFICE
EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Newstrom discussed with the Board the need for a new mimeograph, the cost of various machines, and the funds available to pay for new equipment. In line with her recommendations, it was moved by Mrs. Gruner that we buy a new mimeograph machine and a stencil filing cabinet, at a total cost of around \$750.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 27, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1954 at 10:00 A.M. in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Lufkin, Wallinder, Chesley, Duncan, Grindlay, Gruner, Kane, Klein, McMillan, Simonson, Miss Stuhler, Miss Irene Sweeney, Organization Secretary of the League of Women Voters of U.S., Mrs. Hargraves of the National Board, Miss Hope Washburn, Mrs. Guthrie, chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Weed of the State Budget Committee.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mrs. Young introduced Miss Sweeney, and turned the meeting over to her for discussion of our first state Council Meeting. Miss Sweeney pointed out that we must always remember that a Council Meeting is only advisory to the State Board on program matters. We must ask ourselves, "Do altered conditions exist?" If they do not, no change can be voted at Council Meeting on the Agenda. If they do, a change may be voted provided that notice of proposed modifications of the program shall have been sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months in advance of the meeting of the Council, and provided also that a 2/3 majority of the members of the Council present and voting shall be required to adopt the modification.

The procedure should be this:

- 1) About 4 months in advance of State Council Meeting the State Board may send a letter to local Leagues saying: (include definition of modification & changed conditions)
 - a) The State Board believes that altered conditions do not exist (conditions)
 - b) Therefore no change in agenda should be made
 - c) However if you believe altered conditions do exist
 - d) You may want to suggest a modification in the current agenda, if so
- 2) About 3 months in advance of State Council Meeting, these modifications should be in the hands of State Board.
- 3) State Board decides whether they have been convinced that altered conditions do exist, and if so, whether they recommend the modification proposed.
- 4) Two months in advance of Council Meeting the State Board must send proposed Agenda modification to local Leagues, if any.
- 5) At the Council any delegate may make a motion saying altered conditions exist. This takes a majority vote to pass.
- 6) If passed, the delegate may make a motion to modify the Agenda. This takes 2/3 vote to pass.
- 7) If proposed change comes within present Agenda, and is simply a recommended change of emphasis, then it may be discussed from the point of view of
 - a) Is the membership sufficiently informed?
 - b) Is it wise to add another emphasis?
 - c) Is this to be substituted for a present emphasis?

This vote is informal, and is for the purpose of guiding, but not binding the State Board in preparation of material. "I move to recommend..." is proper word.

Mrs. Young reviewed the proposed Agenda for the Council Meeting and asked suggestions for the title and scope of Mr. Fjelstad's talk on Legislature.

It was suggested an Article in the March-April Voter on the purpose and scope and power of a Council Meeting would be very helpful. It is advisable, Miss Sweeney thought, to separate the delegates from the observers during program and budget discussion, to be able to fairly judge local League opinion. Resource Chairmen will present items to Council, giving brief review, and advise direction for the future. For example, if we keep reapportionment as an emphasis, we must come to a decision on the kind of bill we will support. Did the Leagues accept the Agenda last convention as a two year program (1 year study, 1 year action)? Most of the Board thought yes.

It is also possible to recommend to the Board action on Platform items at Council Meeting. If members want intensive work on a Platform item, they must take it from the Platform to the Agenda, and this they could do only after "altered conditions" had been proved and voted.

CALLS FOR ACTION

Mrs. Young asked a question about whether the national Board wanted an expression of opinion on Bricker Amendment, for example, from the Board, or only as they thought the opinion of their members to be. Mrs. Hargraves and Miss Sweeney said they wanted both, that State Board opinion was very valuable, that it was not given undue weight, and that whatever opinion was sent in should be identified as to whose opinion it was.

ORGANIZATION

Board responsibilities were discussed in relation to Organization matters. All but details of Organization should be presented to and considered by Board, in capsule form. They should make decisions on new policies, on exceptions to policy, and decisions in relation to general health of local Leagues. All State Board members are responsible for all state work — especially membership, finance, program. They should expect to carry their share of Organization work in the State. Resource people for instance are invaluable in helping local Leagues know how to use program material.

When a League does not reach Recognition Standards, the Organization Committee should take a look at the League, and make a recommendation to the Board concerning its status. In 1948 all local Leagues were required to meet up to the higher standards, adopted at the 1946 Convention. Some were recognized immediately, some were delayed until they met the standards, some were recognized contingent upon their making certain improvements. Now is a good time for the State Board to again look at the Leagues, and judge their worth.

There are reasons why a weak League should not be allowed to continue in that state: 1) it infects neighboring Leagues, and neighboring states. 2) it costs just as much to service as a strong League. 3) you might be just as well off without it, if it makes you appear to have more strength than you do have.

You should tell that League, "You are not up to standard (which standards were not decided by me, of the Organization Committee, but were decided by vote of the League membership at national convention); we don't want to lose you; therefore, we are going to help you for a year in every way we can, just as if you were a beginning League, to help you to meet the standards." In extreme cases it might be wise to declare the League in a "reorganization status", such as the New York State Board has done in some cases. They would then be helped as much as a new League, they would not be required to carry the complete League program load, they would have an advisor at each board meeting, they would have a year in which to raise themselves out of the "reorganization status". In Minnesota Miss Sweeney felt it would be more important to do this to our sub-standard Leagues than to start any new Leagues.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:30, met with Miss Sweeney during the noon hour, then said farewell to her as she took off for Grand Forks, N.D.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After lunch the Board reconvened, dispensed with the minutes. The Board accepted the Treasurer's report as read by Mrs. Wallinder.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ernest Allen, Chairman of the Budget Committee, then presented her report (attached) and explained the committee's reasons for lumping the Voter and Pledge into one sum, and for suggesting pledges. Mrs. Allen then moved that the budget be accepted. Mrs. McMillan seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay presented the application for recognition for St. Louis Park. The Board felt that in view of the suggested pledges just approved, the recognition should be held up until their budget was revised.

COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council matters were discussed by Mrs. Guthrie, the member of the Organization Committee assigned to this specialty. After discussion, the advice of Mrs. Hargraves, it was agreed that if a majority of Leagues in Ramsey County do vote for the County Survey, they should go ahead, recognizing that all Leagues won't be able to carry an equal share of the work. If a majority do not vote in favor, it is advisable not to do the Survey, until all Leagues are ready. The reasoning is: it might not be wrong for St. Paul to do Survey now alone, but what would be the purpose of it? The purpose of study is action, and the other Leagues will have to precede their action by a year of study. So, if there is any delaying to be done, it would be better to delay now, than to delay later. A good plan would be to call a meeting of presidents, sound them out on extent of their interest, warning them about size of local work load. Then all local Leagues would let their members know the possibility of adopting a County Survey item. When all local Leagues annual meetings have been held, if a majority have put a County Agenda item on, then a County Council may be formed.

BRICKER AMENDMENT

Barbara Stuhler reported on the campaign against the Bricker Amendment which she helped to promote in answer to the Call to Action. The Committee of 100 is receiving money to put a paid advertisement in the Sunday paper. The Board decided also that a letter representing the opinion of the State Board against the Bricker Amendment should be sent to the Editors of the city papers.

PRESIDENTS & DELEGATES
CONFERENCE

Barbara Stuhler presented the plans for the Presidents and Delegates Conference to be held Feb. 26th at the Leamington Hotel. A covering letter will be sent, with program attached, to the Leagues soon.

TRADE

Mrs. Duncan will write a letter calling attention to the Trade Report soon to be received by local Leagues.

CIVIL SERVICE

Mrs. Young read a letter Mrs. Down wrote in answer to a question on an alleged civil service violation drawn to our attention by the Red Wing League.

About this time a quorum had drifted away.....

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Wilson

Mrs. Harold Wilson
Secretary pro tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 25, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, February 25, 1954, at 10:00 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Simonson, Chesley, Kane, Grindlay, Wallinder, Klein, Lufkin, Gruner, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury. Guests present were Mrs. Romaine Powell, president of the Bemidji League, and Mrs. Carl Fountain from the Richfield League.

MINUTES The minutes of the January 27 meeting were read and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative budget up to date, and reported a balance of \$164.93 on hand January 31.

NEXT BOARD MEETING The next Board meeting was set for Thursday, April 1.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Mrs. Young reported on the meeting of the executive committee the previous evening for preliminary discussion of the Council Meeting and Organization problems. It was decided that another such meeting would be held on the evening of March 31, prior to the next Board meeting, and that all such meetings will be open, not only to the executive committee, but to all Board Members able to attend.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION It was moved by Miss Stuhler and seconded by Miss Salisbury that Mrs. Kane be sent to National Convention. The motion passed. It was moved by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Lufkin that Mrs. Grindlay be sent to National Convention. Motion was passed. It was moved by Mrs. Wallinder and seconded by Miss Stuhler that Mrs. Simonson be named an alternate delegate. Motion passed. It was moved by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Miss Stuhler that Mrs. Lufkin be named an alternate delegate. Motion passed.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported on the reaction of several Leagues to the suggested pledges. She explained the League evaluation questionnaires. She announced that the Organization Committee's Local League Digest was too time consuming and will be replaced by an annual report sheet for each League, with only items of particular interest to be added during the year.

Mrs. Kane suggested that a news letter be sent occasionally to all Leagues, containing interesting news about other Leagues in state.

St. Louis Park Mrs. Grindlay moved the acceptance of the application of St. Louis Park for recognition as a Provisional League. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and carried.

White Bear Township Mrs. Grindlay moved the acceptance of the application of White Bear Township for recognition as a Provisional League, the motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane and carried.

Roseville It was moved by Mrs. Grindlay that we recommend to National the recognition of Roseville as a local League, contingent upon their bringing their budget up to a minimum figure of \$700, which shall include an increase for Action in the Community. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Simonson and carried.

Falcon Heights Mrs. Grindlay moved that we recommend to National the recognition of Falcon Heights as a local League. The motion was seconded and carried.

Substandard Leagues Mrs. Grindlay reported a letter has been written to National, asking them for National Staff help in bringing some of our Leagues up to standard. She suggested we put the emphasis next year on aiding these substandard Leagues rather than starting any new Leagues.

POLICY QUESTIONS The office staff is bothered with too many policy questions from local Leagues. It was agreed that the office should refer policy questions to Board members, asking the inquirant to put the questions in writing whenever possible.

COUNCIL MEETING The proposed Council agenda was discussed and approved. It was decided that Council meeting arrangements could be handled by the Executive Committee meeting on March 31. Preliminary arrangements were discussed with Mrs. Powell.

REAPPORTIONMENT Mrs. Kane read a draft of a letter addressed to the Governor, asking him to appoint a Citizens Committee on Reapportionment. She is meeting with Republican and Democratic Party leaders to enlist their cooperation.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION Mrs. Chesley asked what emphasis the League might want on this subject, and whether they would want more detailed information on any one phase of the subject.

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN Mrs. Young announced the resignation of Mrs. Loucks as Legislative Chairman and asked for suggestions for a successor.

STATE CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION Mrs. Young appointed Mrs. Moen as the League's representative on this committee.

PROGRAM MODIFICATION No suggestions were received from local Leagues regarding possible program modifications, and the Board came to no decision, but decided to write the local Leagues, asking them to be considering questions of emphasis.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

BUDGET The Board was reconvened at noon of the following day by Mrs. Young. Present were Mesdames Wallinder, Kane, Simonson, Klein, Gruner, Lufkin, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury. Mrs. Wallinder called attention to the small balance on hand, due mainly to the delay in St. Paul's finance drive. It was moved by Miss Stuhler that we withdraw up to \$1500 from the Jane Grey Swishelm Fund for use until the money comes in from pledges. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 1, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, April 1, 1954, at 10: a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Fountain, McMillan, Gruner, Russell Duncan, Kane, Simonson, Lufkin, Chesley, Klein, Wallinder, Moen, and Misses Salisbury and Stuhler.

MINUTES The minutes of the February 25 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report was dispensed with. Mrs. Young announced that St. Paul is sending a check for \$1000 on account. She also announced that Mrs. Allan Meinecke has been asked to audit the books.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS Mrs. Young announced the resignation of Mrs. Archibald Duncan and asked for suggestions for a new International Relations Chairman.

Mrs. Young announced the appointment of Mrs. Russell Duncan as Legislative Chairman and of Mrs. Carl Fountain as Public Relations Chairman. Mrs. McMillan moved that the Board approve these appointments. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed.

COMMUNICATIONS A letter was read from Mrs. Doris Olds, Secretary of the Minnesota State Conference of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, quoting the commendation voted the League of Women Voters by the Conference for the League's work on FEPC.

Mrs. Gruner reported briefly on the meeting attended by sixty delegates from Twin City organizations, and on the uncompromising stand taken on FEPC by the group.

A form letter was read from Governor Anderson, asking that we again co-sponsor the Governor's conference on youth. It was agreed that we should reply stating that we had not been a sponsor before, and that the subject of the conference was outside the province of League work.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Simonson read a letter from the Olivia League, refusing to meet the State Budget Committee request of \$100 for state and national services. It was decided that a letter composed by Mesdames Lufkin, Simonson, Wilson, and Allen should be sent to all Olivia Board members.

Atwater It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that we recommend to National that they accept the decision of the Atwater League to disband. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

Roseville and Falcon Heights have both been recognized by National as local Leagues, Mrs. Wilson announced.

Birchwood Mrs. Wilson reported on the application of Birchwood for recognition. It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that Birchwood be recognized as a Provisional League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane and passed.

Edina Mrs. Wilson reported on the application of Edina for recognition. It was moved by Miss Stuhler that Edina be recognized as a Provisional League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kane and passed.

Faribault Mrs. Wilson reported that there is active interest being generated for a League in Faribault. The possibility of sending someone to help form a League there was discussed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Proposals submitted by Mrs. Fountain for the scope of work and organization of the Public Relations Committee met with enthusiastic approval.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Kane suggested that the League promote Amendment No. 3 by means of car stickers advertising the Citizens Amendment. Mrs. Young appointed Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Fountain, Mrs. Kane, Miss Salisbury, and Miss Stuhler to design such a sticker, and it was decided Mrs. Fountain should get prices on quantities of 50,000 or more for state-wide distribution.

NATIONAL CONVENTION Mrs. Young announced that she, Mrs. Grindlay and Mrs. Lufkin will be the state Board's delegates to National Convention. It was decided that Mrs. Grindlay and Mrs. Hargraves should all report on the Convention at Council Meeting.

There was much discussion over the proposed National Agenda. Item I met with general approval. There was a question whether Item II gave enough emphasis to the importance of individual liberty.

It was moved by Mrs. Wallinder that we drop our suggested Item III on Election Procedures, with the understanding that there will be a Carrie Chapman Catt pamphlet on this subject. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Klein and passed.

It was moved by Miss Salisbury that we approve the proposed National By-law changes. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Klein asked for suggestions on questionnaires to candidates.

NEXT BOARD MEETING The next Board meeting was set for 6:30 p.m. on May 12 in Benidji. The June meeting was tentatively set for June 3.

COUNCIL MEETING Much time was devoted to continuing the planning of the Council program. The workshops were agreed upon and leaders assigned.

It was agreed that observers should be separated from delegates.

It was moved by Mrs. Wallinder that we pay Mr. Fjelstad \$25.00 plus expenses for his talk on Legislative Reorganization. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fountain and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 13, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, May 12, 1954, at 7:30 p.m. in the Markham Hotel in Bemidji, Minnesota, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed, and reading thereof dispensed with.

The treasurer's report was held over until Council meeting.

It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be held on June 3.

Mrs. Kane explained that the pamphlet, "Reapportionment - Democracy Denied" would cost only \$50 extra for each 1,000 ordered over the 2,000 originally sanctioned by the Board, so that, by ordering 5,000 copies, we would be able to sell them for 25 cents a copy instead of 35 cents. It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that we order 5,000 copies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McMillan and passed.

The remainder of the time was devoted to informal discussion of final details concerning the Council Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
FIRST BIENNIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The first session of the First Biennial Council Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 a.m., May 13, 1954, by the president, Mrs. Basil Young, in the Auditorium of the Laboratory School of the State Teachers College at Bemidji, Minnesota.

An unusual welcome was given the group by Mrs. Romaine Powell, President of the Bemidji League, who extended greetings in the Chippewa language.

Mrs. Young explained the function of a Council Meeting, defining it as an opportunity to review what has been done with the program adopted at the last convention and to discuss what we want to do with the program during the coming year. She pointed out that since no Leagues had suggested modification of the program and that since the Board had not recommended any modification, the only function of the Council would be to recommend changes in emphases, and that such recommendations would serve to guide the Board and would not be binding upon the Board.

There followed the introduction of the State Board Members by the President.

Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder gave the Treasurer's Report and a report on the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund. She also read the report of the Auditor, Mrs. Allan Moinecke. These reports were accepted by the Council.

Mrs. John Grindlay reported on the Organizational State of the League, stating that, with an increased budget for organizational work, it is hoped that the services of a field worker from National may be secured to help bring the several substandard Leagues in Minnesota up to the standards being met by all new Leagues.

Mrs. Clifford Simonson reported on the Financial State of the League, calling attention to the fact that all money pledged to State and National is returned to the local level in service. She reported that 77% of the Leagues in the United States have finance drives, that 50% of Minnesota Leagues had finance drives this year, and that 74% plan finance drives by next year.

Mrs. Ernest Allen gave the report of the Budget Committee, explaining in detail the proposed budget of \$21,848. Roll was then called and pledges were made.

Mrs. K. K. McMillan spoke on Amendment No. 3 and the urgency of passing it by an overwhelming majority to make the calling of a constitutional convention almost mandatory on the Legislature. She then unveiled the League's "potent weapon" for the campaign - a large replica of a small car sticker which Leagues can start distributing at once to advertise the Citizens Amendment No. 3.

The Hibbing League presented a clever skit dramatizing the need for a new state constitution.

Mrs. Frank Chesley reported on her studies on Legislative Reorganization.

Mrs. Stanley Kane discussed the pros and cons of taking a specific stand on reapportionment. She announced that the report "Reapportionment in Minnesota - Democracy Denied" will soon be available in pamphlet form for 25 cents a copy.

Mrs. Arthur Down reported on Minnesota's financial picture.

Telegrams were read from Mrs. Hargraves and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury, conveying their good wishes to our first Council Meeting.

Mrs. E. E. Dickinson of Granite Falls moved to recommend that the League add as an emphasis item a study of the judiciary branch of the state government, with emphasis on probate court reform. Mrs. Longfellow of Alexandria seconded the motion. After considerable discussion about work load, possibility of being able to study and take action by November election on amendments, a show of hands indicated only limited interest in adding this emphasis.

The first session was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

The second session was called to order by Mrs. Young in the Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. on May 13. Discussion of the Program was continued, with most of the discussion centered around Legislative Reorganization and Reapportionment. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The third meeting was called to order by Mrs. Young in the social room of the First Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. on May 14.

Mrs. Allen read the budget as adapted to the pledges made, and moved the adoption of the revised budget, totalling \$21,377.00.

Mrs. Down suggested that we pursue the tax emphasis by studying the relation between state aids and local taxes. A show of hands indicated this emphasis should be retained.

Mrs. Chesley asked which items under Legislative Reorganization should be studied. Mrs. S. L. Lyksett of St. Paul urged confining ourselves to items requiring constitutional change. Discussion indicated interest in lobby registration, but otherwise confining ourselves to items requiring constitutional change in order to avoid too heavy a work load.

Mrs. Lush of Mound suggested that Legislative Reorganization emphasis this year be restricted to items which would be concerned with constitutional revision. Mrs. Springstad of St. Paul concurred.

Mrs. Longfellow of Alexandria moved to recommend that we retain Legislative Reorganization as an emphasis, leaving it to the discretion of the Board as to items worked on. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Lyksett amended the motion to include a study on lobbying, with a view to supporting a bill for lobby registration. The amendment was seconded and carried. The amended motion was then carried.

Mrs. Dickinson of Granite Falls moved to recommend a study of the judicial department of state government, with emphasis on probate court reform. Motion was seconded and defeated.

In response to Mrs. Kane's questions put to the Council, shows of hands indicated that most Leagues wish to go beyond study and building public opinion and take action in the legislature, that they would like information on the specific bills before expressing themselves, that most Leagues would be able to

commit themselves before the session, and that they would be willing to help with lobbying at home or in St. Paul. Mrs. Kane then moved to recommend retaining reapportionment as an emphasis. The motion was seconded and passed.

A letter was read from the Minnesota Council for Fair Employment Practices commending the League for its past work on fair employment practices and soliciting its aid in the 1955 session of the legislature. Mrs. John Gruner reviewed the League's work on this item. Mrs. Lush of Mound moved to recommend continuing work on the FEPC item. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Lufkin outlined the League's recent work on Party Designation and asked for an expression from the Council. Mrs. Paul O'Connor of St. Paul moved to recommend continuing work on the item. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Down reviewed the League's recent work on Civil Service with reference to veteran's preference, stating that it was unlikely the legislature will consider any changes unless veterans groups themselves ask for modification or unless an interim committee makes recommendations. Mrs. James DuShane of Rochester moved to recommend we continue to support this item. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay and Mrs. Lufkin reported on the National Convention.

The Credentials Committee reported that 34 Leagues were represented, with 50 delegates, 67 observers, and 14 State Board members, for a total of 131 registrations. The Leagues outside Bemidji with the largest representation were Cass Lake and Hibbing, with seven registrations each.

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 3, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, June 3, 1954, at 10 A.M., in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Grindlay, Fountain, Duncan, Lufkin, Klein, Wallinder, Chesley, Kane, Gruner, Down, Moen, the Misses Stuhler and Salisbury, and one guest, Mrs. Marotta, president of the St. Louis Park League.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 13 meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the First Biennial Council meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was dispensed with.

LEGISLATIVE PLANS

Mrs. Duncan asked for guidance in planning the legislative program for the coming year. It was agreed that the tours of the legislature should be repeated. It was agreed that there should be just one legislative conference rather than area conferences, and that the president and legislative chairman of each League should be invited. There was discussion concerning the desirability of holding pre-primary candidates meetings, and the desirability of presenting the League's legislative program at such meetings. There was also discussion concerning the feasibility of League Boards holding meetings with candidates to present the League program to candidates in advance of public candidates meetings.

Possible forms for questionnaires were discussed. Mrs. Klein asked all resource chairmen to submit specific questions for the questionnaire.

COUNCIL EVALUATION
GENERAL

Some thought we might get better attendance at meetings in the Twin Cities. Others thought the possible prestige brought to Leagues in outstate areas where Council Meetings might be held should be weighed against the attendance factor. There was some doubt that observers were always properly separated from delegates. It was suggested that some workshops be grouped according to size of Leagues, and separating old Leagues from new ones. It was felt that the legislative workshop might well include everyone instead of having to compete with other workshops. Mrs. Fountain suggested a bigger kick-off. Mrs. Kane suggested resource people should send out their speeches beforehand so delegates could come better prepared for discussion. Most felt the workshops were too short. Many felt that the Council afforded an opportunity for closer relationship between State Board members and local members.

COUNCIL EVALUATION
PROGRAM

A letter was read from Mrs. Paul O'Connor of St. Paul asking whether the Council Meeting of the State Board could properly recommend study and action on Lobbying under the present Agenda. After considerable discussion, Mrs. Lufkin moved that action on our Current Agenda item and present emphases be limited to the calling of a Constitutional Convention and subjects referred to in the Constitution. The motion was seconded by Miss Stuhler and passed.

Mrs. Fountain moved that, due to the interest shown in lobby regulation at the Council Meeting, Mrs. Chesley be requested to send out additional study material on this subject.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Kane asked for suggestions for selling the pamphlet on Reapportionment. Miss Stuhler announced that they would be in the kits given those who register for the Institute on Minnesota Government and Politics to be held at the U. of M. from July 19 - 30th. It was decided that it would be too expensive to have a booth at the State Fair, but Mrs. Fountain stated the

Public Relations Committee is urging local Leagues to have booths at County Fairs where League material can be displayed and sold.

BOARD ORGANIZATION It was agreed that the vacant position on the Board should be granted to a co-chairman to assist Mrs. Grindlay with City Leagues. Mrs. Duncan said she felt she would need assistance in carrying out the legislative program. It was agreed that Mrs. Lufkin should assist her. Mrs. Young announced that Miss Stuhler has consented to take the Item I, International Trade, portfolio, and that Mrs. Wallinder has agreed to take the Item II, Individual Liberties, portfolio and that Miss Salisbury would assist her. Mrs. Young announced that she is asking Mrs. McMillan to be the local current agenda chairman.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reviewed the application of Bloomington and moved their recognition as a Provisional League. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay reviewed the application of St. Louis Park in most complimentary terms, and moved that we recommend to the National Board the recognition of St. Louis Park as a local League. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Grindlay announced that national is sending Miss Rosanna Shanks to Minnesota for five weeks to work with our substandard Leagues.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, August 12. The meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

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June 11, 1954

Mrs. Paul O'Connor
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. O'Connor:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th giving your views on the matter of interpreting the type of study and action that can be undertaken under our current agenda item and emphases.

It was quite obvious to the Board after the discussion at Council that clarification is needed in this respect, particularly with reference to the question of whether or not action can be taken on any of the statutory items referred to in the Legislative Reorganization material.

You are absolutely right in your assumption that it is the responsibility of all members of the Board to know and carry out the policies, and I regret very much that this question had not been thoroughly discussed and conclusively settled by the entire Board before the Council meeting. We thought we had covered the ground quite thoroughly when we reviewed the duties and function of a Council, what could be done by the delegate body with our very broad current agenda item, what modification meant and how it could be accomplished, whether or not emphases could be added or deleted, et cetera, but obviously this specific point was not nailed down per se, and for that, as well as the resulting doubt and confusion, I and the rest of the Board members are truly sorry.

You are also correct in your statement that the purpose of a council meeting is to give direction to the State Board in carrying out the agenda. The discussion, however, is for the purpose of guidance only, and is not binding upon the State Board. I am confident this was clear to the delegates and that they understood they had not irrevocably committed themselves to a definite stand on the lobby registration matter, as would be the case if similar action had been taken by a convention.

The Board, at its meeting on June 3rd, went over this matter and very carefully considered it in the light of the wording of the agenda item, the intent of the 1953 convention, the relationship of the emphases to the agenda item, and the views expressed at and after the council meeting, and concluded that: Although it is apparent there is some feeling among the membership that this subject could come under, and help in, our work for the calling of a constitutional convention, under our present current agenda item and emphases, action should be limited to subjects referred to in the Constitution.

It was also decided, because of the great interest shown at Council in lobby registration, to prepare additional information on this subject. This would be in line with the policy established by the national office in sending out material on subjects not on our agenda, but which has been requested by members at a Council meeting or Convention. The recent Carrie Chapman Catt Memo on Federal

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 12, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, August 12, 1954 at 10 A.M. in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, presiding. Present were Mmes. Wallinder, Grindlay, Chesley, Gruner, Duncan, Anderson, Klein, Down, Simonson. Miss Rosanna Shanks of the National League staff was present as an observer. Mmes. Landy, Nordling and Markham of LWV of St. Cloud were present as guests.

- MINUTES The minutes of the June 3 meeting were read and approved.
- CORRESPONDENCE A letter from Mrs. Young to Mrs. Paul O'Connor of the St. Paul League in answer to an inquiry on program policy was read.
- TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$253.34.
- STATE COMMITTEES Mrs. Guthrie's plan for a Talent File for State Committees was discussed and it was agreed that board members were privileged to add items to the proposed talent file list. Board members were asked to suggest names to the file.
- RESIGNATION Mrs. Young announced the resignation of Mrs. Stanley Kane as the Reapportionment Chairman because of her husband's candidacy for the Legislature. Suggestions for filling the vacancy were made.
- FINANCE In reviewing the problems of Finance and Local Budgets, Mrs. Simonson asked for a State Committee on Finance made up of members understanding the League philosophy of finance, and League policies in relation to finance. This committee should be ready to help local Leagues with finance planning. The use of Organization Committee members in this capacity was discussed. It was agreed that Mmes. Grindlay, Anderson, and Simonson would meet as a committee to discuss a Finance Conference.
- CONVENTION Letters of invitation from the League of Women Voters of St. Paul, the Mayor of St. Paul, and the Association of Commerce Convention Bureau of St. Paul urged consideration of holding the 1955 State Convention in that city. Mrs. Gruner moved that the board accept the St. Paul invitations. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Young appointed Mrs. Lufkin Convention Chairman.
- BOARD MEETING Dates for the next two Board meetings were set for September 16 and October 7 with a Legislative Conference to be held October 8. Mrs. Gruner announced the planned visit of Walter White to open the F.E.P. drive on September 17 and invited Board members to attend that meeting.
- PLATFORM &
BY-LAWS Mrs. Young appointed Mrs. Down Chairman of a committee to review and revise the Platform and By-laws.
- LEGISLATION A letter from the Texas LWV President seeking permission to use the Lobby by Letter kit was read and Mrs. Wallinder moved that the Texas League be granted permission to use the kit. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Duncan reported on the Legislative Committee plans and announced a Legislative Conference to be attended by Local League Presidents and Legislative Chairmen to be held in Minneapolis on Oct. 8. She announced that a training meeting for lobbyists will be scheduled early in December and that plans are being made for a Legislator's Coffee Party and for Come and See Tours. It was suggested that wives of Legislators also be invited to the coffee party. Possible revision of the "If they say..." sheets was discussed and it was decided that resource chairmen may revise them

if they deem it necessary. The possibility of making tape recordings of the Legislative Conference for the use of outstate Leagues was discussed. Mrs. Gruner offered the use of her recording machine. Mrs. Duncan was asked to consult with KUOM about resource recordings.

PROGRAM Mrs. Chesley reported on the two types of material she is preparing to supplement her Legislative Reorganization Study. They are General Background and Preparatory Material and a Plan for Study with a discussion outline for the Orange Booklet. It was agreed that Mrs. Chesley's proposed material would be sent to Dr. Short for review.

Mrs. Young read a letter written by Mrs. Kane to local Leagues before her resignation outlining plans for use of the reapportionment study.

Mrs. Down reported on her plans for questionnaires to be sent to selected political subdivisions on sources of revenue.

Mrs. Young read a letter from the Minnesota Taxpayers Association offering the use of their statewide Speaker's Bureau on Tax Problems. It was decided to decline the offer.

Mrs. Young asked for statements to be sent to members on Platform items.

Mrs. Gruner reported on developments in the FEP field and asked the help of the Public Relations Committee and additional League members to promote statewide interest in Fair Employment Practices legislation. She introduced a new pamphlet and asked if the League could co-sponsor the Governor's Interracial Committee Booth at the State Fair. In view of the League's past activity in the field it was agreed that League members would help staff the booth. Mrs. Gruner also suggested limited local surveys to determine feeling in communities on FEP. Mrs. Gruner asked for authorization to send out the two new pamphlets on FEP with the understanding that she would arrange to have the cost taken care of. Mrs. Young asked for a show of hands and permission was granted. It was suggested that Mrs. Young's presidents letter include a list of all material available on Continuing Responsibilities with the request that interested Leagues order.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Klein reporting on Voters Service lamented the lack of requests for questionnaires. She announced the planned candidates meeting in Brainerd and discussed the sale and use of Amendment 3 stickers.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay read the letter from the Grove City League asking that they be allowed to disband. She moved that we recommend to national that they be allowed to discontinue as a League. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Anderson discussed the application of the Marine Provisional League for recognition and moved acceptance of the application, and that we recommend their recognition to national. The motion was seconded and carried.

The application of Wells for recognition was discussed. Miss Shanks reported on her visit to Wells and Mrs. Grindlay moved recognition be recommended to national. The motion was seconded and carried.

After discussion of the White Bear Township application for recognition Mrs. Anderson moved that we recommend their recognition to national. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Anderson and Miss Shanks reported on their joint visit to St. Cloud League. Mrs. Simonson reported on her visit to Moorhead with Miss Shanks to attempt organization of a Provisional League. Miss Shanks reported that the organizational meeting is set for the third week in September. Mrs. Simonson and Miss

Shanks reported on their visit to Fergus Falls. Mrs. Lufkin reported on her visit with Miss Shanks to the Olivia League.

Miss Shanks spoke of the necessity of closer relationship between the State Board and Local Boards, particularly the need for State and Local Budget Committees to work together. She suggested Board Training meetings. She spoke of the selection of towns in which to organize Leagues and suggested they be put on a priority basis according to population, potential membership and distance from leadership. She suggested that more time should be spent on community analysis as a means of saving time later in actual organization. She listed six towns in Minnesota with a population over 10,000 in which Leagues should be organized — Albert Lea, Faribault, Moorhead, Robbinsdale, Virginia, and Winona.

A letter from Mrs. Lee in re a joint plan for use of a National Staff member was read and discussed. It was decided to postpone our answers on the plan until the September Board meeting.

TRADE

The Outlook for work in the National Trade field, and local trade surveys were discussed. No definite plans were made.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Lufkin
Secretary Pro Tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 16, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, September 16, 1954, at 10 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board room, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Duncan, Simonson, Chesley, Lufkin, Klein, Grindlay, Anderson, Fountain, Wallinder, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury.

MINUTES The minutes of the August 12 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$162.09 on September 1.

RESIGNATION A letter was read from Mrs. K. K. McMillan, in which she expressed regret at having to resign because of illness.

APPOINTMENT Mrs. Lufkin moved approval of the appointment of Mrs. O. H. Anderson of Mahtomedi to the Board as
. The motion was seconded and passed.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported on the results of Miss Shanks' work with St. Cloud, Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Olivia, Wells, Hutchinson, New Richland, New Ulm, Tracy, Jackson, Buffalo and Owatonna.

She announced that the community survey and analysis had been completed for Moorhead, and the pre-organization meeting, to be attended by Mesdames Wilson, Simonson and Buttz was scheduled for September 22. She reported that a community analysis had been started in Faribault by Mrs. Weiman from Red Wing and Miss Shanks.

Mrs. Grindlay informed the Board that Mrs. Buzzell of Mahtomedi is continuing to work with the St. Cloud League, and Mrs. Putnam of Golden Valley is continuing to help with the Buffalo League.

It was suggested that we consider providing training institutes on board organization for Local Leagues in May to help them prepare for the following year. It was also suggested that each state Board member prepare a check list of questions and answers on her portfolio for use of organization committee members who make visits to local Leagues.

NATIONAL STAFF MEMBER In answer to Mrs. Lee's letter, it was agreed that we would like the services of a nationally trained staff worker for one month a year, preferably in October, starting in 1955.

ITEM II Miss Salisbury outlined to the Board the national plans for Item II, Individual Liberties. There was a general feeling of disappointment expressed over the new approach proposed and its practicability questioned. It was decided to write the national Board regarding this discussion.

ITEM I Miss Stuhler reported on the proposed survey of international trade and announced that a project is under way for a similar survey by the U. of M. School of Business Administration, working through a committee of thirty businessmen. The School of Business Administration expressed willingness to cooperate with the League in sending out a joint questionnaire. It was agreed by the Board that the League should work with the University on this survey.

September 16, 1954

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Klein submitted a proposed tabulation of replies to the candidates questionnaire and asked for the Board's suggestions and criticisms. It was felt she would probably have to condense it to keep down costs and make the leaflet readable. It was decided that reference to Amendment No. 3 should be omitted.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Mrs. Duncan discussed with the Board the plans for the Legislative Conference to be held at the Minneapolis YWCA on Friday, October 8.

LEGISLATIVE
REORGANIZATION

Mrs. Chesley asked about timing on sending out more detailed studies on the 16 items recommended for revision by the Constitutional Commission. It was decided this should be sent out by November 1.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Guthrie explained the talent card file being set up and plans proposed for state-wide committees under each portfolio. It was suggested that someone act as personnel chairman in charge of a pool of volunteers to help at the state office. Miss Stuhler suggested having a regular "volunteers' day" in order to train people for state office work.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Newstrom reported many Leagues ask for extra copies of material or a standing order system. Miss Shanks had suggested the need for a Publications Chairman. Mrs. Newstrom suggested offering the service of one extra mailing to all Leagues that request it. It was agreed that such a service could be offered Leagues through the President's letter.

METROPOLITAN FINANCE
DRIVE

Mrs. Simonson presented the problem of Minneapolis and suburbs overlapping finance drives. It may become necessary to call a conference between conflicting Leagues so that they can come to some sort of agreement. Experience of other metropolitan areas is being studied.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Fountain suggested that we might need a metropolitan clearing committee for public relations with radio and TV. Her committee is studying the matter and will bring proposals to the Board later.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting has been set for Thursday, October 7.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
October 7, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, October 7, 1954, at 10 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board room, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Anderson, Grindlay, Down, Klein, Wallinder, Fountain, Lufkin, Duncan, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury. Mrs. Hargraves, Miss Washburn, and Mrs. Guthrie were present as observers.

MINUTES The minutes of the September 16 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$44.22 on October 1.

COMMUNICATIONS A letter from Mrs. Gruner was read, in which she stated she was about to undergo surgery and suggested the Board might wish to replace her, since she would be unable to do any work on FEPC for a while. All agreed they would prefer to await her recovery, since she has her portfolio so well in hand and no urgent action is required.

CONVENTION The date for the next Biennial Convention was set for Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Anderson reviewed the application of Wayzata for recognition. It was agreed that they should be expected to increase their pledge to state in the future. It was moved by Mrs. Anderson that we recommend to national the recognition of Wayzata as a local League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the pre-organization meeting in Moorhead on September 22 had only 14 in attendance. She, Mrs. Simonson and Mrs. Buttz gave them suggestions for building up interest, and another pre-organization meeting was planned for October 21. Mrs. Wilson talked to the Rotary Club and was interviewed on radio while in Moorhead. Miss Stuhler reported on a subsequent meeting she had with two potential League members in Moorhead.

Mrs. Grindlay announced that White Bear Township and Marine-on-St. Croix have been recognized by the national Board. She reported that the total charge for Miss Shanks' work was \$397.06.

DIRECT MAILINGS It was agreed that every state Board member should get direct mailing of material from national at a cost of \$5 on a running account basis in order that all will receive material promptly. Mrs. Newstrom pointed out that the \$5 per person cost would be somewhat offset by savings in state office time and postage.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE Mrs. Duncan outlined the program planned for the Legislative Conference to be held at the Y.W.C.A. on October 8.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Mrs. Guthrie reported that many names have already been sent in for the talent file, so that the file is assuming an encouraging size.

ARTICULATE VOTER Miss Salisbury outlined plans for the next issues of the Articulate Voter. Mrs. Wilson suggested calling attention to the League organization under way in Moorhead. Mrs. Grindlay suggested including notices of all newly-recognized Leagues.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3 Mrs. Fountain suggested various means of promoting Amendment No. 3. Miss Salisbury moved that we spend about \$25 for articles to be sent out by the Minnesota Editorial Association, and that we also send articles direct to newspapers throughout the state. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Klein and passed. Various ways of distributing the remaining 20,000 stickers for Amendment No. 3 were discussed.

ITEM I Miss Stuhler reported that committees are being set up for the International Trade Survey, and a joint questionnaire is being worked out with the School of Business Administration.

ITEM II Mrs. Hargraves pointed out that Leagues have a responsibility for Item II, even if they cannot follow the study pattern proposed by national - that there are other alternatives which should be tried, that the forthcoming pamphlets will be useful to Leagues, no matter how they carry out the item.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Klein showed proofs of "The Candidates Speak". It was decided that the number of copies to be printed would have to be determined on the basis of orders placed by Leagues at the Legislative Conference.

Miss Stuhler suggested evaluating the various Voters Service projects after this election with a view to determining which are most effective and which, if any, could be eliminated.

REAPPORTIONMENT Mrs. Young pointed out the need for filling the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Mrs. Kane.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Mrs. Anderson was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. McMillan.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Young announced that Mrs. Kane has agreed to revise and bring up to date the League material on constitutional revision for publication in booklet form.

90 DAYS Miss Stuhler reported that the University of Minnesota Press stock of "Ninety Days of Lawmaking" is down to 200 copies. They originally printed 5,000 copies six years ago, of which we ordered 1,000. It was agreed we could probably sell 500 copies if they want to make another printing.

BY-LAWS Mrs. Young asked for recommendations for changes in state By-Laws to conform to national By-laws to be prepared for the November Board meeting. She also pointed out the need for encouraging local Leagues to change their by-laws to conform to standard local League By-laws.

PLATFORM Mrs. Young asked that recommendations from the Platform Committee be prepared for the November Board meeting.

REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS Miss Stuhler reminded us that the Board had promised local Leagues some material on the Registration of Lobbyists.

CIVIL SERVICE Mrs. Down wondered whether we should send a letter to the state Civil Service Interim Commission. It was agreed that, in view of the fact we had not been notified of any hearing, we would like to put our stand in writing.

NEXT BOARD MEETING was set for Tuesday, November 9. The December Board meeting was set for Thursday, December 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 9, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Tuesday, November 9, 1954, at 10 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board room, Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Wallinder, Grindlay, Anderson, Chesley, Lufkin, Down, Fountain, Gruner, Simonson, Duncan, and Moen, and Misses Salisbury and Stuhler. Mrs. Olson, President of the Cass Lake League, Mrs. Hatfield of the Roseville League, and Mrs. Guthrie of the Nominating Committee were present as observers.

MINUTES The minutes of the October 7 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S
STATEMENT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$317.42 on November 1.

COMMUNICATIONS A letter was read from the Kahler Corporation of Rochester inviting the League to hold its Council Meeting there in 1956, outlining accommodations and approximate prices.

A letter was read from Mr. George Gallup of the National Municipal League asking a donation towards their new headquarters building. The secretary was asked to give this letter the customary acknowledgment.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay read a letter from the national Board explaining their refusal to grant recognition to Wells as a local League until all standards are met. Mrs. Olson has phoned Wells about this decision and plans to visit them with Mrs. Hargraves.

Mrs. Wilson reported that Moorhead had its organization meeting on November 2 with 26 present. Mrs. Simonson and Mrs. Buttz will attend their Board meeting on November 11. Mrs. Arthur Arett is president. They expect to get 60 members and apply for provisional status by the first of the year.

Mrs. Grindlay read a letter which she proposed be sent to all Leagues not visited by Miss Shanks, paving the way for visits from state Board members before the end of the year. The idea met with approval, and Board members were assigned Leagues to visit.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 Mrs. Fountain reported that she plans to have an analysis made of the work done on Amendment No. 3.

Mrs. Young stressed the need for a Constitutional Revision Chairman and asked for suggestions.

Mrs. Klein reported that 76,400 amendment broadsides had been distributed and more could have been used. Only 50,000 copies of "The Candidates Speak" had been printed, but 9,000 were left.

REAPPORTIONMENT There was long discussion on the subject of reapportionment initiated by Miss Stuhler, who pointed out that no matter what kind of reapportionment we get, it will have to be carried out by legislative action. However, it was agreed that the question of reapportionment was so inextricably wound up with the problem of a new constitution that we were committed to work on it as part of our current agenda. There was discussion about whether to emphasize both reapportionment and a constitutional convention. It was agreed we would have to get more opinions from local Leagues to guide us in working on reapportionment. Mrs. Lufkin moved that another questionnaire go out to the local Leagues incorporating the results of the previous questionnaires and asking for further guidance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

FEPC

Mrs. Gruner reported on the new FEPC bill being written by the executive board of the Minnesota Council on FEPC. It provides for a permanent review board with three-year terms instead of appointing a board for each case which might arise. The penalty has been changed from a contempt of court charge of up to \$100 or 90 days to a gross misdemeanor penalty of up to \$1000 or one year. The state Board ~~questioned~~ ^{discussed} the advisability of adding the severe penalty provisions to the bill.

FINANCE

Mrs. Down reported she had sent out a questionnaire to local units of government re their finance problems. She suggested sending out general material on finance first and then sending out further material later based on returns from the questionnaire.

CIVIL SERVICE

Mrs. Down reported she plans to get a lobbying committee together for a training session, since she will be gone during the legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Chesley reported she has five willing workers for her committee. She plans to submit their material to Dr. Short for comment and will have it ready for League members in January. She is preparing some material on the unicameral legislature. Mrs. Loucks is preparing material on registration of lobbyists.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Duncan announced a training session for lobbyists to be held at Macalester College, in the Union Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 8. Mr. Popovich has been asked to speak on "How to Lobby Your Legislator".

Mrs. Duncan suggested a committee of observers on legislative reorganization might be set up to watch the session. She is suggesting that Leagues have coffee parties or informal dinners for legislators with League Boards or committee members. She proposed issuing some sort of legislative report to go out regularly during the session. She read a suggested letter to be sent out from the state office congratulating legislators on their election. It was decided that the same letter should also go to the Governor and Lt. Governor.

Mrs. Lufkin announced that a coffee party for legislators and Board members will be held in St. Paul in January.

METROPOLITAN FINANCE Mrs. Simonson reported she has found no easy solution for overlapping finance drives. She suggested getting one district together to discuss their problems. It was finally decided that Mrs. Simonson should hold a meeting with the presidents of all Minneapolis and St. Paul Metropolitan Leagues at 8:00 p.m. on December 8 in the League office.

ITEM II

A letter was read from Mrs. Leonard in answer to Mrs. Young's letter asking for further information on carrying out Item No. II. National wants to know what our Leagues are doing with the item.

BY-LAW REVISION

Mrs. Down reported that suggested by-law changes will be ready in mimeographed form for consideration at the next Board meeting.

PLATFORM

Mrs. Moen asked how detailed the Board wished the analysis of the old Platform items to be. It was agreed that it should be brief as possible. Proposed recommendations to local Leagues will be ready next Board meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

was confirmed for Thursday, December 9. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 9, 1954

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, December 9, 1954, at 10 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Wallinder, Duncan, Gruner, Anderson, Simonson, Chesley, Grindlay, Norgaard, Hoesly, Fountain, Down, Klein, and Moen, and Misses Stuhler and Salisbury.

MINUTES The minutes of the November 9 board meeting were read and approved after the last sentence in the paragraph on FEPC was modified by changing the word "questioned" to "discussed".

TREASURER'S
STATEMENT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$463.77 (on Dec. 1.

BOARD
APPOINTMENTS It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that the appointment of Mrs. Ralph Norgaard of Minneapolis as Constitutional Revision Chairman be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that the appointment of Mrs. H. B. Hoesly of Falcon Heights as Reapportionment Chairman be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

TRAINING SESSION
FOR LOBBYISTS Mrs. Wilson reported that eighty League members attended the training session held at Macalester College on December 8. The morning session included an explanation of and distribution of Lobbying Kits, a talk on Lobbying by Rep. Popovich of St. Paul, and a Skit on How a Bill Becomes a Law by Mrs. Clifford Sommers of the Edina Provisional League. The fifty members who stayed for the afternoon session divided into groups for special training on the items for which they will be lobbying.

FINANCE Mrs. Simonson reported on the meeting held the previous evening with representatives from all Leagues in the metropolitan area to discuss the problem of overlapping finance drives. A summary of the discussion is being furnished all the Leagues in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties for consideration by their boards before the second meeting of the group, which has been set for January 26.

MEETING WITH
GOVERNOR-ELECT Miss Stuhler reported on the very pleasant interview which she and Mesdames Young, Fountain, and Norgaard had with Governor-elect Freeman. They found him to be substantially in agreement with the League program. He suggested that they send to him in writing anything which the League wanted included in his inaugural address.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION Mrs. Norgaard outlined the comprehensive plans being made for lobbying on constitutional revision and the committees being set up to carry on the work. She proposed that an initial contact be made with all legislators during the first week and an informal poll taken on their reaction to constitutional revision. The second contact will be made at a League Open House for Legislators and their wives. She suggested that League members make a special effort to be friendly with the legislators' wives. She proposed that lobbyists wear identification badges with their names and name of their Leagues. After the bill has been introduced, the lobbyists will again contact the legislators. Names of doubtful and opposing legislators will be turned over to an advisory committee and efforts will be made to have their home districts persuade them.

All public relations will be cleared through Mrs. Fountain. Mrs. Norgaard wants to have an initial story in the papers pointing out the League's interest in constitutional revision and a little box in the daily papers pointing out

what is wrong with the present constitution. She wants to have the authors and proponents of the bill on radio and TV. She hopes to mobilize the whole League and to correlate our efforts with those of other organizations and both parties.

The problem of polling legislators was discussed, and it was generally agreed that the League should avoid trying to force a legislator to commit himself.

Mrs. Wallinder asked if badges could be provided for League members on tours. Mrs. Gruner reported that her lobbying committee also wanted uniform badges. Mrs. Wallinder moved that Mrs. Duncan be authorized to have badges prepared. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

Miss Stuhler pointed out it was more important for lobbyists to be familiar with League material and recommendations of the Minnesota Constitutional Commission rather than following the model state constitution. We are not prepared to state everything a new constitution should contain and, therefore, should have a more permissive approach and suggest that the people be allowed to decide.

Miss Salisbury pointed out that the convention must be called within ninety days after the election, so it would convene during the legislature. Mrs. Norgaard agreed to consult lawyers about possible solutions to this problem.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Young asked how much impetus we should give reapportionment. A majority of the units throughout the state are for reapportionment. Should we give major public relations emphasis to constitutional convention or divide it among other items, such as reapportionment? There was a long discussion concerning strategy. It was decided we would have to trust to the judgment of the Reapportionment committee as far as specific bills are concerned. Mrs. Fountain suggested that each lobbying committee appoint one member to work with the public relations committee, but that the reapportionment chairman might work directly with local Leagues on publicity, since different localities are affected differently.

It was moved by Miss Stuhler that the primary objective of the League of Women Voters in the 1955 Legislative session be the enactment of a bill for the calling of a constitutional convention; and that, in addition, the League work on the continuing responsibilities on the program; and, in response to the requests of the local Leagues throughout Minnesota, support measures to carry out the present constitutional provisions of reapportionment, or seek some form of reapportionment through constitutional revision. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Duncan and passed, with Mrs. Norgaard abstaining from voting.

COFFEE PARTY

Mrs. Duncan reported that three League members from St. Paul and three from Minneapolis are assisting Mrs. Lufkin with arrangements for the coffee party for legislators and their wives to be held at the home of Mrs. Springsted in St. Paul. It was decided that the coffee party should be held on Wednesday, January 12, from 3 to 5 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting was set for Thursday, January 13.

FEPC

Mrs. Gruner reported on the FEPC bill which the executive board of the Minnesota Council on FEPC voted to sponsor. Mrs. Gruner called a committee meeting of the League members who had lobbied for FEPC in the 1953 session of the legislature. About ten of them met with Senator Elmer Andersen, Representative Grittner, Father Carty, Mr. Howard Bennett, and Mr. Sidney Lorber to discuss the proposed bill. The committee then drew up the following recommendations:

1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota accepts the proposed minor revisions of the 1953 bill, including the change in name from Employment on Merit to Fair Employment Practices Commission.

2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will not be satisfied in 1955 with an FEPC bill which does not contain enforcement provisions.
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota cannot support the proposed amendment with regard to enforcement which classifies violation of the law as a gross misdemeanor; instead we recommend and support the enforcement provisions of the original 1953 bill.

(We find the proposed amendment too drastic a change from what the majority of our members voted in their state convention to support. We believe that enforcement by court order is a more constructive approach since it not only penalizes but compels compliance. We believe that the 1953 enforcement provisions are more effective, more practical, and less cumbersome.)

4. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is willing to consider the suggestion that a permanent panel be appointed, from which the review board of three are to be chosen when needed.

(One possibility would be to appoint to the panel one member from each congressional district and three members at large, constituting a panel of twelve.)

Mrs. Gruner said she had consulted with six lawyers, all of whom felt that the gross misdemeanor clause is a poor and cumbersome way to go about getting enforcement. She moved that the Board adopt the recommendations of the League FEPC Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

MINNEAPOLIS AGENDA

The Minneapolis League wrote the State Board for permission to work in the Legislature for special tax measures affecting Minneapolis. It was moved by Miss Salisbury that the permission be granted, so long as the legislation does not affect other cities in which there are Leagues. The motion was seconded and passed.

MONTHLY MAILING DEADLINE

Mrs. Young asked that state Board members make every effort to have all material for local Leagues in the State office within a week after each State Board meeting so that we can aim for one scheduled consolidated mailing per month.

BOARD NOTEBOOKS, REPORTS, ETC.

Mrs. Young also asked Board members to remember to make annual reports, to make job analyses, and to keep their notebooks complete so they will be up-to-date whenever turned in.

CONFERENCE WITH REPUBLICAN WORKSHOP

Miss Salisbury talked with Republican Workshop people about how we could work together. We might send League literature to women who have been trained by the Workshop. They would like to go to the Leagues and present to them the opportunities for work in a party. She explained to them that the DFL would have to do the same. It was agreed that it might be a good program service to offer our Leagues the names of several DFL and Republican women who would talk on the place of women in the parties. It was suggested that Miss Salisbury ask the DFL for their reaction.

VOTERS SERVICE MANUAL

Mrs. Klein has written to National asking what to do about candidates meetings where the candidate from one party comes and the other doesn't. She hopes to get out a manual on candidates (meetings).

PLATFORM REVISION

Mrs. Moen reported that a review of the minutes and legislative reports clearly indicated that action had been taken on only five items on the Platform within the past ten years that represented unfinished business which might require action in the near future. On the basis of this analysis, she moved that we recommend to our local Leagues that all but the following five items be retired to a Program Record: Employment on Merit (or FEPC), State Aids to Schools, Reorganization of School Districts, Party Designation for Legislators, and Civil Service. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 13, 1955

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, January 13, 1955, at 10 a.m. in the Minneapolis League Board Room, Mrs. Basil Young, President, presiding. Also present were Mesdames Wallinder, Gruner, Grindlay, Lufkin, Klein, Chesley, Duncan, Norgaard, Anderson, Hoesly, and Moen, and Misses Salisbury and Stuhler. Mrs. Bloom and Mrs. Guthrie were present as observers from the nominating committee.

MINUTES The minutes of the December 9 Board meeting were read. Mrs. Young called attention to the fact that the last page of the minutes represented action taken without a quorum, and that, by approving the minutes, the Board would be approving this action. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative treasurer's report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$542.89 on January 1.

NOMINATING COM- Mrs. Guthrie reminded the Board that all officers and six directors are to be elected at the convention in May and asked the MITTEE Board members to submit the names of any women they might wish to suggest as nominee.

COMMUNICATIONS Miss Stuhler reported on a letter which she had written to Governor-elect Freeman, thanking him for the conference and stating how gratifying it had been to hear him say that "he went right down the line with our recommendations." The reply from Governor-elect Freeman was read, in which he expressed his thanks.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Duncan reported that about 50 guests and about 60 League members attended the coffee party for legislators and their wives held the previous day in St. Paul, and that the friendly affair not only helped acquaint lobbyists with legislators, but also gave lobbyists an opportunity to get acquainted with one another.

Mrs. Duncan read a report from the New Ulm League, stating that they had had a very satisfactory meeting with their legislators. Mrs. Wallinder reported that the Duluth League had also had a satisfactory meeting with their legislators.

Mrs. Duncan suggested local Leagues might want to use the tape recording made during the Legislative Conference on the League program.

Mrs. Duncan asked about the advisability of mailing her legislative reports separately from regular League mailings. It was felt it would be better to include them in the regular monthly mailing, perhaps using a special color to identify them.

Mrs. Lufkin reported that she has ample volunteers to provide two leaders for each tour of the legislature, and is holding a training meeting for them at the Capitol on Tuesday, January 18. Bright-colored name tags and nineographed maps of the Capitol are being provided for all League members on tour.

CIVIL SERVICE Mrs. Duncan asked for direction from the Board in regard to proposed changes in Civil Service. It was felt that League members are informed on veterans preference but not on other phases of Civil Service. Mrs. Everson was called in for advice. She pointed out that most of the League's decisions have been based on interim commission reports and the report of the Little

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Hoover Commission, all of which represent an expenditure of a lot of legislators' time and a lot of the state's money. The recently proposed change regarding appointment of the state's Director has had no interim commission support. It was suggested that the interim commission report be sent to each local League and that we rely on Miss Stuhler and Mrs. Everson to bring us up to date on Civil Service, both from the interim commission reports and reports on what other states are doing.

FEPC

Mrs. Gruner reported that the Minnesota Council for FEPC had held another meeting, at which quite a few persons indicated opposition to the gross misdemeanor clause, Section 10, of the proposed bill. Father Carty asked Mrs. Gruner to serve on the committee seeking authors for the bill. The League FEPC Advisory Committee would like authority to call meetings with all available state Board members in order to make decisions between Board meetings. Mrs. Chesley moved that the committee be granted authority to act between Board meetings, except for approving Section 10. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anderson and passed.

Mrs. Gruner feels that the importance of Section 10 has been exaggerated because it is controversial. She feels the bill could be passed in the House with Section 10, but probably not in the Senate, where the fight will be. She later reported that Mr. Prifrel, who is authoring the bill in the House, wants Section 10 left in. Mrs. Grindlay moved that the decision, as it appears in last month's minutes, continue to be our stand regarding Section 10. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Norgaard announced that 29 charming young women made the initial contact with 150 legislators in four days' time, right after the legislature convened and before the committees had been appointed. She said she had been assured that criticism of women lobbyists in the paper was not aimed at League members, since they had been carefully briefed on the rules and did not lobby in the corridors or cloak rooms, or on the floor during sessions. She reported that the badges were ready, and her lobbyists have been wearing them.

The bill for the calling of a constitutional convention had been introduced in the Senate, and League members had appeared with the authors on a TV newscast. Two bills had been introduced in the House. Mrs. Norgaard feels that the spotlight should now be thrown on the bills' authors by putting them on TV and radio. She wants the local Leagues to help with this.

The next move will be to state the League's stand at committee hearings. Mrs. Young pointed out the need for prepared statements as to why we need a constitutional convention. Mrs. Norgaard said her committee plans to use the six reasons stated in her summary entitled "Background Information on a Constitutional Convention". It was agreed that such a statement would be satisfactory.

An article by Rudolph Lee in the Long Prairie Leader was discussed. It was agreed that, in view of misstatements contained therein, Mrs. Norgaard, Miss Stuhler, and Miss Salisbury should write a reply, sending a copy to the Minneapolis paper, since they had quoted from the article.

Miss Stuhler suggested that, to promote the passage of the bill, a "Committee of One Hundred" be organized by having each League secure the name of one leading citizen endorsing the bill. In discussion, it was pointed out that limiting the number to 100 would prevent Leagues from getting signatures representing a cross-section of the community, and that time was too limited to insure carrying out the idea effectively. It was decided that it would be better to suggest that each local League secure as many signers as possible to petitions to their legislators.

REAPPORTIONMENT Mrs. Hoesly reported that 10 out of 19 members of the House committee are opposed to reapportionment, including chairman Iversen, making favorable action doubtful. Most Leagues have already furnished "Democracy Denied" to their legislators, and she is giving copies to legislators who have no Leagues in their districts. She feels there is a great opportunity for educational work among new legislators, many of whom are quite unfamiliar with the subject. She asked for a statement about our stand on reapportionment. Miss Stuhler suggested that we wait for a specific bill which we may be able to support, and then go into details about our stand.

Mrs. Young called attention to the fact that all lobbyists should be somewhat conversant with the whole League legislative program.

RESIGNATIONS Mrs. Simonson found it necessary to resign because of her son's recent illness. She has accepted the chairmanship of the Budget Committee, and will attend the Metropolitan Finance Committee meeting on January 26. Mrs. Young asked for suggestions for her successor.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported that Mrs. Hargraves had visited Wells and found the situation improving. She feels reasonably confident they will try to meet standards.

Mrs. Grindlay announced that Hopkins has been recognized as a local League.

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Edina League is outstanding in every way, and moved that they be recommended to the national Board for full recognition. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Duncan and passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING were set for Thursday, February 10; Thursday, March 10; and Thursday, April 14.

LEGISLATIVE REORGANIZATION Mrs. Chesley reported that Mrs. Loucks has completed her material on lobbying, and that other members of her enthusiastic committee have prepared a great deal of material which she is in the process of condensing. She plans to ask Dr. Graves to look it over, since Dr. Short is on leave, and hopes to get the material out promptly so Leagues can look it over before sending in program suggestions.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION Mrs. Young reported that, since the Minneapolis League has a lawyer going over their articles of incorporation, she has asked Mrs. King to have ours gone over at the same time.

ITEMS I AND II Mrs. Young called attention to the area conference being held in Milwaukee in February on Items 1 and 2 and asked who might be able to attend. Miss Stuhler said she would ask Miss Washburn, since none of the Board members were free to go.

Miss Stuhler reported that a number of meetings have been held and work on the trade survey is progressing. She announced a meeting to be held at the Minneapolis YWCA from 10 to 12:30 on February 1 for Local League Trade Survey Chairmen from all over the state.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Young announced that the national Board wants a script from us on our campaign for Amendment No. 3, for possible use on the program entitled "Weekend".

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 3, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 1955, by the second vice-president, Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin. Also present were Mesdames Wallinder, Chesley, Gruner, Anderson, Hoesly, Fountain, Klein, and Moen. Mrs. Guthrie of the nominating committee and Mrs. Hocraffer, president of the Roseville League, were present as observers.

MINUTES The minutes of the January 13 Board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S
REPORT Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative treasurer's report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$1,183.07 on February 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Fountain reported that Mrs. Norgaard and Senator Mullin would be heard on the Minnesota Round Table over WLOL Sunday evening, and that she would try to arrange a program for Mr. Cina at a later date. She also announced that Mrs. Young would be heard on "Weekend" over KSTP on Sunday, February 6, discussing problems of constitutional revision with the Indiana League.

NATIONAL COUNCIL It was moved by Mrs. Gruner that we request Mrs. Young to attend the national Council Meeting, and that Mrs. Young and Mrs. Guthrie be authorized to select the second delegate. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anderson and passed.

METROPOLITAN
FINANCE Mrs. Anderson reported that two meetings had been held, attended by one delegate from each of eighteen Leagues in the Metropolitan area. They are formulating a policy statement regarding finance drives and are setting up a standing arbitration committee to serve if ever any problem should arise between two Leagues with overlapping finance drives. The committee will have one member from Minneapolis, one from St. Paul, one from Hennepin, one from Ramsey, and one designated by the state Board as chairman. There will be an annual meeting - the first one to be held after the spring finance drives. Mrs. Guthrie was asked and agreed to serve as chairman.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Since the Proposed Current Agenda must be sent to local Leagues by March 12th, the next Board meeting was set for Friday, March 4.

Mrs. Young arrived at 11:40 and presided over the rest of the meeting. With her were Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Grindlay, and Mrs. Duncan. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Hargraves had just testified before the House General Legislation Committee on behalf of a constitutional convention.

BUDGET AND PLEDGES Mrs. Hocraffer presented the budget and suggested pledges as proposed by the budget committee. After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that the budget be accepted as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

CIVIL SERVICE Mrs. Everson reviewed the Interim Commission Report and said she and Miss Stuhler had found it to be in line with trends in other states. She recommended that we read not only this Report but also Carpenter's book, "The Unfinished Business of Civil Service." It was felt that League members were not yet sufficiently informed to support proposed changes other than veterans' preference. The proposed modification is in line with League recommendations, except that it allows the veteran to choose where his extra points shall be applied.

It was moved by Mrs. Duncan that we support the proposed modification of veterans preference. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Klein and carried.

FEPC

Mrs. Gruner feels that the League must assume a lot of responsibility for the passage of the FEPC bill, since the gross misdemeanor clause had been deleted from the bill in order to assure League support. She is holding a training meeting for all who wish to lobby for FEPC. She will work with Mrs. Duncan on getting help from specific local Leagues when necessary. She is particularly anxious to secure the names of out-state businessmen who will support FEPC.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay asked the Board to consider carefully the proposed expenditure for the services of a trained field worker. After full discussion, during which many questions were put to Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Grindlay moved that we accept for a two-month period the plan outlined in Mrs. Lee's letter of January 25. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed. It was decided that Mrs. Grindlay and Mrs. Young should meet with Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Lurie to make plans.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Hoesly reported on the legislative problems facing reapportionment proposals and announced that a meeting for lobbyists would be held the following week.

CONFERENCES ON
ITEMS I & II

Mrs. Young announced that Miss Washburn will drive to Milwaukee and take Mrs. Young. Mrs. Wallinder stated she could go direct to Milwaukee from Duluth, but could not take the time to drive from Minneapolis. It was moved by Mrs. Fountain that we send Mrs. Young, Mrs. Wallinder, and Miss Washburn to the conference. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Anderson and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 4, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 10: a.m. on Friday, March 4, 1955, by the president, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were Mesdames Wallinder, Chesley, Duncan, Anderson, Klein, Hoesly, Norgaard, Fountain, Lufkin, Gruner, and Moen, and the Misses Stuhler and Salisbury. Miss Washburn and Mrs. Everson were present as observers.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Feb. 3 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative treasurer's report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$2,217.66 as of March 1. She called attention to the fact that we would apparently have a small surplus remaining at the end of the fiscal year over and above the working balance needed.

It was moved by Mrs. Duncan that a new desk for Grace be purchased out of the surplus remaining at the end of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lufkin and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Lufkin that the interest of about \$54 from the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund be left in the fund at the end of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

NATIONAL
COUNCIL

Mrs. Young announced that Mrs. Duncan will attend the National Council meeting with her.

NEXT BOARD
MEETING

The next board meeting was confirmed for April 14.

EVALUATION OF
LOBBYING

A letter was read from Mrs. Donohue, president of the St. Paul League, suggesting: 1) fewer lobbyists, carefully chosen, 2) more help from local Leagues by lobbying in home communities, 3) clarification of League's lobbying practises be made to public and legislators.

The suggestion regarding fewer lobbyists was discussed. It was recognized that the technique of having a large number of lobbyists working simultaneously on one item had its disadvantages, but it was felt that it was still too early to weigh the objections to this system against the advantages.

It was suggested that we try to tie in the tours with lobbying through closer cooperation between tour leaders and resource chairmen in charge of lobbying. Mrs. Duncan suggested one state board member might go along on each tour in order to learn the problems of the tour leaders and to get acquainted with visiting Leagues.

CIVIL SERVICE

Mrs. Everson reviewed for the Board the bills which had been introduced on Civil Service.

It was agreed that the League should continue to oppose any bill providing for appointment of the civil service director by the governor without the safeguard of competitive examination and tenure.

H.F. 1120, S.F. 950 would modify veterans preference in line with League recommendations, though the League would like to have added a clause making it apply to all political subdivisions of the state for the sake of uniformity. It was moved by Mrs. Anderson that we support this bill. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

H.F. 1097, S.F. 951 provides for appointment of the civil service director by the Governor from three names submitted by an examining committee chosen by the Civil Service Board. Careful and exhaustive study and analysis made by Miss Stuhler and Mrs. Everson show this bill to be in line with trends in other states and recommendations of the interim committee and the Little Hoover commission. Also, our support of this bill might protect the system from undesirable bills proposed. It was moved by Mrs. Anderson that we support this bill. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

It was agreed that the League was not in a position to support or oppose bills regarding grievance procedure or putting civil service under the department of administration.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Norgaard reported that the constitutional convention bill would be debated for the first time in the Senate, and that at least three additional votes were still needed for passage. She urged all to write letters to the editor and to do everything possible to assure more votes. She pointed out that, whereas a constitutional convention might cost \$600,000, the amending process was far more costly - about \$14,000 for publishing amendments plus \$18,000 for ballots, or \$32,000 for each election.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Hoesly reported that apparently the only kind of reapportionment bill that could be passed this session is one retaining the status quo.

FEPC

Mrs. Gruner reported on progress of the FEPC bill. Mrs. Young will testify for the League next Monday.

Mrs. Gruner suggested thanking the paper for including committee votes on bills before the legislature. It was decided that Mrs. Duncan, as legislative chairman, would do this.

ITEM I

Miss Washburn reported briefly on the Milwaukee conference. Miss Stuhler reported that 20 Leagues are supplying about 150 interviewers to survey about 525 firms, and that business men will be surveying about 75 more. The Ford Foundation contemplates financing trade surveys all over the country formulated on the basis of experience gained through the present surveys. The surveys made to date indicate the need for a stable trade policy.

ITEM II

Mrs. Wallinder returned from the Milwaukee conference inspired, stimulated, and enthused over the possibilities of Item II. She reported that there were 229 delegates, from 33 organizations and 44 cities.

CONVENTION

It was agreed that Miss Stuhler and Mesdames Fountain, Duncan, Lufkin, and Moen would meet with Mrs. Young at 12:30 on the following Monday to plan the convention program, subject to subsequent approval of the other board members.

LEGISLATIVE
REORGANIZATION

Mrs. Chesley outlined the material which she and her committee have prepared and which has been reviewed by Dr. Graves of the University. Miss Salisbury moved that the material, when finished to Mrs. Chesley's satisfaction, be put in print in the same form as "Democracy Denied" for public as well as League use. Miss Stuhler suggested that the motion be amended to include in the publication the material previously prepared on legislative reorganization. Miss Salisbury accepted the amendment and the amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Fountain and passed.

Board minutes

March 5, 1955

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the application of Birchwood and moved that we recommend to National their recognition as a Local League. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gruner and passed.

Mrs. Young reported on the conference she and Mrs. Grindlay attended in Chicago on Feb. 25 with Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Lurie, Mrs. Dyke, and the presidents of the Indiana and Michigan Leagues and their organization chairmen. Minnesota is to have the services of Mrs. Horner from September 6 to October 3, 1955 and from February 27 to March 26, 1956. In addition, Mrs. Horner will come here, at no expense to us, for one week, starting May 23, 1955, to plan the work for next fall and to set up institutes for state board and for local League presidents. We are urged to use Mrs. Horner for training board members and volunteers as well as for helping weak Leagues or starting new Leagues.

STATE PROGRAM

Miss Stuhler pointed out that if the constitutional convention bill does not pass, we will have to face up to change by amendment. If the constitutional convention bill does pass, we will have to decide whether or not to make specific recommendations as to what a new constitution should contain. There seemed to be a general feeling that, after many years of study, the League should now be ready to come to agreement and take a stand on a number of points, such as fewer elected officials, more home rule, etc. However, since a quorum was no longer present, it was decided that Miss Stuhler should work out the wording for the current agenda item along the lines of our discussion and submit it to the board members for individual scrutiny.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 14, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, April 14, 1955, by the president, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were Mesdames Norgaard, Anderson, Fountain, Stuhler, Chesley, Hoesly, Duncan, Gruner, Wallinder, Klein and Moen, and the Misses Stuhler and Salisbury, and acting Civil Service Chairman, Mrs. Everson.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 4 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The reading of the Treasurer's Report was waived. It was announced that there would be no surplus available for the purchase of a desk, the optimistic prediction of the previous month having been based on a clerical error in handling of pledge cards.

CIVIL SERVICE

Mrs. Everson reported on the progress of the various Civil Service bills before the Legislature. She predicted that nothing would be done this session on modifying veterans' preference, but thinks the outlook is more encouraging for next session. She feels that more community understanding is needed on all aspects of civil service.

CONSTITUTIONAL
CONVENTION

Mrs. Norgaard reported briefly on the last days of the constitutional convention bill. She feels that 1956 would not have been a good election year anyway, that the Senate will be more vulnerable next session, and that much more community understanding will be required before the bill can be passed. She feels that a constitutional convention is inevitable, and is optimistic about its chances in the next session.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Hoesly reported on the reapportionment bills under consideration. She asked whether the League could support a constitutional amendment which would improve reapportionment, but provide an area compromise for both houses. It was decided we would have to await the possible passage of any such bill and decide in convention whether to support the amendment.

FEPC

Mrs. Gruner reported briefly on the encouraging progress of the FEPC bill.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay announced that Mrs. Horner will meet with the new board on Tuesday, May 24, for orientation of board members. On Wednesday, May 25, she will work with the state organization committee. On Thursday, May 26, a Local League Presidents Workshop will be held.

Mrs. Anderson announced that Birchwood and Bloomington have been recognized by National as Local Leagues.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was decided that the pre-convention board meeting would have to start about noon on Wednesday, May 12.

CONTINUING
RESPONSIBILITIES

Miss Stuhler moved we change the proposed continuing responsibilities as follows:

1. Eliminate "for Legislators" after Party Designation
2. Limit Civil Service to "Modification of Veterans' Preference in Civil Service Systems of both the state and its political subdivisions," and
3. Eliminate State Aid to Schools and Reorganization of School Districts.

The motion was seconded by Miss Salisbury. Discussion brought out the desirability of more leeway in supporting bills for Party Designation based on experience in other states. Local Leagues, for the most part, have not had time to keep abreast of Civil Service problems other than veterans' preference. The state League has not had time to make the thorough study of school aids and reorganization problems which would enable it to take a definite stand before the legislature, and such an important and complex item might better be put on the Current Agenda for complete study if the League wishes to keep active in this field. The motion was passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Hoesly that Reapportionment by Statute be put on the program as a Continuing Responsibility. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Duncan and passed.

CURRENT AGENDA

After much discussion, it was decided that the Board would recommend expressing the Current Agenda item on Constitutional Revision in one brief sentence, followed by explanatory items (a), (b), and (c) to define the scope of community action, work, and study contemplated. The precise proposed wording of the item was entrusted to Miss Stuhler, Mrs. Chesley, and Mrs. Hoesly, who later evolved the following statement:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for revision of the constitution of the State of Minnesota.

To do this it will:

- A. Build public opinion for the calling of a constitutional convention.
- B. Support revision of constitutional provisions for:
 - 1. Review of the constitution by periodic submission to the people of the question of calling a constitutional convention.
 - 2. A workable amending process.
 - 3. Fair and enforceable apportionment of the legislature.
 - 4. Clearly fixed executive responsibility:
 - a. Fewer elective offices
 - b. Longer, uniform terms for elected executive officials
 - c. Provision for self-executing succession to governorship
 - d. Provision for an executive budget.
 - 5. Adequate time for consideration of legislation by the legislature:
 - a. More frequent regular sessions permitted and/or length of session determined by legislature itself
 - b. Special sessions called at discretion of the governor or the legislature.
 - 6. A post-auditor appointed by and responsible to the legislature.
 - 7. Increased home-rule for local governments:
 - a. Realistic restrictions on special legislation
 - b. Broader provisions for adoption and amendment of home-rule charters.
- C. Study, for the purpose of supporting, revision of constitutional provisions for:
 - 1. An integrated and flexible tax article.
 - 2. An article providing judicial reform."

CONVENTION MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Young announced that Mr. Stanley Kane has been asked to rewrite the Articles of Incorporation.

Under Convention Procedures, Miss Salisbury moved that the words "not recommended" be changed to "non-recommended". The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fountain and passed.

It was agreed that Mrs. Everson, as Acting Civil Service Chairman, should have her expenses paid to the Convention.

It was agreed that Mrs. Klein's Voters Service Manual should be published and ready for unveiling at the Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MAY 11, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, 1955, by the President, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were Mesdames Lufkin, Wallinder, Grindlay, Duncan, Anderson, Klein, Hoesly, Down, Chesley, Norgaard, Gruner, Moen, Fountain, and the Misses Stuhler and Salisbury, and Acting Civil Service Chairman, Mrs. T. O. Everson.

The minutes of the April 14th meeting were read and approved.

The convention program was reviewed in detail with emphasis on timing. Mrs. Young asked Mrs. Anderson to keep track of the time and announced that a St. Paul member would time speakers from the floor.

The by-law changes were discussed.

The proposed Current Agenda was discussed, the mechanics of presenting items reviewed, and handling of possible questions to be raised anticipated insofar as possible.

Mrs. Fountain announced that Dr. Short's dinner talk would be taped by KUOM and could be made available to Leagues for resource material.

The question of Party Designation for Legislators was discussed. It was decided that, while we are not against party designation for others, we cannot support it for others, since the original item never included others; hence the Continuing Responsibility would have to retain the words "for Legislators."

Mrs. Gruner pointed out the problems involved in setting up the Board of Review connected with the state Fair Employment Practices Commission and asked if she might invite local Leagues to recommend persons in their respective areas for appointment to the Board of Review. The Board agreed this would be in order.

Mrs. Young announced that Dr. Short would be made the second honorary member of the Minnesota League at the dinner, Dr. Anderson having been so honored some years ago.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY FIFTH CONVENTION

The 35th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order promptly at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday morning, May 12, 1955, in the Grand Ballroom of the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, by the President, Mrs. Basil Young.

In her opening talk, Mrs. Young explained that the purpose of the convention was to make the important decisions which would set our goals for the next two years, define their boundaries, and select the methods for attaining them. She explained that, in the interest of allowing maximum time for thorough, unhurried discussion of the program, reports had been minimized and workshops eliminated.

It was moved by Mrs. John Grindlay that the appointment of Mrs. Allan Meinecke as Parliamentarian be approved by the Convention. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Claude Roemer of Duluth that the appointment of Mrs. O. H. Anderson of Mahtomedi and Mrs. Milo Swanson of St. Paul as timekeepers be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. John Gruner and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. S. H. Buttz of Alexandria that the appointment of Mrs. Conrad Olson of Cass Lake and Mrs. G. E. Fastle of Waseca to the Credentials Committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Albert Driscoll of St. Paul and passed.

It was moved by Miss Hope Washburn of St. Paul that the Convention approve appointment to the Elections Committee of the following members: Mrs. Gerhard von Glahn of Duluth, Mrs. H. R. Burton of Edina, Mrs. Frank Dosse of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Roy H. Nordling of St. Cloud. The motion was seconded by Mrs. M. G. Satterness of Duluth and passed.

The Secretary read the proposed Convention Rules. It was moved by Miss Eleanor Salisbury that these rules be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Roger Klein and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Maurice Buzzell of Mahtomedi that the Order of Business, as printed on the program, be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Homer Mantis of St. Paul and passed.

Mrs. Young then introduced Mrs. Don Y. Moore, President of the St. Paul League, who gave a welcoming address.

Mrs. Young introduced to the Convention the members of the State Board and the office staff.

The proposed amendments to the by-laws were explained by Mrs. Arthur Down, who then moved their adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs. William Fletcher of Anoka, and passed.

Miss Barbara Stuhler presented the proposed Current Agenda, stated the Board's reasons for this proposal, and reviewed the history of the constitutional revision item. She then moved for consideration of the proposed Current Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wallinder and passed.

Mrs. Young announced that questions for clarification only were in order.

Mrs. Allan Brown of St. Paul was granted permission to circulate mimeographed copies of the following proposed Current Agenda:

- "1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will continue to work on steps leading to a New Constitution.
2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will consider and recommend measures to improve the State Finance and Tax Structure of the State of Minnesota.
3. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will make an evaluation of the provisions in the state laws for Local Government and Home Rule."

Mrs. Brown then moved for consideration of this proposal as a non-recommended item. The motion was seconded by Mrs. S. L. Lyksett.

Mrs. Rolland Hatfield of Roseville asked for division of the motion, whereupon Mrs. Brown moved for consideration of Item 1. Mrs. William H. Biehl of St. Paul seconded the motion. After much discussion, the question was called, and the vote was 82 for consideration and 98 against. The motion failed.

Mrs. Allan Brown moved for consideration of St. Paul's proposed Item 2. Mrs. Donohue seconded the motion and explained it. The motion carried.

Mrs. Brown moved for consideration of St. Paul's Item 3. The motion was seconded

by Mrs. Albert Driscoll of St. Paul. After some discussion, the question was called, and motion to consider failed.

Mrs. Harold Field of Excelsior pointed out that the St. Paul proposals were a package plan and should all be considered together. Mrs. John Engelking of Richfield, who had voted on the prevailing side for Item I, moved for reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. J. E. Cummings from Hopkins, but lost, 107 for to 71 against.

Mrs. John Neumaier of Hibbing moved for consideration of the following non-recommended item: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will promote the understanding of the financial problems of the public schools of Minnesota." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Joanna Converse of Roseville. After some discussion, the question was put and the motion passed.

Mrs. Down presented, in rebuttal, the state Board's reasons for not recommending the tax-study item, stating that it is too big and involved a study to undertake if we are to work effectively for a constitutional convention.

Miss Stuhler presented, in rebuttal, the state Board's reasons for not recommending the item on schools, as proposed by Hibbing. She stated that a complete, new, comprehensive study would be called for, one which the League might well wish to undertake someday when we can lay constitutional revision aside.

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen presented the state Board's proposed Continuing Responsibilities, and moved consideration of the substitution of the following items for the present Platform:

- I. Reapportionment by statute
- II. Fair Employment Practices Commission
- III. Party designation for legislators
- IV. Modification of veterans preference in the civil service systems of the state and the political subdivisions.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maurice Buzzell of Mahtomedi. After some discussion, the question was put, and the motion carried.

Mrs. Frank Dosse of Minneapolis moved that we consider Civil Service System as a non-recommended Continuing Responsibility. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Samuel Gale of Minneapolis and carried.

The first session was adjourned by the President at 12:45 P.M.

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The second session was called to order at 2:15 P.M. on Thursday, May 12, by the Vice President, Mrs. Hamilton Lufkin. Mrs. Lufkin explained the need for changing the Articles of Incorporation to conform with By-law changes made by the last convention. The following resolution was read:

"WHEREAS, the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA filed with the Secretary of State of Minnesota on March 8, 1938, and in the office of the Register of Deeds of Hennepin County, Minnesota, on March 9, 1938, in Book 366 of Miscellaneous, Page 224, Articles of Incorporation, and

WHEREAS, said LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA desires to amend said ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION to correspond with the By-laws amended by it in convention May 13, 1953.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That said ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION be and hereby are amended in accordance with the By-laws as amended May 13, 1953, a copy of which By-laws is hereto attached."

It was moved by Mrs. H. B. Hoesly that this resolution be accepted by the Convention as read. The motion was seconded by Mrs. T. O. Everson and passed.

Mrs. John Grindlay, Organization Chairman, reported on the growth of the League and discussed organization plans for the coming year. "There is no question but what the League has grown greatly, has made great strides, and no question but what we can do a still better job," she concluded.

Organization Co-Chairman, Mrs. O. H. Anderson, reported on the state of the Leagues in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. She described the ten new suburban Leagues as having a most enthusiastic, intelligent, and dedicated approach to League problems. "Our best years are yet ahead," she concluded.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. Donald Guthrie, Chairman. As the slate was read, the nominees stood up in front. The chairman asked for further nominations from the floor for each office. Hearing no further nominations, Mrs. Lufkin declared the nominations closed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder, who reported a balance on hand at the close of the fiscal year on March 31 of \$2,242.78.

The Secretary read the report of the Auditor, Mrs. Allan Meinecke, who stated that she had examined all vouchers, records, bank statements, bank books, and financial statements for the fiscal year and found everything to be in good form. Mrs. William Fletcher of Anoka moved that the Auditor's report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. H. H. Livingston of Minneapolis and passed.

The proposed budget was presented and explained by Mrs. Lloyd Hocraffer of Roseville. Pledges were then called for, and those Leagues present stood and announced their pledges.

Mrs. von Glahn of Duluth moved that the state Board be given authority to approve the minutes of the Convention. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Allan Brown of St. Paul and passed.

Legislative Chairman, Mrs. Russell Duncan, and other lobbyists gave a humorous skit depicting the experiences of League lobbyists.

Mrs. Carl Fountain gave an analysis of the effectiveness of the work done by Leagues on Amendment 3.

The second session was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

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The third session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Young, at 9:15 on Friday, May 13.

Mrs. Young read Section 4, Article 9 from the by-laws, regarding election of officers. It was moved by Miss Hope Washburn of St. Paul that the Secretary cast the electing ballot for the slate. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Claude Roemer of Duluth and carried.

Mrs. Hocraffer presented the budget as revised after the pledges were made by the local Leagues, and moved that the revised budget be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Roger Klein and passed.

Mrs. Young read the proposed Current Agenda and the non-recommended items proposed by St. Paul and Hibbing.

Mrs. S. L. Lyksett moved to amend the proposed Current Agenda to read: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for the calling of a constitutional convention to write a new constitution." Mrs. Albert Driscoll of St. Paul seconded the motion by speaking for it.

After considerable discussion, Mrs. William Fletcher moved to amend the St. Paul amendment as follows:

"The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work for the calling of a constitutional convention.

To do this it will:

- A. Build public opinion for the calling of a constitutional convention.
- B. Support legislation which falls within the area of League agreement on revision of the present constitution
(1. through 7. retained as in State Board proposal)
- C. Study, for the purpose of supporting, constitutional provisions for:
(1. and 2. retained as in State Board proposal)"

Mrs. Roy H. Nordling of St. Cloud moved to close debate on the amendment to the amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Maurice Buzzell and carried. The vote on the Fletcher amendment was then taken, and the amendment lost.

Mrs. Buzzell moved to close debate on Mrs. Lyksett's amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nordling and carried. The vote on Mrs. Lyksett's amendment was then taken, and the amendment was lost.

Mrs. Neumaier of Hibbing moved to amend Item C to include: "3. The financial problems of the public schools of Minnesota." The motion was seconded by Mrs. George Crim of South St. Paul.

After some discussion, Mrs. O. H. Anderson moved that debate be closed on the Hibbing amendment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. J. E. Cummings of Hopkins and

and passed. A vote was then taken on the Hibbing amendment, and it lost.

Mrs. K. S. Goldenberg of St. Paul moved to delete "C" from the proposed Current Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Albert Driscoll.

Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder moved that discussion of the State Board's proposal be tabled until the non-recommended items could be acted upon. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goldenberg and passed.

St. Paul's Item 2 was then taken up: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will consider and recommend measures to improve the State Finance and Tax Structure of the State of Minnesota."

After some discussion, Mrs. Philip Stocker of Falcon Heights moved to close debate. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byron Wilson of St. Louis Park and carried. The vote was then taken, and the item lost.

The Hibbing item was then taken up: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will promote the understanding of the financial problems of the public schools of Minnesota."

Mrs. Claude Roemer moved the debate be closed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. G. E. Fastle of Waseca and passed. The question was then put, and the Hibbing school item lost.

Mrs. Wallinder then moved that the Board's proposal be taken from the table. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mike Ranney of Richfield and passed.

Mrs. Goldenberg withdrew her motion to delete Item C.

Mrs. Buzzell moved that debate on the proposed Current Agenda be closed. The motion was seconded by Mrs. von Glahn and carried.

Questions were solicited on items under B, but none were asked.

The question on the proposed Current Agenda was put, and passed by an overwhelming standing vote.

The Convention then considered the proposed Continuing Responsibilities.

Reapportionment by Statute was voted on and passed.

FEPC was voted on and passed.

Party Designation for Legislators was voted on and passed.

Mrs. Frank Dosse of Minneapolis of Minneapolis moved that we substitute "Civil Service System" for the proposed C.R.IV. The motion was seconded by Miss Mary Moses of Minneapolis, who noted that "everyone still respects the League as the mother of Civil Service, and we have acquired an unavoidable responsibility for the Civil Service System."

It was moved by Mrs. Claude Roemer that debate be closed on this item. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Buttz of Alexandria and carried. The Convention then voted to substitute "Civil Service System" for the proposed C.R.IV.

The third session was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

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The delegates reassembled for the luncheon meeting and final session at 1:15 P.M. on Friday, May 13.

Mrs. Roger Klein presented a report on Voters Service in the form of a novel style show.

Miss Eleanor Salisbury reported on the replies to a questionnaire concerning the "Articulate Voter", and discussed possible changes to be made in conformity with suggestions from Leagues.

Mrs. Young asked the delegates to consider whether they would like to hold Council meetings outstate or in Twin Cities. The majority preferred Twin Cities meetings.

The Credentials Committee reported that 43 of the 53 Leagues had registered, 278 members registered in all, 209 delegates, 53 observers, 16 Board members. Birchwood had 19% of its membership attending, Jackson 16%, and South St. Paul 13%.

Mrs. George Crim of South St. Paul moved that the state Board provide the Leagues with information on school finances and sales tax. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Arnold Erickson of South St. Paul and passed.

Mrs. Frank Dosse moved that the state Board provide the Leagues with information on iron ore tax amendment. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Crim and passed.

Mrs. Russell Duncan reported on the National Council Meeting held in Washington on April 26th.

Mrs. Young presented the new Board of Directors, thanked the old Board members, and extended thanks to all who had helped with the convention. Mrs. Gruner rose to

express thanks of the Board members to their able and outstanding president.

Mrs. Young quoted a compliment which the national League had received from President Eisenhower. On this note, she closed the Convention at 3:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Mary Moen

Mrs. L. Vernon Moen, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JUNE 16, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the office of the Minneapolis League at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 16, 1955, by the President, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were Mesdames Duncan, Anderson, Chesley, Hill, Hoesly, Humphries, J. Klein, R. Klein, Grossman, Schroeder and Miss Salisbury.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Young announced that Mrs. Popp had resigned as secretary and asked if there were suggestions for replacing her. Mrs. E. J. Schroeder of Deephaven was appointed to the Board to serve as Finance Chairman.

A letter was read from Dr. Hargraves thanking Board members for rose bushes sent him.

BOARD ORIENTATION

Mrs. Young distributed "General Information for State Board Members" and asked each member to carefully note each item. (Copy attached to file copy.)

Mrs. Anderson explained the routine of state Board members' visits to local Leagues on organizational and other work. She said that assignments will be made in August. A report on each visit is to be made. If the visit is to a League outside of Hennepin and Ramsey County, the report is to be sent to Mrs. Grindlay. If the report is to a League in Hennepin and Ramsey county, the report is to be sent to Mrs. Anderson. A copy of the report is to be sent to the office, also.

All material to be published should be sent to the Reading Committee, through Mrs. Hill, Publications Chairman. Final editing will be done by Miss Salisbury.

Mrs. Wilson will read the minutes of local League meetings and mark them for the attention of Board members. Board members are to read them on the meeting day if possible. Miss Salisbury will read the state bulletin and mark them for board members. Mrs. Grossman will read the newspaper clippings.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Young appointed Mrs. Wallinder of Duluth and Mrs. Grindlay of Rochester to the Nominating Committee. She asked Mrs. Anderson for suggestions for two non-Board members from the Twin City area.

OFFICE

A letter was read from the landlord stating that the rent on the state office will be increased July 1 from \$35 per month to \$55 per month. Three choices were presented by Mrs. Young: Stay and pay the higher rent, move across the street, move to the State Organization Serve at the University. Mrs. Duncan presented the advantages and disadvantages. Discussion followed. Mrs. Anderson moved that the League move to the SOS on the University of Minnesota campus contingent upon obtaining adequate space. Mrs. Chesley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 5 abstaining from voting.

ORGANIZATION

Moorhead sent in an application to become a provisional League. Mrs. Wilson stated the facts of their membership, by-laws, budget, income finance drive plans, etc. Mrs. Anderson moved that Moorhead be recognized as a provisional League. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Horner's visit in September was discussed. Mrs. Anderson said the possibilities for her work were as follows:

1. To organize a new League in either Willmar, Faribault or Virginia.
2. To strengthen weak Leagues who are potentially strong: Austin, Fergus Falls or Moorhead, and 1 suburban League.
3. To organize a city-county League on an experimental basis. It should be a farming center, have one League in the county and that preferably the county seat. Possible places are Owatonna, Waseca, Buffalo, Hutchinson.

Mrs. Horner will be sent these suggestions for her comments and then the Organization Committee will do the groundwork. Mrs. Duncan moved to give the organization committee the authority to decide on places to work. Mrs. Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Workshops will be held in September. On the 13th the morning will be devoted to program and the afternoon to membership. On the 27th the morning will be devoted to public relations and the afternoon to finance.

Marine-on-St. Croix has had to go out of existence. The funds they have will be turned into the state. They have asked if they can still ask for contributions to League work from their community. Some former members have joined the Afton-Lakeland League. They can give serve on state and national items in Marine. Mrs. Humphries will write to national for advice on their questions.

VOTER

Miss Salisbury made a motion to change the name of the Articulate Voter to the Minnesota Voter. Mrs. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried. This involves a \$10 fee to the post office. A new format will appear in the coming issue.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Mrs. Chesley discussed the plans for work on the state item. The committee consists of five board members and five non-board members. They will have three major responsibilities: 1. Preparation of basic material for factual information. Four booklets are planned with similar form and color. The question of financing by approaching foundations was discussed and Miss Salisbury will continue her work on this. 2. Popular tools for use in building public opinion. 3. Work with a Citizens Committee on financing and distributing material.

Mrs. Chesley moved the appointment of Barbara Stuhler as League representative to the Citizens Committee. Mrs. Grossman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The flyer to be prepared for use at county fairs will be distributed at the first meeting of the Citizens Committee as an example of what might be done.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman reported on the work of the Public Relations Committee. They have contacted 48 existing organizations about the Citizens Committee. 36 have replied that they will have representatives serve on it.

The Public Relations Committee is planning a metropolitan public relations committee consisting of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and suburban Leagues.

COUNCIL MEETING

The 1956 Council meeting will be in Minneapolis at the Leamington Hotel on May 17 and 18. A suburban League will be asked to handle the arrangements.

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NEXT MAILING

Mrs. Duncan outlined the plans for an "Outlook for Work" similar to the one prepared by the national Board. It will give local Leagues some idea of publications and their planned dates, special days to note and when to cover the topics on the national, state and local agendas. Each Board member is to send in an outline for the outlook by June 26.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Roger Klein reported on some voters service plans: a proposal of a school for candidates for political office; teaching about the electoral college and how the president is elected; interviews of senators and state wide elected officials on TV (transcribed for radio), and local radio programs for interviews of locally elected candidates.

LOCAL AGENDA

Mrs. Humphries reported on the work of local agenda assistance to Leagues. She is organizing her committee and wants one member from a League which has completed a local government survey recently, one member who is from a League which has done or is doing a county survey. 31 Leagues have completed a "Know Your Town" survey and 7 are now working on such a survey. Mrs. Humphries felt local Leagues needed help on how to set up a local agenda - the criteria for areas of study, action, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill announced a change in publication services - abolishing the standing order system because so few Leagues have used it and because it is difficult for the staff to judge what materials are wanted in quantity; allowing Leagues to order 3, rather than 1, Duplicate President Mailing.

UN DAY

Leagues will have their attention called to UN Day and be asked to cooperate with other organizations planning activities or to have some activity themselves which will note UN accomplishments.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting was set for August 5th.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Agatha Klein

Mrs. John A. Klein
Secretary pro tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 12, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the office of the Minneapolis League at 10 A.M. Friday, August 12, 1955, having been adjourned from August 5. Mrs. Basil Young, president, presided. Also present were Mesdames Anderson, Duncan, Grindlay, Grossman, Hill, Humphries, J. Klein, Schroeder and Wallinder. Mrs. Hargraves was present as an observer.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 16, 1955, meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance on hand of \$414.97 on August 1.

BOARD EXPENSES

The need for a uniform system of paying Board member expenses was discussed. It was agreed that expenses should be determined on the basis of actual cost to the individual, this cost to include transportation, taxi, parking, lodging, etc. and to exclude meals, tips, etc. This method of computing expenses is to replace the heretofore used 5¢ mileage rate and is to apply to organization committee members on field trips as well as to Board members.

ORGANIZATION

Assignments for organization visits were given to those Board members present by Mrs. Grindlay. She went on to explain the following in regard to these organization visits:

1. A letter from the Organization Committee will be sent out first.
2. Board members will then contact local League presidents, first to arrange for visiting their board meetings, preferably in September and no later than October, and secondly, to ask in which areas help is needed.
3. Second trips should be made if necessary.
4. Organization committee members making visits should acquaint themselves with the local League's file in the state office including last year's organization report and board minutes and all other organization material.
5. Fill out organization visit report form and send copies to the State Office, and to Mrs. Grindlay and/or Mrs. Anderson as designated in the June 16 Board minutes.
6. Send thank you letters including compliments and suggestions for improvement.

MRS HORNER'S VISIT

Mrs. Horner's schedule during the time that she will be here in Minnesota doing organization work is as follows:

Sept. 12	Arrive. In State Office
Sept. 13	Conferences - Membership & Program
Sept. 14	Willmar) with Mrs. Hiller and Guthrie
Sept. 15	Willmar)
Sept. 16	Worthington (Jackson invited to visit)
Sept. 19	Alexandria
Sept. 20	Fergus Falls
Sept. 21	Fergus Falls
Sept. 22	Moorhead
Sept. 23	Moorhead
Sept. 26	Brainerd
Sept. 27	Conferences - Finance and Public Relations
Sept. 28	North St. Paul (White Bear City LWV invited)
Sept. 29	Austin (later changed to New Ulm)
Sept. 30	Wells (later decided to invite Austin Board to Wells)

In regard to Mrs. Horner's visit the following points were discussed:

1. She will be accompanied by an organization committee member on all trips.
2. Letters are to be sent to local Leagues urging attendance at the Conferences.
3. Previously discussed idea of a city-county League will be developed further in March, if the national board approves, probably either in Buffalo or Olivia.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Young read a letter from Mr. T. J. Vikse, Foston, Minn. in which he made a request for a League of Women Voters in Crookston, Minnesota and sent a list of interested women in that area. A letter from Mrs. Hoyer Ludolf requesting that a League be started in Windom was also read. It was not felt practical at this time to start one in either area.

PROGRESS CONFERENCE

Mrs. Young announced that Mrs. Edward M. Boyne, national Board member, would conduct a Progress Conference on Oct. fourth at the Sheridan Hotel for all state Board members. The accent of this conference is to be on finance. Membership participation, leadership and work load will also be discussed.

FREEDOM AGENDA CONFERENCE

Mrs. Young pointed out that Mrs. Boyne will also be available for a Freedom Agenda Conference. Duluth and Hibbing were discussed as possible places in which to hold this conference.

OFFICE

It was announced that the League of Women Voters has been accepted as eligible for office space at the SOS on the University of Minnesota campus and that the move will take place on August 30. The new address will be 15th and Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

After a recommendation by Mrs. Newstrom, a motion was made by Mrs. J. Klein and seconded by Mrs. Grossman that the two typewriters in poor condition be sold and that one new one be purchased.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. Newstrom, it was agreed that the Minnesota Voter would continue to be addressed in the Minneapolis League office until such time as the University move becomes permanent.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill suggested that a display be set up at the September conferences which would include all 21 "Know Your Town" surveys, local publications and a sample of the "Murphy Bag" idea for publication displays at local League meetings.

Mrs. Hill also presented two ideas that could be used by local Leagues in publications on orientation:

1. Welcome pamphlet
2. Fact sheet to be fastened to "Facts" and will include
 - a. Minnesota "Facts"
 - b. Local League "Facts"

A motion was made by Mrs. Humphries and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder that Mrs. Hill should further develop her idea (2) above and have it ready for the September 13th Conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Young announced that Mrs. Hoesly had resigned as legislative chairman. She also noted that Mrs. John Klein would represent the League on the Board of the Minnesota World Affairs Center.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman discussed the Citizens' Committee, pointing out that many of the representatives of other organizations to the Citizens' Committee were committed to constitutional revision but not to constitutional convention as the method. Mrs. Hargraves pointed out the need for an executive committee and a budget committee.

- In reference to this Citizens' Committee, it was agreed to:
1. Get information together and send to all organizations that have turned the Committee down, and
 2. Recommend an early date for the Citizens' Committee meeting.

Mrs. Grossman discussed setting up a Contact File in the State Office containing names of people interested in League work, including people from rural areas and areas where there are no Leagues, the purpose being to keep in contact with these people for lobbying, etc.

She also discussed the ^{metropolitan area} Radio TV, Press Committee which is to serve as a coordinating committee and clearing house for all radio, TV and press projects. It was agreed that meetings of such a committee should be chaired by the state Board Public Relations Chairman.

Mrs. Grossman read a letter from the Minnesota Luther League (ULCA) in which a request was made for League material pertinent to items on the Luther League State Convention agenda. The Board agreed to send a sample of all available material and suggest that speakers could be furnished.

WEBB FOUNDATION

Mrs. Duncan reported on a meeting with Mr. Harmon, Webb Publishing Company., in regard to interesting the Webb Foundation in publishing booklets for distribution to be used as popular tools on the following topics related to constitutional revision:

1. Legislative Branch, 2. Executive Branch, 3. Judicial Branch, 4. Home Rule, 5. Finance, 6. Background and Method.

She pointed out that he did not believe the present material would interest the Foundation in its entirety and as a result of this, the present plan is to condense Mrs. Chesley's legislative material to present to the Webb Foundation as a sample to interest them.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

Mrs. Humphries reported that at a recent meeting her committee discussed various services that could be offered local Leagues. The Board recommended that immediate work be started on working out a system whereby reference material on local current agenda items can be obtained by local Leagues and that work on the other ideas presented be held up until after the September Conferences at which time the needs of the local Leagues will be better known.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Mrs. Young pointed out that a Budget Committee was needed. It was decided that these appointments would be made after the September Conferences.

COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed that the Edina League would be asked to handle the arrangements for the Council Meeting in 1956.

APPOINTMENT CALENDARS

Mrs. Newstrom recommended that the State Office discontinue handling the appointment calendars. The Board decided to ease out Rochester and St. Paul this year, and the rest of the Leagues next year, and recommend that the calendars be purchased direct from the League of Women Voters of Missouri if desired.

FOR FREE

In regard to the publications "The Evolution of Dora Doolittle" and a 1947 Constitutional Revision broadside, a motion was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Duncan to save file copies and destroy the rest. The motion was not carried. A motion was made by Mrs. Humphries and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder that these publications be offered to local Leagues free of charge if ordered before August 30. The motion was carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting was set for September 8, at ^{new} office.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Doris Schroeder,
Secretary pro tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEPTEMBER 8, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the new state office at 15th and Washington Ave. S.E. on the University of Minnesota campus at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, September 8, 1955, by the president, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were Mesdames Anderson, Chesley, Duncan, Grindlay, Grossman, Hill, Humphries, J. Klein, Schroeder, Wallinder, and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 12th meeting were read and approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the Cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date, and reported a balance of \$651.63 in the Treasury as of Sept. 1, 1955.

MOVE TO NEW OFFICE

Mrs. Young reported that the move to the new office went off smoothly. She called attention to the new filing cabinet which had been purchased, and also announced that there had been no need of purchasing a new desk as the State Organization Service ~~lent~~ ^{lent} as one to use which resulted in a saving of \$175. Mrs. Newstrom was asked to contact the company re possible adjustment on a typewriter which had never performed satisfactorily.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay reported that the September schedule of Organization Committee visits to local Leagues with Mrs. Horner was unchanged, with one exception: it had been found advantageous to combine the meetings of the Austin and Wells' Boards into one conference to be held at Wells.

Mrs. Wilson reported that Organization Committee members Rollwagen and Engstrom were unable to make their scheduled visits. Need for someone from Edina on the Organization Committee was expressed, and suggestions were to be given to Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Grindlay.

Mrs. Anderson reported that Organization Committee members Guthrie and Hiller had spent two days in Willmar, and were most pleased with the potential of the community for the organization of a League there. They had talked to the Mayor, Editor of the paper and numerous other people, and found considerable interest expressed. A follow-up visit was to be made on Sept. 14-15 by Mrs. Guthrie, Hiller and Horner.

FALL CONFERENCES

Mrs. Grindlay reported that Mrs. Horner planned to handle the Conferences on Sept. 13 and 27 at the Minneapolis YWCA in the same manner she had conducted the conferences last spring, with those present suggesting the Agenda. Board members were urged to attend.

Mrs. Young announced that the Freedom Agenda Conference had been set for October 3rd from 1:00 to 4:30 in the Library in Hibbing. Men and women in the community and surrounding area will be contacted. This will be a model workshop on taking the Freedom Agenda project to the community, and will be conducted by Mrs. Edward M. Boyne, National Board member.

Mrs. Boyne will also conduct the Progress Conference for State Board members at the Sheridan Hotel on Oct. 4th beginning at 10 A.M. Accent will be on finance, membership, leadership and workload.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Young reported that the position of Secretary on the State Board was not filled as yet. Suggestions would be welcome.

Continued representation from the League on the Citizens' Committee for Public Education was discussed, and it was felt that it would be worth-

while. Mrs. John Neumaier of Hibbing would be asked to represent us on that committee.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Chesley reported that Mr. Harmon of the Webb Foundation is in the process of perusing the material prepared on the Legislative Branch of the state government. This could be published in pamphlet form as a popular basic tool. The material has been condensed to 18 pages. Further condensation might be necessary to give it broader appeal, lest we find we are "talking to ourselves". Miss Salisbury emphasized that we would be keeping the original long edition in our files for use by the local Leagues. Further samples of pamphlet material are being prepared as follows: Local Government by Muriel Grunditz; Finance by Audrey Down; Historical Background by Betty Kane and Margaret Norgaard; Executive Branch by Barbara Stuhler; and Judicial, no author as yet. Material should be ready approximately Dec. 1st.

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Mrs. Young announced that a contribution of \$5.00 toward postage fees, and several fan letters praising the new format of the Minnesota Voter had been received.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill discussed a possible questionnaire to seek information from local League Publication Chairmen, and circulated a prepared draft of it among the Board members for their comments. She also displayed a sample "Murphy Bag" (patent by Jane Murphy of the Rochester League) similar to a large shoe bag, with its compartments filled with pertinent League publications to be hung over a door at unit and general meetings. It was agreed that it should be on display at the September conferences.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman reported she had chaired a committee meeting of the Twin City area and suburbs on public relations with Radio-TV-Press. Those present had felt such a committee could be effective in coordinating and acting as a clearing house in the field of public relations. It had been decided that there was a need for two representatives to coordinate the press, one from Minneapolis, one from St. Paul. Further plans for committee action were to be made after Mrs. Horner's workshop on Public Relations on September 27th. The Board felt that a Public Relations display at this workshop would not be worth the time and energy.

UNITED NATIONS

Mrs. J. Klein reported that local Leagues had been urged to cooperate with officials in their local communities in observance of UN month in October and to plan programs summarizing the accomplishments of the UN, and also had been alerted to the 10th anniversary celebration of UN in Minneapolis on October 19th at which Carlos Romulo would be the speaker. She also suggested Leagues be urged to order the new "Pocket Reference on the United Nations" received from National. Mrs. Young will do so in her September President's Letter.

VOTERS SERVICE

In view of National's plan to discontinue sending "Significant Roll Calls" to the local Leagues, it was suggested that the State Board prepare a record of votes on significant issues of our Minnesota Representatives and Senators. Mrs. J. Klein was asked to prepare such a record to go out if possible with the October President's Letter. Mrs. Klein was also asked to investigate the matter of interviews with our Congressional legislators while they are in their home districts, using Trade Survey people to do interviews.

MINNESOTA VOTER

Mrs. Duncan and Miss Salisbury were to confer on sources of material on Continuing Responsibilities to be used for subject matter for the September-October Minnesota Voter.

The next meeting of the Board will be October 5, 10:00 A.M. at the Sheridan Hotel, 11th and Marquette Ave., in Minneapolis. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M..

Respectfully submitted, (Mrs. C.R.) Marjorie Humphries
Secretary pro tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 5, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at Hotel Sheridan, Minneapolis, Minnesota at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 5, 1955, by the president, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were, Mesdames Grossman, Chesley, Grindlay, Schroeder, Hill, Duncan, Humphries, Wallinder, Simmer, and Mrs. Edward Boyne of the National Board.

MINUTES The minutes of the September 8 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's Report was not read.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay reported on the visits by members of the Organization Committee to the following Leagues: The League situation at Willmar presents itself as a possible place to experiment with the city and county League system. At Worthington there is much confusion with a rigid program and no opportunity for changes that might occur. At Jackson they found things satisfactory with the exception of their finance drive which proved a failure. An excellent report was given on the League at Alexandria with Fergus Falls going on a complete reorganization status. At Moorhead everything seemed to be going well with progress slow. At Brainerd conditions were excellent but more members are needed. Crosby (under Brainerd) is in need of better Board understanding. The meeting at New Ulm was a disappointment. There seemed to be no desire for a League. A suggestion was made that a meeting be arranged there, notifying members as well as officers, because of lack of activity on the part of existing officers. The work in the North St. Paul and White Bear Township Leagues was particularly outstanding. The meeting of the Austin, Wells and New Richland Leagues was satisfactory.

Area meetings, one for the northern and one for the southern part of the state were recommended by Mrs. Grindlay. She also stated that there is need for help on local agenda and budget building before March and that considerable thought should be given the city-county system. Permission has been received from the National Board to try out this plan in Minnesota.

Discussion on travel expenses resulted in a motion, to pay full expenses to organization and Board members when in the field, by Mrs. Wallinder seconded by Mrs. Grossman. The motion was carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Grossman reported on the meeting of the newly formed Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee at the Leamington Hotel held October 4. Discussion followed as to whether individuals or the organizations which they represented should be recognized - or should both kinds of representation be sought. She stated that an over-all plan of work for the group was necessary plus funds for material, its use and distribution. A motion was made by Mrs. Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hill to send a release sheet on the Citizens Committee to the Minnesota Editorial Association. Mrs. Grossman suggested many ways which she thought might create interest in Constitutional Revision - and among them were: Essay contest in our high schools with a set of encyclopedias for a prize. A contest for a slogan, for a constitution convention, to be used on a button, limericks and debates as well as the use of billboards, radio and television. The League booth at the State Fair with the Metropolitan Public Relations Committee in charge seemed to be favored and a possibility of Rochester doing a Constitution Day program was discussed.

It was decided that a meeting of the Public Relations and Constitutional Revision Committees for the planning of an over-all program would be held at the State office, October 11 at 10:00 A.M.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill reported that Murphy Bags are being used in all units in Rochester and that one answer has been received so far, to the publication questionnaire. Local League Facts sample and Minnesota Facts are not yet ready, but will be before the November meeting.

It was decided to order more of the "Roaring Farce".

FREEDOM AGENDA PROGRAM

Mrs. Wallinder gave a report of the very successful Freedom Agenda Meeting held at Hibbing with thirty organizations represented. At this meeting a citizens committee was organized to serve as a planning committee for future meetings. Mrs. Boyne of the National Board was present at the Hibbing meeting.

Mrs. Wallinder suggested that copies of the St. Louis Park and Hibbing Freedom meetings be sent to all Leagues in Minnesota.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Klein suggested a question-answer form for use with "Choosing a President U.S.A." be sent to Leagues. In stressing the twenty-one year old voter we suggested the use of posters. An inquiry is to be made as to the cost of these posters and if used - they should be ready by January 1956. It was decided that the State Board handle state and congressional candidates meetings on television.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Mrs. Chesley stated that there is great need for a speakers bureau. She said that sample speeches are being prepared and that Leagues could provide speakers. There is a possibility of a short movie being made if facilities for its making can be found. It was thought that the Cine Club might be interested in making one.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Chesley authorizing any two of the following: Mrs. Basil Young, Mrs. Russell Duncan, Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder and Mrs. Harold Wilson to sign checks in the Northwestern National Bank account - and any two of the following, Mrs. Basil Young, Mrs. Russell Duncan and Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder to borrow money. Motion carried.

AGENDA FOR PROGRESS CONFERENCE

Mrs. Boyne led a discussion on the results of the Progress Conference held on October 4 - and the possible action that the Board could take to find out how local Leagues feel about national taking over the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund as a source of additional funds to be used in the League's educational branch of service.

It was decided that not much could be done until the March area conferences and that we should not ask for special board meetings. Finally, a spot survey was decided upon with each Board member to discuss this with her local League. Fear was expressed that this Fund might lessen interest in fund raising for local activity.

COUNCIL MEETING

It was decided that Edina would take care of the next Council Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer as Secretary of the Board.

Mrs. Young asked for suggestions for nominations to the National Board. Miss Hope Washburn's name was suggested.

The need for a Legislative Chairman and a Budget Chairman was expressed. Possible names were suggested but no decision was made.

The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 A.M. at the University of Minnesota, 15th and Washington Ave. S.E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Thomas N. Simmer,
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 10, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the State office at 15th and Washington Avenue, S.E. on the University Campus at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 10, 1955, by the President, Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were, Mesdames Wallinder, Duncan, Anderson, Roger Klein, Hill, John Klein, Schroeder, Grindlay, Humphries, Grossman, Chesley, Simmer, and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 5 meeting were read and approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the Cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance of \$89.44 in the treasury.

President, Mrs. Young, reported that Miss Hope Washburn declined the invitation to become a member of the National Board.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Mrs. Grossman gave a detailed report on meeting held October 11, 1955, for the purpose of making plans to carry out the state current agenda.

In addition to the plan as made by the members at this meeting, some additional suggestions were added by members of the board. Among them were:

1. That legislators who sponsor the Constitution Revision Bill, should see that Revision material reaches their fellow legislators.
2. Work on material for building public opinion should begin immediately.
3. That "Democracy Denied" should be widely distributed where there is under apportionment. If there are Leagues in these areas, it should be their duty to see that this is done; but if there are no leagues, the State office should take charge of this distribution.
4. A prize should be given to the League suggesting the best workable idea.
5. The best Slogan or Jingle should be the one used in radio, television and billboard advertising.
6. State Fair Booth should be rented now (Cost \$100). Leagues should sponsor similar County Fair Booths.
7. Mr. Donald Holmes, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee, should call on Governor Freeman and ask him to declare "Constitution Day".
8. Small Leagues should take part in celebrations with floats, banners, etc. to help bring before the public the necessity of Constitutional Revision.

A motion was made by Mrs. Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder to use the \$50, listed as the postage budget item, for M.E.A. releases on Constitutional Revision, at \$10 each. Motion carried.

Attention was called to the fact that the Rochester League has available speakers.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hill gave a report on this Committee's work. They suggest that information on Constitutional Revision from old Voters be compiled, and that perhaps the Leagues past "Broad-sides" system be renewed and used as a possible tool by the Minnesota Citizens Committee. The suggested size was that of a business envelope. The cover is to feature a small map of the state of Minnesota being held in a pair of hands with the statement "Minnesota's Future Is in Your Hands".

The content should show the service that a change in our Constitution would render to the average citizen.

Billboards and posters are to be used.

BOOK ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Miss Salisbury gave her report on the Constitutional Revision Book. She had interviewed Mr. Hillestad, book editor at Webb Publishing Company. Their suggestions for the book are: Size $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 7 inches (horizontal). It should be in six parts, but in one booklet, perhaps.

The six parts are: Book I

- (a) History of Constitution Making
- (b) Constitutional Convention Story
- (c) Amending Process

Book II Executive Branch and Changes

Book III Legislative

Book IV Judicial

Book V Home Rule

Book VI Sense in Saving

The authors and co-authors should be mentioned. The Bill of Rights should be included with a copy of the Constitution placed in a pocket in the booklet.

The duty of Leagues becoming acquainted with the Constitution was discussed by the Board.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING Mrs. Chesley stated that at the November meeting of this Committee, seventeen groups were represented and four officers elected. Mr. Donald Holmes was elected chairman. A decision on Committees was made but not completed and proposed principles and program were discussed. "Action" seemed to be the theme of this meeting.

MIMEOGRAPHING MACHINE A discussion of the office Mimeographing Machine took place. The question was whether it should be rented with option to buy if we decide later to sell it.

A motion was made by Mrs. Roger Klein and seconded by Mrs. Hill to rent the Machine to the First Universalist Church at a rate to be agreed upon plus the \$33.00 per year for servicing, also moving charge. The rent paid should be applied on purchase price if purchase is made later. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Mrs. Schroeder named the members of the Committee.

They are, Mrs. Jerome Gray of Minneapolis, chairman, Mrs. Leshner of Richfield, and Miss Hazel Schimm of Bemidji, also Mrs. Wallinder of Duluth and Mrs. Schroeder of Deephaven. She took up the budget for the State League, and it was revised as per copy attached.

Local League support figures were then read, and Mrs. Schroeder explained to the Board how she arrived at the amount that seemed fair for each local league to pledge.

It was then moved by Mrs. Schroeder and seconded by Mrs. Humphries to vote to accept the Budget and local League suggested pledges. Motion carried. This report will be sent to local Leagues by Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Gray.

SALUTE

It was moved by Mrs. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to "salute" Luella Newstrom in the next Voter. Motion

carried.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Mrs. Roger Klein suggested changes in questionnaires.

First, advantages to the candidate should be stressed and then they should be asked to indicate their stands on both important domestic and foreign issues.

Due to requests for triplicate questionnaires, it was moved by Mrs. John Klein and seconded by Mrs. Anderson to send triplicate questionnaires. Motion carried.

PROGRAM MAKING

Mrs. John Klein called attention to items on the program, and it was decided to leave "The Support of U.S. Trade Policies" as it is on the current agenda program. After some discussion, there was

a suggestion that work should be done on the wording of the following emphases:

1. Study of problem of injured industries
2. Disposal of farm surpluses
3. Custom simplification
4. OTC

Opinion is that our support of United Nations should be strongly expressed.

Mrs. Wallinder reported that she had material dealing with case studies, concerning Personnel Security. She expressed much concern over charges of communism against service men and a need for the protection of our individual liberties.

It was left to Mrs. Wallinder and Mrs. John Klein to work out with Mrs. Russell Duncan the wording of the Freedom Agenda Item (with no action but just study contemplated) and the Trade Policies Item.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting should be held in the new office, Tuesday, December 13, 1955, at 10:00 a.m.

3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer,
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 13, 1955

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the State Office at 15th and Washington Avenues, S.E. on the University Campus at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 13, 1955, by President Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were, Mesdames Wallinder, Schroeder, John Klein, Chesley, Grossman, Duncan, Grindlay, Simmer, and Miss Salisbury. *Mumfries, Hill*

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder read figures bringing the Cumulative Treasurer's Report up to date and reported a balance of \$632.37 in the treasury.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay reported that some visits to leagues by state board members had been reported. She felt that county organization in the Willmar area should be deferred because of slow development of the organization on the part of the proposed leagues there. Possible help from National at the time of the next visit by Mrs. Horner was discussed.

Waseca County was mentioned as another area where county organization might be possible if existing leagues could agree.

Mrs. Grindlay suggested better planning for Mrs. Horner's visit as far as areas and the saving of mileage were concerned.

The National Organization Report was reviewed by the Board.

A motion to send Minutes of Board Meetings to leagues was made by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Schroeder. Motion carried.

Items called to the attention of the Board by Mrs. Young, and then discussed by the Board were:

1. Area conferences
2. Progress Report, and what should be done about getting results to leagues. The Board decided that this might be accomplished through the Voter.
3. The possibility of Continuing Responsibilities being discontinued after National Convention.
4. Program Recommendations explained and discussed as per copy.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Board being allowed three delegates to the National Convention, Mrs. Young asked for suggestions.

Upon motion, Mrs. Chesley was elected a delegate from the Board to the National Convention in Chicago. Motion was made by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Schroeder.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Mrs. Young stated that the Edina League would serve as hostess League for the State Council Meeting to be held May 17 and 18 at Hotel Leamington.

She called attention to the fact that League Program cannot be changed or modified at a Council Meeting unless there is an emergency.

The program as outlined for the Council Meeting by the Program Committee was taken up in detail. Some changes were suggested, and it was decided that the committee would meet again and make a final arrangement of the

program. A motion, to ask Governor Freeman to speak at the morning session on May 17 to the league and Senator Elmer L. Andersen to speak at the Luncheon Meeting May 18 was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Humphries. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTION REVISION MATERIAL Mrs. Chesley reported that revision material is being compiled and after completion, the features of the book or books will be decided upon. She stated that there may be difficulty in getting financial aid for publication from the outside since a model constitution is the theory in mind. Sources of aid have been reviewed and time is a factor, but the League wishes the book to be published as it should be, even if no aid is obtained.

Attention was called to adverse statements made about the League by Senator Dr. Behmler of Morris, Minnesota. These statements were made at a State Meeting of the Medical Society of which he is Second Vice President, and at which League members were present.

Mrs. Grossman reported that 3-minute . short speech. would be available in January., to be added to the Do It Yourself Kit.

The Board decided that Constitution Revision Material should be mailed to Mr. Holmes and all officers of the Minnesota Citizens Committee, also to Governor Freeman. Constitutional

~~Freedom Agenda Material is to be sent to the members of Public Relations Committee.~~

Mrs. Grossman told the Board about the contest being sponsored by the St. Paul League on "Why We Need a New Constitution", also about her visit with Governor Freeman. The Governor expressed his willingness to declare Constitution Day May 25 and said that he would mention Constitutional Revision in his columns and radio shows and would speak from the League's State Fair Booth.

Each Board Member supplied Mrs. Grossman with names of people from their communities who might be willing to serve on the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting will be held Thursday, January 12, 1956, at 10:00 A.M. in the State Office on the University of Minnesota Campus.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer,
Secretary