



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 12, 1956

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held its regular meeting at the state office at 15th and Washington Ave. S.E. on the University Campus at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 12, 1956. Present were Mesdames Anderson, Chesley, Duncan, Grindlay, Grossman, Hill, Humphries, John Klein, Roger Klein, Schroeder, Simmer, Wallinder, and Miss Salisbury, and Mrs. Young, presiding.

MINUTES The minutes of the December 13 meeting were read by Mrs. Simmer and approved as read and corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder read the Cumulative Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$888.69.

Upon suggestion of Mrs. Grindlay, the Board requested Mrs. Wallinder to check the terms of the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund bequest and investigate the possibility of investing it for greater income.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay presented plans for Mrs. Horner's visit to Minnesota from March 19 to April 24, including a day-to-day schedule of her visits to Leagues, three area conferences in the northern, southern, and metropolitan sections of the state, organization of two new Leagues in Willmar and Virginia, and she proposed that a county-city organization experiment, as suggested by Mrs. Horner and approved by the national board, be conducted in Hutchinson, if the Hutchinson League agrees. These plans were discussed at length and Mrs. Wallinder moved that they be approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Duncan and passed. Mrs. Grindlay was instructed to advise Mrs. Horner of these plans and to contact the Hutchinson League on the city-county proposal. Mrs. Grindlay advised that preliminary work had been started in Willmar and that a meeting has been scheduled for February 7, which will be conducted by Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Young. She also stated that she would write the Duluth League and the Hibbing League presidents asking them to provide personnel to do preliminary work in Virginia with Mrs. Young. She announced that the next Organization Committee meeting would be held in the state office on February 8th.

Mrs. Schroeder reported on her trip to Fergus Falls. She also stated that she had received notice from the Rochester League reporting a discrepancy in membership lists and requested permission to check on this, and any such matters in the future, and make the necessary adjustments. Permission was granted by the board.

STATE COUNCIL MEETING Mrs. Young presented the Council Committee's tentative program for the Council meeting to be held at the Leamington Hotel May 17 and 18 with the Edina League acting as hostesses, and read letters from Governor Freeman and Senator Elmer L. Andersen accepting invitations to speak at this meeting. The program was discussed and revised. The program will be circulated among board members for further consideration and finally approved at the February meeting.

Mrs. Grossman and Mrs. Duncan presented the committee's outline for workshops to be conducted at the Council meeting, providing for 6 workshops, divided according to size of Leagues and held simultaneously on the same subjects. It was agreed that this pattern would be far more advantageous to the Leagues than the one previously followed; the general plan was approved, some revision was made and Mrs. Grossman was instructed to make the necessary changes and present them at the February meeting for final approval. It was decided that the Organization Committee be asked to make the division of Leagues and assignment of personnel for conducting the workshops.

NATIONAL CONVENTION Mrs. Grindlay moved that Mesdames Young, Anderson and Chesley be elected as delegates of the state board to the national convention to be held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, April 30 to May 4th. Motion seconded by Mrs. Duncan and passed.

GOVERNOR'S YOUTH PROGRAM Mrs. Young read a request from Governor Freeman for the League's cooperation in planning Town Meetings on Youth problems. The Board instructed her to call the attention of the local Leagues to this program to give them an opportunity to participate as individuals and as members of other organizations, and to write Governor Freeman advising him this would be done.

STATE PROGRAM Miss Salisbury reported that material for the Constitutional Convention booklets is now complete and ready for printing. The board discussed plans for financing, publishing and promoting of these booklets. It was suggested that Mrs. Hargraves be requested to look into ways and means of financing, that Miss Salisbury take care of the publishing, and that Mrs. Hill and her committee handle the promotion. This plan was approved.

Mrs. Chesley reported that she is asking resource chairmen to prepare one-page broadsides on constitutional revision for later use. Miss Salisbury moved that a Constitutional revision letterhead be printed for use in correspondence, news releases, broadsides, etc. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chesley and passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Grossman asked permission of the board to explore the possibility of procuring a movie film on constitutional revision for use on screen or TV; she stated the prospects looked good, suggested that a charge be made for the film to defray the cost, and that we would have an opportunity of viewing the film and rejecting it if it was not what we wanted. Permission granted.

She reported that arrangements for essay contests in schools was progressing; that a 30 volume set of Americana Encyclopedia and a Dictionary had been donated as first and second prizes. She asked for suggestions for essay titles. "Minnesota's Need for a New Constitution" was the title suggested by the Board. In answer to her request for a slogan, for billboards, letterheads, flyers, posters, etc. the Board suggested a pair of hands holding an outline of the State of Minnesota with the caption: "Minnesota's Future is in Your Hands". It was decided by the Board that a file case be awarded to the League doing the best job on constitutional convention.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Klein proposed that a Presidential Primary broadside formerly used be brought up to date and printed and that further information on Presidential Primary be prepared (mimeographed) for the Leagues. She also reported she had investigated the cost of "Get Out The Vote" Posters and requested permission to have them printed. Mrs. Humphries moved that the presidential primary material be printed and sent to local Leagues and that 500 Posters be ordered. Seconded by Mrs. Anderson and passed.

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN Mrs. Young reported she has no legislative chairman, as yet, and asked for suggestions.

FREEDOM AGENDA A request from Mrs. Archer, FAP Chairman of St. Cloud LWV, to send Civil Liberties Union material to local Leagues was discussed. It was decided that when CLU has material pertinent to FAP, the Board would consider calling it to the attention of local Leagues.

EXTRA CURRICULAR MATERIAL The president reported on status of material requested by May '55 Convention: Iron Ore Tax material, prepared by Mrs. Sam Gale, sent to Leagues in December; School Finances material is being prepared by Mrs. John Neumaier and Mrs. Down will prepare Sales Tax material. The Board agreed that NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS at Council or any time during biennium, it is for information only.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Thursday, February 9, 10 A.M., State office. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors, February 9, 1956

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held its regular meeting at the state office at 15th & Washington Ave. S.E. on the University of Minnesota campus at 10:00 A. M. on Thursday, February 9, 1956. Present were Mesdames Anderson, Chesley, Grindlay, Grossman, Hill, Humphries, John Klein, Roger Klein, Schroeder, and Miss Salisbury. Mrs. Young presided. Guests were Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves of Rochester and Mesdames H. R. Burton, Thomas Dale and John Sandberg of the Edina League.

In the absence of the secretary and treasurer, the minutes and treasurer's report were dispensed with.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BOOKLETS Miss Salisbury reported that her negotiations with one publishing company were at a standstill due to change of personnel within the company. Another publisher had given a price of \$3,620.00 for 10,000 copies of a bound booklet of 150 pages, 8 by 5 1/2 inches.

Mrs. Hargraves reported other possibilities of financing the booklet. The board discussed format, promotion, etc. The immediate need for Resource material by contestants from the high schools in the state for the Essay Contest on "Minnesota's Need for a New Constitution" was discussed. Kickoff for the contest will be March 19th. Mrs. Grindlay moved a kit of available material be assembled and be made available to contestants and local Leagues if desired. Mrs. R. Klein seconded, and motion passed.

Mrs. Hargraves reported on her contact with the Minneapolis Star, and of their desire to run on their editorial page a series of articles on Constitutional Convention. Condensation of the material in the booklet would be necessary for this. Discussion followed. Mrs. Hill and a special committee will make such a condensation and submit it at the March meeting.

Mrs. Hargraves was empowered to continue her negotiations as to financing the book.

MINNESOTA VOTER It was agreed to feature an article on the Judiciary in the next Minnesota Voter to round out information to League members on the A, B, and C sections of our state Current Agenda.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Hill suggested a plan for numbering publications from the state office in order to facilitate reference, ordering, etc. Mrs. Anderson moved such a plan be adopted, effective April 1st. Mrs. Schroeder seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Grossman reported Governor Freeman would cooperate during the coming year with the League in the following ways: 1. will proclaim May 25th "Constitution Day"; 2. will do both radio broadcasts and newspaper articles promoting Constitutional Convention and revision, and would like material from our files for reference; 3. will appear at the League's booth at the State Fair in 1956.

She also told of the excellent publicity obtained by the St. Paul League during the Winter Carnival with their balloon float, "The Spirit of the Constitution", in the carnival parade and clippings of newspaper publicity were circulated.

Details of the Essay Contest for high school students were discussed. Cooperation with the schools by local Leagues would be urged. Information will be sent local Leagues by contest time. A billboard campaign on Constitutional Convention was discussed. A suggestion that Toastmasters' Clubs be offered Constitutional Convention materials for short speeches will be followed up.

NATIONAL
CONVENTION

Participation by the League of Women Voters of Minnesota in the All States Fair at the National Convention was discussed. Mrs. Chesley moved that \$12.00 for a booth be appropriated. Mrs. Grindlay seconded, and the motion passed. Mrs. Grossman will make arrangements.

Mrs. Humphries asked permission to contact National on procedure for submitting case histories of successful local agenda projects to be used at the Local Agenda Round Tables at the National Convention. Permission granted.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Grindlay presented the schedule of Mrs. Horner's visits to local Leagues in March (attached). Board assignments for visits were made, as were Organization Committee Assignments.

Mrs. Anderson reported on the Pre-Organization meeting at Willmar on February 7th. Mesdames Young, Guthrie, and Hiller were present. Progress has been made, and another meeting with interested Willmar women is scheduled for April 16. She also reported on her visit on February 3rd to Hutchinson, where a city-county League is being considered on an experimental basis. People contacted have been receptive.

The report of the Organization Chairmen was presented and discussed. (Report attached) Mrs. Grindlay moved that the recommendations in the report be approved and adopted. Mrs. Schroeder seconded. Motion adopted.

VOTERS
SERVICE

Mrs. R. Klein reported that the three-page explanatory information and the broadside on the Presidential Primary, together with the Voters Service poster, had been sent to local Leagues. Material on Minnesota's Role in Choosing a President is ready to go out in the next mailing. She also reported that there would be available, in time for county fairs, information sheets and broadsides on the proposed amendments to the constitution, to be voted on in November.

COUNCIL
MEETING

Plans for the second biennial Council Meeting at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis May 17-18 were discussed and program and procedures approved. Mesdames Burton, president of the Edina League, and Dale and Sandberg of the Edina Arrangements committee, discussed details with the board.

PRE-COUNCIL
WORKSHOP

The Pre-Council Workshop for Board members and State Organization Committee members was scheduled for April 20.

Mrs. Young reported up-to-date reports on Reapportionment by Statute, FEPC, and Party Designation for Legislators had been sent local Leagues, together with special material requested by the convention on Iron Ore Tax and Financing Public Schools. Information on Civil Service will follow.

Copies of the February 9 issue of the Christian Science Monitor have been ordered for Board members.

The next board meeting was scheduled for March 8th, 10:00 A.M. at the state office. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Humphries (Mrs. C.R.)
Secretary pro-tem

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for MRS. HORNER'S VISIT
Minnesota - Spring 1956

<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Committee Member To Accompany Her</u>
State Office	March 19, Monday	Anderson, Sazenski
Hutchinson	March 20, Tuesday	Beirne, Moberg
Hutchinson	March 21, W'day	" " " "
Buffalo	March 22, Thursday	Hiller
Excelsior	March 23, Friday	Humphries
(Conference for)		
Owatonna (southern LWV's)	March 26, Monday	DuShane, Grindlay, Hill
Jackson	March 27, Tuesday	" " " " "
Worthington	March 28, W'day	" " " " "
Tracy	March 29, Thursday	Williams
Olivia	March 30, Friday	" "
(Conference for)		
Brainerd (northern LWV's)	April 2, Monday	Buttz, R. Klein, Simonson
Park Rapids	April 3, Tuesday	R. Klein
Fergus Falls	April 4, W'day	Schroeder
Moorhead	April 5, Thursday	Buttz, Simonson
Alexandria	April 6, Friday	" " " "
(Conference for the)		
Twin Cities (metropolitan area) (LWV's)	Apr. 9, Monday	Anderson, Beirne, Guthrie, Hiller McDonald, Schroeder, Williams
Hibbing (& Duluth)	April 10, Tuesday	Holm, Neumaier, Young
Virginia	April 11, W'day	" " " " " "
Virginia	April 12, Thursday	" " " " " "
Virginia	April 13, Friday	" " " " " "
Willmar	April 16, Monday	Guthrie
Hutchinson	April 17, Tuesday	Beirne, Moberg
Hutchinson	April 18, Wed'day	" " " "
Red Wing	April 19, Thursday	Grossman
State Office	April 20, Friday	Whole Organization Committee & Whole State Board
St. Paul & Minneapolis	April 23, Monday	Anderson, Duncan, Grossman, Humphries, Schroeder
State Office	April 24, Tuesday	Anderson, Sazenski

Report of Organization Committee Chairmen, Anderson and Grindlay, February 9, 1956

Due to the fact that the New Ulm League has been on a reorganization status for the past six months and that they still are not able to meet the organization standards for Leagues, Mrs. Anderson and Grindlay, Organization Chairmen, recommend to the Board that they be allowed to meet with the New Ulm members to discuss the possibilities of disbanding.

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League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
March 8, 1956

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held its regular meeting at the State office at 15th and Washington Ave., S. E. on the University campus at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 8, 1956. Present were Mesdames Anderson, Chesley, Duncan, Gradlay, Grossman, Guthrie, Humphries, Klein, Schroeder, Simmer, Wallinder, Miss Salisbury and President Mrs. Basil Young presiding.

MINUTES The minutes of the February meeting were read by Mrs. Simmer and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder gave an explanation of each item on the State Budget and read the Cumulative Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$2,427.53. Mrs. Wallinder asked Members of the Board to check with the Treasurers of local leagues and see that the balance on pledges and publication bills is in before March 30, 1956.

She reported that the Jane Gray Swisshelm Fund at the present time amounts to \$3,003.94 - plus interest. The investment of this fund for greater income was again taken up by the Board and it was decided that no decision will be made until there is further study of the possibilities of investment. Under terms stipulated when the fund was started only the interest on the fund may be used for current leagues purposes.

EQUIPMENT At this time, Mrs. Young stated that another storage cabinet was necessary for the office and Mrs. Wilson explained the necessity of sufficient Speed -O- Mat plates for the addressing seven votes. These purchases were discussed by the Board and then a motion was made by Mrs. Wallinder and seconded by Mrs. Anderson, to purchase another storage cabinet and sufficient Speed -O- Mat address plates for the entire Membership with funds for these items to be taken from the following sources:

1. Balance of new equipment fund
2. Equipment maintenance fund
3. Savings and equipment fund
4. Whatever necessary from the interest on the Jane Gray Swisshelm Fund.

Mrs. Young appointed the following committee: Miss Salisbury, Chairman, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Wilson to meet with the Minneapolis League and work out details concerning publications. They are to give their report at the April meeting.

President, Mrs. Young told the Board about the release of the Minnesota Trade Survey, March 29. The results of the survey will be announced at a dinner March 28, and copies of the survey will be sent to the local Leagues after that date.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Grindlay gave her report on organization. There was a brief discussion of the organization budget.

A letter from Miss Lee asking if Minnesota intends to continue the shared staff plan was read. Mrs. Young will write confirming Minnesota's plan to use Mrs. Horner for two months in 1956-57.

A letter was read from Miss Orlene Raverty, President of the New Ulm League. She proposed that President, Mrs. Young, meet with the New Ulm Board, March 12, 1956 at 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. Anderson stated that West St. Paul is having their pre-organization meeting March 8 and that their organization work is progressing nicely.

Brainard has asked for a State Board member to meet with them.

CONSTITUTION BOOKLETS Mrs. Hargraves' report on Constitution Booklets was presented to the Board. She stated that progress is slow and that more copies of the Booklet are necessary for her work. More copies are being prepared by Rochester members. Her request for state public relations plans was followed by a discussion led by Mrs. Grossman and Mrs. Chesley.

It was decided that condensed versions of the bookley would be distributed to the following:

1. Members of the Minnesota Constitutional Committee.
2. Legislators
3. Minnesota Historical Society
4. Party Chairmen
5. Chairmen of Resolutions Committees

Full copies are to go to the Editor of the Minnesota Gopher, libraries and authors of the bill.

MINNESOTA CITIZENS A report on this Committee was given by Mrs. Grossman. A **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE** suggestion that this Committee operate under a Board of Directors, rather than under the present system has been made. This Board is to consist of two members from each congressional district plus a certain number of members at large and a professional organizer. Miss Barbara Stuhler is working on the organization of this Board. Members of the League Board provides names of people from their communities who might serve as directors.

CONTEST Mrs. Grossman reported on the contest to be held in the schools of Minnesota. She stated that judges have been selected and arrangements for radio programs have been made.

The National Office requested a Minnesota State Flag to be used at the All States Fair at the National Convention in Chicago. Mrs. Grossman has completed arrangements for this flag. Favors to be given away at the Minnesota booth were suggested. The following were mentioned:

1. Bags of taconite made for this purpose.
2. Seedlings from the Minnesota Department of Conservation.

Mrs. Grossman suggests that local Leagues send any suitable material that they might have that could be used in the arrangement of the booth at the National All States Fair. Displays should be material illustrating promotion of the state item and should be sent to the state office by April 1.

It is hoped that all local Leagues in Minnesota will feature Constitution Day in an imaginative way. It will be very helpful if Leagues will let the state office know what each will do.

Means of showing the small cost of a new Constitution (as apposed to cost of old one ammended many times) by the use of price tags was suggested. Mrs. Grossman asked for approval by the Board. Approval was granted.

She displayed the file which she had purchased and in conclusion reported on her attending St. Paul's performance of "Bringing up Father" which she thought was excellent.

COUNCIL MEETING Mrs. Young suggested that Mrs. Luella Newstrom be asked to help with the Council Meeting. The Board approved. Leagues wishing to attend certain Round Tables should let the office know in advance.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Klein reported posters and Broadsides are selling well (50,000 Broadsides sold) and all work is up to date.

NATIONAL PROGRAM The Board agreed to go along with the National Board's proposal.

Mrs. Young read a letter from the Leagues in Amarillo, Texas concerning three proposals for changing the L.L. handbook relative to reaching League opinion. This issue will come up at the National Convention.

Mrs. Humphries reported on her offer to National that some of Minnesota's L.L. participate at Round Tables on local agenda at the Convention.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Donald Guthrie was appointed State Legislative Chairman. Her appointment was approved by the Board.

All Leagues are asked to appoint their Legislative Chairman.

A Legislative Committee and a Continuing Responsibilities Committee will be appointed by Mrs. Guthrie at a later date.

Mrs. Young read a letter from Mrs. Lee asking her to contact our Senators in Washington urging them to arrange for public hearings on the new wording of the Bricker Amendment. Mrs. Young sent requests to Senators Humphry and Thye. Senator Thye replied that no hearings were likely.

Mrs. Grossman led a discussion on past and future lobbying by the League, also on League technique and early lobbying.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Thrusday, April 12, 1956, 10:00 A.M. State Office. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Olive Simmer (Mrs. Thomas N.), Secretary.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 12, 1956

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 on the University Campus at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, April 12, 1956, by President Mrs. Basil Young. Also present were Mesdames Hill, Duncan, Grossman, Anderson, Guthrie, Humphries, Grindlay, Roger Klein, John Klein, Chesley, Schroeder, Simmer and Miss Salisbury. Guests present were: Mrs. Hargraves, Miss Washburn and in the afternoon, Mrs. Horner.

Minutes

The Minutes of the March Meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurers Report

In the absence of Treasurer Mrs. Wallinder, Mrs. Wilson read the cumulative treasurer's report showing a balance of \$2,242.78.

She also explained how the Speed-o-Mat plates were being paid for by savings in administration at the office plus some provision being made in next years budget, for the balance.

Bulletin

Mrs. Young read a letter from Mrs. Alexander Guyol, stating that the Minnesota Voter for November and December 1955, was selected as one of the twenty best in the country with circulations of one thousand and over. Judging of these bulletins will take place at the Chicago convention and the winner will be analyzed at convention round-tables. Miss Salisbury, editor, was congratulated.

Organization

Mrs. Grindlay, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Grossman and Mrs. Young gave reports on their visits with Mrs. Horner to many Leagues in the state.

Mrs. Grindlay presented Moorhead's request to be recognized as a local League, to the Board. After an examination of the necessary qualifications which Moorhead now has, Mrs. Grindlay moved and Mrs. Roger Klein seconded a motion that, Moorhead be recommended for recognition as a local League as soon as a satisfactory budget has been received. Motion carried.

This recommendation will be sent to National, by Mrs. Grindlay for their consideration.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Horner reported that organization work in Virginia is progressing exceptionally well.

President Mrs. Young read a letter from the League of White Bear Lake, asking for permission to disband. They stated that their members will join the White Bear Township League.

A motion giving the White Bear League permission to disband was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Chesley. Motion carried.

This notice of their intention to disband and the Board's action will be sent to National.

Proposal

At this time, Miss Salisbury proposed that the Board have another member who would serve as Membership Chairman and have charge of personell for committees and Volunteer office help.

Miss Stuhler

Miss Barbara Stuhler spoke to the Board about the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee. The information which she gave regarding attitudes toward a Constitutional Convention was very helpful to the Board.

Report

Miss Salisbury gave her committees report on their meeting with the Minneapolis League to work out details concerning publications.

A motion to give the State Leagues half interest in the addressograph machine, (formerly used by both Leagues) to the Minneapolis League, was made by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Duncan. Motion carried.

Unit Material

A motion that a new policy of sending state resource material to presidents for each of their units at one dollar (\$1.00) per unit, be established; was made by Mrs. Humphries and seconded by Mrs. Grossman. Motion carried.

Public Relations Report

Mrs. Grossman reported on the splendid cooperation given her by local Leagues in supplying material for the All States Fair Booth at the National Convention in Chicago.

She stated that arrangements for taconite samples and Norway Pine Seedlings were complete. She obtained five hundred (500) seedlings from the conservation department and is being assisted in preparing them to be given away at the booth.

Mrs. Young and members of the Hibbing League are preparing the one thousand (1000) packages of taconite to be given as favors.

Skit

The skit written by Mr. Gelb on Constitution Day is completed and ready to be filmed. Price tags are ready and now the problem of distribution is at hand. Many suggestions were made and it is hoped that local Leagues will plan to use as many as possible.

Contest

The contest in the Schools of Minnesota is progressing well. It has been suggested that when the winners spend their day at the legislature, - the winner will read the winning essay to the Legislators.

Constitution Day

Plans for Constitution Day seem to be well organized and various contacts are being made for good paper publicity.

A report from the St. Paul League, shows that they have done a very thorough job on all phases of Constitution work.

Booklets

Mrs. Hill led a discussion on publication of Constitution booklets.

The Rochester League ^{members of publication committee} has completed the condensed version which consists of about seventy-five pages. There is a possibility of an even smaller illustrated version being arranged and published.

The Edina League has offered to provide enough copies of the condensed booklet for all local Leagues.

President Mrs Young told the Board about a one thousand dollar (\$1000) contribution for the publication of the Constitutional Revision Booklet, being made by a contributor who wished to remain anonymous.

World Trade

Mrs. Klein reminded the Board that May 24 is known as "World Trade Day" and urges all Leagues to make plans for publicity and displays.

National Convention

President Mrs. Young said that she had received letters from State Leagues asking that she arrange for a meeting of Minnesota delegates at the National Convention in Chicago. Efforts will be made to provide for a meeting of this kind.

Legislation

Mrs. Guthrie presented her idea of the pattern of lobbying that seemed practical for the League to follow in the future.

She feels that emphasis should be placed upon dignity and identification of League members when lobbying.

It seems advisable that in lobbying, legislative chairmen of other organizations could be contacted. Other organizations could be provided with speakers and material on a Constitutional Convention. Price tags could be used in so doing.

Council

Mrs. Duncan reported that hotel arrangements have been completed for the Council Meeting at the Leamington Hotel in May. Meetings will be held in the Wisconsin Room.

Assignments for the workshops have been made and each chairman is to notify members of her committee.

Voters Service

Mrs. Klein reported that proposed questionnaires will be sent to local Leagues. The Board discussed possible questions that might be asked and suggested that Leagues should be asked for desirable questions.

The Board suggests that Leagues should be assigned to do personal interviews with legislators and when local Leagues have completed questionnaires, copies should be sent to Mrs. Donald Guthrie, Legislative Chairman, 4000 East County Line, White Bear Lake 10, Minnesota.

Next Board Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting will be held Friday, April 20, 1956 in the state office on the University Campus, at 10:00 A.M.

Agenda: Morning Session - Meeting with Mrs. Horner on organization.
Afternoon Session - Preparation for Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Special Meeting of Board of Directors
April 20, 1956

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The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held a special meeting at the state office at 15th and Washington Avenue S.E. on the University Campus at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 20, 1956, with President Mrs. Basil Young, presiding.

Also present were: Mesdames Horner, (National staff) Grossman, Grindlay, Hill, Schroeder, Anderson, Humphries, Guthrie, John Klein, Roger Klein, Duncan, Simmer and Miss Salisbury of state board and Simonson, Hiller, DuShane, Buttz, Beirne, MacDonald, Sazenski and Williams of state organization committee.

Morning Session

The morning session was devoted to a full report by Mrs Horner of leagues visited and recommendations made.

Suggestions as to how to build up our leagues were then made as follows:

1. Area conferences - grouping of smaller leagues together in close areas.
2. Grouping of kinds of leagues with similar problems.
3. Closer connection between State Board and leagues.
4. Care in selecting local agenda - they must be related to government.
5. Tailoring of Finance policy to specific leagues.
6. Establishment of training program for out-state organization leaders - provide expenses.
7. Use of tape recordings of Mrs. Horner's talks plus a trained leader.
8. Suggest that committees should be trained for spot work over the state on Finance, League understanding of the need for a budget, Organization, etc.

Afternoon Meeting

The afternoon meeting was spent in making final assignments and plans for Council meeting on May 17 and 18, 1956.

Mrs. Young analyzed the work groups for the council meeting - naming the chairman of each and completing the committee members for each group:

WORKSHOP # A - Leagues from 15 to 30 members

Mrs. Grindlay, Chairman; Mrs. R. Klein, D. Guthrie, L. Murphy, T. Simmer
M. Fletcher, J. Straus and a Finance person. *Bessie Nelson*

WORKSHOP # B - Leagues under 50 members

Mrs. Anderson, Chairman; Mrs. Humphries, Buttz, Schroeder, B. Kane, Silliman,
and Sommers.

WORKSHOP # C - Leagues 50 to 100 members

Miss Salisbury, Chairman; Mrs. Beirne, McDonald, DuShane, M. Grunditz,
Simonson, and Lifson.

WORKSHOP # 4 - Leagues over 100 members

Mrs. A. Klein, Chairman; Mrs. Williams, Hiller, Sazenski, M. Norgaard, Bingham, and Evenson *Betty Sisker*

WORKSHOP # 5 - Leagues over 100 members

Mrs. Hill, Chairman; Mrs. Wallinder, Down, Huston and a Finance *Betty Cudwell* person. *Grace Wilson*

Mrs. Chesley, Grossman and Young will "float".

The chairmen then presented their plans of how they expect to conduct their group's discussion and enumerated the points to be stressed during the same.

Mrs. Young said that:

1. Notes of each workshop meeting are to be kept for the office.
2. A summary of these reports are to be given by Miss Salisbury and Mrs. A. Klein at the convention the next morning.

Committees and Members

Many committee members deserve recognition for outstanding work - Mrs. Grossman should be notified of such members.

Public Relations

The Richfield League is interested in the "Burma Shave" plan of advertising. They would like to use this plan in their constitutional revision program work and are asking the State Board for permission to interview the "Burma Shave" people and get information on how to put the same into operation. Burma Shave products would not be mentioned in this work. Permission granted.

St. Paul will present a skit on finance at the Council Meeting. The skit will then be named at the dinner meeting.

Miss Mary Gale and Mrs. Lord, of Knox Reeves advertising agency, met with Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Grossman in regard to the campaign for a constitutional convention. After learning about the League's plan to get this issue before the people of Minnesota, Mrs. Lord stated that she will present her suggestion of how this could be done to the League. These services are to be given to the League without cost.

Board Meetings

President Mrs. Young stated that she thought there was a necessity of board meetings being more streamlined, and appointed an Executive Committee of the Board with the Vice-president as chairman. This Executive Committee is to draw up plans in accordance with Mrs. Young's suggestions - and other ideas that are under consideration relating to office management, and the possible use of more volunteers.

At this time Mrs. Horner told the Board about the procedure used by the Michigan Board. At their first session everything on agenda is discussed, and if necessary, in the evening ad-hoc committees meet and prepare recommendations for the board for the next day. The next day the Board makes decisions and acts on items recommended.

Mrs. Guthrie

Mrs. Guthrie stated that now that she has accepted the Legislative Chairmanship, it is necessary for her to resign from her position as chairman of the Metropolitan Finance Committee. A new member will be needed.

President Mrs. Young told the Board of three members who will resign from the board very soon. They are Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Chesley and Mrs. Grindlay. The Board regrets losing these fine members.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting will be held May 16, 1956 at 2:00 at Hotel Leamington in Minneapolis.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors

May 16, 1956

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held its regular meeting at Room 737 Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis on Wednesday, May 16, 1956 at 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Present were: Mrs. Young presiding, also Mesdames Anderson, Chesley, Duncan, Grindlay, Grossman, Guthrie, Hill, Humphries, John Klein, Roger Klein, Schroeder, Simmer, Wallinder, Wilson, and ~~Miss Salisbury~~.

Minutes - The minutes of the regular and special meetings of the Board were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - None.

Final Council Plans

Budget - Mrs. Schroeder analyzed the proposed budget and reported that since some of the pledges made by Leagues last year had not yet been paid, it might be necessary to cut expenditures this year.

Possible program items where less money might be spent were mentioned, as well as expenditures for new material because of new items on the National agenda.

The raising of new League support from \$100 to \$200 was also discussed. It was decided that any extra money that might be had should be divided between Public Relations and Field Service.

A revision of the budget will take place after the pledges are made by Leagues on the first day of the council. Letters are to be sent to Leagues who are delinquent in payment of pledges.

Mrs. Newstrom, who is assisting in making council arrangements, made assignments to shoptalk, dinner and luncheon tables.

Mrs. Young gave the Board instructions on activities for the morning session of the Council.

Mrs. Wilson made a few announcements in connection with the council meeting. She told the Board about a distinguished visitor that would be present at the morning session. The visitor is to be Madam Nguyen Thai Hau from Viet Nam, an exchange visitor.

She reported on office problems and stated that new expense forms were needed in addition to new stationery. Each were discussed and permission given to order the same.

Volunteer help in the office seems to be necessary and a plan to place the following files in charge of certain members are as follows:

1. Local League files - Mrs. Sazenski.
2. Other files - Mrs. Williams.
3. Board members to help with materials in their fields of work.

Constitution Booklet Mrs. Hill reported on the publication of the condensed version of the Constitution Booklet. Mrs. Hill moved that the booklet be sold for 50¢. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Hill told the Board about her meeting with Mrs. Lord in connection with publication of the booklet. She said that Mrs. Lord stated that the material is excellent but needs to be tempered for public consumption.

A possible \$3000 (\$1000 actual, \$2000 on loan) is available for publication, and with that in mind, the committee will meet with Mrs. Lord on June 7, 1956 to either accept or reject her plan of publication.

The Board cautioned that the publication plan with Mrs. Lord should be specific.

Mrs. Hill will name women to help with publication work, as requested by Mrs. Lord.

Public Relations Mrs. Grossman announced winners of prizes for the best project work at local level. Prizes are to be awarded at Council.

She suggested that mimeographed copies of the condensed version of the Constitution Booklet, with a bibliography, be sent to legislators - also tags and explanatory letters to legislators for Constitution Day.

A report on St. Paul's project of having a luncheon on Constitution Day with representatives from sixty organizations invited was given. This project seems to have a great deal of merit, and St. Paul deserves much credit for this worthwhile undertaking.

Resignation Mrs. John Klein's resignation from the Board was regretfully accepted.

Next Meeting June 20, 21, 1956. First session June 20 at 1:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

PROPOSED AGENDA

State Board Meeting - May 16, 1956 - 2 to 5 P.M. - Leamington Hotel - Room # 737

AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING - Mrs. Young 5 minutes

Accept, or revise and then accept

SECRETARY'S MINUTES - Mrs. Simmer 10 minutes

Mimeographed copies in hand, secretary reads

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mrs. Wallinder 5 minutes

OLD BUSINESS - All Board Members who need to, take 5 minutes or less. 30 minutes

1. Budget - Proposed revision - Mrs. Gray
2. State Council - Last minute details - Mrs. Duncan
3. Finance - Leagues who didn't pay pledge - Mrs. Schroeder
4. Other old business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Publications - Mrs. Hill 15 minutes

Report recommendations of May 10 meeting of Mrs. Chesley,
Duncan, Grossman, Hargraves, Hill and Salisbury

2. Finance Plans for Booklet - Mrs. Hargraves 15 minutes

3. Public Relations - Mrs. Grossman 15 minutes

Plans for Constitution Day
Distribution of Price Tags through other organizations

4. Office Problems - Mrs. Wilson 5 minutes

Local League Files - Mrs. Sazenski
Other Files - Mrs. Williams
Assignment of Board committee member to help

NEXT MEETING

1. Time and Place 10 minutes

June 13-14-15? Two days? Time - 10 A.M. to noon next day?
Where?

2. Suggestions for June Agenda 5 minutes

NOTE TO BOARD:

We are paying your registration fee, and your 3 meals at Council. If for any reason you are NOT attending any meal, let state office know. Your hotel room, if you need one, is for you to reserve; you can bill us later.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
SECOND BIENNIAL COUNCIL MEETING
May 17 & 18, 1956
LEAMINGTON HOTEL, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

FIRST SESSION

The Second Biennial Council Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning, May 17, 1956 in the Wisconsin Room of the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota by President Mrs. Basil Young.

In her opening remarks, Mrs. Young explained that the purpose of the Council was to adopt a budget and give guidance to the State Board on program and methods of work. She also stated that, in response to the request of the delegates to the Convention in May, 1955, Council meetings would be held in the Twin-City area, and that the Board had decided to ask suburban Leagues in these two areas to act as hostesses.

A word of welcome was given by Mrs. H.R. Burton, President of the League of Women Voters of Edina.

Mrs. Young then introduced the State Board, Staff, and visitors, including Past President and Past National Board Member, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves of Rochester, and Madam Nguyen Thai Hau of Viet Nam, an attorney and exchange visitor to the United States under the auspices of the State Department.

The Treasurer's Report for the year 1955-56 was given by Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder. The report was accepted.

The Report of the Auditor showing the books correct and in order was read by Mrs. Wallinder and accepted.

Mrs. Jerome Gray, Budget Chairman, presented the proposed budget for 1956-1957 for Council consideration. An itemized analysis and discussion followed.

Roll Call and announcement of pledges were made by the delegates. Since some proposed pledges were not met, the budget committee was instructed to decrease the proposed expenditures in proportion to the expected income.

Governor Orville L. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman were guests of the Council. Governor Freeman spoke on "How the State Constitution Hampers State Government."

Following the Governor's speech, the delegates attended a "Shoptalk" luncheon from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Iowa Room.

SECOND SESSION Thursday, May 17, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

President Mrs. Young presided and presented Mrs. Frank Chesley who gave a detailed review of the State Current Agenda.

Mrs. Chesley expressed appreciation to all League members who had written the material for the Constitution Booklet.

She then extended thanks to members of the Rochester and St. Paul Leagues who had prepared the revised condensed version, and to the Edina League who provided five hundred mimeographed copies.

Mrs. Norman Grossman presented plans for building public opinion for a constitutional convention. She emphasized problems that confront us, tools and publicity materials to be used, and concluded with a statement that success could mean many new members and contributors. Discussion by the delegates followed.

Mrs. Young called on Miss Barbara Stuhler, League representative on the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee, to explain this Committee's purpose and progress as an expression of broader-based citizen support for constitutional revision. She reported on some of the political roadblocks in the path of affirmative action by the next legislative session and emphasized the necessity of League support and participation in the MCCC.

Program discussion followed, led by Mrs. Chesley. She reviewed the program under A, B and C of the Current Agenda, and the content of the booklet and its use.

Five work groups, divided according to size of Leagues, met from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Chairmen were: Mrs. John Grindlay, Mrs. C.H. Anderson, Miss Eleanor Salisbury, Mrs. John Klein, and Mrs. John Hill.

DINNER MEETING 6:30 p.m. Iowa Room with President Mrs. Young presiding.

This dinner meeting was in the nature of a surprise and farewell dinner in honor of Miss Hope Washburn of St. Paul, who is leaving Minnesota to make her home in California.

Due to her untiring efforts in League work, and wholehearted support of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, the "Hope Washburn Award" was established in her honor in the form of a Certificate to be presented each year to the League member who has given outstanding League service. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves presented the first award to Miss Washburn, and details were given on the method of nominating future recipients of the Award.

A report of the National Convention in Chicago was given by delegates Mrs. Basil Young, Mrs. O.H. Anderson, and Mrs. Frank Chesley.

The reports were followed by a "Mystery Skit" given by the St. Paul League. Delegates at this dinner were given an opportunity to name this skit, a prize to be awarded at the close of the last session.

THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order at 9:30 A.M. Friday, May 18, 1956, by President Mrs. Basil Young.

Work group summaries were presented by Mrs. John Klein and Miss Eleanor Salisbury. The recorders at each of the five groups were:

1. Mrs. C. Olson - Cass Lake.
2. Mrs. Weidner - Alexandria.
3. Mrs. N. Duff - Deephaven.
4. Mrs. Williams - St. Louis Park.
5. Mrs. Janski - Richfield.

Mrs. Young called on Mrs. Donald Guthrie, Legislative Chairman, who introduced the Honorable Elmer L. Andersen, Member of the Senate of the State of Minnesota from the 42nd District, who spoke on "How the State Constitution Hampers the Legislature."

After listening to Governor Freeman and Senator Andersen give their inspiring and informative addresses on Constitutional Revision, the delegates requested copies of these two excellent talks so that they might use the information in their Constitution Convention work.

Discussion on the Constitutional Revision item on the League program followed, concerning procedure and tools to be used.

Mrs. Guthrie reported on the four continuing responsibilities and defined the scope of action to be taken.

Mrs. Chesley led further discussion on program and continuing responsibilities. It was decided that the League membership had not had sufficient material on taxes and finance to reach consensus on Item C. of our Current Agenda. Methods for building public opinion in areas where there are no Leagues, and plans for Constitution Day and the State Fair Booth were discussed.

Luncheon 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Iowa Room

FOURTH SESSION - Mrs. John Grindlay presiding.

Mrs. Jerome Gray presented the proposed budget, as revised, and moved its adoption. It was adopted in the total amount of \$19,309.00.

Mrs. Grindlay and Mrs. O.H. Anderson reported on Mrs. Horner's organization work in Minnesota. They also reported on the progress of the city-county organization plan under way in the Hutchinson-McLeod County area.

An announcement was made concerning the availability of a 35 mm. colored film strip, narration time 25 minutes, entitled: "Your Vote is Your Key".

Mrs. E.J. Schroeder cited the necessity for ample funds to carry out League program. She was assisted in presenting the League finance picture in Minnesota by Mrs. John Neumaier of Hibbing; Mrs. Frederick King of Minneapolis; Mrs. Nicholas Duff, Deephaven; Mrs. George Nelson, St. Louis Park; Mrs. Eugene Newstrom, Bloomington; and Mrs. Robert Leshar of Richfield.

Mrs. Roger Klein told the delegates about the pattern of work to be followed in Voters' Service.

She recognized the following Leagues for outstanding work in Voters' Service: Bloomington, Birchwood, Cass Lake, Duluth, Golden Valley, Richfield, St. Louis Park, Mahtomedi, Minneapolis and Wayzata.

Mrs. C.R. Humphries reported on local items involving local government in our own communities. She was assisted in presenting success stories from their communities by Mrs. Conrad Olson, Cass Lake; Mrs. Ralph Thornton, Wayzata; Mrs. William Graham, Jr., Bloomington; and Mrs. Arthur Welch of Duluth.

Mrs. John Hill gave a summary of publications and tools to be used in putting the League program to work. She expressed thanks to the Edina League for the five hundred mimeographed booklets which they presented to the League.

Mrs. Grossman presented awards to the Leagues doing the best job building public opinion on Constitution work.

First award - Metal File case - Mrs. Don Y. Moore accepts for St. Paul. Four paper files were given to the following Leagues for successful work: Richfield, Roseville, Cass Lake and Bemidji.

Prize for naming the "St. Paul Skit" went to Mrs. Stanley Kane of Minneapolis.
Name - "Curses on the Purses".

Report of Credentials Committee - Mrs. John Sandberg...

45 Leagues represented out of 53.

82 Local League Delegates

14 State Board Members

96 Total Delegates

116 observers (including 2 from West St. Paul)

1 visitor from Viet Nam

213 Total attendance

President Mrs. Young extended thanks in behalf of the League to the Edina League for the splendid arrangements made by them for this Council Meeting.

The Council adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

President Mrs. Young called the State Board together for a short meeting immediately following adjournment of the council meeting to decide whether or not copies of Governor Freeman's and Senator Andersen's addresses should be mailed to local Leagues.

Members of the Board decided that this should be done, as requested by the delegates.

Adjourned - 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
June 20, 21, 1956

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota, held its regular meeting in room 411 of the Calhoun Beach Hotel, Minneapolis on Wednesday, June 20, 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and Thursday, June 21, 9 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Present were: Mrs. Basil Young, president, presiding, Mesdames Anderson, Beirne, Duncan, Grossman, Guthrie, Hill, Humphries, Kane Schroeder, Sigford, Simmer, Thornton, Wallinder, and Miss Salisbury.

Guests present were: Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Norgaard, Mrs. Arlander, and Miss Barbara Stuhler.

MINUTES Copies of the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 16 and of the Council Meeting May 17, 18 having been in the hands of Board Members prior to this meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. Minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURE'S Reading of the treasure's report was also dispensed with and REPORT Mrs. Wallinder gave the balance on hand as \$1,678.47.

COUNCIL Mrs. Duncan, in giving this evaluation, said that the over-all EVALUATION report was that of being pleased, and one of satisfaction. Appreciation was expressed concerning the excellent speakers that were provided. Mrs. Duncan presented criticisms and suggestions to the Board for their consideration in planning for a future Council Meeting.

BOARD Mrs. Young presented Mrs. Anderson as Second Vice President of ORGANIZATION the Board, to replace Mrs. Grindlay. A motion to approve Mrs. Anderson's appointment was made by Mrs. Schroeder and seconded by Mrs. Humphries. Approval granted.

Mrs. Young then introduced the Nominating Committee. Members of the committee present were: Miss Barbara Stuhler, chairman, Mrs. Beirne, Mrs. Arlander, and Mrs. Wallinder. Mrs. Grindlay (a member) was absent.

Newly appointed Board Members are:

1. Mrs. William Beirne--Membership
2. Mrs. Ralph Thornton--Item II, Conservation
3. Mrs. Frank Dosse--Discussion
4. Mrs. Stanley Kane--Constitutional Convention
5. Mrs. Kenneth Sigford--Item I, Individual Liberties

The approval of these appointments was moved by Mrs. Anderson, and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Approval Granted

Mrs. Schroeder, having resigned as Finance Chariman of the State Board, is the newly appointed Metropolitan Finance Chairman, replacing Mrs. Guthrie.

Mrs. Young named the newly organized Executive Committee of the Board. Their duties being those of meeting to discuss, plan and settle issues that arise between Board meetings.

Members of this committee are: Mrs. Duncan, chairman, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Beirne, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Guthrie, and Miss Salisbury.

Board Administration - Barbara Stuhler

Miss Stuhler briefly stated her concept of the Leagues growth over the past eight years, and sighted the necessity of reorganizing the system of handling additional work by committees. She likened this State Board of the League to the United States Senate. In either case, committees are necessary to make plans and organize and arrange material so that much discussion and detail work is not necessary at regular meetings. Board approval of their work is all that should be necessary.

The following suggestions on Board administration were made:

1. Each chairman is to help make the agendas for Board meeting's.
2. Each chairman is to submit in writing her inclusion in the presidents letter.
3. More consideration should be given to material so that Mrs. Wilson could better direct publication of chairman's material and have a better idea of the work load.

BOARD PLANS
FOR THE YEAR

Mrs. Duncan presented the month by month calendar and outline for work through June 1957 as prepared by her committee, as a basis for discussion by the Board.

Constitutional Convention - Mrs. Kane

Mrs. Kane expressed a desire to meet with other chairmen, to work out a plan for her resource work with them. She suggested work that might be undertaken.

They are as follows:

1. Use of taxation article as prepared by a member of the St. Paul League.
2. Point out unbusiness-like methods of doing things according to provisions in the Constitution as compared with better methods used in private business.
3. Local historical stories of First Constitutional Convention. (send to Leagues)
4. Work with the twenty nine (29) counties that existed when the Constitution originated.
5. Provision of more material that might help Leagues in answering Constitutional Convention questions.

Publications Committee - Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Hill gave the report on the Publications Committee meeting with Mrs. Lord concerning publication of the booklet. A copy of the intended thirty-six page booklet was given to members of the Board to read during the two day Board meeting. The Board gave Mrs. Hill and her committee permission to complete arrangements and publication of the booklet according to their plan with Mrs. Lord. Miss Salisbury is to do proof reading before publication.

Two requests were made:

1. That mimeographed copies be made available to people who are to determine the market so that the number to be published may be decided.
2. That the committees plan of asking Local Leagues for a % of their budget for the cost of publication and promotion be approved.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Guthrie and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder:

Motion: An appeal be made to the individual League member to contribute for publication of the booklet and overall promotion of the State agenda item. This appeal would be made in the form of a letter to be enclosed in the next issue of the Minnesota Voter.

A statement would be included in the president's letter concerning the loans from Minneapolis and St. Paul and the gift from Edina with an invitation to other Leagues to do likewise if they can and wish to participate in this way. Mrs. Young would also request that Local League presidents ask their unit chairman to collect the individual contributions of those who do not wish to mail them. Motion carried

A motion to pay Mrs. Lord the sum of \$300.00 for her work on the booklet, when the book goes to the printer, was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Motion carried

Promotion: Mrs. Hill asked that she have an assisting chairman and committee to handle promotion of the booklet in the three metropolitan areas--Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth. Mrs. E. Bingham of Minneapolis will serve as chairman.

Mrs. Hill and her committee in Rochester will handle all other state promotion activity. Permission to handle promotion according to this plan was granted.

Contest: A contest among Leagues for the sale of the booklet was suggested. A prize was offered by Mrs. Grossman. The Board agreed that this project should be sponsored.

Mrs. Hill asked the Board to approve of the following items on her program. Approval granted

1. Asks permission to ~~fill~~ request of J. Edgerton to do a comic strip on *making 8 min.* Constitution.
2. Send the following material to legislators:
 - a. Lobby by Letter insert.
 - b. Continuing Responsibilities material.
 - c. Constitutional Revision material.
3. Minnesota Facts--Leave further publication plans to the committee.
4. Minnesota map of legislative districts--Committee to decide on number to be ordered.
5. I'm a Voter--not to be used at State Fair. *but to be used when indicated during Leg. session*
6. Price Tags--sell what we can and give away what are not sold at State Fair.
7. Financing the Booklet to be handled through the state office in a separate checking account.
8. Ask Leagues for speech suggestions.
9. ~~New Radio and Television program material needed.~~ } *under public relations. eliminate number 9*

Public Relations Committee - Mrs. Grossman

Mrs. Grossman presented the following report, plan, and suggestions to the Board.

1. She declared that there is necessity of clearing publicity with newspapers. Papers want to deal with one person. Meetings are being arranged for press and League people to work out their problems.
2. Mrs. Grossman suggested that Leagues reach a consensus of opinion on dedicated fund by convention time so that action can be taken.
3. The essay contest had 39 entries. Prizes have been awarded and trips are arranged to visit the Legislature. Arrangements are being considered for publishing the winning essays.
4. State Fair booth has been rented at \$90.
5. Mrs. H. Swanson who lives near the fair grounds is in charge. Paying entrance fees for those manning the booth was agreed upon.
6. Voter Service is to be emphasized in the booth.
7. Price tags to be sold and or given away.
8. Mrs. Grossman will make an appeal to Leagues, through the presidents letter, to man the booth during the State Fair.

9. Suggests Constitution week in October.
10. Suggests letter writing campaign for suburban areas on Constitution Revision.
11. Announced Mr. Gelbs script will be ready by September.
12. Mr. Gelbs tape is now ready.
13. State Public Relations Committee will not initiate new ideas for projects for the coming year, but will promote ideas initiated by resource people. They intend to build a better name for the League in the state and do a better job on National items and Voter Service.

The Board approved of this plan and report:

Mrs. Grossman moved that the Board underwrite the purchase of twelve sets of the "Burma Shave" type signs at \$3.30 each. Motion carried

Legislative Committee - Mrs. Guthrie

Mrs. Guthrie presented the Committee plan for the year of 56-57. Their plan includes the following items.

1. Promoting legislation, month by month.
2. Lobbying
3. Training of Lobbyists - need up-to-date Fact sheets.
4. Promoting the legislative vote.
5. Lobbying by Letter - bring this publication up to date.
6. Lobbying by Leagues - home areas.
7. Interviews with railroad and employer association.
8. Issuing legislative news letters.

Mrs. Guthrie asked the Board to approve of:

1. Resource and Lobby committee members and their training.
2. Railroad and Employer Association interviews.

The Board agrees to this procedure by this committee.

It was the opinion of the Board to permit the Legislative Committee to decide action to be taken on the following and give reports to the Executive Committee.

1. New York Type Legislative Conference
2. School for Legislators
3. Legislative tours

Voters Service - Mrs. Klein

In the absence of Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Wallinder presented Mrs. Klein's Voters Service Program according to the monthly calender.

The request for a change in tax questions to more specific tax questions and for questions on censorship by the Board of the Minneapolis League was considered and changed as per request on the candidates questionnaire.

The problem of how to handle the returned questionnaires was discussed and a recommendation made by the Board that Mrs. Klein and her committee compile questionnaire information. They are to send questionnaires to candidates in all areas where there are no Leagues.

The Minnesota Voter - Miss Salisbury

Miss Salisbury outlined her plan of Voter material for each month. She suggested three regular features for the voter.

1. Presidents Column
2. Spot-light Section
3. New Publications

The appointment of a Bulletin Committee was requested. The plan was accepted by the Board.

Organization Committee - Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson reported on organization work at West St. Paul, Hutchinson, and Virginia. She presented the schedule of Mrs. Horner's visits to Minnesota in October. She stated the purpose of the visits and the reasons for division of meetings as per schedule.

An explanation of the pattern of work to be followed by the Organization Committee was given. Mrs. Roberta Williams will serve as secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Sazenski and Mrs. McDonald will be in charge of Local League briefings.

Requests for action were:

1. Granting of provisional status to Virginia. Motion made by Mrs. Wallinder, seconded by Mrs. Duncan. Motion carried.
2. Asking for questionnaires to be sent to Local League re visits from State Board and from Mrs. Horner. Motion made by Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. Sigford. Motion carried.
3. Recommended change in expense voucher for people who travel and do field work in the state. Motion made by Mrs. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson presented suggestions for the October 3 meeting with Mrs. Horner, Local League presidents and chairmen.

Finance Committee - Mrs. Schroeder

Mrs. Schroeder's remarks concerning finance follow:

1. Explanation of how to use budget material.
2. Kits prepared on material for finance drive to be mailed in August.
3. Three copies of the budget should be made. One for each of the following; office, Finance chairman, and Organization chairman.

Mrs. Schroeder's request for Board action was: approval to send finance kits to Leagues needing them. Motion made by Mrs. Beirne, seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion carried.

Local Current Agenda - Mrs. Humphries

Mrs. Humphries listed the following requests and suggestions for work on current agenda.

1. Lists of local current agendas should be sent to Leagues.
2. There should be an exchange of material among Leagues doing similar projects.
3. There should be area representatives to take charge of program.
4. Help Leagues do research work on local level.

Membership and Files - Mrs. Beirne

Mrs. Beirne gave a brief summary of what she hopes to accomplish in her area of work. She will develop a file to help Board members get committees. A complete roster of the Board and committees is necessary for her convenience.

Individual Liberties - Mrs. Sigford

Mrs. Sigford expresses a desire to have a consensus of opinion in this field by convention time.

Water Conservation - Mrs. Thornton

Mrs. Thornton is the new chairman for this program item and hopes to organize work on water conservation in the future.

General.

1. Mrs. Young asked Mrs. Sigford and Mrs. Thornton to divide the national continuing responsibilities between them and develop a committee for these assignments.
2. Current Agenda Conferences were discussed by the Board.
3. The Executive Committee will make arrangements for the State Convention to be held May 16, 17, 1957.
4. The two day Board meeting was evaluated and it was decided to have the same type of meeting on August 16, 17, 1956. Arrangements will be made by Mrs. Wilson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.), Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
August 16, 17 1956

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The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held its regular meeting at Hotel Sheridan, Minneapolis, on Thursday and Friday, August 16 and 17, 1956.

Present were: Mrs. Basil Young, presiding, Mesdames Anderson, Beirne, Dosse, Duncan, Grossman, Guthrie, Hargraves, Hill, Simmer, Thornton, Wallinder, and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the regular Board meeting on June 20-21 having been in the hands of Board members prior to this meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. Minutes were approved with the following corrections:

1. Page 2, Publications Committee report, number 2. to read: "That the committees plan of asking local Leagues for financial help in promoting distribution of the publication booklet and the promoting of the current agenda be approved. The committee plans to ask for: (a) individual contributions of any amount to be sent to the state office through unit chairmen or individually, (b) short term loans to the State Board in case a local reserve fund is not being used at the present, and (c) gifts from Local Leagues.
2. Page 3, 6th paragraph, Item 1. to read: "Asks permission to request Jay Edgerton to do a comic strip on the making of Minnesota's Constitution, the first three chapters of the Constitution Revision Book to be sent to him."
3. Item 5, to read: "I'm a Voter not to be used at the State Fair but to be used during legislative session at the right time."
4. Item 6, to read: "Price Tags and Roaring Farce to be given away sparingly and wisely at the State Fair."
5. Item 8, to be placed under Constitution Revision report.
6. Item 9, to be placed under Public Relations report.

TREASURERS
REPORT

In the absence of Mrs. Wallinder, Miss Salisbury gave the Treasurer's Report, reporting balance on hand of \$502.59, as of July 31, 1956. Mrs. Wilson stated that Local League pledges are not coming in satisfactorily and consequently some bills cannot be paid. It was suggested that in the future Leagues be requested to pay their pledges in regular installments.

BOARD
ORGANIZATION

Miss Salisbury was appointed timekeeper. Mrs. Young informed the Board that Mrs. Roger Klein had resigned as Voters Service Chairman because of illness in the family, and that to date the vacancy on the board has not been filled. Mrs. Kane resigned as Constitutional Revision Chairman and Mrs. Young appointed Mrs. Hargraves to serve as the new chairman. Mrs. Young announced that the State Convention will be held at the Nicollet Hotel May 16-17, 1957, and suggested that the board might start formulating plans for the same. Mrs. Duncan made a short report of the two executive committee meetings. Items discussed were Voters Service materials, Publications, State Board Conferences with Mrs. Horner, the two day State Board meetings and the State Fair Booth.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill discussed her committee's recommendations concerning the publications budget, a new Publications Catalog, financing the printed booklet, Well, What D'Ya Know, the price of the booklet retail and wholesale, the promotion of the booklet, definition of a publication, and relationship of her committee to others on the board. Mrs. Hill outlined the plans which are to be carried out by local Leagues, the State Board, state committee heads and members, details of which will be sent to all concerned at the time of the release of the booklet. Members of the publications committee are speaking before as many local Leagues as it is possible.

A motion to allow mimeographing of a Publications Catalog similar to national's, with peach cover, and containing information on publications services and on how to order publications was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Wallinder, and passed.

It was moved by Mrs. Grossman, seconded by Mrs. Duncan that the board consider paying Mrs. Lord a top figure of \$600; that we re-evaluate that payment at the November Board meeting. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hill moved, Miss Salisbury seconded the following motion:

1. that the special fund for the promotion of the Constitution Agenda be called the Constitution Revision Fund;
 2. that a committee be established to administer this fund, this committee to consist of Mesdames Young, Hargraves, Duncan, Wallinder and Hill;
 3. that any expenditure from the Constitutional Revision Fund will be subject to the approval of the following members of the Constitution Revision Fund committee - Mesdames Duncan, Hill and Hargraves."
- The motion carried.

Mrs. Hill made the following motion: "Inasmuch as the profit incentive is deemed important, it was moved that the booklet be sold to Leagues at 18¢ per copy for re-sale at 25¢ per copy; the State Board suggesting that the 7¢ sales profit be put back into the reordering of booklets; that local and state Leagues mark on the back of all copies "Compliments of LWV of _____"; that special rates be given to outside sellers, rates to be determined by Publications Committee; that the state office distribute up to 10% of copies for promotional purposes; that local Leagues absorb their own fee for distribution for promotional purposes." Motion carried.

PUBLICATION OF
THE STATE YOU'RE IN

Mrs. Hargraves suggested the edition of a new booklet of basic resource material which is to be a combination of the two publications The State You're In and the original Constitution Booklet. The authors will reappraise the original and restore what they think was lost. The title will be The State You're In. It will have a cover with peach color on it, and the summary section will be peach for emphasis. 1,000 copies should be printed, and should serve the League for the next six years. It will be sent to members, libraries, citizens committees, Historical Society, editors, legislators, etc. There will be approximately 100 pages and will sell for 50¢.

A motion to authorize the multilithing of one edition of 1,000 copies of basic resource material on Constitutional Revision which will be called The State You're In at a top cost of \$300 was made by Mrs. Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Motion carried.

A motion consisting of the following plan for mailing The State You're In to legislative candidates was made by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Grossman. Motion: "I. All candidates who survive the primary will receive a mailing consisting of: (a) Well, What D'Ya Know, (b) Lobby by Letter insert, (c) a covering letter stating what we are sending and why and that if elected, each will receive a copy of The State You're In and if they want it before the general election, to send the enclosed postcard, and (d) a return postcard. II. After the general election, all members of the legislature, both representatives and senators who have not previously received one, will be sent a copy of The State You're In." Motion carried.

It was requested by Mrs. Hargraves that the next issue of the Minnesota Voter have information on questions and answers concerning Constitutional Revision by Convention, and that it be planned so that re-prints may be run for wide use.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman reported: (1) that the film The Most Humorous Story will be ready October 1 and that the League must provide mimeographed scripts and actors. The cost to be \$150, \$50 more than was originally planned. She received the Board's approval; (2) arrangements for the booth at the State Fair are complete, but Mrs. Grossman asked for more volunteers to man the booth and an allowance of \$4.50 for the purchase of a flag to be given as a prize for guessing the number of tags in a bowl that will be on display in the booth; (3) the problem of clearing publicity in both Minneapolis and St. Paul newspapers has been taken care of.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Guthrie reported on the kind of material that she thought would be necessary for her work on legislation. She asked the board's approval for sending the League's Lobby by Letter Kit inserts to legislators. Mrs. Guthrie also suggested publishing a legislative newsletter consisting of eight issues to be sent to members during the legislative session, to be edited by Betty Kane. Motion: "That the insert to Lobby by Letter be sent to legislators to acquaint them with our work." Motion made by Mrs. Guthrie, seconded by Mrs. Wallinder, and passed. Motion: "That the Legislative Committee publish a Legislative Newsletter to be mailed to every League member, the number of issues to be limited by the funds available." Motion made by Mrs. Wallinder, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and motion carried. It was also agreed that 2,500 covers for Lobby by Letter be re-run.

VOTERS SERVICE

In the absence of a Voters Service Chairman, Mrs. Duncan led the discussion on Voters Service. The following issues were discussed and decided upon: (1) that BroadSides on 3 Amendments to State Constitution would be printed and Supplemental Information on the 3 Amendments would be mimeographed, (2) that the national Voters Service Kit should be recommended in President's Letter, (3) that a Legislative Roll Call of votes on bills that the League supported or opposed should be prepared and sent to local Leagues to be used in connection with the 1955 Legislative Report, and (4) Congressional Roll Calls should be prepared for Leagues use.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Dosse reported that she had taken a course on Discussion Techniques at the University of Minnesota and that this study should prove to be very helpful in her work with the Leagues.

MRS. HORNER and MRS. LEE

The State Board meetings with Mrs. Horner, Oct. 1, 2, 17, 18, and 19th were discussed and plans suggested for use of her time with State Board committees. It was announced that the national president Mrs. Lee will visit the Duluth League from October 8 - 10.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reported on organization of the West St. Paul League and asked that they be recognized as a provisional League. Recognition granted. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Humphries asked the Board for permission for West St. Paul to hold a candidates meeting. The motion was made by Mrs. Hargraves and seconded by Mrs. Grossman to permit West St. Paul League to hold a candidates meeting for local elections under the supervision of the Organization Committee. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson reported the following: (1) that Mrs. Horner's schedule will be essentially as suggested in June 20-21, 1956 Agenda; (2) that the Organization Committee is to have a committee meeting for training and assigning visits the end of August; (3) that Mrs. Lee's visit to Duluth to meet with members Oct. 8-10 will be in charge of Duluth League with Hibbing and Virginia invited.

NATIONAL ITEM I

In the absence of Mrs. Sigford, Mrs. Duncan reported that Mrs. Sigford has been considering the possibilities of a workshop but that her plans are not definitely completed at this time.

NATIONAL
ITEM II

Mrs. Thornton discussed the national material already received on water conservation as well as the question of how to begin work on this item within the state. National material will be ready about January 1, 1957 and further direction for work will be forthcoming.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Two copies of the President's Letter will be sent to each League, one to be kept in president's file and one to be available for use of various chairmen concerned (can be cut up and passed out).

AGENDA

The state office will send notice of the next State Board Meeting on a form which will be included with the regular mailing. The form will ask members to indicate the time they desire on the Agenda, and if a controversial matter is to be brought up, will ask them to state in a few sentences a brief explanation of the matter to be decided. These forms are to be returned to Mrs. Young, who will prepare an Agenda which will be mailed to state board members before the board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

The board suggests that Mrs. Beirne and Miss Stuhler work together on name files for committee and Board members. Mrs. Beirne discussed Membership and asked the Board for suggestions on material to be used for each new League member.

Mrs. Young asked permission to serve on the Human Rights and Fair Employment Practices Commission in Hibbing. Permission granted. Mrs. Young also asked approval of the Board to attend the next Seminar at the University of Wisconsin on Foreign Policy in the Middle East. This will be held in September. Approval granted.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board will be September 20, from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the University Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. August 17, 1956.

Respectfully submitted

Olive Simmer, (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

July 27, 1956

A special meeting was held Friday, July 27, 1956. Attending were Mesdames Anderson, Hill Hargraves, Kane, Grossman, Guthrie and Newstrom.

Mrs. Hill made a motion that the STATE YOU'RE IN be sent to all incumbents. Motion was withdrawn.

Mrs. Hill made a motion that we send the STATE YOU'RE IN to senators and legislative candidates after the primary. Mrs. Kane seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

It was agreed that Mrs. Kane would take a copy of THE STATE YOU'RE IN to Representative Sally Luther for her use at the liberal caucus meeting August 4th. Mrs. Guthrie is to take a copy to Senator Andersen for a similar purpose at a conservative caucus. It was thought that legislators might be informed of the worth of the booklet and be informed that one would be coming.

It was moved by Mrs. Hargraves that the constitutional revision committee prepare a conclusion to THE STATE YOU'RE IN immediately. This is to be mimeographed on peachy colored paper and will include statements from the President's Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Copies of the conclusion will be added to the book before it is sent to legislators and will be sent to local Leagues to be added to their books. Seconded and passed unanimously.

It was agreed that Mrs. Hill's committee will work out material to be sent to legislators on the continuing responsibilities. Mrs. Guthrie or members of her committee will furnish information. This material might also serve as the Lobby by Letter insert.

Mrs. Hill moved that the figure on the cover of WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW be not so pointedly feminine if possible. Mrs. Grossman seconded. Motion passed with Mrs. Hargraves voting no. Mrs. Hill will contact Mrs. Seley, the artist.

Discussion brought out the agreement that the Board at its last meeting had intended the \$300 fee for Mrs. Lord to be an initial payment. Since the artist's fee may run to this figure, it is felt that Mrs. Lord should receive more.

A letter to local League members which is to appear in the MINNESOTA VOTER was redrafted.

Mrs. Grossman announced plans for the state fair: There will be in the booth a dead tree on which will hang suckers for children. Canaries in cages will carry out the theme printed on a sign "Sing out for a Constitutional Convention". There will be a table filled with literature for sale or free distribution. The Richfield road signs will be potted and stand in front of the booth. A fish bowl will contain price tags and a prize (American flag) will be given for the guess that comes closest as to how many are in the bowl. Governor Freeman and Anchor Nelsen will be asked to give away tags. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Nelsen will be asked to work in the booth. Mrs. Swanson of St. Paul is in charge of the booth. Mrs. Grossman agreed to make up a schedule for League's manning the booth. If possible, League members or members of their families will be interviewed on radio or TV shows. (Mrs. Grossman is hoping League members who are exhibiting other wares at the fair will be interviewed.)

It was moved that we send out packets of tags to all Leagues for use at community celebrations. Mrs. Hargraves seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. E. H. Newstrom, Acting Secretary

only 1 copy

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
September 20, 1956

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota held its regular meeting at Hotel Sheridan, Minneapolis, on Thursday, September 20, 1956.

Present were: Mrs. Basil Young, presiding, Mesdames Anderson, Dosse, Grossman, Guthrie, Hargraves, Hill, Humphries, Leshner, Sigford, Simmer, Thornton, Wallinder, and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the regular Board meeting on August 16, 17, 1956 having been in the hands of Board members prior to this meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. Minutes were approved. A motion to discontinue sending minutes of Board meetings was made by Mrs. Hargraves and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion Carried.

TREASURERS
REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder reported a balance of \$36.28 as of August 31 with several bills unpaid, but as of September 20 over \$1,000 is in hand (though not yet deposited), with all bills paid excepting SOS which has not been paid this month.

Balancing the budget at the present rate of expense and the payment of pledges were discussed by the Board. Names of Leagues having paid pledges as a whole or in part were read. In order to relieve the office of an excess of work. A motion to move the complete treasurer's book to Duluth in charge of Mrs. Wallinder was made by Mrs. Hargraves and seconded by Mrs. Sigford. Motion Carried.

The Board suggests that Mrs. Wallinder select a bank for deposit in either Minneapolis or Duluth, make an analysis of the budget, take charge of pledges, evaluate SOS charges each month if the office can arrange for getting a daily record of the costs.

The new Finance Chairman, Mrs. Leshner of Richfield, was presented to the Board by Mrs. Young. The Board approved her appointment.

Mrs. Young called attention to expiration of the office Fire Insurance Policy. The amount of the policy is \$600 at a rate of \$12.14 for a three year period. A motion to renew this policy was made by Mrs. Anderson and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Motion Carried.

Accumulation of work due to increased activity of the League has created a situation in the state office that needs attention and it is evident that arrangements need to be made for relief. After extensive discussion the Board decided that each Chairman and her committee should provide for doing as much as possible of the work of each department outside of the office.

It was suggested that material sent into the office for publication, should be sent in the form that the author wishes it to remain. It was finally decided that it would still be necessary to go over this material before publication, so the following motion was made by Mrs. Humphries and seconded by Mrs. Anderson: That an editing committee consisting of Mrs. Sigford, Mrs. Dosse, Mrs. Thornton, and the Misses Salisbury and Stuhler examine for correction material going out in the presidents mailing each month. They will meet on the second Monday after the Board meeting. This meeting is open to other Board members or their representatives. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Young requested that all material for the president's letter should be sent to her one week after Board meeting.

The new SOS plan of \$150 per month as a minimum charge for services was discussed. It was decided that it is necessary to curtail as much use of the service as possible in order to stay within the limits of what the budget provides.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter requesting a League member to serve on the Minnesota Statehood Centennial Commission was read and the Board suggested Mrs. Albert Marshall of Red Wing to be the representative from the League.

Other correspondence concerning items not related to League policy were called to the attention of the Board and Mrs. Young was advised to answer the correspondence as she has in the past.

It was suggested that notes of thanks should be sent to the following: Mrs. Elwyn Williams for making the stencils for "The State You're In", Mr. Wilson for his work on the cover of "The State You're In", Royal Typewriter Company for use of a new Royal electric typewriter for two weeks without rental.

FINANCE

Mrs. Robert Leshar stated that she will continue the finance plans as outlined by Mrs. Schroeder and will present material to Leagues on finance drives. The Board approved.

VOTERS SERVICE

In the absence of a Voters Service Chairman, Mrs. Duncan and her committee plus some volunteers are taking care of Voters Service work. Provisions have been made for candidate questionnaires in areas where there are no Leagues.

ITEM I

Mrs. Sigford discussed Oppenheimer film on Individual Liberty and a request made by the Columbia Heights president, Mrs. Nelson. Mrs. Grossman moved and Miss Salisbury seconded that Mrs. Sigford write to Mrs. Nelson stating that the State Board does not censure a film to be shown to the public and that it is a question for the Board of a local League to decide.

A report on the Federal Security Program was given and it was suggested that the Board read the summary chapter of the book "Report of Special Committee on the Federal Security Program." The Board suggested that each member should have a copy and that Mrs. Sigford should arrange for the same, if copies are still available.

Mrs. Young stated that Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Sigford and their committees should have charge of continuing responsibilities on the national level. (Mrs. Sigford - I through V, International; Mrs. Thornton - VI through IX, National)

LOCAL AGENDA

Mrs. Humphries discussed local agenda material to be sent. She stated that the listing of local current agenda should be done in exact wording as appears on agenda. Attention was called to a request for League support of a bill to be presented in the legislature for aid to libraries. The Board decided against such action.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Dosse presented her plan of discussion work with units and offers her assistance to all units interested in discussion. She suggests this method of presenting material rather than the report type of work. Mrs. Dosse asked for volunteers to serve on her committee.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson went over in detail the program of conferences with Mrs. Horner scheduled from October 1 - 19, 1956, as per copy. Discussion was had and some minor changes were made.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill presented her promotional campaign plan for the disposal of "Well, What D'Ya Know." She discussed at length the maps to be included and the changes to be made in the plan. The Board went over technical points and the changes made.

Mrs. Hill explained what each member should know and do in connection with the sale of the book and emphasized the necessity of no distribution to the public until after October 8.

Discussion on sending of the printed instructions for the sale of the book was had and then the following motion was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder: Motion - that five copies consisting of three pages each of printed instructions for the sale of the booklet, a copy for each of the following: President, Constitutional Revision Chairman, Public Relations Chairman, Legislative Chairman, and Unit Organization Chairman be included in the package of books for each League. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Hill then discussed the plan of a contest for the sale of "Well, What D'Ya Know" with a first and second prize being offered. The voter will carry the results of the contest which will end at convention time in May, 1957. The Board agreed.

The funds received from the sale were discussed and Mrs. Hill informed the Board that she has three women who have volunteered to help in the distribution and sale of the book. Due to lack of time, it was requested that no changes be made by the editing committee on material to be used before October 8 in connection with promotion work.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman reported on the State Fair Booth. There were two winners in the guessing contest so two flags were awarded at \$4.50 each. The cost of the booth itself being \$90 and with additional expenses brought the complete booth operation to approximately \$150. Suggestions for improvements in operation for another year were made.

The St. Paul League having offered a \$50 contribution towards a booth if the state office would operate one at the State Fair, and wanting to pay the same at this time, prompted a discussion concerning the acceptance of a gift for a specific purpose. After due consideration, a motion was made by Mrs. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Leshner, that the \$50.00 be accepted as a special gift and that the public relations budget revised up to \$400.00. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Grossman asked that a note of thanks be sent to Mrs. Swanson for her work in operating the booth.

"The Most Humorous Story" film will be ready October 1 and a rental should be decided upon so that units may use it.

Mr. Huston of WCCO will make a tape on "What D'Ya Know" and it will be ready soon.

A suggestion that the League operate a booth at Minnesota Educational Association Convention in October was made. The cost is \$20 and funds would come out of Public Relations budget. It is deemed a good opportunity to display the booklet and to talk with teachers about it and a new constitution. A motion to operate a booth of this kind was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Hill. Motion Carried.

The "Kick Off" idea with all Leagues participating on Oct. 8 was explained. A Leaguemobile for promotion and sale of books was suggested. On October 7, the Sunday Tribune is planning to carry pictures and an explanation of

what the League is doing on the front page of the Women's Section. There will be publicity on television shows, radio and in newspaper columns.

A report on the Essay Contest was given and it is hoped that the winning essay will be read to the legislature. Mrs. Grossman asked the Board's approval in planning another contest next year.

Mrs. Dosse moved and Mrs. Humphries seconded a motion that Public Relations make plans for another contest next year, and that a letter be written to Mr. Halloway of Encyclopedia Britannica giving them the opportunity to furnish another set of Encyclopedias for a prize. Motion Carried. This years contest proved to be popular and successful.

In conclusion, Mrs. Grossman stated that Public Relations will do another year what they have not been able to do this year.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Hargraves discussed methods and materials to be used in Constitution Revision work and stated that the booklet is part of resource material. She reported a request for the League to give assistance in pushing a suit to enforce reapportionment. The Board decided that Mrs. Hargraves should answer, telling them of the Leagues work on reapportionment but that the League cannot support Mr. Farrell and his action on it.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Guthrie presented her plans for legislative work. She explained methods to be used, also displayed the most important tools that she will use, namely, "Lobby by Letter", "The State You're In", and the booklet "Well, What D'Ya Know." Volunteer workers are needed and she would like help in finding them.

The newsletter was discussed and she hopes to gather some idea of the number interested in ordering the letter at the time of Mrs. Horner's conference with legislative chairmen. An outline of her plan of the meeting with Mrs. Horner, Presidents and Chairmen was given.

INVITATION

Mrs. Wallinder extended an invitation to Board members to be guests of the Duluth League on October 9 when Mrs. Lee visits there. There will be a luncheon at the Country Club to which all are invited.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be October 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the state office on the University Campus. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
October 18, 1956

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held in the state office on Thursday, October 18, 1956, with president Mrs. Basil Young presiding. Members of the Board present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Beirne, Anderson, Sigford, Leshner, Grossman, Humphries, Wallinder, Guthrie, Duncan, Hill, Dosse, Simmer and Miss Salisbury. Guest: Mrs. Horner. Luncheon guests: Senator Mullin, Elmer L. Andersen, Representative Luther, and Mrs. Grunditz.

MINUTES The minutes having been in the hands of Board members prior to the meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Wallinder analyzed each item of income and expenditure as shown by her report which showed a balance on hand as of October 1, 1956, of \$1,628.62. Balance on hand of Special Fund was \$870. Mrs. Wallinder made an analysis of the cost of S.O.S. services compared with the budget allowance. The result indicates that for the remainder of the year \$293 can be spent each month for office operation.

Discussion followed as to which items were publications and which were regular office work. It was decided that the Publications Committee decide what the definition of "publications" is. Their decision is to be accepted, pending the report of the survey committee referred to below.

Mrs. Horner suggested at this time that a breakdown of expenditures for Board members be made at each meeting so that they can be guided in making decisions as related to expenditures and budget provisions. Mrs. Wallinder was authorized to keep a record of costs of publications separate from other items.

It was recommended that a ^{survey} committee consisting of Mesdames Sigford (Chairman), Elwyn Williams, Wallinder, Leshner and Miss Barbara Stuhler and Eleanor Salisbury go over the budget, evaluate the present system of handling office work as well as the previous method used and give this report to the Board.

Volunteer service at the office was discussed by Mrs. Wilson and the Board and the conclusion was that this service, except for special short term projects, is neither efficient or valuable and therefore it appears that the only solution is a part time paid worker at an hourly wage ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.50. This person would have specific hours for duty, would become familiar with office routine and work would be more efficiently handled. Suggestions of names of people that might be interested in this work were given by Board members and Mrs. Young will investigate the possibility of having relief of this kind in the office.

An allowance of \$100 from C.R. Special Fund for payment of help in handling publications work in Rochester by Mrs. Hill was made by the Board.

At this time Mrs. Grossman suggested that Chairmen decide what is to be done before the legislative session and what people, materials (and their cost) are needed to accomplish the work at hand. Mrs. Hill suggested getting together in a week from this date to decide on a plan of their needs for the entire year. This committee consists of Mesdames Hargraves, Hill, Guthrie and Grossman.

MRS. LEE'S
MESSAGE

Mrs. Lee met with many committees of the Duluth League and with the members. In addressing them she emphasized the League's pattern in carrying out their program, the function of the organization, program making, finance, and the establishment of an education fund and its purpose. She stated that many ideas expressed were unofficial and were for the purpose of stimulating thought and discussion on possible future changes.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson stated that each League had two opportunities to meet with Mrs. Horner — in area conferences in Annual Meeting, and in Minneapolis YWCA conference for Presidents and Legislative Chairmen. She gave a report on their visit with a group of women in Minnetonka Village who are asking that they have the privilege of organizing a League. After investigating the circumstances and possibilities of an organization there, Mrs. Anderson recommends that Minnetonka Village be allowed to start organizing. Mrs. Grossman moved and Mrs. Guthrie seconded a motion granting Minnetonka Village the opportunity of meeting with the organization planning committee to make the necessary arrangements for organizing the League in their community. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson reported on future possibilities for the League in Minnesota and plans for organizing more Leagues in the state. She spoke of possible interstate cooperation; of national staff help such as Mrs. Horner gave; of a part time organization worker in the office. In her opinion volunteer service in organization work is not enough. She suggests a part time organization person in the office and that at the next Board meeting the budget for organization work should be analyzed and planned. It is deemed necessary that all plans should go through the Board to the budget committee.

MRS. HORNER'S REPORT

Typewritten, detailed report is attached to copy in Secretary's book.

FINANCE

Mrs. Leshar spoke on the Outline for Fund Raising and emphasized its use. She reported on the metropolitan area conference, and the criticism of the present budget form and its use by solicitors and contributors. After discussion it was recommended that the form should be revamped but that an activities sheet rather than the budget should be used in connection with contributors.

MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Beirne requested that the Board consider local League president's visits to Board meetings. Discussion followed, resulting in a decision that there might be a possibility of presidents being invited to certain meetings dealing with specific items only.

The possibility of membership chairmen having professional membership posters made was discussed. This seemed to conflict with work done by the public relations committee. A request for personnel lists was made.

NATIONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Thornton resigned as Water Resources chairman. It is necessary to secure a new chairman. Mrs. Sigford reported that the books ordered at the last meeting seem to be available as there has been no report to the contrary.

State and area workshops on national items were discussed. Mrs. Duncan moved and Mrs. Wallinder seconded a motion to provide for a long range plan so that Leagues can prepare for area meetings in January on Items I and II on the national program. Motion carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

Mrs. Humphries reported that Current Agenda work at area conferences was successful. She said that the use of exact wording of current agenda items was emphasized as well as the changing of the wording to coincide with provisions in by-laws. She urged membership participation in choosing an agenda item and called attention to the change in by-laws providing for passage of adoption by a majority vote rather than a two thirds majority vote. Leagues are asked for step by step accounts of local Agenda so that case histories can be made up for the office file and criteria, information and techniques used can be available for use by other Leagues.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Dosse reported that a meeting in Minneapolis on discussion with a University instructor in charge proved very helpful. She has arranged to visit Mahtomedi and Roseville Leagues to discuss "discussion."

It is suggested that League program items be used as topics for discussion. Mrs. Dosse wishes to include in a future president's letter a suggested form for a unit chairman's report to her local Board.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Hargraves reported that October 24 has been selected as the day for the committee to meet and prepare a report and schedule for what is to be done for the remainder of the year.

a) Legislation - Mrs. Guthrie made a request for money in the budget for her work. The newsletter was discussed and it was decided that it is financially impossible to edit one. Mrs. Guthrie related her plan of work in the legislature and said that not as much direct lobbying will be done as in past years. Local Leagues will be expected to contact their own legislators during the session, by letter and personally when they are home on weekends. Another mailing of lobby materials will be made before the legislature meets and after election it is hoped that Leagues will contact and interview their legislators on League program. There will be a questionnaire so that the interview can be evaluated.

The plan also includes a legislative day with two members from each League attending. There is to be a training session on program and lobbying. It is suggested that tours by Leagues be abolished as little is gained and there is too much confusion. After discussion the Board approved of the legislative committee's plans. The St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues have offered to provide for a meeting for training for lobbying if the State Board will provide the training and resource material.

b) Publications - Mrs. Hill and the Board discussed and offered suggestions for the definition of a publication. Mrs. Hill suggested that every Board member who wishes any publication by May 1957, make it known by next Tuesday.

She gave a report on the sale and distribution of the "Well, What D'ya Know....." booklet and said that provision has been made for sending books into non-League areas. Mrs. Hill hopes for the cooperation and guidance of the Board in planning a realistic budget. It was suggested that a survey be made to determine the reasons for the large percentage of turnover in membership.

c) Public Relations - Mrs. Grossman requested that plans be made to take care of contest winners when they visit the legislature. There are transportation, meals, housing items to be considered, as well as publicity plans.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Young reported to the Board that the statewide Committee for the Road Amendment had taken the liberty of using the League's name in connection with a letter promoting the passage of the amendment. The Board asked Mrs. Young to write to the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers about the error and explaining the League's inability to take that kind of action.

The next meeting of the Board will be November 29, 1956, at the state office at 9:30 A.M. The budget committee will meet the day after the board meeting, on November 30.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15

P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M.)
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 29, 1956

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held in the state office on Thursday, November 29, 1956 with President Mrs. Basil Young, presiding. Members of the Board present were: Mesdames Hill, Kaehler, Grossman, Hargraves, Sigford, Dosse, Anderson, Beirne, Wallinder, Leshner, Guthrie, Humphries, Simmer and Miss Salisbury.

Mrs. Young presented Mrs. Fred Kaehler of Anoka, the new Voters Service Chairman and the Board approved her appointment.

MINUTES

The minutes having been in the hands of Board members prior to this meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. Minutes were approved.

Changes in Board decisions by Mrs. Young and chairmen were presented to the Board. Notice of the reversal of these two decisions were sent by Mrs. Young to Board members prior to this meeting. A copy of this notice is attached to these minutes. A motion to approve the changes in these decisions was made by Mrs. Dosse and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder gave the cumulative treasurer's report and explained the changes in items that she deemed necessary to make. The balance on hand, in the general fund November 30, 1956 was \$59.89. Balance in Special Fund was \$4,147.86.

Mrs. Wallinder emphasize that whatever local Leagues gave as an extra gift would not raise the amount requested as a pledge next year.

S.O.S. and OFFICE
SURVEY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sigford and her committee presented the results of their survey, including operation of the League office with its present accommodations as well as the possibility of operation in other locations. They stated that results indicate it would be more economical to operate in the present office with better regulated use of S.O.S. A complete type-written report of this survey is on file in the State Office.

RECOMMENDATIONS and
BOARD ACTION

1. That the League's mimeographing machine be returned to the office for use on small office jobs. Mrs. Beirne moves and Mrs. Dosse seconds a motion that this be done. Motion carried.
2. That all Board members have a record of pieces of material needed for their operation so this could be used as a guide for new chairmen. That there be generous first runs of material and as few re-runs, which are expensive, as possible.
3. That the League buy its own paper and some other materials. A motion that this should be done was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Carried.
4. That bills of Board members be turned in immediately and that they be paid every three months. The Board agreed.
5. That at convention time, we should be prepared to decide on material and guard decisions. Keep in mind expenditures connected with all action decided upon.
6. Hire a half time helper for the office. This person must be one with League knowledge to help get material in final shape for S.O.S. Question of budget involved.

The Board extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Sigford and her committee for the extensive and excellent work done in connection with this survey.

BUDGET REQUESTS

Mrs. Leshner, Finance Chairman and member of Budget Committee, led a discussion on a revised budget form. Chairmen then made the following requests for 1957-58 Budget:

1. Mrs. Anderson, Organization,	\$2,100.	7. Mrs. Beirne, Membership	\$ 15.
2. Mrs. Dosse, Discussion,	15.	8. Mrs. Hill, Publications	200.
3. Mrs. Humphries, Current Agenda	16.	9. Mrs. Grossman, Public Relations	406.
4. Mrs. Sigford, National Items	30.	10. Mrs. Hargraves, Constitutional Rev.	155.
5. Miss Salisbury, Minnesota Voter	1,380.	11. Mrs. Kaehler, Voters Service	75.
6. Mrs. Leshner, Finance	40.	12. Mrs. Guthrie, Legislative	200.

After these requests were made, Mrs. Leshner and her committee presented a revised budget plan with suggestions to cut expenditures for the rest of fiscal year 1956-57. Changes are as follows:

<u>Item (Income)</u>	<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Change to</u>
State Publications	\$ 750.	\$ 1,000.
State Meetings	0.	65.29
Miscellaneous	0.	58.50
Total	\$19,399.	\$19,772.79

<u>Item (Expend.)</u>	<u>Present Budget</u>	<u>Change to</u>
Board of Directors	\$ 685.	\$ 525.
President	120.	100.
Delegates	400.	378.98
Committee Meetings	50.	25.
Insurance	17.	12.14
Bank Charges	22.	17.
Office Operation	4,220.	5,353.28
New Equipment	50.	61.39
National Publications	155.	275.
Bulletin (Minnesota Voter)	1205.	1,150.
Field Service	2,100.	1,550.
Public Relations	350.	300.
Total	\$19,399.	\$19,772.79

It was moved by Mrs. Leshner and seconded by Mrs. Hargraves to accept this proposed revised budget. The motion carried.

It was moved by Miss Salisbury, seconded by Mrs. Sigford, and passed, to provide for the hiring of a person with League knowledge for office work, 20 hours per week at \$1.50 an hour for period between January 1 to April 1, 1956.

DISCUSSION

Mrs. Dosse recommends the use of report sheets and giving of the same to unit chairmen and Boards. She suggests that this recommendation be placed in the president's letter and that units using this sheet send copies to the state office so that a supply can be made available for use by other Leagues. A display of report sheets will be made at the convention. Mrs. Dosse asked the Board's permission to use a discussion Manual issued by the Los Angeles League, as a means of spreading discussion methods and techniques. Permission granted.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reported on her work with Crystal village and Mounds View Township in organizing Leagues in those areas. She stated that the Minnetonka Village League is in the process of choosing a program and that West St. Paul is an excellent provisional League. A copy of Organization Committee's Budget recommendation for 1957-58 is attached.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Kaehler discussed re-evaluation of Voters Service work and presented a questionnaire she will use for this purpose.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Mrs. Hargraves referred to the copy of her constitutional revision plans for the year which she mailed to each Board member.

It is her aim to influence legislators by their constituents at home and to get their views and preserve good working relations with them. She stated a need for facts from other states concerning the number of amendments and gave a report on a recent debate.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman arranged for a "première" showing of the film, "A Very Humorous Story" which was enjoyed by the Board at studio KUOM on the campus. It is now ready for use by Leagues.

Mrs. Grossman gave an analysis of newspaper releases and stated that results by the State League were better than those of local Leagues. She suggested that questionnaires in the future should be confined to one side of a sheet of paper for newspaper convenience.

Mrs. Grossman suggested that members of the Board present ideas for a skit at the State Convention in May.

LEGISLATURE

Mrs. Guthrie reported that 86 requests were received for the free copy of the Constitution booklet, "The State You're In" from senators and candidates for the legislature (we offered to 329, total). She said

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the training meeting for lobbyists is scheduled for December 6, on the University Campus, and that all Board members are invited. Legislative day has been set for February 20th and is open to all Leagues. The day will center around authors of bills.

A request from the American Field Service of the St. Paul area, for the League to provide for a day at the legislature for Foreign Exchange Students was received. The request was granted.

In order to create public opinion on Constitutional Revision every member of the Board was asked to prepare lists of names of people with whom it is possible to work on this issue.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill spoke briefly on copies of "Treasure Chest," a cartoon booklet, Lobby by Letter inserts, and the booklet, "Well, What D'ya Know..."* She explained that the cost of the booklet*would be slightly more than 18¢ due to a misunderstanding on cost of the map inserts. The need for a program for the promotion of the sale of books is still important. She reported on a unit meeting held in Rochester and gave its results. It is hoped that similar meetings might be held in other units, to promote interest in the booklet, and the subject, so a report of that meeting will be mimeographed and sent to Leagues.

The definition of what a "publication" is, League-wise, was discussed and following agreed upon:

(For budgeting purposes) A Publication is material which 1) will sell and on which a profit is made, or 2) is for free distribution and is charged against the committee concerned.

(For promotion purposes) A Publication is material (numbered, priced or free)
1) which can be used by and for the membership and/or the community (i.e., not material just for board members, whether they be state or local)
2) which will be of value to future board members, whether they be future board members, local, state or outstate.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS Mrs. Lee's letter was discussed, and some suggestions made for Mrs. Young's letter to presidents.

STATE PROGRAM Mrs. Young stated that it was time to call local League's attention to state program making and will do so in next President's Letter. The deadline for material for the President's Letter is Dec. 6.

The next meeting of the Board is to be held in state office on January 10, 1957. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive Simmer,
Secretary

(Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
January 10, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the state office on Thursday, January 10, 1957, with president Mrs. Basil Young presiding. Members of the Board present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Hill, Dosse, Leshar, Wallinder, Beirne, Duncan, Sigford, Humphries, Anderson, Guthrie, Simmer and Miss Salisbury. Guests: Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Grindlay and Mrs. Williams.

MINUTES

The minutes having been in the hands of Board members prior to the meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of same. A correction was made on Page 2 (8 lines from bottom of page) by inserting before the word "results" the following: "When the state office has sent individual Mailings to editors in areas with no local Leagues and at the same time has asked local Leagues to take the same release to their newspapers". The minutes were then approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder read the treasurer's report which shows balances on hand in the following funds: 1. General - \$1,203.29; 2. Jane G. Swisshelm - \$3,079.74; 3. Equipment - \$108.44; 4. Special - \$1,588.14. Mrs. Wallinder read a letter from Miss Hope Washburn concerning the \$1000 gift to the League and its use. Miss Washburn stated that there are no restrictions concerning its use and that its management would be left to the Board to use in any way, for the promotion of any constructive project that might arise where other funds are not available.

A motion to transfer the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund to the Minnesota Federal Savings and Loan Bank, so that a greater income may be derived, was made by Mrs. Leshar and seconded by Mrs. Sigford. Motion carried.

A motion to purchase a new typewriter, using the equipment fund, was made by Mrs. Dosse and seconded by Mrs. Humphries. Motion carried. The purchase of the typewriter is to be in the hands of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams.

The Board recommends that the next budget chairman be chosen from the present budget committee.

A motion to pay Mrs. Lord another \$300 was made by Mrs. Guthrie and seconded by Mrs. Wallinder. Motion carried.

Miss Salisbury recommended that the Board reconsider its decision to return the mimeograph machine to the state office. The motion was made, seconded and passed to consider this matter again after April 1.

Mrs. Young informed members that Mrs. R. Williams will work half days in the office from now until April 1, 1957.

The treasurer's books will be audited in Duluth after April 1, 1957, by an auditor arranged for by Mrs. Wallinder, at a cost of approximately \$15.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Young, in the absence of Mrs. Grossman, stated that while Mrs. Grossman is absent, Mrs. Howard Evenson, 5905 Clinton Avenue, Minneapolis, Telephone - Ta. 3-1912, will be in charge of M.E.A. newspaper publicity; Mrs. Jack Huston, 6925 Oliver Avenue South, Minneapolis, Telephone - Un. 9-0065, will take care of radio and television programs; Mrs. Carl Lifson, 30 Russell Court, Minneapolis, Telephone - Wa. 6-8244, will handle all other public relation matters. All releases are to be cleared with board members concerned.

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES

Mrs. Sigford needs help in getting speakers for "Individual Liberties" programs. She said that there are many inquiries about the Fund for the Republic and use of its material and funds. She recommends that anyone interested, can obtain a copy of the Third Annual Report of "The Fund for the Republic" by writing to 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, New York.

At this time, Mrs. Young called attention to water resource material for the state of Minnesota, prepared by Mrs. Balcom of the Minneapolis League. It is to be used by the Minneapolis League in their workshops and it is

possible that it may be made available for use by other Leagues, if permission is obtained from the Minneapolis League.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. Kane discussed the anticipated suit against members of the legislature to force the legislature to reapportion. Mr. Frank Farrell and Mr. Daniel Magraw have asked the support and assistance of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota in bringing this suit against members of the legislature. The Board discussed League participation, after hearing the facts and problems as presented by Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Hargraves and then agreed unanimously to the motion made by Mrs. Sigford and seconded by Mrs. Beirne. Motion: "We will agree to appear as Amicus Curiae in suit brought under the 14th amendment to the federal Constitution by Mr. Frank Farrell and Mr. Daniel Magraw and committee, against members of the legislature, to enforce the legislature to reapportion."

It was suggested that Mrs. Young answer a letter from Mrs. Gerard von Glahn, president of the Duluth League, in regard to a request for them to participate in the aforementioned suit.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Hill reported that 16,000 copies of the Constitution Booklet are out and that new maps will soon be ordered. The price in quantities up to 500 to foundations is 15¢ and for quantities over 500, 13¢ per book.

NATIONAL PROGRAM Mrs. Young led a discussion on the National Program "Focus on the Future." Reports show that the following Leagues have taken action on this program: Duluth, West St. Paul, Bloomington, Richfield, Austin, Minneapolis, Hibbing, Roseville, New Prague, St. Louis Park, Edina, Hopkins, Golden Valley. The Board suggests that a report of League activity on "Focus on the Future" should be given in the next president's letter as it may be helpful to other Leagues.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Guthrie gave an account of her visits to the Senate and stated a need for lobbyists on reapportionment and party designation. She announced that Mrs. Gruner asked to be replaced as FEP legislative chairman and Mrs. Mantis of St. Paul will take her place. She presented her plan for work in the legislature, and the Board approved. It is as follows: (1) Training Meeting for committee and lobbyists, January 17, Room 353, Union, U. campus. (2) January 31, Essay winners visit the legislature and read their essays in both the House and Senate. (3) February 20, Legislative day at the Capitol. Meeting will be held in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Minnesota Historical Society. Seating capacity is 96--therefore it is necessary to limit to two or three the number of people that each League may send. State board members are urged to attend.* (4) The League has furnished "Ninety Days of Law-making" for the school for new legislators, which will be held within the next two weeks and will be conducted by Mr. Leahy, Clerk of the House. *REMINDER - Board members should make reservations for lunch.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Anderson gave a report on her work with the following groups: Minnetonka Village, West St. Paul, Mounds View, Lake Johanna, Crystal and Cannon Falls.

Mrs. Anderson and her committee met to prepare a schedule for Mrs. Horner's visit which will begin March 25, 1957, and continue for four weeks. It was decided to have two meetings in the northern half of the state, two in the southern half and one central meeting in St. Paul. There will be meetings to accommodate special groups, county councils, large suburban groups with problems, training of new state board members, individual League visits, etc. A schedule of Mrs. Horner's visit will appear in the next Voter.

DISCUSSION Mrs. Dosse recommends Mr. Howell from the University as an aid to the League's discussion program - either to be used as a speaker on the convention program or as a speaker at area meetings. Mrs. Anderson suggests that Mr. Howell be used in training people for area meetings.

Mrs. Anderson read a letter from Mrs. Lee concerning a training school to be conducted in Washington, D.C. for state staff members. Mrs. Young will write to Mrs. Lee concerning attendance of Minnesota staff members.

PROPOSED CONVENTION SCHEDULE
May 16, 17, 1957

Mrs. Young explained that she met with the convention committee and they prepared the program schedule for the state convention to be held May 16, 17, 1957 at

the Nicollet Hotel.

Mrs. Duncan presented the tentative program to the board for its approval. She called attention to Mrs. Blanchard, the convention speaker, and said that the World Affairs Center would be in charge of getting other speaking engagements for Mrs. Blanchard.

Board members offered suggestions for the skit to be presented May 17.

Mrs. Young appointed the following people to be in charge of convention items:

1. Mrs. Anderson - State of the League
2. Mrs. Dosse - changes in by-laws, to report at the next meeting.
3. Miss Salisbury - proposed program suggestions.
4. Mrs. Sigford - continuing responsibilities.

The next meeting of the Board will be held Thursday, February 21, 1957, at the state office. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive Simmer, (Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer)
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
February 21, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held at the state office on Thursday, February 21, 1957 with president Mrs. Basil Young presiding. Members of the Board present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Dosse, Sigford, Leshner, Anderson, Hill, Wallinder, Kaehler, Humphries, Guthrie, Grossman and Simmer. Guests: Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Beirne.

MINUTES

The minutes having been in the hands of Board members prior to the meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. A correction was made under "Discussion" on page 2. The sentence should read "Mrs. Dosse recommends Mr. Howell from the University as an aid to the League's discussion program to be used as a speaker at the state convention". The remainder of the paragraph is to be deleted. The minutes were then approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In making the treasurer's report, Mrs. Wallinder cited several contributions that have been made and among them a \$200 contribution from Miss Hope Washburn. She read Miss Washburn's letter and then read a copy of her reply to Miss Washburn.

Mrs. Wallinder asked the Board's approval of her leaving the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund where it is until April 1, 1957 so that there would be no loss of interest. The Board approved. She reported a balance of \$1,501.23 as of January 31, 1957 in the general fund and a balance of \$1360.87 in the special fund.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. Leshner discussed the new national budget and reported a gift of \$20,000. Mrs. Leshner also analyzed circumstances of local League finance drive results.

MISCELLANEOUS

The resignation of Mrs. Beirne from the Board was presented. Mrs. Grossman moved and Mrs. Dosse seconded a motion to accept with regret Mrs. Beirne's resignation. Motion carried.

At this time Mrs. Young stated that it is necessary to elect two delegates to the National Council Meeting at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Wallinder moved and Mrs. Humphries seconded a motion to send Mrs. Anderson as the first delegate. Motion carried. Mrs. Wallinder moved and Mrs. Guthrie seconded a motion to send Mrs. Sigford as the second delegate. Motion carried.

A breakfast is to be held at the Willard Hotel for congressmen and delegates to the council. Each state's delegates are to be in charge of invitations to their members of congress. Mrs. Young and Minnesota delegates will extend invitations to Minnesota congressmen.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reported on existing qualifications of Minnetonka Village as a provisional League and asked the Board to accept them as such. Mrs. Guthrie moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion to recognize Minnetonka Village as a provisional League. Crystal and Robbinsdale are now in the process of organizing. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson presented Mounds View Township's request for organization. After due consideration, the Board decided to defer organization until such time as there is a more stable local government basis and enough woman power to service a League in their area. This motion was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Kaehler. Motion carried. Mrs. Anderson will inform them of this Board action.

Mrs. Young told the Board of two requests from the Minneapolis League to be granted permission to take legislative action. The first was with reference to a tax levy of 15 mills for the City Council's current expense fund. The second concerned an amendment to the Minnesota Housing Authority Act which would affect other communities in addition to Minneapolis. Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the tax levy request be granted and that the Housing request be denied. Motion carried.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill reported that 16,000 copies of the constitutional booklet "Well, What D'Ya Know---Minnesota Has a Constitution" have been distributed. The Board and Mrs. Hill discussed methods and possibilities of disposal of the remainder of the books.

Mrs. Hill asked permission to be more generous in give-away copies and asked if she could leave copies at the Continuation Center for Hospital Administrators. She explained the packets of material that she arranged had been sent to local Leagues.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman asked permission for herself and Mrs. Richter to take over work that befalls the League at certain times in connection with Minnesota editors column in Twin City papers. Permission granted. She suggested that the use of the film "A Very Humorous Story" should be urged in the next president's letter.

Mrs. Grossman said that in her opinion, now is the time for concerted action of some kind to make legislators feel that many people are interested in getting a Constitution Revision bill passed. After a lengthy discussion and many suggestions, the Board decided that Mrs. Grossman and her committee carry out a plan for this kind of action.

In discussing the organization of citizens' committees, Mrs. Grossman and her committee make the following statement for guidance of the League of Women Voters in future work with committees of this kind:

"The Public Relations Committee suggests that in the future the State League of Women Voters limit their organization of citizens' committees to committees composed of organizations rather than individuals. Based on our experience with the MCCC, we feel that organizations can supply the manpower and money that a committee composed of individuals cannot do. Many months of effort were wasted by members of the public relations committee in the formation of the MCCC and we would hope that future committees could profit by our experience."

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Guthrie reviewed the status of bills. She said that there appears to be no Civil Service emergency and that only a slight raise in appropriations for F.E.P.C. seems apparent. Party designation passed the House.

Legislative Day, February 20, was well attended with thirty-six Leagues represented and it proved to be a very successful project.

Mrs. Guthrie gave a complete report of the Essay winners experiences while visiting the legislature. Because of wide-spread publicity in connection with the essays and visits, the Board feels that the Essay contest was a very worthy undertaking.

Mrs. Hill moved and Mrs. Wallinder seconded a motion that an appropriate badge should be worn by authorized League lobbyists. Motion carried.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION STATUS OF BILLS

Mrs. Hargraves reported on the very effective hearing in the House of the proponents of constitution revision. A hearing for the opponents will be held next week.

Mrs. Hargraves suggests that Board members each write three people which might include Senators Thomas Welch and Carl Hagland (committee chairman), authors of the bills and members of their committees.

In considering the Home Rule bill (H.F. 1031-SF. 854) that has been proposed, it was moved by Mrs. Hargraves and seconded by Mrs. Dosse that the League support this bill ~~with the exception of this portion~~ of Section 4. - "except that the legislature may provide that a special law applicable to a local government of more than 100,000 population, may become effective upon approval of the local governing body by such majority as the legislature may prescribe by law." Motion carried.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Kane presented various bills on reapportionment that have been written. Some of them are the Bergerud bill; Jensen; Sinclair and Rosenmeir; and Senator O'Laughlin's bill. She pointed out features of each so that the Board could decide which the League might be able to support. After some discussion, Mrs. Grossman moved and Mrs. Dosse seconded a motion that the League support Senator O'Laughlin's bill and if the Jensen bill is modified to provide for reapportioning by ratio instead of set figures, then we would support the Jensen bill. Motion carried. The Board also decided that the League is to continue to say that we are not in favor of enforcement by special session but are in favor of a bi-partisan or executive commission form of enforcement.

A decision was made to support a four year term for governor (S.F. 190-H.F. 260) and a amend; providing for the legislature to extend its sessions (S.F. 643-HF 490).

BY-LAW CHANGES

Mrs. Dosse suggested that several changes should be made in our by-laws so that they conform with national by-laws. She pointed out each instance where they differ and after discussion, Mrs. Hill moved and Mrs. Grossman seconded a motion that we change our by-laws to conform with national by-laws. Motion carried. Changes are as per copy attached.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Mrs. Sigford reviewed for the Board suggestions for items on a proposed program, as sent in by local Leagues. The Board considered items that were suggested the greatest number of times and then Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Grossman seconded a motion that the League have a one item program, namely - "Conservation, A Study of Water Resources". Motion carried.

Mrs. Hargraves moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to move "Constitutional Revision" to continuing responsibilities, with action dependent on the outcome of legislative action and to remove "Civil Service" from continuing responsibilities with an explanation of the reason for doing so. Motion carried. The other continuing responsibilities - FEPC, Party Designation and Reapportionment by Statute - will be retained.

DISCUSSION WORKSHOP

Mrs. Dosse asked for an opportunity to hold a discussion workshop. The Board decided to recommend to the next Board a workshop of this kind as early as possible.

CONVENTION

Mrs. Young asked the Board for their approval of the following convention items.

1. Registration at \$2.00.
2. Dinner cost - \$ 3.50.
3. Two light luncheons @ \$1.85 or less if possible.

Mrs. Grossman asked for suggestions for the "skit" to be presented at the convention. There was discussion on convention exhibits by local Leagues.

Mrs. Young announced Mrs. Roosevelt's appearance at Northrop Auditorium March 11, 1957. She will speak on "The United Nations".

Material for the president's letter is to be in February 28.

The next meeting will be held at the state office March 21, 1957 - from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer)
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
March 21, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held in the state office on Thursday, March 21, 1957, with president Mrs. Basil Young presiding. Members of the Board present were: Mesdames Sigford, Anderson, Humphries, Dosse, Leshar, Kaehler, Hill, Hargraves, Guthrie, Grossman, Wallinder, Simmer and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES

The minutes having been in the hands of Board members prior to the meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. Corrections were as follows: By-laws - to the 2nd sentence, 3rd para. 3rd page, add the phrase: with the exception of article X Section 3(a) where three months seems sufficient time. Constitutional Revision - to first sentence last paragraph, page 2, after words "support this bill" should read - "support this bill expressing opposition to Section 4." Discussion workshop - page 3 - should read - "Mrs. Dosse asked for an opportunity to hold a discussion workshop session at the state convention. The Board decided that because there would not be enough time at the convention, they would recommend to the next Board a workshop of this kind as early as possible - " The minutes were then approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder gave the cumulative treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$2,107.49 in the general fund and a balance of \$1424.15 in the special fund.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reported on her League work in the following communities: Mounds View, Virginia, Minnetonka Village, West St. Paul, Crystal and Robbinsdale. She said that Mrs. Horner's schedule was complete and asked Board members to assist in the meeting for suburban Leagues to be held April 12, at Hopkins in the Red Owl Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mrs. Anderson called the Board's attention to the opportunity for training new state board members and a meeting for them will be held April 17 at the state office.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

Mrs. Humphries reported on local League's current agendas and the use of tools provided for League Agenda work. The report indicated that only four Leagues have no local current agenda.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Kaehler reported a need for Voters Service exchange material. She called attention to a national publication titled "Swap Shop" and stated that she feels the material now available could be improved in format for convenient use. She suggests that material more easily filed and identified is needed and she will endeavor to improve the system we have in Minnesota and if successful will suggest this improvement to national.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill expressed her appreciation of help given her in the disposal of the Perk-up Packets of materials sent to local Leagues. She told of the committee's decision to sell "Well, What D'Ya Know" at 10¢ per copy for a short period with the hope that it would encourage the sale of them. She said that further attempts would be made to sell large orders of them.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Guthrie gave an interesting report of her work in the legislature on the Constitution Revision Bill thus far. This included committee work in the House and the passage of the bill by the House of Representatives as well as the beginning of committee work in the Senate. She presented many of the legislators views and problems confronting the League because of the opponents of the bill. Party designation will soon come up in the Senate and no report was available on reapportionment.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
Report on Senate Hearing

In discussing the hearings of bills in the House and Senate, Mrs. Hargraves wonders if hearings - however well conducted - have value in influencing votes.

Minnesota Employers Association follow-up (M.E.A.) 193 letters were sent to persons in the M.E.A. About 35 answers were received, of which 10 stated opposition to the stand of Mr. Christiansen, Executive Vice President of M.E.A. The question confronting the League is what pattern of follow-up work should be used. The issue was discussed by the Board and various methods of handling the situation were proposed.

Mrs. Grossman moved the following procedure:

1. That a copy of Mrs. Hargrave's letter that has already been sent to Mr. Christiansen (concerning our protest about the inaccurate reporting of the League stand in their publication) should be sent to all Board members of M.E.A.
2. That another letter properly drafted and signed - together with a copy of the 4 F's as informative material, should be sent to all members of M.E.A. who returned their cards. This letter should contain a statement that because of their interest they are being placed on our mailing list.
3. A letter of protest against statements about the League made by Mr. Christiansen, with carbon copies to Board members of M.E.A. Motion carried. should be sent to Mr. Christiansen.

It was suggested that a "Letter to the Editor" type of material, with the title, "I am hurt by the present constitution because....." be placed on all Senators desks by Mrs. Guthrie. The Board approved.

A list of Senators feared to be "no" votes on constitutional revision, was given to Board members. There was discussion on possible action. Mrs. Grossman suggested greater use of editorials and use of special delivery letters to Leagues for approach to "no" Senators.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Grossman expressed her appreciation of Minnesota Editorial Association service and it is her belief that its service and editorial clippings are invaluable in League work. The State Fair booth was discussed. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Wallinder seconded a motion that we dispense with the State Fair booth project this year. Motion carried.

After some discussion, Mrs. Dosse moved and Mrs. Leshar seconded a motion that the Public Relations Committee apply for permission to conduct an essay contest in schools for 1957-58. Motion carried. The subject of the essay should be constitutional convention or any other subject that the committee decides is suitable.

DISCUSSION WORKSHOP

Mrs. Dosse reported on the workshop held February 28 in West St. Paul. It was small but successful. She suggested calling attention to the use of the Discussion film by Leagues at a rental charge of \$3.50 or the library rental for 25¢ plus a library card.

NATIONAL LETTER

Mrs. Young read a letter from National on 25% tax limitation and current drive in state legislatures to pass resolution memorializing Congress to place percentage limitation on taxes.

MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion to rent the mimeograph machine to the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis for another year. Motion carried.

FINANCE PROBLEM Mrs. Leshar presented the Minnetonka Village-Deephaven finance problem. There was discussion and Mrs. Leshar was advised as to the answer to be given them.

STATE CONVENTION Mrs. Young gave a sketch of the convention program. Mrs. Grossman told of progress in the production of the skit to be given at the convention. It will be given Friday, May 17, and will last 30 minutes, with Board members participating. Mrs. Anderson, who is in charge of the State of the League, hopes to give recognition to new and provisional Leagues.

Attention of local Leagues is to be called to the prizes to be awarded at the convention by the Public Relations Committee. Prizes are to be awarded for the following:

1. For the best job done by local Leagues in building public opinion.
2. Best display on what work has been done on all levels.

Motion for the awarding of these prizes was made by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Motion carried.

DELEGATES EXPENSES Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Leshar seconded a motion to allow additional money to the delegates to the National Council in Washington, D. C. to pay for breakfasts of Minnesota congressmen who accepted the invitation to the congressional breakfast.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held in the state office April 18, 1957. It was decided to have the May Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 1957. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer)
Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
April 18, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held in the state office on Thursday, April 18, 1957, with president Mrs. Basil Young presiding. Members of the board present were: Mesdames Anderson, Guthrie, Leshner, Sigford, Humphries, Dosse, Kaehler, Hargraves, Grossman, Simmer and Miss Salisbury. Guests: Mrs. E. Horner, Mrs. Stanley Kane, and Miss Barbara Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes having been in the hands of Board members prior to the meeting, it was moved to dispense with the reading of the same. The following corrections were made: (1) Discussion Workshop - addition of "from the audiovisual department of the University of Minnesota" after \$3.50. (2) Addition of "Minneapolis" - preceding library card. The minutes were then approved.

Mrs. Kane

Mrs. Kane appeared before the Board and presented problems that confronted her at the legislative session, with regard to amendments to the reapportionment bills. After discussion of legislative problems that need immediate attention and the advisability of supporting amendments which the League approves, plus the possible effect of this on the future of a constitutional convention, Mrs. Hargraves moved and Mrs. Dosse seconded a motion that we support the reapportionment amendment attached to the Bergerud-Gillen bill as now proposed. Motion carried.

Miss Stuhler

Miss Stuhler presented her idea of how to achieve a constitutional convention. More discussion followed on Home Rule, length of legislative sessions, inoperative sections of the constitution, four year terms of office for constitutional officers, apportionment of senators on a frozen area basis, and house members on a population basis. After due consideration, it seemed advisable to let the membership decide at the convention what pattern of work should be followed in regard to constitutional convention and support of amendments. It is evident that the type of amendments passed, will determine the prospect of a constitutional convention in the future.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reported on organization in Crystal and moved that this group should be recognized as a provisional League. Mrs. Dosse seconded the motion. Motion carried. The report on West St. Paul showed exceptional organization with all requirements for becoming a local League having been fulfilled. Mrs. Grossman moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the Board recommend to national that West St. Paul be recognized as a local League. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson asked for Board permission to do cultivation work at Grand Rapids, the Taconite Villages, Cloquet, St. Anthony Village and Farmington. St. Louis county organization work was discussed and Mrs. Horner spoke briefly on county council policies and urged formation of a St. Louis county council. Mrs. Humphries moved and Mrs. Dosse seconded a motion giving permission to organize the St. Louis county council. Motion carried.

It was announced that the League of Women Voters of Virginia was recognized as a local League by the national Board on April 11th.

Mrs. Horner's Report

Mrs. Horner's report covered her visits to individual Leagues, area and special meetings in the state of Minnesota, as per the schedule arranged by Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Horner reported many of the problems of Leagues in the state. She suggested that the National and state Voter mailing problem should be straightened out and said that individual League help is necessary for certain smaller Leagues. She reported that Minnesota had outstanding success in area meetings and local League's attendance was very good. She was impressed with the success of the suburban League's meeting, the excellent state organization meeting for the training of new Board members and with the increase in Minnesota's membership of approximately five hundred. She feels that much progress still needs to be made in Local League finance performance in Minnesota. She spoke of the progress the state Board has made in its greater use of state committees.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Kaehler gave her report on the Voter Service questionnaires which were sent to local Leagues. Forty-five questionnaires were returned and VS work accomplished by each League was given. Mrs. Kaehler compiled the number of Leagues doing each kind of work. This report presented an excellent picture to the Board of VS work done by Leagues in Minnesota. (Report is on file in the state office.)

Voters Service displays at the State Convention and possible changes in this work in the future were discussed by Mrs. Kaehler and the Board.

FINANCE

Mrs. Leshner asked for the Board's advice in solving the finance problem between the Deephaven League and the newly organized Minnetonka Village League. After some discussion, the Board decided that the problem should be cleared by the Metropolitan Finance Committee.

Discontinuing membership in the National Municipal League was discussed. It was decided to give this matter further consideration.

Mrs. Leshner moved to include in the state budget for 1957-58 an item of income in the amount of \$84 from the rental of equipment, also to include an expenditure item of \$84 for new equipment. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Sigford. Motion carried.

CONFERENCES

Mrs. Sigford called the Board's attention to the following conferences: (1) The International Affairs Conference to be held May 9, 10, 11 at the University of Minnesota. The banquet at the Union, honoring Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson (May 10) and the speeches of Mr. Anderson (May 11) and Mr. Edward Weidner (May 10), and of Mr. R. E. Cushman on Self-Incrimination (May 9). The League of Women Voters was invited to write a letter of congratulation and appreciation to Mr. William A. Anderson for this occasion, and Mrs. Young will do so. (2) The conference of International Relations Clubs and Collegiate Council for the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota United Nations Association to be held May 3 and 4 with Senator Humphrey and Harold E. Stassen as speakers.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

(Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Sigford, delegates) Mrs. Anderson stated that material for the National Council meeting in Washington, D. C. has been received. She cited questions asked in the material on equalization fee for council meetings, the National Voter, program items and continuing responsibilities, and asked for guidance by the Board in answering them.

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CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
Aspects of Amendments

Mrs. Hargraves reported on her work in the legislature on Constitutional Revision and amendments. She weighed the advisability of supporting amendments as against achieving a constitutional convention. She led a discussion on the reapportionment amendment and how it might be advisable in view of a good constitutional convention. The question is: what pattern will the League follow? Shall we compromise and take what we can get or shall we continue to work for a constitutional convention?

LEGISLATIVE RESUME

Mrs. Guthrie reported on her work with individual legislators and says that in her opinion there is evidence that the work of the League of Women Voters in the legislature has been effective. She presented her plan for a Legislative skit to be used on the program for the State Convention.

STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Young reviewed the proposed convention program and suggestions were made by members of the Board. Mrs. Leshar suggested that Mrs. Robert Damon of 7317 Bryant Avenue, Richfield, should be asked to serve as parliamentarian for the State Convention. She also suggested the use of a Richfield quartette, the EZ Tones for a musical number on the program.

Mrs. Anderson led a discussion on the showing of visual and audio aids at the convention. They are the films on the following: Discussion, Water Resources and A Very Humorous Story, and a record on finance. It was decided that the Public Relations committee investigate the renting of machines for showing audio-visual tools, also costs and accommodations for the same. They have the authority to decide whether or not the films are to be shown.

Mrs. Grossman asked the Board to allow money for awards at the convention. Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Dosse seconded a motion to allow \$10 for this purpose. Motion carried. Mrs. Grossman suggested that the State Convention should be publicized. It was moved by Mrs. Grossman and seconded by Mrs. Dosse that the Public Relations committee should decide if a M.E.A. release should be used after the convention. Motion carried.

Miss Salisbury led a discussion on program suggestions. Conservation leads in suggestions sent in by Leagues, but other items such as taxes, election laws and schools seem to command nearly as much interest. The choice of continuing responsibilities will depend on the outcome of legislative action.

Mrs. Hill will award the prize for selling "Well, What d'ya Know". Recognition will be given to state committee people doing outstanding work for the League.

Board members should make their own hotel room reservations. The office will arrange for and provide registrations, luncheon and dinner tickets for Board members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the state office, Tuesday, May 7, 1957 at 9:30 A.M. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Olive H. Simmer (Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer)
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
May 7, 1957

The regular meeting of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held in the state office on Tuesday, May 7, 1957 with president Mrs. Basil Young presiding. Members of the Board present were: Mesdames Grossman, Anderson, Hargraves, Guthrie, Duncan, Sigford, Hill, Wallinder, Humphries, Leshner, Simmer and Miss Salisbury. Guests present were: Mrs. Stanley Kane, and Mrs. Philip Hill, Chairman of the State Convention from the Minneapolis League.

MINUTES

The minutes were read and the following correction was made.

Under FINANCE, page 2 -- the paragraph concerning the finance problem between Deephaven and Minnetonka Village was deleted and the following statement by Mrs. Leshner was inserted. "Mrs. Leshner asked that a procedure be established for handling finance problems arising when a new League is established in a section that has previously been in the territory of another League. Deephaven and Minnetonka Village were used as an example. After some discussion, it was decided that the scope of the Metropolitan Finance committee should be enlarged to include problems of this type." The minutes were then approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Wallinder gave the cumulative treasurer's reports as of April 1, 1957 and May 1, 1957. The balance on hand in the general fund April 1, 1957 was \$2,420. Balance on hand May 1, 1957, was \$1,302.13. Balance on hand in the special fund April 1, 1957 was \$1,659.90. There was discussion on the payment of notes held in connection with publication of Well, What D'ya Know....Minnesota Has a Constitution. Mrs. Guthrie moved and Mrs. Grossman seconded a motion to pay the two smaller notes held by Roseville and Afton-Lakeland in full, and a payment of \$500 each to the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues. Thank you letters are to accompany these checks. Notes are to be written by Mrs. Young. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wallinder reported on the purchase of a new typewriter for \$182.75 with a trade in of \$60 allowed for the old Smith machine. The Board agreed to sell the old L.C. typewriter to Mrs. Young for \$20. The new Allen typewriter has a two year guarantee and service.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson reported on organization work in Robbinsdale. She said that all requirements for a pre-provisional status have been fulfilled. Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Leshner seconded a motion that Robbinsdale be granted provisional status. Motion carried. Mrs. Anderson presented the request of the League of Women Voters of Tracy to disband. After some discussion Mrs. Hargraves moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the Board recommend to national that recognition be withdrawn from Tracy. Motion carried. Interested members are offered the opportunity of being members at large.

ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION

Mrs. Young gave her report on the revision of Articles of Incorporation of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. She reported obsolete material that was removed and other necessary changes that were made. After a detailed account of the revision made and discussion by the Board, Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Grossman seconded a motion to approve the articles as revised. Motion carried.

CONTEST

Mrs. Grossman stated that she had not requested permission for a contest for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota to the State Department of Education and suggested that the future Board and Public Relations Chairman act immediately after the state convention, if a contest is desired.

REVISION OF "Well, What
D'ya Know....."

Mrs. Hill suggested some revision of the booklet to bring it up to date for the sale of the remainder of the books. Methods of revision were suggested. Some parts are ob-

solete since the legislature met and after discussion the Board felt that inserts were the best methods to be used for revision and that procedure and costs should be investigated.

Mrs. Hill presented a list showing publications and the number of each purchased by local Leagues and the number of Leagues not buying each publication.

VACATIONS

At the request of the budget committee, Mrs. Young brought before the Board, the question of vacations. After discussion, Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion providing a two weeks vacation with pay and a month, if desired, with two weeks at their own expense for those having been employed less than one year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hill moved and Mrs. Duncan seconded a motion that the new Board review and decide on a personnel policy including vacation, sick leave, etc. Motion carried.

CONVENTION

1. Parliamentary - Mrs. Grossman moved that a qualified parliamentarian at a regular going fee be employed for the state convention. Motion carried.

2. Mrs. Young made the following appointments: Platform Timekeeper, Mrs. Duncan; Floor Timekeeper, Mrs. Philip Hill will arrange; Credentials Committee, Mrs. Philip Hill plus two members to be appointed by Mrs. Young.

3. Mrs. Young announced that no hats are to be worn by those attending convention.

4. Mrs. Philip Hill related the progress being made in convention arrangements. She described the platform and microphone arrangements. Seating at dinner and luncheons was discussed. Mrs. Sigford was appointed to take charge of providing a projector and screen for showing of Mrs. Blanchard's slides.

5. The Board decided against showing of any other audio-visual aids during convention. The Public Relations Committee are to arrange for the people taking part in radio and TV programs during convention.

PROGRAM

Miss Salisbury gave a report on her conversation with Mr. Wm. A. Anderson and his opinion on conservation of water as a program item. Mrs. O.H. Anderson and Mrs. Sigford gave the Board information on the subject which they obtained at the National Council Meeting from other states. After thorough discussion the Board agreed that conservation would not be the best program item.

Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. Kane led a discussion on the possibility and advisability of placing constitutional revision on the program as either an agenda item or a continuing responsibility.

Finally the Board decided to recommend that the first item on the program should be:

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support and work for:

1. The calling of a constitutional convention;
2. A constitutional amendment providing for periodic submission to the people of the question of calling a constitutional convention;
3. A constitutional amendment providing for a fair and enforceable apportionment of the Legislature.

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion that a possible second item to be recommended would be: Financing public education. After thorough discussion, the motion passed.

Mrs. John Hill asked the Board permission to use \$10 for prize money, this money to be taken from C.R. Fund. Permission granted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, 3 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer, Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY SIXTH CONVENTION

The 36th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday morning, May 16, 1957 in the Terrace Room of Hotel Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minnesota with president, Mrs. Basil Young, presiding.

Mrs. Young welcomed guests and delegates to the convention and stated briefly the purpose of the convention and the necessary procedure in the making of the program. She then made the following appointments:

1. Parliamentarian - Miss Louise Herou of Minneapolis
2. Platform Timekeeper - Mrs. Russell Duncan, Minneapolis
3. Floor Timekeeper - Mrs. Hugo Schuck, Minneapolis
4. Page - Mrs. Richard Gray, Minneapolis
5. Discussion Recorder - Mrs. William Sampson, St. Paul

A motion to approve these appointments was made by Mrs. Donald Moore of St. Paul. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Thomas Bingham, St. Paul, to approve the appointment of the following people to the Credentials Committee: Mrs. Phillip Hill, Mrs. Wallace Bloom and Mrs. Dean White. The motion was seconded and carried.

The proposed rules for the convention were read by the secretary, Mrs. Thomas Simmer. Mrs. Arthur Welch of Duluth moved their adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Paul Boyer of Roseville that the convention approve the appointment to the Elections Committee of the following members: Mrs. Georgiana Darling, Brainerd, Mrs. Arthur Welch, Duluth, Mrs. George Spoo, Rochester, Mrs. Thomas Bingham, St. Paul. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Young proposed a change in the order of business of the convention to consider By-law Amendments before the report of the Nominating Committee. A motion to adopt the order of business of the convention as proposed by Mrs. Young, was made by Mrs. Donald Moore of St. Paul. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Young then introduced Mrs. Frederick King, president of the Minneapolis League, who welcomed the convention delegates and guests. Mrs. Young also introduced members of the State Board and office staff.

The proposed amendments to the by-laws were presented by Mrs. C. R. Humphries, who went over them in detail as per copy in the Convention Workbook. Mrs. Humphries then moved their adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miss Barbara Stuhler gave the report of the Nominating Committee as given on page 11 of the convention kit. As the slate was read, the nominees came to the front of the hall so that they could be recognized by the delegates. (As Mrs. Young was on the slate, the first Vice President, Mrs. Russell Duncan, presided.) Mrs. Duncan asked for nominations from the convention floor as the by-laws provide. There being none, it was moved that the nominations be closed. This motion was seconded and carried - vote to take place the following day.

Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder gave the treasurer's report. The balance on hand March 31, 1957 in the general fund was \$2,420. Balance on hand in the Constitutional Revision fund \$1,659.90. Balance on hand in the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund \$3,145.64.

Report of the audit of the treasurer's books as of March 31, 1957 by Mr. Edward J. Wigg, Jr. of Duluth, who is a public accountant was made; it was accepted and placed on file.

The proposed budget was presented and explained by Mrs. E. C. Williams of St. Louis Park. She elaborated on the items in the budget and gave the reasons for arriving at amounts for each item.

Pledges were called for by Mrs. Robert Leshner, Finance Chairman. Each League present stood and announced their pledges. Golden Valley presented an extra gift of \$25.00 to the state League.

Mrs. Donald Guthrie, legislative chairman, and her committee gave the legislative report in the form of a drama in two acts: Act I, Victory; Act II, Defeat. They depicted the experiences of League lobbyists in the 1957 legislative session. The following emphasized their work in connection with each particular issue and gave recommendations for work in the future.

1. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves and Mrs. Gordon Grunditz on Constitutional Revision
2. Mrs. Stanley Kane - Reapportionment
3. Mrs. A. Richter, Mrs. William Sampson, and Mrs. James Smith - Party Designation

Mrs. Guthrie concluded by speaking of the effectiveness of work done during this past session and of a formula for future legislative work.

Mrs. Young adjourned the first session at noon.

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The second session of the convention was called to order by president, Mrs. Young, at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 1957.

Mrs. Russell Duncan - platform timekeeper Mrs. Donald Reed - page

Mrs. M. Hargraves presented for consideration Item I of the proposed Current Agenda, giving the reasons why the State Board chose continued Constitutional Revision - since there is still much to be accomplished and because of vast amounts of time, money and manpower already invested.

Mrs. Hargraves moved for consideration Item I, Constitutional Revision, Support and work for:

1. The calling of a constitutional convention.
2. A constitutional amendment providing for periodic submission to the people of the question of calling a constitutional convention.
3. A constitutional amendment providing for fair and enforceable apportionment of the legislature.

Mrs. Donald Moore, St. Paul, rose to a point of order. She questioned the Boards "modification" of the initial proposed program which deleted the item on water resources and inserted two other items, making the final proposed program entirely different. Mrs. Young (on advice from the parliamentarian) ruled this was proper. Mrs. S. L. Lyksett, St. Paul, appealed the ruling and the convention voted to overrule the president and reverse the Board; the vote was 105 to 111.

Miss E. Salisbury moved to consider as a recommended item "Conservation, a study of Water Resources". Mrs. Hargraves seconded the motion. Standing vote necessary. Count 129 yes, 102 no. Motion carried. Miss Salisbury moved for consideration the recommended item of "Financing Public Education". The motion was seconded and carried.

Non-recommended Items:

- I Mrs. William Whiting of Owatonna moved for consideration, non-recommended item: "The study of the tax problem for the State of Minnesota and all items under taxation as on page 30 of the Convention Kit." Motion seconded - failed to pass.
- II Mrs. Lester Strouse of St. Paul moved for consideration "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will evaluate the election laws and procedures for the State of Minnesota and work for changes if needed." Motion was seconded. Motion carried. Vote 123, yes; 104, no.

Mrs. Robert Kanter of Duluth asked for an opportunity for discussion on the tax item. Miss Eleanor Salisbury moved to reconsider the tax item as recommended by Mrs. Whiting in order to allow full discussion. The motion was seconded and carried. Discussion followed. Miss Salisbury now moved that the vote to consider the original item of tax problems in Minnesota as proposed by Mrs. Whiting of Owatonna be taken. There were questions on material required to cover items under taxes as suggested. Time and womanpower were considered. Standing vote was necessary. Vote 84, yes, 138, no. Motion lost.

Boards recommendations and presentation of proposed Continuing Responsibilities. Mrs. Hargraves presented Item I under continuing responsibilities as recommended and moved for consideration:

Support Revision of Constitutional provisions for:

1. A workable amending process;
2. Clearly fixed executive responsibility;
3. Adequate time for consideration of legislation by the Legislature;
4. A post auditor appointed by and responsible to the Legislature;
5. Increased home rule for local governments.

There was explanation and discussion. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sigford presented and explained Item II - Reapportionment by Statute. She moved for consideration the placing of this item under continuing responsibilities. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sigford presented and moved for consideration Item III - Fair Employment Practices Commission. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sigford presented and moved for consideration Item IV - Party Designation for Legislators as a continuing responsibility. Motion was seconded and carried.

At this time Mrs. Oren of Wells moved for consideration that in the event the Constitutional Revision item is not adopted as an Agenda Item, it be considered under Continuing Responsibilities. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones of South St. Paul. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kanter of Duluth moved for consideration the placing of Civil Service as a Continuing Responsibility to allow for local participation in civil service work. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded and not carried.

There being sufficient time, Mrs. Arett of Moorhead moved that the proponents of Water Conservation be given three minutes to present the item of Water Conservation with three minutes for rebuttal by Board members. Motion seconded and carried. Mrs. Balcom presented arguments and reasons for wanting it as an agenda item. Mrs. O. H. Anderson of the Board gave reasons for the Board not recommending it.

Mrs. Young announced caucuses on program items to be held after the dinner meeting. Mrs. Young adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Dinner was held in the Main Ballroom with Mrs. Basil Young presiding.

Miss Barbara Stuhler presented the Hope Washburn Award to Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves of Rochester for her long and faithful service to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Mrs. Werner J. Blanchard of Dayton, Ohio, who spoke on "Pooling Skills for Human Progress." Colored films of her recent trip to the Middle East were shown.

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The third session was called to order by president, Mrs. Basil Young, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 1957.

Floor Timekeeper - Mrs. Catherine Binns, Minneapolis
Platform Timekeeper - Mrs. Russell Duncan, Minneapolis
Page - Mrs. William Whitbeck, Minneapolis

Mrs. Sigford made a motion to change the order of business to delay National Council reports until after lunch to allow more time for program discussion. Mrs. Wallinder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Duncan presides: Miss Barbara Stuhler moved the acceptance of the following report of the Nominating Committee: President, Mrs. O. H. Anderson, Mahtomedi; First Vice President, Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, Roseville; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. W. DuShane, Rochester; Treasurer, Miss Eleanor Salisbury, Minneapolis; Secretary, Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Granite Falls. Directors, Mrs. Walter Angrist, Deephaven; Mrs. Howard Evenson, Minneapolis; Mrs. O. J. Janski, Richfield; Mrs. Homer Mantis, St. Paul; Mrs. John Neumaier, Hibbing; Mrs. A. J. Olson, Owatonna. Nominating committee, chairman, Mrs. Basil Young, Hibbing; Mrs. Nicholas Duff, Deephaven and Mrs. Donald Y. Moore, St. Paul. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Leshner. The slate was unanimously elected.

Mrs. E. C. Williams presented for adoption the proposed revised budget. Mrs. Leshner moved for the adoption of the budget as revised. The motion was seconded and passed.

Program - Recommended Items - Adoption

Item I Mrs. W. E. Balcom of Minneapolis moved the adoption as Item I on the Current Agenda "Conservation, a study of Water Resources." She gave her reasons and explanation of the same. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Sigford moved to limit the debate to twenty minutes on this item. The motion was seconded and carried. Debate for twenty minutes followed and when concluded, Mrs. A. Welch of Duluth moved that the vote be postponed until all other items and debate have been presented. Motion seconded and carried.

Item II Mrs. M. Hargraves of Rochester moved for adoption as Item II on the Current Agenda "Constitutional Revision-support and work for:

1. The calling of a constitutional convention;
2. A constitutional amendment providing for periodic submission to the people of the question of calling a constitutional convention;
3. A constitutional amendment providing for fair and enforceable apportionment of the legislature." Motion seconded.

Mrs. Don Hoffman of Waseca moved to limit debate on this item to twenty minutes. Motion seconded and carried. After debate of twenty minutes, Mrs. Thomas Bingham of St. Paul moved to postpone vote until all other items and debate have been presented. Motion seconded and carried.

Item III Miss Eleanor Salisbury moved for adoption, "Financing Public Education" as an item on the Current Agenda. Motion seconded. Mrs. Sigford moved to limit debate to twenty minutes on this item. Motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. J. Neumaier of Hibbing asked to distribute school material to delegates at this time. Parliamentary rules that this may not be done until after debate. Debate took place for twenty minutes and Mrs. Lloyd Hocraffer of Roseville moved to postpone vote until after all items and debate have been presented. Motion seconded and carried.

At this time Mrs. LeRoy Moore of Duluth asked consideration of all items before recess.

Mrs. Lester Strouse moved for adoption as Agenda item "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will evaluate the election laws and procedures for the state of Minnesota and work for changes if needed." Motion was seconded. Mrs. Sigford moved to limit debate to twenty minutes on this item. Motion seconded and carried. Debate for twenty minutes. Mrs. W. Balcom of Minneapolis moved to postpone vote until all items and debate have been presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Donald Hoffman of Waseca moved for a recess of ten minutes. Motion seconded and carried. Recess.

Meeting resumed and Mrs. Young announced that a majority vote on recommended items and a two-thirds majority on non-recommended items is necessary for passage, according to the by-laws.

Vote procedure

Motions read in full.

Item I "Water Resources"- standing vote 204 against - 54 for. Motion lost.

Item II "Constitutional Revision"-large majority. Motion carried. Item II became Item I.

Item III "Education" - standing vote - 171 against, 72 for. Motion lost.

Item IV "Election Laws" - vote unanimous for. Motion carried. Item IV became Item II on current agenda.

Continuing Responsibilities

Mrs. Sigford moved to limit debate to three minutes on each continuing responsibility item. Motion seconded and carried.

Mrs. Sigford moved the adoption of Continuing Responsibility No. I, Support Revision of Constitutional Provisions for:

1. A workable amending process;
2. Clearly fixed executive responsibility;
3. Adequate time for consideration of legislation by Legislators;
4. A post auditor appointed by and responsible to the Legislature;
5. Increased home rule for local government.

The motion was seconded. Debate three minutes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sigford moved for the adoption of Item II for continuing responsibilities, Reapportionment by Statute. The motion was seconded. Debate for three minutes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sigford moved for the adoption of Item III, Fair Employment Practices Commission, as a continuing responsibility. Motion was seconded. Debate for three minutes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Sigford moved the adoption of Item IV, Party Designation for Legislators, as a Continuing Responsibility. Motion was seconded. Debate for three minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to adopt as a Continuing Responsibility Item I under Current Agenda (p. 28 of Convention Kit). Motion defeated.

STATE CONVENTION
MINUTES

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Mrs. Green made the motion and Mrs. Mantis the second that the State Convention minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

The corrections and additions will be printed in the next President's letter.

At this time Miss Louise Herou expressed her appreciation to the convention for having been able to serve as their parliamentarian, and extended best wishes to the League of Women Voters of Minnesota for their work in the future.

Mrs. Young adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

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The fourth session convened at 12:45 P.M., May 17, 1957 with Vice President, Mrs. Russell Duncan presiding.

A letter of appreciation from the Nicollet Hotel management was read to the convention by secretary, Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson of Mahtomedi and Mrs. Kenneth Sigford of Roseville gave an interesting report of their attendance at the National Council meeting of the League of Women Voters of U.S. in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson gave her report on organization work in Minnesota. She reported on the growth of the League with an increased membership of five hundred. There are fifty-four Leagues plus three provisional Leagues. She presented the new Leagues at Moorhead, Virginia and West St. Paul as well as the provisional Leagues of Minnetonka Village, Crystal and Robbinsdale.

Mrs. Norman Grossman presented her report on Public Relations and evaluated its importance at all levels. She recognized the following Leagues for outstanding work and presented them with file kits. They are:

1. Bloomington - for their effective local League effort and their excellent display.
2. Edina - for their efforts on local program and excellent local, state and national display.
3. Richfield - for their efforts on support of the state item.
4. Minneapolis - for their fine job in orientation and excellent orientation exhibit.

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The following were given awards for promotion and sales of "Well, What do ya Know---": Mrs. Donald Doll, Jackson; Mrs. Paul Boyer, Roseville; Mrs. Fred C. Jones, South St. Paul; Mrs. Clyde Eckholm, Afton-Lakeland. Roseville, Bloomington, Red Wing and Wells were recognized for the most thorough all around job on the sale of the booklets.

The largest individual sale of "Well, What do ya Know" was made by Mrs. Mary Ann Honetschlager of Afton-Lakeland. Mrs. J. DuShane of Rochester and Mrs. Thomas Bingham of St. Paul received honorable mention for large sales.

→ Mrs. C. Humphries gave her report on Local Agenda work. She recognized the following for having done outstanding local agenda work: Austin, Alexandria, Birchwood, Bloomington, Golden Valley, Hibbing, Minneapolis and St. Louis Park. She commended the Leagues who had completed Town and County surveys. Spot light reports were given by Mrs. Donald Doll of Jackson, Mrs. C. Japs of White Bear Township and Mrs. Clifford Sommers of Edina.

Mrs. Fred Kaehler, Voters Service Chairman, reported on questionnaires that were sent. Mrs. Kaehler divided her spot light work into three areas. Duluth represented the urban area with Mrs. Robert Bartlett reporting; Bloomington represented the sub-urban area with Mrs. Hal Seymour giving their report; Mrs. Conrad Olson of Cass Lake represented the rural areas.

Mrs. Phillip Hill gave the following credentials report: 334 members registered, 257 delegates, 62 observers, 14 state board members and 1 national board member.. 51 of the 57 Leagues were represented.

Mrs. Frederick King expressed appreciation to Mrs. Young for the excellent work she has accomplished and extended her best wishes to Mrs. O. H. Anderson, the new president of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota.

Mrs. Basil Young, retiring president, gave her message to the convention, with a view to progress in the future. She recognized those members of the League who have contributed much to the program by working as Board members and on state committees while she served as president. She expressed appreciation to the Convention Committee, its chairman, Mrs. P. Hill, to Mrs. Werner Blanchard, Hotel Nicollet and Miss Herou who so ably served as parliamentarian.

Mrs. Young then introduced Mrs. O. H. Anderson, the new president, who in turn presented the new Board members. She then gave her message to the delegates.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Olive Simmer

Mrs. Thomas M. Simmer, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
June 4, 1957

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the state office at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, 1957. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, newly elected President, presided. The following members were present: Mesdames Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Hill, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, Neumaier, Sigford, and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Grace Wilson and Roberta Williams, staff members.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. Anderson made the following introductions and an announcement of their respective portfolios:

Mrs. Walter Angrist	Public Relations	Mrs. Ernest Marotta	Water Conserv.
Mrs. John Neumaier	National CR's	Mrs. O. J. Janski	Unit Org. and
Mrs. Edgar Kuderling	Election Laws		Discussion
Mrs. Kenneth Green	Const. Revision	Mrs. John ^{Kenneth} Sigford	Federal Loyalty
Miss E. Salisbury	Treasurer		and Security
Mrs. Howard Evenson	Voter Editor	Mrs. Homer Mantis	Legislation
Mrs. John Hill	Publications	Mrs. Robt Carlson	Secretary

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 7, 1957 meeting were read. The following correction was made: "in paragraph on ORGANIZATION, 1st page, in sentence starting, 'After some discussion' should read: 'After some discussion, Mrs. Hargraves moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the Board recommend to national that Tracy's request for withdrawal of recognition be granted.' The minutes were then approved. Upon motion by Mrs. Sigford and second by Mrs. Kuderling it was decided that to save time all members will read the minutes of the State Convention before the next regular board meeting and they will be approved at that time. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

The secretary read a letter of resignation from Mrs. J. W. DuShane, 1st Vice President and organization chairman. Mrs. Hill moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the board accept the resignation with regret. Motion carried. Several names were suggested to fill this vacancy but no action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Mantis seconded a motion approving the appointment of Mesdames Green, Marotta, and Kuderling to the Board. Motion carried. Mrs. Marotta moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion appointing Mrs. Hill to this board. Mrs. A.J. Olson and Mrs. Kuderling were appointed to the state nominating committee. Several appointments to the board are still to be made. Some discussion was held but no motions were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Miss Salisbury gave the cumulative Treasurer's Report. The balance on hand in the general fund May 31, 1957 is \$2023.06. Balance on hand in the Special Fund May 31, 1957, \$476.90. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Janski seconded the motion to adopt the following resolution: "Be it resolved that checks issued against the checking account and the Special C.R. Fund at the Northwestern National Bank be signed by two of the following: Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President, Miss Eleanor Salisbury, Treasurer, Grace Wilson or Roberta Williams, staff, provided that one signature shall always be that of an officer." Motion carried. Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file.

BOARD ORIENTATION

Mrs. Anderson gave a short talk on general information for new board members. Meetings will be held promptly at 9:30 A.M. on the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July. All board members are urged to be prepared with their material and to get to the meeting early enough to go over the material marked particularly for them. Members will be responsible for all board decisions. It will be our policy to make decisions in the morning session of each meeting and each board member will give the Board advance

notice of any major decisions to be made in their department.

Grace Wilson went over the sheet on "General Information for State Board Members". She urged each member to keep a detailed and complete record of her work to pass on to her successor.

An announcement was made that garage reservations in the Union Garage can be made for board members with advance notice.

STATE CONVENTION

A lengthy analysis of the State Convention just completed was held with the total board participating. The following observations were brought out in the discussion.

1. The general atmosphere of the convention was very good.
2. The meeting place was very satisfactory and the hotel was very cooperative.
3. The Board's role at the convention was proper - on first day, board proposes and persuades; on second day, board listens to delegates speak.
4. The room for registration should be separate from convention hall.
5. A solution must be reached for keeping more people at the last afternoon session, or adjourning earlier.
6. Some free time should be provided for delegates, perhaps a long noon hour the first day, with no planned lunch.
7. League awards could be better presented at Council than at Convention.
8. Leagues should be urged to send more observers to convention.
9. Leagues are urged to have a general membership meeting soon after the convention for report of convention to local League members.
10. Delegates should be thoroughly instructed on procedure.
11. It would be preferable to have meals in different room than the meeting hall.
12. Sale of publications should be announced early in convention session.
13. Caucuses were very valuable, and rooms should be reserved for them ahead of time at the next convention.
14. State of League Report and Spotlight on outstanding local League achievements, if made, should be done early in convention, so delegates may know their fellow Leaguers better.

A suggestion was made by Mrs. Everson that more publicity be given in some way to the Hope Washburn Award. Discussion followed but no action was taken. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that Miss Herou, the Parliamentarian for the convention, be paid a fee of \$25.00. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Anderson announced that National had withdrawn recognition from Tracy, as they wish to disband.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION The following observations and plans were discussed concerning the calling of a constitutional convention.

1. There is still a big job to be done out in the state to convince other people to convince their legislators.
2. A bigger and better speakers bureau out in the state needs to be built. Strong Leagues can help neighboring Leagues with speakers. Give away broadsides and/or sell "Well ----" for 10¢ after each speech. Stress in speeches 1) morality, 2) compare to amendment method, 3) reapportionment.
3. Men must be interested and recruited to speak in support.
4. The Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee must be kept alive and revitalized. Barbara Stuhler was reappointed to serve as the League's representative on this committee.
5. Local Leagues must "adopt" the papers in towns where there are no Leagues and give them materials.
6. The Centennial celebration could be capitalized on concerning the constitution.
7. Broadsides aimed at 5th grade level will be prepared, hopefully in time for County Fair distribution.
8. The League will work closely with the Bi-partisan committee for Constitutional Revision, and ask permission to send speakers to political groups.

9. Mrs. Kane will prepare some new or additional material on reapportionment to be available to local Leagues, possibly in September.
10. A preview of "Periodic Submission" and its meaning will be ready in September.
11. A series of TV programs will be prepared on some vital and dramatic aspect of this program.

ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling stated that the office has written for information from other Leagues who have studied this item. There will be a preview in the September Voter on what this study will entail. Some research material will be available by Council time.

VOTER

A tentative schedule for Voter articles:

July-August	Board appointments, calendar, what state board and office do
September -October	Reapportionment, Periodic Submission amendment, Election Laws
November- December	Local Current Agenda - Finance Drive material
January - February	State Budget - C.R.'s, Election Laws
March - April	Council

NATIONAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Marotta moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion to have 5 area conferences or workshops to include National Item I and National CR's and to include discussion training. Motion carried.

PUBLICATIONS

"The State You're In" will be brought up to date and rewritten in some places, with a view to selling it to schools for use in Social Studies classes as well as to the general public. Miss Salisbury will do this editing. "Well, What D'ya Know" is now to be sold for 10¢ a copy upon motion by Mrs. Mantis and second by Mrs. Kuderling. Motion carried.

The following suggestions were made: 1) publications catalogs should be sent to all local League board members; 2) a list of Basic Publications for each member of the Local League board should be included in the Publication catalog; 3) a box in the Voter each time is to have a list of pertinent publications.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

A continuation of present plans will be carried out, including the M.E.A. releases. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion to sponsor an essay contest*on the subject of reapportionment. The details will be worked out by the Public Relations Committee. Motion passed. One important project will be to get a strong Speakers Bureau going. All publicity is to clear through the Public Relations Committee. Leagues are urged to develop the National program in the press, now in the off-legislative year. *in public and private schools in Minnesota.

FIELD SERVICE

Grace Wilson read some excerpts from the minutes of the last organization committee meeting concerning field service. The fall area conferences on taking the National program to the members could be two in the North, two in the South and one Metropolitan. In the spring there will possibly be more conferences on taking program to the community with the same geographical locations.

FINANCE

In retrospect the financial picture has shown much improvement. Something to keep in mind for the future is good training meetings before financial drives, special emphasis to be placed on the letters sent out first to prospective donors.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

The November-December Voter will include some material on local current agenda.

LOCAL LEAGUE BULLETINS Local Leagues have been asked to send 18 copies of their local bulletins so that each state board member may have one. Mrs. Evenson and Miss Salisbury will give any needed assistance to help bulletin editors.

CALENDAR A tentative calendar was drawn up with the emphasis on "tentative".

COUNCIL Mrs. Sigford will serve as chairman for arrangements for the Council meeting to be held May 14-15th, St. Paul, and the League of Women Voters of Roseville will be asked to be hostess.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting was set for August 1, 1957.

3:00 P.M. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
August 1, 1957

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Mrs. Kuderling made the motion and Mrs. Marotta the second that these minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

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**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

The treasurer was absent but the following report was given:
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Balance on hand July 31, 1957, \$535.90; Special Constitutional
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BULLETINS

Mrs. Evenson announced that Mrs. Curtis Hill of Roseville will serve on the Bulletin committee. She also announced that some specific ~~instructions are~~ being prepared for bulletin editors that will be ready to be sent with the regular mailing in September. It was suggested that two or three people be asked to look over this material before it is sent out.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Anderson gave a brief summary of her activities since the last Board meeting in regard to meetings attended. She commented on the excellence of the Minnesota Institute on Government and Politics now being held at the University. She talked with Dr. Short about giving the League more advance notice and information on this before next year's Institute so that better attendance and coverage will be assured.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Anderson asked for approval of the appointment of Mrs. Dennis Watson, St. Paul, to the state Board to serve as Local Current Agenda Chairman. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded the motion to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Evenson seconded a motion approving the appointment of Mrs. O. J. Janski to the office of 2nd Vice-President and Organization Chairman. Motion carried. Some discussion followed on whether or not to fill the vacancy left in the Unit Organization portfolio. No action was taken.

The following were appointed to serve on the Personnel Policies Committee: Miss Salisbury, Chairman, Mrs. Martis and Mrs. Watson.

The Organization Committee will appoint a committee to go over all local League by-laws with a view to suggestions for more uniformity and improvements.

Mrs. John Mitchell will be asked to serve on the [↑]Citizens Constitutional Committee as the League's representative as neither Miss Stuhler nor Mrs. Grossman will be able to serve.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Christine Urban of the national staff commending the Minnesota League for the State Board Report. It will be used for exhibit for the National Regional conferences.

NATIONAL REGIONAL CONFERENCES

These conferences are to consider the strain on local governments caused by shifting population patterns and the effect on the League. There are to be five conferences and Minnesota will be hostess to the one in this area. It will be held October 1-3 at the Nicollet Hotel and Mrs. Robert Leshner will be chairman of arrangements. Mrs. Harold D. Dyke, national 1st Vice-President and Mrs. Alf Gundersen, national director, will conduct the conferences. Miss Christine Urban, national executive secretary will participate. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Janski will officially represent the state board. Because of these meetings the October Board meeting will be the second Thursday in October, Oct. 10th.

NATIONAL BOARD

Miss Salisbury has suggested that the state Board recommend that Mrs. Basil Young be considered as a nominee for the national Board. This was approved and the suggestion will be sent in.

AREA CONFERENCES

Mrs. Sigford reported on the plans for the area conferences to be held around the state this fall. There will be six conferences instead of the five originally planned. There will be two north, two south, and two metropolitan; one for older and larger Leagues and one for new and smaller Leagues. The dates are as follows: Sept. 11, newer metropolitan Leagues at Robbinsdale; Sept. 18, one each at Hibbing, Rochester and New Ulm; Sept. 25, Alexandria; Oct. 9, St. Paul at Macalester College for older metropolitan Leagues. The president of each hostess League will preside but a state Board member will attend each conference and be responsible for the meeting's context. The conferences will be on National Item I and the National CR's 1 thru 5, and on briefing and discussion techniques.

The following items will be covered:

1. How to organize and distribute material.
2. A model briefing meeting.
3. A model unit meeting.

FEDERAL LOYALTY
AND SECURITY

Mrs. Sigford is preparing a compilation of recommendations from several sources concerning federal loyalty and security for use at the area conferences.

PUBLIC
RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported that there will be a meeting of all metropolitan area League people concerned with radio and TV publicity soon, to co-ordinate plans. A discussion was held on changing back to last year's subject, "Our Minnesota Constitution," for the subject of the school essay contest. Mrs. Angrist moved and Mrs. Hill seconded a motion to use this subject title but to include reapportionment as one of suggested topics for emphasis. Mrs. Angrist will look into the possibility of obtaining two sets of encyclopedias for the first prize, one for the individual and one for the school of the winner. Also, the possibility of a tour through the Capitol and lunch with the governor for other prizes was discussed. The selection of judges for the contest will be left to the discretion of Mrs. Angrist.

WATER
CONSERVATION

Mrs. Marotta described some of the material and studies available so far on this subject. The neighboring state of Wisconsin has chosen this as a state item and their material is available. She will write a description of the available material for the next President's letter. She has sent the national publication "On the Waterfront" to Governor Freeman and to the congressmen and has had some very favorable replies with additional information. She urges all board members to subscribe to the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer which can be had simply by writing in for it. Every issue contains some valuable material on water.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Mrs. Green displayed the catchy new broadside on Constitutional Convention ready for distribution now -- title: "Sew Up That Hole."

Available material on constitutional convention will be listed as a substitute for "The State You're In." This list will be included in the next President's letter, and the Voter.

Mrs. Anderson announced that an order has been received from Coleraine Schools for 70 copies of "The State You're In" to be used in Social Studies classes. It was decided that one copy will be sent to them with the explanation that no more are available until the revised copy comes out.

Mrs. Green displayed a small gummed label which reads "Minnesota needs a new constitution" which could be affixed to any letter much the same as an Easter seal. She will investigate permission to use this type of sticker and price etc. and report on it at the next meeting.

ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling announced that her committee is as follows:

Mrs. Lester Strouse, St. Paul; Miss Barbara Stuhler, Minneapolis; Mrs. Louis Ode, Red Wing; Mrs. G. R. Westermoe, Anoka, Mrs. LeRoy Moore, Duluth. She gave an interesting summary of material studied so far from nine other states. It was the consensus of all present that this new and vital subject will be a welcome addition to our agenda. She told of an interesting interview with Mr. Nystrom, superintendent of elections in St. Paul. He made several recommendations for reforms in election procedure.

FIELD SERVICE

Grace Wilson reported on the activities in the field. St. Anthony has had their pre-provisional organization meeting. New Prague wishes permission to disband and Mrs. Olson moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that the state Board recommend to national that this permission be granted. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that a letter be written to national concerning the procedure to be followed which will allow White Bear Township League to return to a city League status to be called League of Women Voters of White Bear Lake. Both motions passed.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill reported on the recent meeting of Local League Publication Chairmen. There was a very small turnout but a report will be sent to all who didn't attend. A model display board will be shown at the area conferences with the cost for these coming out of office expense. A publication list will appear in each Voter when possible and also in other magazines and publications. A special kit on what each League Publication Chairman should have will be sent out to each publications chairman in the September mailing. There are now 40 of our Local Leagues who have Publication Chairmen on their local Boards.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Mantis reported that she's planning a meeting of the legislative committee soon and possibly a combined meeting with the Bi-Partisan Committee.

Mrs. Mantis was instructed to write to each legislator and ask them to respond if they wish a copy of the League's 1957 Legislative Report to be sent to them free.

COUNCIL

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota State Council dates are: May 21, 22, 1958, Lowry Hotel, St. Paul.
The League of Women Voters of Minnesota State Convention dates are as follows: May 20, 21, 1959, Wednesday and Thursday, Lowry Hotel, St. Paul.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 5, 1957.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
September 5, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the state office at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 5, 1957. Mrs. O. H. Anderson presided and the following members were present: Mesdames Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Miss Salisbury, and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff. Also present was a guest, Mrs. Berdie, president of the Falcon Heights League.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 1, 1957 meeting were read.

The following correction was made. On page 2 the second sentence in the paragraph on Bulletins shall be changed to read: "She also announced that some information is being prepared for bulletin editors that will be ready to be sent with the regular mailing in September."

Mrs. Kuderling made the motion and Mrs. Mantis the second that these minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative treasurer's report: General Fund, Income \$5,683.05, Expenditures, \$7,573.76, Balance on hand August 31, 1957, \$529.29. Special Fund, Income \$5,957.86, Expenditures \$5,490.96, Balance on hand August 31, 1957, \$466.90. This report was placed on file. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that enough money be withdrawn from the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund to repay the loans from the St. Paul and Minneapolis Leagues to the special fund and that the money be repaid to the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund by the end of this fiscal year. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mantis moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion that the signatures on the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund be changed from those now on it to the proper officers from the current Board of Directors. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Mrs. Anderson reported the following:

1. The suggestion that Mrs. Young be nominated to serve on the National Board has been sent in.
2. The status of the White Bear League is now being considered by the National Board.
3. A Call for Action was received recently concerning the Foreign Aid Appropriations bill. The information and requests to send wires were dispatched immediately to Leagues and persons best able to respond on such short notice.
4. The first call to the National Convention of 1958 was read by the secretary. A list of deadlines for sending in program suggestions was also read.
5. Some plans for the National Regional conferences to which Minnesota will be hostess in October were discussed.
6. A request has been received that the League be represented on the Minnesota Statehood Centennial Committee. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Angrist will attend the organization meeting of this committee.
7. The Republican Central Committee of Minnesota is sponsoring an open meeting, "The People Speak" on September 13, 1957. An invitation has been extended to the League to attend this meeting and be one of about 200 organizations invited to advise the Republican party for future party policies and platforms. A discussion on the advisability of participating in such a forum was held but voting was tabled until later in the meeting.

ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling announced the addition of Mrs. D.S. Bushnell of Rochester to serve on this committee. A committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 19 in the state office at 10:00. Mrs. Kuderling reported that after research by a lawyer hired by the interim committee created by the last legislature there will be a recodifying of the present laws but no new proposals will be made. The League of Minnesota Municipalities has put out mimeographed material with suggested needed changes. Mrs. Kuderling has written to the National Municipal League and to the Library of Congress for any available material on Election Laws.

South Dakota has also adopted this as their State Program and has made several inquiries about the findings here on the subject.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Mrs. Green reported on the stickers that were considered at the last meeting. The cost would be about \$1.00 for 600 stickers and it has not been ascertained whether their use would be within postal regulations.

A discussion followed on what stand the League will take on the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

1. Home Rule
2. Four year term for executive officers
3. A legislator being allowed to run for some other office.

No action was taken at this meeting but it will be included on the agenda for the October board meeting. At that time there will be recommendations from the Constitutional Revision Committee. A copy of the three amendments will be sent to all board members with the agenda.

NATIONAL ITEM I

Mrs. Sigford stated that more speakers on Individual Liberties are needed throughout the state. She also recommended an article by the Dean of the Yale Law School in the July, 1957 Harper's magazine on the Federal Loyalty and Security program.

PARTY DESIGNATION

Mrs. Mantis reported that a folder is being prepared with factual information on party designation to be distributed to Leagues, political parties and the general public. It will be ready by Council time. Mrs. Mantis read, for approval, her letter to be sent to all legislators offering them a copy of the League's Legislative report, on request.

On September 23 there will be a Legislative Committee meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Mrs. Mantis' home.

NATIONAL PROGRAM MAKING

Miss Salisbury reported that the first round of recommendations for National program are due. The Voter will carry an article on National Program making. Each League or individual sends recommendations directly to National. It will be suggested that the State Board will appreciate receiving a copy of these suggestions.

VOTER

Mrs. Evenson announced that Mrs. Gilbert Buffington of Duluth will serve on this committee. The information sheets for Local League editors will be ready for September President's Mailing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported that the application for the Essay Contest has been sent in and it will be known in October if the application has been accepted. The following will be judges: 1. Jay Edgerton, Star and Tribune; 2. Mrs. Donald Guthrie, League; 3. Floyd Flom, University. The contest will be held from March 1, 1958 to April 12, 1958.

The Public Relations budget was discussed, especially in relation to educational TV. It was decided that suggestions for expenditures within this budget should come from the Public Relations Committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist announced a meeting on September 12 for Public Relations chairmen of all metropolitan area Leagues to plan coordination and/or clearing.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson reported that "swap shop" ideas will be solicited from all Leagues and then that sheet of suggestions will be sent to all Leagues in the spring with newer ideas on Voters Service in Minnesota. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that Anoka be granted permission to do Voters Service work in Coon Rapids. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATION

The following matters were brought out:

1. Shoreview, a unit of Roseville wishes to organize.
2. In Brooklyn Center an organizational meeting is being planned.
3. Minnetonka Village, Robbinsdale and Crystal Leagues will apply for local League status by January 1, 1958, or shortly thereafter.
4. St. Anthony is a pre-provisional League.
5. Visit to the McLeod-Hutchinson League with a report of the apparent status of the city-county experiment.

Mrs. Janski reported that she will pick a committee to look over local League by-laws with a view to suggestions for improvement. She also announced there will be an Organization Committee meeting early in November.

Grace Wilson reported that a schedule has been worked out whereby each State Board member will visit two Leagues. Written reports will follow these visits.

The President's Letter will soon have a new format with a view to aiding presidents on getting proper information to appropriate Board members. A copy was passed out to show the improvements.

At this time Mrs. Mantis moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion that the League participate in the Republican open meeting "The People Speak" on September 13. Motion passed.

The League will participate in the following forums with the following people making the statements:

1. Foreign Affairs and National Defense
Mrs. Winston will give the League's stand on Continuing Responsibilities 3 and 5.
2. Special State Issues

Mrs. Guthrie or Mrs. Kuderling will give this statement. Reapportionment, Party Designation and Constitutional Revision will be included with a mention made of Election Laws.

Miss Salisbury suggested that all statements be written and handed to the proper person at the time the statement is made to assure no misunderstanding of the League's position. All members concurred.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m. All members will bring their own lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
October 10, 1957

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the state office at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 10, 1957. Mrs. O.H. Anderson presided and the following members were present: Mesdames Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Hill, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Miss Salisbury, and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff.

MINUTES

Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted without being read at this meeting. The members received them prior to this meeting and any corrections would be accepted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative report:
General Fund, Income \$7113.61, Expenditures \$8877.80,
Balance on hand September 30, 1957, \$745.81. Special
Fund, Income \$5,957.86, Expenditures \$5,490.96, Balance on hand September 30, 1957
\$466.90. This report was placed on file.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Anderson reported the following:

1. Many letters have been written and many meetings attended.
2. Mrs. Angrist and Mrs. Anderson attended the Centennial luncheon where plans were formulated to coordinate activities of all women's organizations for the Centennial.
3. Comments on the new form of the President's letter have been very favorable.
4. The request of the League of Women Voters of White Bear to return to a city League status has been granted.
5. The request of the League of Women Voters of New Prague to disband has been granted.
6. The mimeograph machine which the League owns and has been renting to a church has now been returned. A discussion was held whether to rent it again or to use it to some limited extent in the office. The office operations committee will make the final decision.
7. A very lengthy discussion was held on the fact that more and more Leagues are deviating from the accepted Finance Drive. Such things as White Elephant sales, style shows, dinners, etc. are being used to some extent. The advisability of a workshop on Finance for the Council meeting was considered.

WATER CONSERVATION

Mrs. Marotta reported on the findings of Mr. Kaupanger, secretary of the Emergency Conservation Committee in Minnesota, as to the water conservation problems in the state. The American Legion also has a committee to study water and it was decided to send them the material we have available on this subject. A list containing available speakers, films, tapes, will soon be sent to all local Leagues.

A paragraph for the next President's letter will be prepared to help local Leagues decide before the next National Convention in what direction the Water Conservation topic is going.

ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling reported on the recent meeting of her committee of seven. They decided that every phase of the Election Laws subject will be covered in the study in the following ways with each member of the committee taking one phase:

1. Administrative procedure.
2. Voters general information guide.

ELECTION LAWS
(cont.)

3. A questionnaire will be prepared for local League Election Laws chairmen to fill in for local voting information, this material to be compiled.
4. Primaries in general.
5. Corrupt practices.
6. Residence and registration laws.
7. Absentee voting.
8. A general category to include numerous small items

such as form of ballot, filing fees, voting machines, and training of election officials, etc.

Mrs. Kuderling announced that each of her committee members is prepared to make speeches on this subject and will welcome opportunities to do so.

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Mantis seconded a motion that Mrs. Kuderling's fare via air-coach be paid so that she may attend an Election Laws' meeting in Cleveland in November sponsored by the National Municipal League. Motion carried. This money will come out of the delegates fund.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported that the Minneapolis League is planning a special TV program on Channel Two for January including an introduction, the film, "Kill Only the Ivy" and then a discussion. Funds to help pay for this time will be solicited from all Leagues who receive the Educational TV broadcast. It was agreed that if necessary funds from the state budget could be contributed.

A discussion was held at this point on ways to combat certain individuals' attacks on the League and League program such as Constitutional Revision. It was decided that the best way to deal with these attacks is by a very positive action - to alert local Leagues to the dangers and to develop strong speakers' bureaus to speak not only following attacks but in anticipation. Mrs. Angrist and Mrs. Green will work together on this. There will possibly be a workshop on Speakers' Bureaus at Council with emphasis on technique.

The following suggestions came out of a discussion on public relations:

1. Some help is needed with county fair booths.
2. A file should be kept of pictures and biographies, etc. to be used as advance publicity for speakers from State Board and Committees.
3. A pep sheet will be sent in the next mailing to local Leagues with some ideas on public relations and speakers bureaus.
4. Suggestions of window displays on National CR's.
5. Perhaps state leaders of farm groups should be reached.

The essay contest has been approved and the judges have been appointed. There will be only one set of encyclopedias given away and that to the individual winner.

AREA CONFERENCES

Each Board member who assisted with the conferences gave her evaluation of them. The following conclusions were reached:

1. They were a very worthwhile venture.
2. The attendance was good - 45 of 55 Leagues and 350 League members.
3. Publications and their valuable use and the National CR's were understood by some Leagues for the first time.
4. Possibly a different grouping of Leagues could be arranged for future conferences - all at same stage.
5. Could have been held earlier in the year so more benefit could have come from resource material.

AREA CONFERENCES
(cont.)

6. They will be generally helpful in reaching consensus.
7. A sense of "really belonging" was imparted to smaller Leagues.
8. Tie in with national program making was valuable.

On the whole the twofold purpose was attained: 1. Giving help on national program. 2. Unit organization and carrying program to the member. 3. Question - did we integrate the two purposes? 4. Question - was day's program too full?

SPRING AREA CONFERENCES

These will be held on taking the program to the public. The following committee was set up to make the basic plans which will be considered at the next Board meeting: Mrs. Sigford, Mrs. Watson, and Mrs. Marotta, Chairman.

CONSENSUS
ITEM I

A consensus form will be sent to all local Leagues with questions to be answered that will lead to consensus.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson reported on a new type of questionnaire to be sent to candidates. It constitutes a multiple-choice form in contrast to the previous subjective answer form. The Board favored the new type but suggested that some of the questions be stated in a less negative way.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill reported on the Area conferences and was pleased to note that she felt publications were definitely given a boost at these meetings. However, this is a never-ending challenge and publications must be continually pushed with emphasis on the special subscription service, two of which should be in every League. She gave a resume of the past two year's work and reported the following things have been attained or aimed at by the committee:

1. To see that every Board person has the tools to do the job she must do.
2. "Well, What Dya Know" booklets must continue to be sold and the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund repaid.
3. Keep publication catalogs in the public eye.
4. Work out a simple record form for publication chairmen.
5. Organization Committee should always stress publications when visiting Leagues.
6. An improvement is needed in budgeting for publications.
7. Better cooperation on Calls for Action would be achieved through wider use of publications.
8. A publication committee member should be in on planning materials.
9. Publications should be in the limelight for the Centennial.
10. A monthly instead of bi-monthly Voter is a possibility.
11. A suggestion will be sent to National about dressing up the National Voter for more widespread use.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Mantis reported on the September 23rd meeting of this committee. She announced that the League will see if it can be of some help in reactivating the Bi-Partisan Committee. Letters will be sent to both the DFL and Republicans to ask that they send representatives to attend a luncheon October 29 at which League representatives will meet with Bi-Partisan Committee representatives to make plans.

Either Mrs. Hargraves or Mrs. Young will be asked to be the League's representative on the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee.

LEGISLATIVE (Cont.)

Mrs. Mantis announced that requests from the Legislators asking the League to send them complimentary copies of the 1957 Legislative Report have been very numerous - 44 Senators, 62 Representatives. A discussion on the possibility of an extra Voter being devoted to a condensed version of the Legislative Report was held.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Mrs. Green led the discussion on the three proposed constitutional amendments, copies of which were mailed to all Board members before this meeting.

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion that the League support the amendments on Home Rule and Four Year Term for Governor and other constitutional officers. Motion passed.

Much discussion was held on the amendment that would allow a state senator or representative to run for another elective office without resigning his present office. Mrs. Angrist moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that we support this amendment. A statement will be made to local Leagues announcing the League's support of the amendments and the reason for it, with more material on this after January. Motion carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

Mrs. Watson gave an evaluation summary of the committee's two year existence with the following aims they have in mind:

1. A more complete bibliography on current agenda topics will be compiled and sent to all Leagues.
2. A nucleus committee of three will work on mechanics.
3. Correspondence between local Leagues on current agenda will be cleared if possible through this committee.
4. Sheets with suggestions for planning local current agendas will be ready for January.
5. In the future it is hoped a workshop on planning local current agendas will be held.

NATIONAL REGIONAL
CONFERENCE

An evaluation by the people who attended these meetings was given:

1. The shared staff plan is more effective than the regional conferences.
2. If possible, it would be more effective to rearrange Leagues attending these conferences so that Leagues of similar size would meet together.
3. Subject matter divisions should be considered.
4. Actual expenses for all members attending this

National Regional Conference will be paid out of the Field Service account.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski requested that Board members reporting on visits to local Leagues make two copies of this report and send one to her and one to the office. She stated that existing Leagues need all the attention of the organization committee at the present time and any prospective Leagues will be temporarily put-off.

Mrs. Olson moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that Mendota Heights unit of West St. Paul be allowed to do full Voters Service under the supervision of West St. Paul and in consultation with the State Board. Motion carried.

FIELD SERVICE

Mrs. Wilson made these observations on Field Service work:

1. Leagues often need just as much attention the first year after they are recognized as during their provisional period but this is often neglected.

2. Local nominating committees need help; it is suggested that some direction and advice be sent to them in a President's letter.

3. United Nations Day plans throughout the state in many cases place too much emphasis on food, costumes and decorations, etc. and too little on education and action.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Friday, November 22, at 9:30a.m.
There will be no meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
November 22, 1957

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The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the state office at 9:30 A.M. Friday, November 22, 1957. Mrs. O. H. Anderson presided and the following members were present: Mesdames Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Hill, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Miss Salisbury, and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff. 14

The following guests were introduced by Mrs. Anderson: Mrs. William Whiting, Owatonna, State Budget Chairman; Mrs. Arthur Wangen, president of the Owatonna League; Mrs. Arthur Welch, president of the Duluth League; Mrs. E. J. Schroeder, Deephaven, Metropolitan Finance Chairman.

MINUTES

The following corrections are necessary to last month's minutes: Page 4 on Local Current Agenda: "3. Local Leagues will correspond directly with Leagues working on the same subject. 4. A pamphlet on community planning is being prepared. 5. In the future it is hoped a workshop on community planning will be held." Page 3 on Publications: The first paragraph shall read: "Mrs. Hill reported on the Area Conferences and was pleased to note that she felt publications were definitely given a boost at these meetings. However, it is a never ending challenge and publications must be continually pushed with emphasis on the subscription services. She reported on her conference with Mrs. Harold Dyke, National Publication Chairman. She gave a resume of the past two years' work and asked that Board members make suggestions to the committee. The following are some of the aims of the committee: (first five are as in original minutes) 6. Local Leagues shall budget adequately for publications. 7. Better cooperation on Calls for Action would be achieved through wider use of the special subscription and duplicate mailing services. 8. and 9. as is. 10. Emphasis on resource people getting publications to the community. 11. Membership use of simple folder for keeping national, state and local bulletins. Under discussion of publications, Miss Salisbury suggested a monthly instead of a bi-monthly Voter. A suggestion has been sent to national about dressing up the National Voter for more widespread use."

The minutes were accepted with these corrections.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Miss Salisbury gave this report: General Fund, Income \$9,208.97; Expenditures, \$10,877.50; Balance on Hand on October 31, 1957, \$751.47. Special Fund, Income, \$550.10; Expenditures, \$2,210; Balance on Hand, October 31, 1957, \$0.00. The latter fund's depletion was explained by the Treasurer as a transfer in funds. She also reported that thus far in the year the financial picture is a little better than usual but that some adjustment will have to be made in the budget. It was decided that the office operation committee make these revisions. An announcement will be put in the next President's letter so that all Leagues will know that the mimeograph machine is now available for rent. Miss Salisbury closed her report by suggesting that all Board members contribute 25¢ to pay the expenses involved in having coffee at noon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Anderson reported the following: many letters have been written and many meetings attended, including a Bipartisan Legislative Committee meeting and a Centennial conference with Governor Freeman; she will serve on the Minnesota Thanksgiving committee as an honorary member; no finance chairman has been found so this matter will be turned over to the nominating committee; the state Budget Committee appointments are Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Janski, Mrs. Miller of Red Wing, Mrs. Gustafson of White Bear, to serve with Mrs. Whiting, of Owatonna, Chairman, & they will meet soon; the World Health Organization will meet in Minneapolis next May and the League has been invited to lend its support, Miss Salisbury will serve as League's representative;

State Council plans were discussed, and a committee consisting of Mrs. Sigford, Chairman, and Mrs. Watson and Evenson was appointed to suggest plans at the January board meeting, some suggested ideas being a local board institute, finance workshop, dinner for legislative chairmen and the Bi-partisan Legislative committee on the first night of the Council as a "kick-off" for the legislative year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist reported briefly on the activities of the Metropolitan Public Relations Clearing Committee. She related suggestions given to her by newspaper people with regard to good publicity, which will be sent to Leagues involved in next President's Letter, as well as the names of the Clearing Chairmen for newspaper, radio and TV. Mrs. Angrist concluded her report by saying that all material for the essay contest will be sent to the schools in January.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Mantis reported that a luncheon for the Bi-partisan Legislative Committee was held on October 26 at which were two Republicans and four D.F.L. members. Both parties felt that the committee could serve a very worthwhile purpose and another meeting will be held in January with two more Republicans appointed by that time and at which meeting more concrete plans will be made. This committee feels that the key to success right now is Party Designation and strongly suggests the League channel their efforts in this direction.

Mrs. Mantis suggested the possibility of a legislative committee throughout the state with a chairman in each district. This committee could incorporate members of the Bi-partisan Committee and work together for the legislative program.

The reapportionment material prepared by Mrs. Kane was mailed to all legislators.

Mrs. Mantis announced that Mrs. Will Jones, who is a voting member on the Minnesota Council on Human and Civil Rights, will also serve as observer to this group for the League, if we approve. It was agreed.

An announcement of a luncheon at Coffman Union, Nov. 26, with Mayor Peterson of Minneapolis and Commissioner Carlson of St. Paul speaking in answer to objections to constitutional convention was made. St. Paul and Minneapolis radio chairmen planned the meeting at which Mrs. Mantis will preside.

NATIONAL ITEM I Mrs. Sigford gave a very comprehensive analysis of the consensus of 34 Leagues in the state on Individual Liberties, which report is attached to these minutes. Mrs. Sigford was commended on this analysis and it was the feeling of the Board that the coverage given this item in the six area conferences was largely responsible for the excellent response to the consensus questionnaire. A complete report will be sent to local Leagues.

BUDGET, 1958-59 The following suggestions for the 1958-59 State Budget were made to Mrs. Whiting, State Budget Chairman: \$800 minimum in delegates fund; \$150 minimum in committee meeting fund; \$550 in public relations fund; \$1,500 in Voter fund; cut in office operation fund; \$800 for field service, plus half of Mrs. Wilson's salary; salaries raised to \$290 a month for Mrs. Wilson, to \$255 for Mrs. Williams.

NATIONAL PROGRAM Mrs. Sigford reported the following items were those sent in by local Leagues to date as their suggestions for the national program: 1. Foreign Policy with many specific areas, such as atomic energy, nuclear age, colonialism, farm policy and effect on U.S. Trade policy; 2. Water Conservation; 3. Individual Liberties; 4. Social Security plan; 5. Farm subsidy program. A very lengthy discussion was held at this point which continued through the lunch hour and finally a motion was made by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Sigford that the State Board recommend a one item agenda on foreign policy. The motion carried 8 to 7. Mrs. Neumaier moved and Mrs.

Hill seconded a motion to word the item as follows: United States Foreign Policy as a positive force for economic stability and peace. Motion carried. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that National C.R. 6 relating to budgetary procedures and C.R.8 relating to measures to counteract inflation or deflation, be dropped. Motion carried. Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion that present Item I, Individual Liberties, be made a C.R. providing consensus is reached. Motion carried.

WATER CONSERVATION Mrs. Marotta expressed disappointment in the State Board's decision to support a one item agenda on Foreign Policy and requested that when the suggestion is sent to national attention be drawn to the fact that the Water Conservation item lost by a significant vote of 8 to 7. She described some new materials from various sources on the subject and also told of a metropolitan area meeting with people interested in water that will be held in mid-February.

SPRING AREA CONFERENCES Mrs. Marotta reported for a committee including Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Sigford a suggestion that the spring area conferences be held in March when "how to bring the program to the community" will be the purpose and Constitutional Revision and Reapportionment will be the subjects. The conferences, it is suggested, might be held in Duluth, Moorhead, Worthington, Austin, Hennepin County and Ramsey County. Plans call for specific workshops on the following subjects: public meetings, speakers, visual aids, press, publications designed for community use, radio and TV, working with other organizations, and lobbying. It was suggested that a luncheon be planned with a headline speaker or panel, that a question period follow the talk, and that visitors outside the League be invited to attend. At the end of the conferences League members will be asked to fill out evaluation sheets. Mrs. Green, Mantis, Hill and Angrist will serve as the committee and they will pick their own chairman. Preliminary plans should be all ready by January but hostess Leagues should be notified before Christmas.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson reported that the Voters Service committee has met and the following things have been accomplished or are being anticipated: the roll call summary will be ready in January; interview blanks have been sent to local Leagues for their congressmen; Leagues are being asked to send their swap shop ideas which will be catalogued and sent out in the spring; new ideas for candidates questionnaires are being solicited; all election data will go out in the spring.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION Mrs. Green gave a rundown on what the committee has done so far: Project completed: broadside on Constitutional Convention put out; 20 page book on reapportionment put out; 8 page pamphlet on periodic submission; a discussion guide on the book and the pamphlet. Continuing jobs: committee members working with the legislative committee; the committee is reactivating the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee; Nov. 26, a panel discussion on the radio with Mayor Peterson and Commissioner Carlson and Mrs. Green on the subject of meeting opposition to Constitutional Convention is planned; considering possibility of having a League member on the Citizens Committee for Amendment I, the Home Rule Amendment. Mrs. Green reported that the committee is composed of members of the Citizen's League, League of Minnesota Municipalities, Minnesota Editorial Association and the League has been asked to lend its support and cooperation. Mrs. Green was instructed by the Board that they can use our name as a supporter on Amendment I, and that it is hoped that they will support all three amendments; also, we will use their materials and help distribute them.

Next the Board discussed the roll of the League in the Centennial celebration. A satisfactory way of honoring the Constitution and still working for it's revision will need to be worked out. The State C.R.'s will be covered in next Voter briefly.

METROPOLITAN FINANCE COMMITTEE Mrs. E. J. Schroeder reported for this committee that met last spring. She has prepared the following to be sent to local Leagues: an up-dated agreement for metropolitan finance chairmen; resume of history of committee; specific instructions to implement agreement. She suggests that the annual meeting be held in St. Paul next year.

NATIONAL CONVENTION All Board members handed in slips of paper on which they indicated if they could go as a delegate to national convention, if chosen. Delegates will be decided upon at a later date.

FIELD SERVICE Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Evenson seconded a motion that St. Anthony be granted provisional League status. Motion carried. Mrs. Janski reported that Robbinsdale, a provisional League, had a very successful finance drive, going way over their goal.

Next came the announcement of a meeting for smaller Leagues, to be held Saturday, December 7th, in the State Office from 10 to 1 P.M. The following items will be covered: Recognition Standards by Mrs. Anderson, Minimum requirements for all portfolios on the Board by Mrs. Janski, Current Agenda on local level by Mrs. Watson, Membership by Mrs. Wilson, Voters Service, group discussion, Finance by Mahtomedi and Granite Falls Leagues.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling first of all thanked Board members for making it possible for her to attend what she considered a very interesting and worthwhile meeting of the National Municipal League in Cleveland which covered election laws of various states. She feels after studying this subject more thoroughly that Minnesota measures up quite favorably in comparison with other states.

as indicated She also reported that the interim commission on Election Laws has met and heard several suggestions for reform from the lawyer who is their executive secretary and who has been going over the present election laws. She, as a visitor from the League, was asked to participate in the discussion of the Commission.

She announced that a local League recently arranged a theatre ticket give-away, as a reward for voting (a suggestion from national Voters Service Swap Shop) but learned in time that it is illegal in Minnesota. She suggested our local Leagues be alerted.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 1958, at 9:30 A.M. in the State Office. There will be no meeting in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary