



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 9, 1958

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, January 9, 1958. Mrs. O. H. Anderson presided and the following members were present: Mesdames Carlson, Evenson, Green, Hill, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff.

Mrs. Basil Young, past State President and present chairman of the Nominating Committee, was welcomed.

MINUTES The following corrections are necessary to the last meeting's minutes. In the Constitutional Convention paragraph, line 6, it shall be corrected to read "the committee is considering the problem of reactivating the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee." Line 12 shall be corrected to read, after "Minnesota Editorial Association" add "both political parties and many other groups".

 The section on Election Laws shall be changed to include the words "as an individual" at the end of paragraph two.

 Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Evenson seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted with these corrections. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S Miss Salisbury was not present for this part of the meeting so Mrs.
REPORT Williams gave the following cumulative report: General Fund, Income \$13,486.92; Expenditures, \$13, 830.75; Balance on Hand, December 31, 1957, \$2,076.17.

PRESIDENT'S Mrs. Anderson reported on several meetings that she has attended
REPORT including the Budget Committee meeting on Dec. 5 and the Small League Conference on Dec. 7.

 She reported with pleasure to the Board that Governor Freeman has appointed Mrs. Stanley Kane to be co-chairman of the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment and Miss Salisbury to be a member of the committee. It was moved by Mrs. Sigford and seconded by Mrs. Marotta that Miss Salisbury be the official representative of the League on the committee. Motion carried.

 Two television programs on reapportionment seen on Educational TV, Channel 11, were announced and it was decided that the secretary write to Mr. Robert Lindsay and commend him for making these two programs possible. Mrs. Kane participated on these panel programs and will also be heard on a program over WDGY Radio on January 10.

NATIONAL A discussion on the number of delegates to the National Convention was
CONVENTION held next. It was decided to pay the air travel and other complete expenses of the President and two other delegates. Mrs. Anderson appointed Miss Salisbury as one delegate. Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that we accept this appointment. Motion carried.

 A written ballot was taken next on whom the Board wished to send as the other delegate. Mrs. Sigford was elected by this ballot.

FINANCE Mrs. Basil Young, Nominating Committee Chairman, announced that Mrs.
CHAIRMAN William Whiting of Owatonna has accepted the Board portfolio of Finance Chairman. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Olson seconded the motion to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

STATE
BUDGET

A discussion was held to determine where the State Budget for 1958-59 as proposed in December can be revised to raise the increased suggested pledge for National Services to \$8500 from the first suggestion of \$7,800. The following changes were suggested:

1. Take \$25 from the President's account
2. Cut the Delegates Fund from \$800 to \$700
3. Cut the Committee Meeting Fund from \$240 to \$140
4. Cut the Voter Fund from \$1750 to \$1475
5. Increase the income in State Publications from \$1000 to \$1200.

The decrease of \$500 in expenses and the increase of \$200 in income will comprise the \$700 needed for the increased pledge to National Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that these suggestions for a revised budget be presented to Mrs. Whiting and her committee. Motion carried. Later Mrs. Whiting appeared at the board meeting and introduced the other members of her committee - Mrs. R. D. Miller of Rochester, Mrs. Burch Gustofson of White Bear Lake.

They presented this revised budget:

1. To keep the President's account at \$125.
2. To keep the Delegate's Fund at \$800.
3. To cut the Committee Fund from \$240 to \$225.
4. To cut the Voter Fund from \$1750 to \$1475.
5. To increase the local League pledges from \$21,135 to \$21,345.
6. To increase the income of State Publications from \$1000 to \$1200.
7. To raise the National pledge from \$7800 to \$8500.

Mrs. Olson moved and Mrs. Neumaier seconded a motion that the Board accept the revised budget as presented by the Budget Committee. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski reported the following activities and plans of the Organization Committee:

1. A littlest League conference was held in the state office on Dec. 7. This was a very successful meeting with all the Leagues but one sending delegates whose travel expenses were paid by the state budget. Some specific additional help will be given to Olivia.
2. A conference with the McLeod-Hutchinson League President was held January 8 when plans were made for an open house type of conference to be held at Hutchinson on February 11 with Mrs. Janski, Mrs. Carlson, and Mrs. Wilson attending.
3. The by-laws Committee set up to go over the by-laws of local Leagues will meet next week.
4. Minnetonka Village, a provisional League, wishes to apply for League status. Mrs. Janski gave an account of their outstanding activities to date and then she made the motion that the Board recommend to National that Minnetonka Village be granted Local League status. Mrs. Neumaier seconded the motion and it carried.
5. Crystal and Robbinsdale are nearly ready to apply for local League status.
6. There will be an Organization Committee meeting in the state office on Feb. 5th. Board members are urged to send in reports of their visits to local Leagues before this meeting.

VOTER

Mrs. Evenson announced that the next issue of the Voter will be later than usual due to some unavoidable circumstances. She also commented on the fact that reprints from the Minnesota Voter have been used in other state Voters; and that following the "ad" for Information for Local League Bulletin Editors which appeared in the National Voter, she has had requests from 32 states. She also announced that there are several new Local League bulletins and that an analysis of all the Bulletins is being prepared and she intends to relay any helpful information to all bulletin editors when the analysis is complete.

She hopes to have a contest for Bulletins at the Council meeting and a discussion by Board members of how to judge such a contest followed. A letter was read from the Nat'l Assoc. of Manufacturers commending the Voter and its editor.

WATER CONSERVATION Mrs. Marotta announced a workshop on Water to be held Feb. 27 in the Macalester Union from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All Water chairmen from local Leagues will be invited to attend. A panel of four speakers will comprise the morning program with question periods. A luncheon will be held and the afternoon session will begin with a summary of the morning program. Water problems in Minnesota and suggestions for national agenda will be considered in the afternoon program.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling announced that the interim commission created for studying this item will meet next week. Also the American Heritage Foundation has written with suggestions for changes in election laws and asks for comments from LWV on these suggestions. The resource material on this subject is slow in coming in.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Hill announced that: the presently named "Unit Mailing Service" will henceforward be called the "Unit Publication Service" in order to make the state publication services conform more nearly to the national publication services, and inasmuch as this name more nearly identifies the services. From now on a notice will be sent by the state office to certain bulletins, journals, newspapers, libraries, etc. on the publication of new League material.

The Publications Committee has begun sending follow-up cards to members at the time of the expiration of publication services, and is urging local League publications chairmen to carry on some such follow-up with persons dropping their League membership in order to secure subscriptions to the state and national Voters.

Only 300 copies of Democracy Denied remain unsold. The committee will consult with Mrs. Kane to determine whether the Board should consider the reprinting of this publication, the extended use of our new mimeographed material on reapportionment, or the early publishing of a broadside type of thing.

With the advice of Miss Salisbury and the office, this committee or Miss Salisbury will inform the Board at its next meeting what the status of the re-publishing of "The State You're In" is, and will make recommendations on the basis of present investigations.

Mrs. Hill asked for approval to have mimeographed a sheet which will list and describe League publications, to be given to libraries, schools, etc., if the anticipated request for such a sheet develops. Approval was granted.

She also asked for approval to send a letter to local League units explaining the deficit remaining on the publishing of "Well, What D'ya Know, Minnesota has a Constitution," and asking that they purchase, if possible, the necessary number of copies to clear this deficit before April 1st. She read the letter. Approval was given.

LEGISLATION Mrs. Mantis reported that the Bi-partisan committee isn't complete yet but a meeting is being planned for late January and it is hoped that some definite plans will come out of this meeting. Mrs. Mantis outlined many reasons why she felt the area conferences with the subject matter, Constitutional Convention and Reapportionment, planned for this spring, should be held next fall instead. A lengthy discussion followed, resulting in the area conferences being left as now planned, in the spring.

AREA CONFERENCES Mrs. Green reported on the plans for the spring area conferences on taking League Program to the Community.

1. Preliminary plans have been made with places and dates set for 7 conferences.
2. An announcement will be in both January and February President's letters.
3. The emphasis at these conferences will be on techniques and mechanics of Public Relations. The subject matter of Constitutional Convention and Reapportionment will be used to illustrate points made.

4. Dividing into workshops has been a suggestion which came from the area conferences held in the fall.
 - a. Speakers bureau and public meetings.
 - b. Lobbying and working with other organizations.
5. The speakers at luncheon would be on Radio, TV or Public Relations -- or on Constitutional Convention and Reapportionment -- or a combination of these. (This part of the program needs further planning.)
6. This would be a good time to launch the revised edition of "The State You're In"
7. The possibility of inaugurating the use of the stickers calling attention to the need for a new Constitution was discussed.

Mrs. Green announced that her Constitutional Convention Committee met November 26 and decided that this was not the time to try to reactivate the Minnesota Citizens Constitutional Committee, but to work for this item through the Bi-partisan Committee. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the League's participation in and support of the Committee for Amendment I. No financial support will be possible but the League may be able to distribute their materials.

PARTY DESIGNATION At the February Board meeting it is hoped to have a sample of a popular type folder on party designation.

COUNCIL MEETING Mrs. Sigford reported on Council plans:

1. May 21, 22 at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul
2. A suggestion was made that the budget be presented and the pledges received after the State of the League and Awards were presented, in the morning.
3. In the afternoon a brief National Convention report will be given, featuring the Michigan Survey and suggesting we apply it to Minnesota.
4. Then workshops will be held on:
 - a. Board training with emphasis on President and Treasurer
 - b. Membership, not just getting, but holding
 - c. Finance
 - d. Community attitudes towards the League, non partisanship policy.

An effort will be made to get Mrs. John Lee, retiring National President, to be the dinner speaker, her subject to be the individual member's responsibility.

The second day's program will include:

1. Final action on the budget
2. Election Laws
3. Guidance on Party Designation, FEPC, Constitutional Convention and Reapportionment.

At the February Board meeting it will be decided whether advance publicity will be given out on the Hope Washburn award or complete secrecy kept.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. At this time it will be decided whether to change the day of the Board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
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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., Thursday, Feb. 6, 1958. 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, Whiting, Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff.

The following guests were introduced: Mrs. H. Kornfuehrer, Publications and State Item Chairman of Hopkins and Mrs. Floyd Alcott, Unit Chairman of Hopkins, and Mrs. William Sampson, President of the St. Paul League.

MINUTES Mrs. Hill moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted without being read, everyone having received them prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT The cumulative report as of January 31, 1958: General Fund, Income, \$15,430.25; Expenditures, \$15,760.66. Balance on Hand, \$2,089.59.

Later Miss Salisbury explained some possible revisions that may be necessary in this year's budget. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Hill seconded a motion that an electric typewriter be purchased for use in the office if found to be a faster and more efficient way of operating. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Anderson gave the Board an account of the mailings she receives and from which came the following:

1. Minneapolis is being considered for the 1962 National Convention.
2. The emphasis at this year's national convention will be Trade and Aid.
 - a. Each state League is to bring a hat depicting how Trade affects that state to be worn in a fashion show where sandwich boards carrying clever messages will also be worn.
 - b. There will be lots of room for exhibits and 1500 copies of anything to be distributed will be needed.Mrs. Angrist and Mrs. Hill will cooperate on some ideas for exhibits.
3. Red Wing requests that the State Board make some definite policy concerning non-partisanship which will clarify the present policy.
4. Mrs. Anderson hopes to have all plans made for the next year in each portfolio and presented at Council by the State Board Chairman of each portfolio.
 - a. Then the Outlook for Work will come out in June based on this report and any changes that may come from Council.
 - b. The preliminary plans for these reports will be ready in April and the the specific reports in May.

AREA CONFERENCES Mrs. Green reported that mechanics of the Area Conferences have all been arranged. In the committees first planning it had been decided that Reapportionment would be used as the subject matter. However, after discussing this with the Governor's Reapportionment Committee, it was deemed not wise at this time; that Reapportionment could better be emphasized in the fall when the committee had crystalized their thinking and planned their approach. After discussion among Board members it was decided that Party Designation was a more timely subject. Mrs. Green made the motion and Mrs. Neumaier the second that Party Designation be the subject for the luncheon speakers. Motion carried. A suggestion from Mrs. Green's committee was that a panel of one Republican and one DFL be used for the discussion with a political scientist to give general background on the subject and a League member to moderate.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Green then made this announcement: The Minnesota Chapter, Public Relations Society of America, composed of public relations men from all over the state, has chosen the League of Women Voters as a project for the next year with Constitutional Revision as the subject. Their object is to show how good a job an organization such as theirs can do in promoting a statewide issue. They wish to have access to all the League materials and ideas and they offer their assurance that the League will have the final word on all plans. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Angrist will meet with Mr. William Powell, president of the Minnesota chapter, on February 7 to discuss the plans. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Evenson seconded a motion that if the idea seems workable under League standards then the project will have state Board approval. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT III Mrs. Green passed out sheets with questions concerning Amendment III. A discussion followed and it was decided that the Board will decide in March whether or not it can support this amendment. Any information concerning the three amendments will be given to the local Leagues after this decision.

LOCAL AGENDA Mrs. Watson wishes the Board to consider a fall workshop meeting on Local Current Agenda.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the Board recommend to National that Robbinsdale be granted local League status. Motion carried. Mrs. Janski reported on the Organization Committee meeting held in the state office on Feb. 5 from which came the following:

1. New Leagues will be visited at least twice a year following recognition and also whenever help is requested.
2. There should be no area conferences next year.
3. Next year's emphasis will be on existing Leagues that need help.
4. Some investigation will be done in these areas in the hope of establishing one or more Leagues. This information to be ready by August: Marshall, Grand Rapids, Faribault, and Albert Lea.
5. Organization Committee will use the State Board members as experts in their portfolios more this next year.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson reported the following:

1. A general meeting of the committee was held to evaluate V.S. work, especially value of questionnaires. Plans are being formulated for decentralizing the printing and distributing of candidates material.
2. Congressional roll calls have been sent out.
3. Election data is ready and will be sent out soon.
4. Letters have been sent to all Voters Service Chairmen in District I urging effort to get out the vote in the special election.
5. The Bi-partisan committee has made a suggestion that the LWV, Republicans, and DFL have a combined questionnaire.
6. Voters Service material will be ready for the next President's letter regarding legal restrictions in Voters Service field.
7. A conference with the Minneapolis Tribune re cooperation of LWV on forming questions for the Voter's Guide and promotion of its distribution was held. Results await a letter from the newspaper. Plans are also being considered to distribute results of legislative questionnaires in districts where we have no Leagues.

YOU ARE THE
GOVERNMENT

Mrs. William Sampson of the St. Paul League, the League that originally published "You Are The Government," gave a short history of the publication and pointed out the parts of it that are now obsolete and incorrect. Mrs. Sampson's thoughts and the Board's discussion brought forth these ideas:

1. St. Paul will be willing to do the revision with possibly some help from specific Leagues mentioned in the booklet.
2. There is a market in the schools, and other requests have also been received.
3. There is a possibility that the Centennial Commission may be interested in underwriting this project.
4. Distribution should be a statewide project.

The Board gave its approval for the revision and an investigation will be launched to see what financial help can be gotten from the Centennial Commission and also whether or not the booklets will be sold and for how much.

WATER
CONSERVATION

Mrs. Marotta was pleased to announce:

1. The Conservation Volunteer, Minnesota Conservation magazine, has gotten an award as the best in the United States.
2. Governor Freeman has proclaimed February as Water Resources month.
3. There is now a Water Resources Board in Minnesota, that coordinates the work of several different conservation groups.
4. There are several new and good films on Water.
5. The plans for the Workshop on Water to be held at the Macalester Union on February 27 are all complete. All Board members are urged to attend.

BIOGRAPHICAL
SKETCHES

Following lunch each Board member gave a short biographical sketch of herself including education, family, hobbies and League history. This device was used to introduce the state Board members to the newest member, Mrs. Whiting, and to each other. Very pleasant interlude.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. Hill showed the Board a type of folder that is suitable for each individual member to keep Voters in, and which she wishes to list with the publications as being available on order. The Board approved this.

NATIONAL
CR'S

Mrs. Neumaier reported to the Board on the Trade Item and the exceptionally good material out from national. A discussion followed on the best ways for the State to use this material and how to stimulate thinking about Trade and to be ready for a Call for Action soon. The possibilities and ideas came from the discussion:

1. A news fact sheet on the progress of the reciprocal trade bill.
2. A skit.
3. Use of interview material from congressmen.
4. Briefing members on history of Trade item and familiarizing them so they will be prepared when a Call for Action comes.
5. Joining forces with other organizations.
6. Sample press releases to local Leagues.
7. Quizzes on how Minnesota is affected.

STATE
COUNCIL

Mrs. Sigford reported on the progress of plans for Council.

1. Mrs. Lee, retiring national president, will speak at either the dinner or the luncheon.
2. A suggestion to have a foreign policy person be the speaker at either the luncheon or dinner, depending on Mrs. Lee's plans, was made. The name of Dean Buchta, Asst. Dean of SLA at the University was mentioned.
3. The members of the Bipartisan Committee will be invited to attend the dinner as guests and will be introduced.
4. There will be four workshops at Council
 - a. New Presidents and treasurers.
 - b. Membership
 - c. Finance
 - d. Community attitudes towards the League.

Mrs. Carlson will be in charge of the Workshops with Mrs. Marotta assisting.

PUBLIC
RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported that the plans for the Essay contest are shaping up. A discussion was held on the Hope Washburn award. The Board feels that the name of the person receiving the award should be revealed to the Public Relations chairman in time for her to arrange publicity on this very important event. Mrs. Angrist requested that each State Board Committee assign one of its members to act as liaison with the P.R. committee.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Mantis reported that the Bipartisan committee now is composed of four Republicans and three Democrats and it is hoped that the committee will be completed soon. A popular type folder for Party Designation is now being prepared and also a popular tool for Reapportionment is being planned. The Board decided that if an agreement can be worked out, the League will work with the Bipartisan committee to get out a joint questionnaire to legislators before the primaries.

Mrs. Mantis has tentative plans for a legislative newsletter of 16 issues starting in June, with 8 issues during the legislative session. These subscriptions could be sold to legislators, newspaper editors, party people, farm organizations, etc.

THE STATE
YOU'RE IN

Miss Salisbury announced that the revised edition of "The State You're in" will be sent to the printers in the next week and will be ready for distribution at the Area conferences. The amount to order will be left up to Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Hill and the office staff. It will be printed from re-usable plates, so can be reordered.

VOTER

Mrs. Evenson reported on plans for the bulletin contest to be held at Council. She has written to the Michigan League for details on a contest they sponsored. It was decided to offer three prizes.

The next Voter will contain a blank to be filled in with nominees for the Hope Washburn award.

The next Voter and the next President's letter will urge local Leagues to accept the proposed state budget and if possible to give over and above the suggested pledges.

The summer issue of the Voter will contain a listing of political and community-serving jobs that League members have been elected or appointed to fill.

ELECTION
LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling reported that gathering resource material in this field is progressing, but slowly. It is hoped to have it all ready to go out in March after it has been checked by experts.

The committee is compiling a supplementary bibliography of fiction reading on this subject - machine politics and early voting practices, etc.

Mrs. Kuderling will speak at the Roseville annual meeting on Election Laws.

NEXT
MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 1958, at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Carlson, Secretary

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MINUTES The following corrections to the last meeting's minutes were noted.
Item 5 under Voters Service was deleted. The 3rd paragraph in the Voter section will have the words "and the next President's Letter" and "if possible to give over and above the suggested pledges" omitted. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted with these corrections. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S Mrs. Williams gave the following cumulative Treasurer's report as of
REPORT February 28, 1958, in the absence of Miss Salisbury. General Fund
Income, \$16,839.32; Expenditures, \$17,078.15; Balance on Hand,
\$2,235.17.

A discussion of finances followed and it was noted that there seems to be more resistance to the suggested pledges than usual. Several ideas about presenting the need for additional money were suggested and it is hoped that local Leagues can be helped to see this need at Council. Mrs. Williams announced that the loan from the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund will have to be repaid this month. The Board decided to close out a small savings account and a motion was made by Mrs. Green and seconded by Mrs. Janski that this money be spent at the discretion of Mrs. Williams. Motion carried. Mrs. Williams reported on the purchase of an electric typewriter which was authorized at the last meeting. She is going to try another kind and then make her decision. The possibility of selling the mimeograph machine will be investigated by Mrs. Whiting and staff.

PRESIDENT'S Mrs. Anderson began her report with bouquets for the following:
REPORT Water Workshop, the last Voter, Voters Service material, Trade hints.
She then went on to report the following matters,
1) Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Angrist met with Mr. William Powell of the Minnesota Chapter of the Public Relations Society to join forces in a project to show what a good public relations job can do to promote a statewide issue. This society has taken Constitutional Revision as a subject and will make use of League materials and information.
2) Exhibits for the National Convention were discussed with several suggestions made such as a display board on state publications, the President's Letter, the Roseville membership kit etc.
3) Two calls for action have been received from national -- 1 on Trade and Aid and 1 on Loyalty and Security. They will be taken care of as follows:
a) Mrs. Neumaier will write to local Leagues to alert them;
b) Trade and Aid item letters will be addressed to Representative Eugene McCarthy of the 4th Congressional district.
c) A letter to newly elected Congressman Quie of 1st District will be written.
d) All State Board members will write individual letters and urge husbands and any others to write also.
4) Mrs. Moore of St. Paul has resigned from the State Nominating Committee. Several suggestions to replace her were made.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Hill reported that it was decided by the committee to order 3000 copies of the revised edition of The State You're In, to be sold as follows: 85¢ single copy; 50¢ per copy for 30 or more; 42½¢ a copy for 100 or more. Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Evenson seconded a motion that the Board give approval for this. Motion carried. It was stated that the plates will be available if it is found advisable to print more. The Board discussed ways of selling these with one suggestion being that each local League take a complimentary copy to each local school superintendent to stimulate sales. St. Paul League is going ahead with their project of

reprinting You Are the Government. Possibilities for financial underwriting are being investigated.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Mantis announced that the Legislative Manuals are now out and are available upon request to the legislators.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Mrs. Green announced that the material on the amendments is ready and will be given out at the Area Conferences in the kits for each delegate. The following motion was made regarding the amendments after a lengthy discussion. Mrs. Neumaier moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the Board reconsider the action on Amendments 1, 2, and 3, and that the Board support Amendments 1 and 2, and neither support nor oppose amendment 3. Motion carried. An explanation will be sent to all local Leagues on why support has been withdrawn from Amendment 3, the reason being that the League cannot go along with the lawyer-legislator rider, attached to the bill.

Mrs. Green has accepted the position of Vice President of the Citizens Committee to distribute information on the 3 Amendments.

AREA CONFERENCES

Mrs. Green presented final plans for the Area Conferences, and it is hoped that some publicity in the papers, preferably Sunday, will cover these important meetings. All Board members are urged to attend one conference.

STATE COUNCIL

Mrs. Sigford reported on Council plans which will appear in the next Voter. The fees were set as follows: \$3 registration, \$2.50 for two luncheons, \$3.50 for the dinner, making a total of \$11.50. Registration fee is not necessary for those attending just the dinner.

The displays will be:

- 1) those taken to the National Convention.
- 2) Deephaven LWV's display on pollution of Lake Minnetonka
- 3) Local Current Agenda displays
- 4) Legislative display
- 5) Local League Bulletin display and contest.

Any local League can bring a display if the committee is notified ahead of time.

The agenda for each session was discussed with the following ideas. First session, Wednesday morning: Instead of the State of the League, there will be report from each State Board Chairman on Outlook for Work for the next year, with a summary of this year's work. Next: Awards, presentation of the proposed budget, announcement of pledges, time for special gifts from local Leagues. Wednesday luncheon will have the National Convention report. Wednesday afternoon Workshops from 2 to 3:15 will be two -- one for new Presidents, one for Membership. The Workshops from 3:30 to 4:45 -- one for Finance, one for Community Attitudes Toward the League. Wednesday night banquet: Barbara Stuhler will introduce our speaker, Mrs. John Lee, retiring national president. Mrs. Mantis will introduce the bi-partisan committee who will attend the banquet as guests. Mrs. Hargraves will present the Hope Washburn award. It was announced that any local League member who wishes to attend the banquet may do so without paying the registration fee. Thursday morning sessions will have Mrs. Sigford presiding. Discussion of program with Mrs. Kuderling on Election Laws, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Mantis on State C.R.'s, National program with Outlook for Work on new items and the Outlook on the national C.R.'s with Mrs. Marotta and Mrs. Naumaier. Then will come the final action on the Budget. Luncheon at 12:30 with the report of the credential committee and a speaker who has not yet been secured, but a possible subject is the influence of science on our foreign policy. All final plans for Council will be presented at the April Board meeting which was set for April 10.

WATER

Mrs. Marotta gave a resume of the very successful workshop on Water held on February 27, which 130 people from 26 Leagues attended. The conclusions will either appear in the Voter or will be sent out specifically to all members.

She extended an invitation to all Board members to attend a meeting on "Watersheds at Work" to be presented March 24 in the Prudential Building in Minneapolis, to be conducted by Mr. Clayton Hoff, a member of the Brandywine Valley Association which includes Pennsylvania and Delaware.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski reported on a meeting held with the McLeod-Hutchinson League on February 11 where suggestions were made to strengthen it. Minnetonka Village now has local League status. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that an application from Brooklyn Center for provisional status be granted. Motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist announced that the State Office has four tapes on Water (made from the Minneapolis and St. Paul League broadcasts on KUOM) which are available to any local League for use at membership or unit meetings or on a radio broadcast simply for the cost of mailing. Mrs. Olson moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that tapes be made on five state item programs that the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues are going to broadcast over KUOM, and they be added to the above tapes already made which would also be available to local Leagues. Motion carried.

Mrs. Angrist will appoint a committee of Board members to do the preliminary reading of all essays entered in the contest.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson announced that Duluth, St. Louis Park, and Moorhead have been picked to do a "man on the street" survey of questions to be asked candidates. A sample booklet on swap-shop ideas was presented; it is planned to be especially helpful to new Voters Service chairmen.

NATIONAL C.R.'s

Mrs. Neumaier led a discussion on the type of hat that will be worn at the Convention, for the special stunt to be presented on how trade affects each state. A globe idea with ribbons leading from Minnesota to all places in the world where trade is carried on was the most acceptable suggestion, with appropriate sandwich board to go with it. The final description will be sent to national office by April 1.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting reported on the 4th Annual Metropolitan Finance Committee meeting and some of the problems encountered were discussed. The master files are pretty well up to date now. The next meeting will be in March, 1959, with a business meeting and a workshop.

BULLETINS

Mrs. Evenson reported on the many ideas received from a bulletin contest held in Michigan. One good bulletin from each League will be displayed at our State Council and a score sheet will be prepared. A committee will decide on 9 finalists and Mr. Walter Angrist will be the professional judge. A local League bulletin committee has completed a survey on local bulletins in the following classifications: 1) under 49 members, 2) 50 to 99 members, 3) over 100 members. General criticisms and notations of good ideas will be sent out and local editors may write in for more detailed criticisms if they wish.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 10 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of meeting of Board of Directors
April 10, 1958

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, April 10, 1958. Mrs. O. H. Anderson presided and the following directors were present: Mesdames Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting, Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff.

MINUTES

Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT The Treasurer's report as of March 31, 1958: General fund income, \$20,884.74; expenditures, \$19,539.31, leaving balance on hand of \$3,765.43. This report was approved and put on file.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Anderson began her report by commending the following:

1) the area conferences, 2) the election laws material, 3) the information on the Amendments, 4) the Voters Service material on Minnesota Election Data (there has been a request from national for some of this material, 5) the staff for so proficiently handling an extra heavy work load the past month.

Mrs. Anderson make the following announcement:

- 1) Mrs. K. S. Goldenberg has been appointed to serve on the State Nominating Committee. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Mantis seconded a motion that this appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.
- 2) Mrs. John Hill has submitted her resignation from the State Board and a replacement will be sought.
- 3) Mrs. Anderson has been asked to serve on an advisory Committee of ten state presidents at the National Convention. This committee will advise and assist the national budget committee.
- 4) The hat to be worn by Mrs. Anderson at the National Convention depicting Minnesota's part in World Trade was displayed and many ideas for the sandwich board to go with it were discussed.
- 5) Pictures of Mrs. Anderson in the "Trade ensemble" are to be sent to Senator Thye and Representative Quie and McCarthy.

ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling announced that the Election Laws material prepared by the committee is now ready and has been sent to local Leagues.

This is a comprehensive study and will be used for two years. Advice on the use of this material will be sent out and local Leagues will be urged to go to other communities where there are no Leagues to gather information on local election procedures. The Minneapolis League is planning two radio programs on Election laws -- May 6 Mrs. Kuderling interviews Mr. Donald Nystrom, superintendent of elections in St. Paul, and on May 13 Professor Theodore Mitau of Macalester's political science department will discuss corrupt practices. Both programs are on KUOM at 11:15 a.m.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK

The following are the Outlook for Work ideas to be presented at Council with the thought being that further suggestions will come from the delegates:

Election Laws: Mrs. Kuderling

1. The booklet just completed will cover a two year study.
2. A questionnaire, to be sent back in by June 15, has been sent to all Leagues requesting information on their local election procedures.
 - a. These questionnaires when mailed back will get special attention from the committee and each League will be told how their community compares to others.
 - b. The results of these questionnaires will be shared with Minnesota League of Municipalities.
 - c. These results will be studied with a view to informing the Interim Commission on present practices and suggested improvements.

3. Some new material will come out in the fall and local Leagues will be urged to schedule their election laws programs early in the fall.
4. A summary of the Interim-Commission's proposals will be made available to Leagues.
5. In the Public Relations field, local Leagues will be urged to present a copy of the Election Laws booklet to their city council to go to the proper election official and they will also be urged to sell any Election Laws material to party people and city officials etc.
6. It is hoped that a popular type tool will be made from the big booklet as a give-away item.

Organization -- Mrs. Janski

1. A possible repeat of the small Leagues conference will be considered.

Public Relations - Mrs. Angrist announced the following plans:

1. The Public Relations Council is going to work with the League and not for us on our Constitutional Revision item and they think "Well, What D'ya Know" is excellent. A mass education program will be undertaken and the aim is to have Constitutional Convention emerge as the best method of revision. The Public Relations council will have a workshop on state program in September, for the League.
2. A popular tool on reapportionment similar to the one on Party Designation is coming out.
3. New sheets on ideas for fair booths will be out in early summer.

Voter - Mrs. Evenson

The tentative plans for each Voter were given; one issue will list names of lobbyists

Constitutional Revision - Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green said that her committee had no specific plans but would work with the Public Relations council on keeping up the education job.

Legislation - Mrs. Mantis

1. The responsibility of the local League legislative chairman will be stressed and also the importance of lobbying from home.
2. Letters of congratulation will be sent to all new legislators and will include some League publications.
3. A lobby training session at the Capitol will be held in October and the legislative newsletter will be introduced.
4. In November an all-out campaign for passing League endorsed legislation will be inaugurated.
5. In January, lobbying in person will be done by a small committee, for 90 days!
6. A legislative day is planned for February.
7. The legislative report will come out in May.

Water - Mrs. Marotta

Mrs. Marotta was home with the mumps but sent the following ideas:

1. A watershed conference will be held in October.
2. Mrs. Evenson moved and Mrs. Whiting seconded a motion that a tape made by Mrs. Marotta and Mr. Hoff on Water be purchased from KUOM for \$2.50.

National C.R.'s - Mrs. Neumaier

Mrs. Neumaier reported that although no definite schedule is planned yet, foreign policy, trade and the UN will all be carried to the community probably in the fall.

Voters Service - Mrs. Olson

1. Swap-shop ideas will come out in June as a new tool.
2. State candidates questionnaires will be sent out in July.
3. A summary of Voters Service will go out in June.
4. A request for Voters guide ideas will be sent out in January to be used as a display at the 1959 convention.

Local Current Agenda - Mrs. Watson

1. A Local Current Agenda conference will be held the first week in December. People taking part will be:
 - a. Experts from the League of Minnesota Municipalities
 - b. League members who have had successes.

Finance - Mrs. Whiting advanced the following ideas on Finance:

1. State Board approval was asked and given to the State Finance Committee's recommending that League dues be raised to \$5.00.
2. The policy on soliciting contributions from business firms has been relaxed.
3. Successful finance jobs will be given recognition periodically in the Voter. The Board felt the best way to combat "projects" is to give help and encouragement to achieve successful finance drives. The records this year to date show the following: 27 Leagues had successful drives; 21 Leagues were short of their goal, some by only a few dollars; 6 Leagues had no drives; 2 have not completed their drives yet; some Leagues have not reported yet; 771 members participated on drives in Minnesota's Leagues.
4. A possible Budget-Building Day will be held at which time local League members will observe the State Board planning the Budget and then will help the Finance Committee to work out the Budget and Pledges.
5. The local Leagues will be divided up into five groups and a round-robin type of letter will be started in each group about once a month to exchange finance ideas.
6. Summary sheets on League activities need to be made available to give out on finance drives.
7. The possibility of promoting a Men's Finance Advisory Council was discussed. This will be investigated at the National Convention.
8. Finance material will be made available to local bulletins.
9. The fund raising report form needs revising to include more information.

PORTFOLIO
ASSIGNMENTS

At this point the possibility of Mrs. Neumaier taking over the new national item was discussed, and in that case Mrs. Sigford will assume responsibility for the National C.R.'s and assist the President. Mrs. Anderson invited board members to talk over with her any shifts in assignments that occurred to them, especially after the national program is finally adopted.

AREA CONFERENCES

Mrs. Green reported that a summary of the Area Conferences is not yet complete but will be ready for the next Board meeting. It is felt, however, that they were generally successful. She suggested that the Party Designation material be used at the lobby training session.

CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

Mrs. Green announced that a number of meetings on the Amendments are being held and that there is much publicity in the suburban papers, much of it critical of Amendment I. She called attention to the training meeting on the Amendments, planned for May 6 at Coffman Union in Room 320, from 10 to 12. Senator Fraser and Orville Peterson will answer questions. There is a possibility that the Bar Association will go on record as not supporting Amendment III, which is the League's stand also.

COUNCIL

Mrs. Sigford reported on the final plans for Council.

1. The plans for the workshops are nearly complete.
2. A recording of Mrs. Lee's speech will be made.
3. The State Board will have a party for Mrs. Lee at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, with Mrs. Angrist in charge.
4. The four direct contributors and former State Presidents will be invited to attend the banquet.
5. The Bi-Partisan Committee will be guests at the 2nd day luncheon with Mrs. Mantis issuing the invitations.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist asked that if there are any new tapes available at the National Convention that they be bought. She also asked Miss Salisbury, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Evenson to help with the preliminary reading of the Essays. The winners will be announced as soon as possible to insure proper recognition.

BUDGET Miss Salisbury made the motion that the Public Relations fund be made into an accrual fund. Mrs. Neumaier seconded it and the motion carried. Mrs. Olson moved and Mrs. Mantis seconded a motion that a new five drawer file be purchased for the office. Motion carried. As there will be a surplus left in this year's treasury a discussion followed and it was decided to leave it in reserve.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson reported that she is asking local Leagues to suggest (after interviewing a sampling of the public) new ideas to be included in the Candidate's Questionnaires this year.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion that a request be made to National that Crystal be granted local League status. Motion carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Watson announced that St. Paul is going to do the editing only on the republishing of "You Are the Government" and feels that the State Board should do the financing. This will probably be ready to come out in September. A very lengthy discussion was held on the financing of this project and the following motion came out of the discussion: Miss Salisbury moved that the State Board publish the revised edition of "You Are the Government" providing that by June 1 these two things are accomplished - 1) sufficient funds for publishing 25,000 copies are obtained, and 2) a Publications Chairman has been secured. Mrs. Whiting seconded the motion and it carried.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m.
The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson
Secretary

Calendar of State Planned Meetings for Local Leagues to attend:

July 21 - August 1	Institute on Minnesota Government (Planned by U. of M.)
September	Two Conferences for Small Leagues
September	Public Relations Society sponsored workshop for League
October	Lobby Training Session
October	Water Shed Workshop
November	Local Agenda Workshop
December	Budget Building Day
January - April	Legislature convenes (Tours arranged by Local Leagues)
February	Legislative Day
May	State Convention

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of meeting of Board of Directors
May 1, 1958

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, May 1, 1958, with Mrs. O. H. Anderson presiding. Present were the following directors: Mmes. Marotta, Neumaier, Green, McGarraugh, Watson, Evenson, Sigford, Kuderling, Angrist, Mantis and Miss Salisbury, and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff. Absent: Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Janski. Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Olson

PUBLICATIONS
CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Angrist moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the Board approve the appointment of Mrs. Charles McGarraugh of Minneapolis to the Board in charge of the publications portfolio. Motion was carried.

MINUTES

The Board voted to dispense with reading the minutes. There were no corrections in the copies previously printed.

PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

Mrs. Anderson reported on the following:

1. Details of the National LWV Convention.
2. The new national program items.
3. Announced she will attend two annual meetings of local Leagues and will speak at Alexandria.
4. Submitted a request of Richard S. Childs, chairman of the executive committee of the National Municipal League, requesting sample copies of "The State You're In" for certain official bodies of other states. Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that this request be granted and it was carried. The LWV will ask Mr. Childs to include "The State You're In" in the N.M.L.'s list of publications

RESIGNATION

A letter from Mrs. John Hill was read resigning from the state Board. Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the resignation be accepted with regret. Motion carried.

COUNCIL
MEETING

Final plans for the State Council Meeting were discussed. The following presented a brief summary of their presentations for outlook for work:

Mrs. Wilson, for organization; Mrs. Watson, local current agenda; Mrs. Olson, voters service; Mrs. Whiting, finance; Mrs. Angrist, public relations. Mrs. McGarraugh will announce plans for a publications table during the introduction of state Board members.

Seating at head tables will be arranged by Mrs. Sigford. Workers of the hostess League will be admitted by badges without paying the registration fee. Those planning to attend Mrs. Lee's speech during the evening program of May 21 will be requested to be seated by 7:45 p.m. The state Board and former state presidents will meet Mrs. Lee at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Evenson seconded a motion to pay expenses for the person presenting the Hope Washburn Award. The motion was carried. Flowers will be presented to the recipient of the award.

Reports on progress of workshops were given by Mrs. Marotta, new presidents' workshop; Mrs. Olson, membership; Mrs. Whiting, finance; Mrs. Evenson, community attitudes.

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Time for program discussion was allotted as follows: Mrs. Mantis, 40 minutes, Mrs. Green, 30 minutes; Mrs. Neumaier and Mrs. Marotta 35 minutes combined; Mrs. Kuderling, 30 minutes.

Mrs. Mantis, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kuderling, Mrs. Neumaier, Mrs. Marotta and Mrs. Sigford reported briefly on their plans for program discussion. Mrs. Neumaier will present the new international item and the CR's. Mrs. Marotta explained the change of wording in the conservation item of the national Program. The role of the state water conservation chairman was discussed by the Board with differing opinions on the problem of keeping within what the National Convention voted. It was felt that the National Board Report would help clarify the state chairman's subsequent role. It was decided to continue with plans for the Watershed Conference but joining with the State Board of Health in sponsoring a pollution workshop was discussed but not decided.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS The Board decided to use the citizens' committee pamphlet, "A Quick Look at Amendments 1,2,3" for Voters Service work on proposed constitutional amendments. The state League will put out its own action flyer on the amendments it is supporting.

TREASURERS REPORT Miss Salisbury reported the balance April 30, was \$2,024.17. So far this fiscal year the income has been \$900.41 and expenditures, \$2,206.65. She will explain at the Council Meeting the need for building a reserve fund.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson discussed plans for legislative questionnaires. They will be handled as follows:

Areas with no Leagues - The state office will send out questionnaires for the League and the Bipartisan Committee, with biographical questions and three questions on issues - Constitutional Convention, Reapportionment, and Party Designation. These answers will be mailed to newspapers in the district of the candidate.

Areas with Leagues - The League and the Bipartisan Committee will send questionnaires on the three state items, but no biographical questions. For Voters Service, the local Leagues will call on each legislative candidate to obtain biographical material and other information of interest to voters and will pick up bipartisan committees questionnaires. If there are other Leagues in the area, the League designated will see that copies are made for them. This will be published in newspapers of the area.

The questionnaires for statewide offices will be handled in cooperation with the Citizens League and the Minneapolis Tribune and will be printed in the Voters Guide of the Minneapolis Tribune the week before the primary and general elections. The LWV of Minnesota will promote the use of this Voters Guide.

PUBLICATIONS The printer of "You Are the Government" will underwrite it, Mrs. McGarraugh reported. The price quoted on 25,000 copies is not yet available. A committee was set up to handle plans, including Mrs. McGarraugh, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Sigford, Miss Salisbury and the office staff, who will meet with the St. Paul LWV President. The committee will set the final price and will meet before the State Council convenes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist told of plans for entertaining Essay Contest winners including attendance at centennial events.

WHO Miss Salisbury reported on the progress of WHO arrangements and said either President Eisenhower or Vice President Nixon would speak at the opening session May 26.

PRESIDENT'S
LETTER

Material for the president's letter is due May 8.

BRIEFING
MEETING

Mrs. Green announced a briefing meeting on the three proposed constitutional amendments would be held Tuesday, May 6, at Coffman Memorial Union from 10 a.m. to 12 m. in Room 320.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Howard Evenson
Secretary pro tem

CORRECTIONS to STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of May 21-22, 1958

Page 3, line 2, should read: "Results of a survey which the Bulletin Committee made have been made available."

Page 3, line 5, should read: "Each editor will be asked to upgrade her own bulletin at least one step in content and technique."

Page 3, bottom of the page, in section on Election Laws, 2) should read: "A summary of election procedures in each community has been requested."

Page 4, after the paragraph on Reapportionment, another paragraph should be added, which would read: "The committee is planning two companion folders on reapportionment and constitutional convention to match the one on party designation and accompanying fact sheets for each."

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRD BIENNIAL COUNCIL MEETING
May 21 & 22, 1958
HOTEL LOWRY, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Wednesday Session

The Third Biennial Council Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, May 21, 1958 in the Kings Room of Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minnesota by the President, Mrs. O. H. Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson introduced Mrs. Robert Swan, President of the Roseville League, hostess for the Council, who extended a welcome to all present.

Mrs. Anderson then introduced the state Board, Staff and other guests. She cleverly used the various parts of an automobile, identifying them with each portfolio, to illustrate the necessity of working together smoothly to integrate the work of the League.

The Treasurer's report for the year 1957-58 was read and explained by Miss Eleanor Salisbury, Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded that this report be accepted. Motion carried. Following this a motion passed that the report of the Auditor be accepted.

The next order of business was the Outlook for Work presented by the state Board members. As a preface to these reports Mrs. Anderson explained that the purpose of the Council is to adopt a budget and give guidance to the state Board on program and methods for carrying out this program. She explained that these reports on the Outlook for Work represented careful consideration by the Board at the last two meetings and that the Board would be very receptive to any additional ideas or suggested changes coming from the Council.

Organization - Mrs. O. J. Janski

Mrs. Janski reviewed what has been done in Organization over the past year and put forth the following ideas for the coming year:

- 1) No area conferences will be held but small League conferences will be held in the state office.
- 2) Visits will be made to local Leagues when requested or when needed.
- 3) Newly recognized Leagues will be visited every two months.
- 4) Metropolitan area League boards and units will be visited in a search for improved methods of functioning for all Leagues.
- 5) New League expansion will be carefully considered. Specific areas will be investigated.

Finance - Mrs. William Whiting

The following thoughts were advanced as Outlook for Work ideas:

- 1) Local League effectiveness is in direct proportion to success in fund raising drives.
- 2) A Budget Building Day will be held so that local League members may observe the work and help solve the problems encountered by the ^{state} Budget Committee.
- 3) Finance ideas will be shared by Leagues in a round-robin type of letter.
- 4) A Local Current Agenda Workshop will be held in the fall and will be helpful in Finance, too, as successful Local Current Agenda projects raise the prestige of League & increase financial support from the community.
- 5) The possibility of a Men's Advisory Council will be investigated.
- 6) Recognition of Finance successes will be included in the Voter.
- 7) Raising of dues to \$5.00 will continue to be a goal.

Candidates questionnaires have been an important item for consideration by the Voters Service Committee. A simple concise questionnaire will be the goal and various methods of assuring its return and distribution were discussed. The Minneapolis Tribune and the Bi-Partisan committee will be invaluable in this effort. Results from questionnaires will be made promptly available to all local Leagues as the tool for their Voters Service. Special publicity will be given to which candidates favor and which oppose the three big items that the League supports - Constitutional Convention, Party Designation, Reapportionment. The September-October Minnesota Voter will contain as much Voters Service information on candidates as can be included. After the fall elections each League will be asked to send in a complete report on Voters Service including both successes and problems encountered.

Local Current Agenda - Mrs. Dennis Watson

Mrs. Watson announced that a Local Current Agenda display has been prepared for this Council meeting and urged that all attending give special attention to it. She also stated the following:

- 1) All requests for materials will be welcomed by the committee and they will give any assistance they can to local Leagues.
- 2) An exchange of ideas between local Leagues themselves will be encouraged.
- 3) Chairmen should start a looseleaf notebook for present ideas and to help in the future.
- 4) The November-December Voter will have an article on Local Current Agenda and in November a Local Current Agenda Workshop will be held in Minneapolis for all Leagues.

Public Relations - Mrs. Walter Angrist

Mrs. Angrist impressed the Council with the fact that it is extremely important to have a planned, vigorous Public Relations program in coordination with all the other activities of the League in order to encourage citizens to take an interest and actively participate in government. She made the following announcements:

- 1) In October there will be a Public Relations Workshop with professional guidance available.
- 2) An "adopt a voter" campaign will be instituted with each local League member adopting one person to further educate on the League program.

At this time Mrs. Anderson paid a tribute to Mrs. John Hill, who has been the dedicated hardworking Publications Chairman for the past three years and who has now resigned. Mrs. Charles McGarraugh of Edina and Minneapolis, the new Publications Chairman, was introduced and made the following statements:

- 1) All were urged to take particular note of the Publications table prepared for the Council Meeting.
- 2) The revised edition of "You Are the Government" will be ready in August for a September 18th "unveiling" and the Board will suggest ways for widespread distribution of this booklet.

Mrs. Howard Evenson next reviewed the recent Bulletin contest and the awards were presented as follows:

- Class I. Leagues with membership under 50 - Honorable Mention, Brainerd and Columbia Heights; 1st Prize, Deephaven.
- Class II. Leagues with membership from 50 to 100 - Honorable Mention, Mound and Wayzata; 1st Prize, Bemidji.
- Class III. Leagues with membership over 100 - Honorable Mention, Richfield, Edina, Roseville; 1st Prize, Rochester.

The following thoughts were advanced regarding bulletins:

- 1) Results of a survey which the Bulletin Committee made will be made available to Bulletin editors.
- 2) The greatest need in all bulletins is for more good program material.
- 3) Each editor will be asked to upgrade their own bulletin at least one step.

Mrs. Whiting, the Finance Chairman, presented the proposed budget for 1958-59, totaling \$23,046, for Council consideration. An item by item analysis followed, with the most substantial increase in the budget being the additional \$1,000 pledge requested from national. Rollcall and the announcement of pledges was made by the delegates. Since some pledges were not as suggested, the Budget Committee was instructed to make the necessary adjustments in the budget. A special gift of \$25 was presented at this time by St. Louis Park.

Luncheon Meeting

Luncheon was served in the Ballroom at 12:30 and Miss Salisbury gave a very interesting report on the National Convention held in Atlantic City April 21-25.

Wednesday afternoon Session

These Workshops were held with the following people in charge:

Presidents:	Ramsey Room	Mrs. O. J. Janski
Membership:	Kings Room	Mrs. A. J. Olson
Finance:	Ramsey Room	Mrs. Wm. Whiting
Community Attitudes toward the League:	Kings Room	Mrs. Howard Evenson

Dinner Meeting, 6:30, Ballroom

Miss Barbara Stuhler, national Board Member presided. This meeting proved to be all things to all delegates: drama, suspense, and inspiration. The drama was provided by members of the St. Paul and Roseville Leagues in the form of a gay musical skit entitled "Around the Calendar with the League." Suspense was unfolded when Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, winner of last year's Hope Washburn Award, presented this year's award to Mrs. Reynold Jensen of Minneapolis, for fifteen years the executive secretary of this League and an untiring volunteer worker, as well. The inspiration, Mrs. John G. Lee, President of the League of Women Voters of U.S., 1950-58, was the highlight of the evening. She talked on "The Individual Member's Responsibility for the Purpose of the League of Women Voters."

Thursday Session

The third session was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Kings Room on Thursday, May 22, by Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, First Vice-President. She thanked Mrs. Paul Boyer, retiring president of the Roseville League, who was in charge of the arrangements, and her committee.

Next the Program items were presented, and Mrs. Homer Mantis introduced each of the following people who then presented the program items.

Election Laws - Mrs. Edgar Kuderling

She related some background material and the following ideas came from her presentation:

- 1) The areas to receive the most complete study now will be those emphasized by the Interim Commission. a) Registration, b) Primaries, c) Election Judges. Bills may be introduced also on Administration and Presidential Primary.
- 2) A summary of election procedures in each community will be requested & compiled.

Constitutional Convention, State C.R.'s, and the three Amendments - Mrs. Green

A very important influence on our Constitutional Convention efforts this year will be the Bipartisan Committee and the Public Relations Society.

Reapportionment has the following problems that the League will have to think about and decide on before the next legislative session:

- 1) Frozen or semi-frozen districts; 2) Strict population guarantees; 3) Use of census tracts in metropolitan areas; and
- 4) Reinforcement provisions
 - a) Legislature having first chance to reapportion,
 - b) Special session to reapportion,
 - c) Bipartisan commission or a committee of administrative officials or a committee of Senior District Judges.

Discussion followed presentation of Item 4 and a show of hands was called for, to determine if the League is ready to support this. The show of hands was almost unanimous indicating support for this will be strong in the League. There is more publicity now than ever on Reapportionment because of the Bipartisan Committee, the Federal Court suit, and the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment.

Mrs. Green discussed the three Amendments to be on the ballot and explained the League's position in supporting the first amendment on Home Rule and the second amendment on increasing the terms of certain state offices to four years and also the League's position of neither supporting nor opposing the third amendment permitting a legislator to be elected to another office providing he resigns his legislative office when he assumes the new office.

Mrs. Wm. Graham, Jr., of Bloomington reported on the panels on Party Designation at the area conferences.

Mrs. Will Jones of Minneapolis gave a history of FEPC law in its three year existence and alerted the League to watch any new bills on this subject that may be introduced.

Mrs. Mantis presented these plans for assisting in passing the three big items of legislation that the League supports: 1) have a legislative chairman in each League; 2) lobbying should be carried on extensively by letter and at home before the legislature goes into session; 3) the July-August Voter will carry "how to write to your legislator" story; 4) there will be a Legislative Workshop in October; 5) a Legislative Newsletter will be started and subscriptions sold; 6) a training meeting for lobbyists will be held in December; 7) a Legislative Day will be held in February; 8) the May 1959 Minnesota Voter will summarize the Legislative Report.

National Program - Foreign Policy - Mrs. John Neumaier

The following will be the important things for local Leagues to be preparing to do regarding the study of foreign policy: 1) appoint a resource chairman in each League for foreign policy; 2) use the summer to prime members on this item; 3) local libraries should have a foreign policy corner; 4) reference should be made to the May 1958 National Board Report and the bibliography; 5) local Leagues should plan an early fall study of foreign policy; 6) U N Day should have special observances; 7) have plans for Action ready.

At this time Miss Salisbury announced the World Health Organization meeting in Minneapolis starting May 26 and urged all to attend as many sessions as possible.

National Program - Water Resources - Mrs. Ernest Marotta

Mrs. Marotta noted that the topic as it now reads gives a narrower scope than originally. A Watershed Conference in September is being planned.

At the end of these reports the Board planning calendar for local Leagues was reviewed.

Mrs. Whiting, Finance Chairman, announced that Special Gifts totaling \$110 had been received (\$50 from Alexandria, \$25 from St. Louis Park, \$25 from Hibbing, \$10 from White Bear Lake) and then presented the revised budget of \$22,646. The motion was made, seconded and passed that the budget be adopted.

Luncheon Meeting

Luncheon was served at 12:30 p.m. in the Ballroom with Mrs. Sigford presiding and the following program:

Introduction of the members of the Bipartisan Committee who were present

Report of the Credentials Committee by Mrs. W. Floyd Spurrier, Chairman

Local Leagues represented. 50

Local League delegates 89

Observers 103

Total registration 192

Attended dinner Wednesday night, to hear Mrs. Lee 244

Came just to hear Mrs. Lee 75

Speech by J. William Buchta, associate dean and professor of physics, College of Science, Literature and the Arts, University of Minnesota, on "The Moral Obligation of the Scientist in Shaping the Political World"

The Council adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson, Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of meeting of Board of Directors
June 12, 1958

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. on Thursday, June 12, 1958, Mrs. O. H. Anderson presiding. Present were the following directors: Mmes. Whiting, Marotta, Mantis, Angrist, Evenson, Green, Janski, Sigford, Kuderling, Watson and Miss Salisbury, and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff. Absent: Mmes. Carlson, Neumaier, Olson and McGarraugh.

MINUTES Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 1st meeting. There were no corrections. It was moved and seconded that minutes be accepted.

STATE COUNCIL The following corrections were made in the minutes of the State Council
MINUTES meeting of May 21-22:

- p. 3 Mrs. Evenson said that line 2 should read "Results of a survey which the Bulletin Committee made have been made available" and Line 5 should read "Each editor will be asked to upgrade her own bulletin at least one step in content and technique."
- p. 3 In the section on Election Laws at the bottom of the page, Mrs. Kuderling said that 2) should read "A summary of election procedures in each community has been requested."
- p. 4 Mrs. Green said the following should be added to the paragraph on reapportionment: "The committee is planning two companion folders on reapportionment and constitutional convention to match the one on party designation and accompanying fact sheets for each."

It was moved and seconded that minutes of the State Council Meeting be accepted as corrected.

TREASURERS Miss Salisbury reported that the need for increasing the reserve fund
REPORT has become all too apparent since the balance on hand as of May 31 was only \$422.19. She also reminded the board that office operation expense is always up at this time of year. The Council meeting will probably show a profit of about \$125 when the final bills are paid.

STATE Mrs. Whiting reported that because of an error, the income from local
BUDGET Leagues was announced at State Council Meeting as \$50 too much (correct total is \$20,835) so in revising the Budget, she subtracted \$50 from state committee meetings (correct amount now is \$75) making total budget of \$22,646. The board members who have committees should bring their committee lists to the August Board meeting, and a decision on expenditure of the \$75 will be made then

PRESIDENT'S Mrs. Anderson has attended many meetings, both League and League-
REPORT connected. She spoke at Alexandria, New Richland and St. Anthony. She had received a note from Mrs. John G. Lee expressing gratification over her recent visit to Council. Mrs. Anderson announced that the 1962 National Convention will be held in Minneapolis at the Leamington Hotel, the Minneapolis LWV host.

EVALUATION The hotel arrangements were judged to be very good and should work out
OF COUNCIL well for convention next year, at which time we would expect to use the ballroom for all sessions. Caucuses were thought to be exciting and valuable last convention and rooms should be arranged for them in 1959. We will need more than one floor microphone for convention sessions. The possibility of using section meetings for program discussion at convention was mentioned. The only disappointment was the acoustics in Kings Room which is not suitable for two small meetings concurrently.

Workshops: We tried to do too much and as a result probably left the delegates with some unanswered questions. We tried to do too many workshops and the time allotted for each one was inadequate. We should play down devices in workshops (such as role-playing, etc.), come to grips with questions and give out answers as well as drawing answers from delegates.

Exhibits: If we have more next year - we need more than mezzaine for space. The outlook for the coming League year was considered an improvement over simply reporting activities of the past year. The response from delegates was less than hoped for and delegates need "warming up" on what is expected they contribute. We deplored the lack of coverage given our meetings by the local press.

Speaker: It is agreed a headline speaker is a drawing card; some wish expressed that speech had been more closely connected with League program.

CONVENTION The 1959 convention will be at the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul will be the
PLANNING hostess League and Mrs. Sigford will be the board chairman.

BOARD Mrs. Anderson said that she felt that our first year as a state Board
REVIEW had been a good one, and asked whether or not we had any problems or
 suggestions for the ensuing one. Mrs. Kuderling asked for help to
pass on to Leagues on methods of presenting resource material. Questions and discussion outlines were suggested. A sheet on how to present material at briefing and unit meetings will be prepared by E. Salisbury and I. Janski.

HOW THE A lengthy discussion on this subject was held in order that Board members
OFFICE might understand more clearly how things are handled in the office, what
FUNCTIONS services they may expect from the office and what their responsibilities
 are toward the office so far as asking to have things done, turning in
material on time and in tidy condition. Board members must remember to turn in carbons of the letters which they write and reports of visits to local Leagues that they make. Ways of improving communication between Board members and between board members and office were discussed. When the office receives a letter requiring an answer from a Board member, the office will acknowledge the letter to the sender on a memo sheet, send the letter and carbon of the memo to the Board member who is to answer the letter, and another carbon to D. Anderson so she will be informed of all important correspondence.

It was decided to send out to each Board member a weekly summary of the important and policy-making activities in which Board and office are engaged. This summary will be based on a day sheet to be kept in the office. All directors are to send memos to the office promptly describing advice etc. which they have given, meetings which they are going to attend, or any other details of their League activities which it might be helpful or desirable for other directors to know. Copies of minutes of committee meetings should be made for state Board members, whenever important decisions are made or are pending.

Miss Salisbury presented a review of S.O.S., how it operates and how we happen to be here. It appears desirable that we continue in this arrangement rather than move elsewhere. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that we sell our mimeograph machine.

Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that we purchase a duplicating machine for about \$100 as soon as it is possible.

While their duties frequently overlap, Mrs. Wilson is primarily Organization Secretary and Mrs. Williams is primarily Executive Secretary. A schedule of an approximate division of their duties is attached. Each has one month's vacation. Mrs. Williams will be away June 26-July 18. Mrs. Wilson will be away July 21-Aug. 4. Each has one more week of vacation coming.

All Board members are expected to turn in reports at the end of their terms.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski reported that Crystal has been recognized. St. Anthony plans to apply for recognition in August. The most recently recognized Leagues will be visited by a Board member every two months for the next year. The small League conference will be held in September, will review recognition standards and will stress finance. Brooklyn Center members are making outstanding efforts to spread name of the League by calling on homes - sometimes as many as 100 homes per caller. Kasson has been asked again about continuing as a local League and Mrs. Chapin is calling a group together to discuss the matter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist, Mrs. Marotta and Mrs. Green will work out specific plans for a radio or T.V. program which would be sponsored by the LWV of Minnesota and would utilize the talents of League members in the Metropolitan area. These plans are to be presented at the August Board meeting.

WATER CONSERVATION It was decided that the local Leagues which are interested should initiate action toward a pollution workshop which Mrs. Ford says the Health Department would put on.

COUNTY COUNCILS These are now under the Local Current Agenda Chairman. Anoka County Council is working on booklet. St. Louis County Council has too much material for booklet. Hennepin County Council voted agenda (Golden Valley and Minneapolis against) - County Assessment system. Ramsey County Council is still studying need for County Board of Health. Washington Council Council is doing county survey booklet. Owatonna LWV is starting survey of Steele county (only League in county).

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling suggests reading an article in Harpers Magazine, June, 1958, entitled "Reform of Election Laws in Chicago" and June 2nd New York Times article on American Heritage. She spoke at the Crystal annual meeting. She recommended to the next state budget committee that the LWV of Minnesota have a \$10 membership in the National Municipal League in the future instead of simply subscribing to the National Municipal Review. A full membership would entitle us to a copy of all their publications including summaries of their conventions.

LEGISLATIVE What should be the role of the LWV in the special session? If the Bergerud-Gillen or other acceptable bill is introduced into that session, the League will send a letter to all legislators telling them of our support and urging their support for the reapportionment. The executive committee will meet to determine whether or not a given bill, when introduced, comes within our position.
"Capitol Approach" will be the name of the legislative newsletter.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Mrs. Green reported that the Citizens Committee for Amendments 1,2,3 has decided to include endorsements for the Amendments on their next printing of their flier (A Quick Look at Amendments 1,2 & 3), thus making the flier unsuitable for LWV Voters Service work. Therefore, Mrs. Green recommends that we put out a straight fact sheet on all three amendments. She would like to send out with these a suggestion sheet in two parts. Part one would be used with the factual material on all three amendments. Part two would suggest plans for local League action on the amendments we support. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Marotta seconded a motion that the Board approve these plans and the material will go out in the June mailing.

A full report on the area conferences on taking program to the community has been filed. 49 Leagues attended seven conferences, 288 attended morning sessions, 389 attended Party Designation luncheons.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Kuderling reported the following in the absence of Mrs. Olson:

1. Congressional candidates will receive a questionnaire asking the two questions sent out by the National LWV and the results from all nine Congressional Districts will be published in the Voters Guide of the Minneapolis Tribune.
2. State Executive Officers will also be covered in the Voters Guide.
3. a. Legislative candidates will receive a mailed questionnaire from the State League asking three questions (concerning reapportionment, party designation, and constitutional convention) either in co-sponsorship with the bi-partisan committee or alone.
b. A voters service questionnaire containing other questions of general interest will be sent to one League in each legislative district and a League person will interview each candidate.
c. Hennepin County candidates will receive a questionnaire containing questions of general interest from a joint committee made up of the Minneapolis League, the Citizens League and the newspaper, and the results will be printed in the Voters Guide. Approval of the plan was given by the Board.

NEXT
MEETING

The next meeting will be August 7 at the lake home of Mrs. Mantis. Luncheon will be served. Details and directions will be supplied at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Kenneth Sigford
Secretary pro tem.

MEMO on DIVISION of STAFF DUTIES, as of July 1, 1958

Quotes found in file on Office Operation still apply: "Duties are better assigned according to the abilities and experience of the staff and circumstances pertaining to the office than by title or tradition" - "Although we staff people have our separate jobs, we often help with the work of the other when the load is more than one can carry" - "Though the person indicated takes first responsibility for the areas mentioned, under pressure the other person does whatever needs to be done."

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ORGANIZATION SECRETARY, Grace Wilson

WORKS WITH PRESIDENT on President's Letter, State Board Report, Planning Board meetings, Keeping track of talent.

WORKS WITH ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN
Helps plan work of Committee, whether it be field trips, conferences, training meeting for committee etc.;
Takes field trips to Leagues
Helps organize new Leagues
Reads & briefs minutes from Leagues
Corresponds with local Leagues
Keeps local League files in order
Writes letters for committee

WORKS WITH LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN
Helps plan work of Committee, whether it be training meeting, conferences, lobbying, publications, mailings
Clips newspaper for legislative news
Keeps legislative files in order
Responsible for Legislative Bulletin
Writes letters for Committee

WORKS WITH VOTERS SERVICE CHAIRMAN
Helps plan work of Committee, whether it be conferences, candidates questionnaires, publications, letters, mailings etc.
Keeps Voters Service files in order
Writes letters for committee
Clips newspapers for V.S. news

WORKS WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN, & LOCAL AGENDA CHAIRMAN, on Committee
Plans such as exhibits, conferences, news releases, publications etc.

WORKS WITH BULLETIN EDITOR & SECRETARY, especially in checking copy & minutes

WORKS WITH NOMINATING COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Roberta Williams

AS OFFICE MANAGER,
Receives and distributes mail
Orders office supplies
Keeps her portion of files in order
Fills publication orders
Keeps membership card files up to date and addressograph office informed of new, drops, changes
Cuts stencils of program material and material for public
Types letters for Board members

AS ASSISTANT TREASURER,
Keeps the books
Makes Treasurer's Report
Writes checks
Makes bank deposits
Sends bills including publication orders and pledge payments due

WORKS WITH FINANCE CHAIRMAN
Helps committee with plans for workshops, with budgets, with finance drive helps to local Leagues

WORKS WITH BUDGET CHAIRMAN
Helps prepare state budget, plan presentation, helps revise it

WORKS WITH PUBLICATION CHAIRMAN
Helping with Committee plans
Helps execute plans, such as distribution, records of sales, news releases, etc.

WORKS WITH RESOURCE CHAIRMEN, especially in publication of materials, but also with Committees in their plans

WORKS ON CONVENTIONS & COUNCILS especially in arrangements, finance, publications, workbook
Grace helps more in program planning, workshops etc.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of meeting of Board of Directors
August 7, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, 1958 at the lake home of Mrs. Mantis. Mrs. O. H. Anderson presided and the following directors were present: Mmes: Angrist, Carlson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, and Whiting, and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams of the staff. Absent were: Mmes: Evenson and Marotta and Miss Salisbury.

MINUTES Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 12th Board meeting. There were no corrections and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S Mrs. Williams gave the following cumulative report as of July 31, 1958:
REPORT General fund, income: \$8,163.02; expenditures: \$7,243.99, leaving a balance on hand of \$919.03. She also stated that approximately \$900 is still owed on "The State You're In" and that the payments on our pledge to National are up to date. At this time it was also decided that the next budget should provide for sending two or three state Board members to the Political Science Institute and to such meetings as the National Municipal League Convention.

PRESIDENT'S Mrs. Anderson reported the following:
REPORT

1. There will be a Water Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 30-October 1. This will be a 14-state conference, the purpose of which will be to give guidance on water basin projects and to decide on common direction for all Leagues. Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that Mrs. Marotta and Mrs. Anderson be sent to this conference with all expenses paid. Motion carried.

2. A letter from Mrs. Phillips has been received announcing that some visitors from Argentina will be traveling in this state in October and November under the auspices of the Carrie Chapman Catt Fund organization to observe how elections are carried out with particular reference to Voters Service work of the League of Women Voters. The following places were suggested for the visits because of good Voters Service work - Alexandria, St. Louis Park, Minneapolis, Moorhead, Anoka, Mahtomedi, Lake area League cooperation.

PUBLIC Mrs. Angrist reported the following:
RELATIONS

1. Public Relations Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 28. It will be held at the YWCA at 9:30 a.m. beginning with registration and coffee, and the program from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The registration fee will be 50¢ to cover cost of meeting room, etc. A panel consisting of Mr. William Powell and two other experts will present specific problems of public relations using constitutional convention as the program item. The agenda will be sent out ahead of time to Leagues attending and questions for discussion will be requested in writing. "The State You're In" will be required reading for all attending. The expected attendance is 50 to 75 persons. General plans will be announced in the next President's letter with specific plans later.

2. Essay Contest - The information on the contest will be sent out to all schools by November 1. The essays will be written between January 1 and Feb. 15 and the judges will have one month for judging with the winners being announced and visiting the legislature the end of March. After some discussion the topic decided on was "How representative government is assured by our State Constitution." The judges suggested for the contest are: Mrs. William Graham, Bloomington, Mr. Fred Neumaier, St. Paul Dispatch, and Prof. Scott Johnston, Hamline University. It is hoped that once again a set of encyclopedias can be procured for the first prize.

PUBLIC RELATIONS 3. The state Board will sponsor 3 or 4 TV programs throughout the coming year and the following tentative plans were made: Mrs. Jack Huston will be in charge of getting the time from the stations; programs were planned as follows: 1. Get out the vote on the first program in the fall; Reapportionment program in January or February; 3. a foreign policy program later in the spring. Minneapolis is planning six programs beginning Sept. 13 presenting candidates, so the state Board will clear these tentative plans with Minneapolis so that no conflicts will arise. The Minneapolis programs will all be taped and will be available to any League wishing to use them. Mrs. Angrist has prepared a list of all available tapes that may be borrowed by local Leagues. Typical League lobbyist may be featured in newspaper article.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. McGarraugh reported that the "You Are the Government" committee is planning a luncheon early in October to introduce the revised edition of this booklet. Congressional delegates and their wives will be invited and also Governor and Mrs. Freeman. Tentative plans are to have a panel including an educator, a new citizen and a political scientist to relate the value of this booklet to each of these fields. Tip sheets will be sent to each Publications Chairman. A booth is being planned for both the MEA and the American Federation of Teachers meetings to further the sale of the booklets. A Minnesota Editorial Assoc. release will be purchased to announce this publication.

AMENDMENTS Mrs. Green reported as follows:

1. A folder on Constitutional Convention and one on Reapportionment are being prepared. Her committee will write them and then the Publications committee will handle the mechanics of having them printed, etc.
2. The Lobby-by-Letter Kit is progressing.
3. A lengthy discussion was held on whether or not the League will continue to be a part of the Citizen's Committee on Amendments now that the committee's attitude on supporting all three amendments has changed. Mrs. Angrist made the following motion: "That the League of Women Voters withdraw from the Citizen's Committee on Amendments if the committee decides to work actively for all three of the amendments." Mrs. Neumaier seconded the motion and it carried.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski gave the following report:

1. Kasson has requested permission to disband with the possibility of becoming a unit of Rochester. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the state Board recommend to National that recognition of Kasson be withdrawn at their own request. Motion carried.
2. Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Whiting have done some exploratory work in Faribault and a future meeting is planned with a view to organizing a new League there.
3. St. Anthony is not yet quite ready for recognition.
4. There will be a Small Leagues Conference on Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the State Office from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mmes. Anderson, Olson, Whiting and Watson are asked to attend in addition to Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Wilson. Leagues with membership of under 35 will be invited. Recognition standards will serve as the agenda.
5. Mrs. Janski requested that each state Board member give her the minimum requirements in their portfolios, having in mind our smallest Leagues.
6. A schedule of visits to each new League's board meetings by state Board members was read.

FINANCE Mrs. Whiting passed out a chart to each Board member giving complete budget information on each local League in the state. Discussion of this followed. A pattern emerged from these charts that is actually the National picture also: 1/3 is spent for general administration, 1/3 is spent for publications and activities and 1/3 is spent for pledges. Mrs. Whiting pointed out that the weak item in most budgets is for Publications and Action and Voters Service and that local Leagues are not budgeting for an increase in membership as they should. More than \$9.00 a year is what is actually being spent per member per year by about one half our Leagues.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Mantis announced:

1. There will be a Legislative Workshop in the Weyerhauser Room of the Historical Building at the Capitol in St. Paul on October 8. In the morning the following legislators who oppose League program will speak: Rep. Jensen on Reapportionment, Sen. Rosenmeier on Constitutional Convention and Sen. Feidt on Party Designation. The afternoon program will be a discussion of the morning's talks and each resource chairman will present her plans. The Legislative newsletter will be introduced this day. The August President's letter will announce this workshop and Legislative chairmen and local League Presidents will be asked to attend as well as state Board members and lobbyists.
2. The Sept. Voter will announce the Legislative Newsletter and will contain a subscription blank.
3. Legislative Day has been tentatively set for February 19th.
4. Lobbyists will be limited to about four persons for each item this session with the hope that this will prove more effective. There will be a workshop for these lobbyists the first week in January. Names of lobbyists will be announced at the next Board meeting.
5. A word of caution will appear in the legislative newsletter to all League members who visit the legislature. When they speak they must remember that they represent their League and should therefore be non-partisan, factual, tactful, emphasize issues and not personalities.
6. The Bi-Partisan Committee did not join with the League on the Candidates questionnaires because of organization delays. This committee will meet following the primaries to decide if they shall function further.

VOTERS Mrs. Olson gave the following report:

- SERVICE**
1. A Voters Service questionnaire for legislators has been formed and sent to one local League in each legislative district asking that they personally interview the candidates, then send one copy to the state office, keep one copy and send one to the candidate; also they are to send information to other local Leagues in same legislative district.
 2. The same questionnaire has been sent to legislative candidates in districts where there is no League.
 3. A letter has been sent to the major newspaper in each county telling them that their legislative candidates would be receiving the questionnaire and that it is hoped that the newspaper will publish the answers.
 4. There will probably be two editions of the Voters Guide - one for twin city and suburbs and one for other congressional districts, featuring congressional and state-wide candidates.
 5. There will be a notice in the next Voter telling Leagues to look for the Voters Guide, to be published September 2,3,4 in the Minneapolis Tribune.
 6. Twin City area Leagues will pick up Voters Guides at the newspaper office. Out-state Leagues will receive them by bus or truck. A note to the Presidents and Voters Service Chairmen telling them of these distribution plans will be sent.
 7. No requests for advance questionnaire information will be granted.

CONVENTION AND COUNCIL Mrs. Sigford reported that the 1959 Convention will be held May 20-21 in the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, as arranged August 1, 1957. Some discussion was held and Mrs. McGarraugh moved the following:
The 1960 Council Meeting will be held in the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, and the 1961 Convention will be held in the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis. Mrs. Olson seconded the motion and it carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Watson announced the following plans:
A Community Planning Conference will be held November 19 at the Midway YMCA in St. Paul (1761 University Avenue) from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the luncheon charge, including tip, being \$1.50. There will be four speakers at the morning session. Local current agenda chairmen, the president, and any other interested persons from local Leagues as well as state Board members will be asked to attend. Some required reading will be suggested.

NATIONAL ITEM I Mrs. Neumaier suggests that some standardized plan on our Foreign Policy item be offered to local Leagues so that all Leagues will have a similar study. She will ask local Leagues to be instrumental in establishing a "Know Your World" committee in each community to stimulate interest in this Foreign Policy item. It could include various service organizations - AAUW, labor, church, veterans, etc. - and would be an outlet for League publications on this item when they are ready. It would be a good idea if these committees could be established and working by U. N. day.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling announced that KUOM will do a rebroadcast of the complete Centennial Institute on Minnesota Government and Politics starting Monday, August 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Election laws questionnaires will be sent to city clerks where there are no Leagues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Williams requested that all copies of the Michigan Survey be returned to the office as soon as possible. The Voter deadline is September 1 and the President's letter deadline is August 15.

NEXT MEETING The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 4, in the state office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 4, 1958

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. on Thursday, September 4, 1958 by Mrs. O. H. Anderson, state president. The following directors were present: Mmes. Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff.

MINUTES Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with the following correction: The general income in the Treasurer's report should be corrected to read \$4,832.61. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative report as of August 31, 1958: General fund, income: \$6,179.26; expenditures: \$8,676.16, leaving a balance on hand of \$833.51. Miss Salisbury raised the question of where the money is to come from to pay the expenses of the two delegates to the Water Conference in Cleveland. It was decided this amount will be taken from the Board of Directors fund.

President's Report Mrs. Anderson announced that a booklet "Politics is Your Job" written by Floyd Flom and Luther J. Pickrel for the University Extension Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has been published. This is a very good publication and enough of these will be requested to send one to each local League president.

A letter from Mrs. Geri Joseph, DFL Chairwoman, was read in which she requested that question number one on the tax issue in Candidates Questionnaire be deleted when the completed questionnaire is printed in Hennepin County. A full discussion on this followed with this solution. A letter will be written to Mrs. Joseph explaining that this material was merely quoted as an introduction to the tax question and that it will be impossible to at this stage omit anything from the Candidates Questionnaire.

Six Hennepin County Leagues sponsoring a candidates meeting asked advice on what League publications to display at this meeting. It was suggested that only Voters Service publications (example - Amendments sheets). Facts are appropriate - and no publications with program stands should be displayed or sold.

A new National publication "Closeup of Washington" has been published. This is designed specifically for the visitor in Washington, D.C. and will be sold for 25¢ per copy, to individuals, schools and other organizations.

Local League minutes revealed that an awkward precedent is possibly being set in the Bloomington League. The local board has listed some policies including one which says that the Bulletin will not accept unsolicited material. State Board members discussed this and decided that Mrs. Janski will consult with the Bloomington League.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling reported that the Minneapolis League has been praised highly for its Voters Primer in the Minneapolis Tribune. Red Wing asked and received permission to run a similar feature in their paper. Mrs. Kuderling suggested that an article in the August Reader's Digest by William Hard of the American Heritage Foundation, on broadening the base of contributions to political parties, is worthwhile reading.

Mr. John McDonald, political columnist of the Minneapolis Tribune, has asked permission to have a copy of the outstate legislators' answers to the Candidates Questionnaire for his own use. It was decided that too much time and expense were involved to send him a copy but he will be allowed to come to the office and copy the information himself.

AMENDMENTS Mrs. Green announced that the Citizens Committee on Amendments will continue its existence simply as an information committee and not as an action committee. A brochure on the Amendments will be reissued and the back page will include a list of organizations, stating which amendments they are supporting. A mailing from this committee has been sent to all state editors.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson reported that the pre-primary Voters Guide has now been published. Requested copies have been picked up by the suburban Leagues and also that requested copies have been sent out to rural Leagues for distribution - total distribution of reprints, 16,000. Many favorable comments have been received and the Guide will be redone before the general election.

WATER Mrs. Marotta announced that Channel 2 - TV - will have some programs on Water (Tue & Thur 8:30pm) and also on Foreign Policy (Tues. 8p.m.; Thurs. 7:30 p.m.)

One person from the League has been asked to help judge the best farm in Hennepin County, partly on a conservation basis. Mrs. Clarence Tolg of Golden Valley was appointed to do this.

The Watershed Congress will be held in the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, on September 19 and 20 and all Board members are urged to attend. The program planned is excellent.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Whiting seconded a motion that local League status be requested for St. Anthony. Motion carried.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to all secretaries of local Leagues reminding them that minutes of all meetings are to be sent into the state office promptly.

A letter has come requesting that the possibility of organizing a League in Maplewood, population 14,000, be investigated.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Mantis reported that her committee has met and worked on the plans for the Legislative Workshop to be held October 8. The \$2.50 registration fee will include luncheon and also the "Lobby by Letter" kit.

The committee decided the legislative newsletter will be called "A Legislative Letter" although there was some dissension in the committee. The next Voter will include an extra page with a sample "Legislative Letter" and an order blank.

The Bi-partisan committee will have a final meeting in September to decide whether or not to continue to function.

Free reprints of the state Constitution may be obtained simply by request from the Secretary of State's office. If enough can be gotten, they may be included in the Lobby by Letter kits.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist was absent but it was announced that a different location to hold the Public Relations workshop on Oct. 28 will have to be found.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. McGarraugh reported that no definite publication date for "You Are the Government" can be given yet but it will probably be about October 10. Several ideas on novel ways to launch this publication were exchanged with the most popular being a surprise presentation of a first copy to several types of persons, possibly a factory worker, a housewife, new voter, etc. with TV cameras and press coverage present. Local Leagues will be given four or five free copies for this purpose. Ideas along this line will be developed with the Public Relations Chairman cooperating.

An MEA release will be purchased for the publication date.

VOTER Mrs. Evenson reported that although the bulletins are improving, mechanics still seem to be a difficulty. She noted that the A.B. Dick Company puts out a booklet on mimeographing tips and layouts, etc. This is 50¢ per copy and should be known to all bulletin editors.

FINANCE Mrs. Whiting reported that a budget committee of four will be set up in October. Next the Budget Building day was discussed. This will be held at the Union with luncheon also being served there. Presidents from twelve local Leagues experiencing both successes and failures will be invited.

 Mrs. Whiting hopes to be able to find out in November what our suggested pledge to National will be.

 Mrs. McGarraugh reported on the Theatre-Dinner Party project of the Minneapolis LWV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Kuderling announced that Channel 4 has TV time available for programs. It is also possible that 5 minutes a week for 6 weeks on Arle Haberle's program will be available to the League. Mrs. Angrist will explore these possibilities.

 Miss Salisbury reported on the Reapportionment committee meeting that was held following the Court decision. One sub-committee will draft an amendment employing area in the House and population in the Senate and another sub-committee will draft an amendment on enforcement. Decisions will be made at the next two-day meeting - November 7 and 8.

NEXT The next Board meeting will be held on Friday, October 3, in the
MEETING state office.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 3, 1958

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. on Friday, October 3, 1958 by Mrs. O. H. Anderson, state president. The following directors were present: Mmes. Angrist, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Watson, Whiting and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff.

MINUTES Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: Sept. 4 minutes be corrected on page 3, para. 2 - delete first sentence and add instead "A budget committee will be set up in October." Before last sentence, insert "A number of" and cross out word "twelve." Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Williams gave the six months treasurer's report - total income, \$8,379.13, Total Expenditures, \$10,592.80, Balance on Hand, \$1,116.74. Mrs. Williams said there is \$580 due on "State You're In."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Anderson told of some of the meetings she had attended - one day at Small League Conference; two days at Watershed Congress; Regional Conference on Conservation at Cleveland. Speech given at the Watershed Congress will be in the Conservation Volunteer; the Isaak Walton League has also requested a copy. She reported a letter from New York League asking for copies of last Voter - also Wisconsin wants our Election Laws material. She reported several items of interest noted in local League minutes. Comment was made on the number of new local League bulletins and the improvement shown.

WATER Mrs. Marotta reported that she was invited to a meeting October 8 to discuss the recent Watershed Congress and to consider the possibility of a future one. The Watershed Congress held here was considered to be quite a success. Mrs. Marotta commented on the number of legislators who attended.

Mrs. Marotta also announced that the Minneapolis League will have a River Basin Workshop in November. Suburban Leagues will be invited to attend. Cleveland Conference - delegates from 14 states representing 700 Leagues attended. Minnesota will work with Red River Basin, Great Lakes, and Mississippi Basin. Each League will do study on own area - write it up and share it with other Leagues. In Minnesota the three basin studies will be coordinated through Mrs. Marotta. Letters, maps and material will be sent to local Leagues. The water discussion outline was worked over at the Cleveland Conference and will be re-done. Nothing will be done on consensus on water item until after national council meeting.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski announced that St. Anthony had received recognition as a local League. Mrs. Wilbur Dunn of the Roseville League will be the advisor for Maplewood if it is decided to start a League there. Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Wilson met with four representatives of that village and will explain the purpose of the League to Maplewood Village council October 16.

Mrs. Janski briefly gave highlights of her trip to Virginia, Hibbing and Duluth Leagues. A report on the Small Leagues Conferences Sept. 12 and 13 will be given at the November board meeting.

FINANCE Mrs. Whiting gave the following statistics on "other sources" of income:
11 Leagues - no finance drive
3 Leagues - by mail only
1 League - by telephone
8 Leagues - sell calendars
20 Leagues - some type of project other than calendars

FINANCE This question was raised: "How dictatorial should the state Board be on projects?" Mrs. Whiting suggested that projects should be directly related to League program. A lengthy board discussion followed - examples of good and bad projects were given. Member contributions through unit parties - work in stores by members with money turned over to the League as a member contribution, were also discussed. "Fun" events were discussed - Minneapolis League project was also brought up. It was decided that Mrs. Anderson would make a statement in the next President's Letter reaffirming the state Board's faith in the integrated finance plan - this would be directed toward local League boards. The next Voter will cover same, but be directed toward members.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Mantis displayed the new Lobby by Letter kit. It contains three new folders and fact sheets on our state items - which will be of interest to legislators, League members, public - Ninety Days of Lawmaking, state constitution and a map of legislative districts. Speakers at the Legislative Workshop, October 8, will be Senator Donald Wright, Rep. Carl Jensen, and Senator Dan Feidt.

Mrs. Mantis attended a meeting of the Minnesota Council on Civil and Human Rights as an observer, in connection with the League's interest in FEPC.

Mrs. Mantis said the people who had signed up for lobbying at the spring area conferences would be encouraged to observe the Legislature in action two or three days a month.

She reported that a plan to meet with the Bipartisan Committee had been cancelled until after the election.

The three folders on Party Designation, Reapportionment and Constitutional Convention will go to all candidates for the legislature; by the state office in districts where there are no local Leagues and by local Leagues for their own districts.

AMENDMENTS Mrs. Kuderling (for Mrs. Green) reported the following:

1. The Citizen's Committee on Amendments will place an ad in the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers supporting Amendment One if participating organizations will ask their members to contribute \$2 per member (whose name will appear in ad) to pay for the two ads.
2. It was moved, seconded, and carried that money from the Public Relations fund be used to pay for state Board members' contributions to the ads supporting Amendment One. The St. Paul ad would carry the following names: Mmes. Watson, Mantis, Green, Sigford, and Anderson. The Minneapolis ad would carry the following names: Mmes. Anderson, Angrist, Carlson, Janski, Kuderling, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Evenson, Marotta, Whiting and Miss Salisbury.
3. Mrs. Green was instructed to solicit contributions from local League members attending the Legislative Workshop.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling announced that her committee would be meeting October 16 at which time the new committee member from Bloomington, Mrs. Bjorkland, would be present.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist reported the following:

1. Georgia Polzin of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune will be our guest at the Legislative Workshop in order to gather background material for articles on Women Lobbyists for the Sunday paper.
2. Ginny Thompson is the new Press Chairman on the Public Relations Committee.
3. The Essay Contest has been accepted by the State Dept. of Education and information on the contest will be sent out to all schools by December 1.
4. Television: TheLWV of Minn. will have five minutes on Arle Haerberle's program (Channel 5) "Around the Town" on October 10, 17, 24, 31 and November 3. These programs will include the following: registration, election laws, amendments, "You Are the Government" publication and League membership.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. McGarraugh reported the following:

1. "You Are the Government" is in the final stages with tentative date of issue October 20.
2. As a matter of promotion October 23 will be "publication date" to coincide with the opening of MEA.
3. Promotion of the booklet will not be on one date statewide but give-aways to "unknowns" will still be promoted the week of October 24 where possible.
4. Complimentary copies will be sent to editors where there are no Leagues and local Leagues will be requested to give copies to their own editors.
5. A special committee is working on school distribution of this booklet and local Leagues will be notified of school orders received.

VOTER Mrs. Evenson reported the following:

1. The next Voter will be out the end of the week.
2. 150 extra copies of this Voter which includes a sample of Capitol Letter, have been prepared for distribution at the Legislative Workshop.
3. The deadline for the next Voter is November 1. It will carry articles on Local Agenda, Finance, and the Watershed Conference.
4. Some local Leagues are having difficulty with finance of Bulletins because the budgets were not drawn up properly with all expenses for Bulletins listed as such.
5. A list of Bulletin Editors has been prepared to be sent out to each editor so that they can correspond with each other and exchange ideas.
6. New York City Library has asked to be put on our Voter mailing list.

LOCAL AGENDA Mrs. Watson reported the following:

1. Many of the current magazines have popular articles on community planning which are good background material for the Community Planning Workshop.
2. It was decided after some discussion that Roseville should be discouraged in doing a school survey that is not on their local agenda because of lack of woman power and a specific use of such a survey.
3. The announcement that the Hennepin County Council has attended a luncheon at McCarthy's Restaurant as the guest of a County Commissioner brought forth considerable discussion on the matter of accepting favors as a League group. No action was taken.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson reported:

1. Candidates Questionnaires have been distributed by way of the Minneapolis Tribune Voters Guide.
2. Congressional Roll Calls are ready to be mimeographed.
3. The next Voters Guide in the Minneapolis Tribune will be published October 30, 31, and November 1.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be November 6 in the state office.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. J. Janski and Mrs. Wm. Whiting
Secretaries pro tem

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 6, 1958

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. on Thursday, November 6, 1958 by Mrs. O. H. Anderson, state president. The following directors were present: Mmes. Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, Neumaier, McGarraugh, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting and Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff.

MINUTES Mrs. Green moved and Miss Salisbury seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with the following correction: October 3rd minutes to be corrected on page 2 in the Election Laws paragraph, "Mrs. Bjorkland" to be corrected to read "Mrs. Bjerken." Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Anderson first commended state board members for faithfully attending all the meetings other than board meetings and the workshops held recently. She also pointed out that many articles contained in the Voter have been used by many other state Leagues lately. She presented the idea that the board consider purchasing a "slug" for \$15.00 to be used as postmark advertising on the League's correspondence. This could be purchased through the State Organization Service. Discussion followed but no action was taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT Miss Salisbury gave this report as of October 31, 1958: total income, \$10,855.45; total expenditures, \$12,538.29, balance on hand, \$1647.57. The following things were discussed:

1. The next President's Letter will carry a request for subscriptions for the Capitol Letter. Everyone including state board members must subscribe - this will not be included in the regular mailing to local League presidents.
2. Volunteer help will be needed for mailing out the Capitol Letter.
3. Enough copies of this publication will be kept so as to be able to send a complete file to each LL president at the end of the legislative session as a legislative resume.
4. All state board members are urged to turn in all bills, billed under the proper account, whether they are to be a contribution or not.

VOTER Mrs. Evenson reported that the article in the Voter "Why Lobby?" has met with much acclaim. Excerpts were quoted in the National Municipal Review and in the Main LWV Bulletin, and it appeared in several local League bulletins. Dr. Short complimented the League on the record of service of League members reported in the Sept.-Oct. Voter. Mrs. Evenson also reported that there is much improvement in local League bulletins.

REAPPORTIONMENT Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Green headed a very lengthy and searching discussion by all board members on the present look at reapportionment. The last League consensus on this subject was reached in 1954 and it needs to be reviewed in the light of the present situation and before the 1959 legislative session. Mrs. Green will prepare an article by December putting forth the two or three alternative stands that can be taken. Local Leagues will be requested to send in their feelings on these as soon as possible. Miss Salisbury was instructed to act on the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment strictly as an individual rather than representing the state Board.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski reported the following:

1. The Small Leagues Conferences held on September 12 and 13 were not too well attended, but were well received by those attending. Her suggestion was not to have such meetings every year but to plan them perhaps for alternate years.

2. Permission from the Duluth League to copy their letter given to all prospective members was obtained and a copy will be sent to all local Leagues for their possible use.
3. Hibbing has asked advice on what to do about inactive members.
4. Kasson has not yet become a unit of Rochester, and their status is that of a disbanded League.
5. A report on Rochester's coffee party as a member-getting tool was given. The cost of this project was \$110.
6. Battle Lake has been active, especially in Voters Service.
7. McLeod-Hutchinson's situation is encouraging, according to Barb Carlson who visited.
8. Worthington had a successful annual membership breakfast, gaining 18 new members.
9. The new Minneapolis "Facts" was noted and commended.
10. Waseca was visited by B. Stuhler and she met some interested and able members.
11. Bloomington LWV policies are revised and exclude reference to contributions to local League bulletin.
12. Buffalo is still working on their local survey.
13. Deephaven conducted a county-fair type of membership program and got 11 new members.
14. Brooklyn Center, the only provisional League, conducted a successful finance drive, over the top.
15. Requests to organize Leagues have come from Shoreview and Mounds View.
16. Coon Rapids, a unit of Anoka, is requesting permission to become a League.
17. Some checking on the loss of members between Hopkins and Minnetonka Village is being done.
- 18a. St. Paul's method for obtaining consensus on proposed amendments without sufficient information to members was discussed.
 - b. A Finance Chairman in St. Paul was gotten in response to an ad in their bulletin. She seems to have interest and her plans for finance drive sound good.
 - c. A request from St. Paul to have the state Board help finance a luncheon to thank people who worked on "You Are the Government" was turned down.
 - d. A Minneapolis Water Workshop will be held. All metropolitan Leagues will be invited. St. Paul voted down sharing in the expense involved.
19. Edina has 100 new members. Edina League members are deeply involved in a school bond issue. It will be suggested to them that their president not serve on the Citizen's Committee, but that other board members may do so, using their own discretion as to positions taken.
20. Granite Falls had a very successful finance dinner and a successful candidates meeting with 250 attending. A successful League year generally for which they give much credit to excellent help and leadership of state Board.
- 21 & 22 on page four of minutes.

VOTERS
SERVICE

Mrs. Olson reported:

1. A review of candidates meeting in general was given. Leagues will be encouraged to cooperate in these meetings, especially where they share the same candidates.
2. A review of the Voters Guide was discussed. St. Paul papers will be contacted earlier next time in the hope that they can cooperate.

PUBLIC
RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported:

1. The material for the Essay Contest will reach the schools by Dec. 1. A trip to the legislature will again be offered to the winners. The Encyclopedia Americana as a prize is not settled, until we hear from the donor. The packet maybe should include You Are the Government. The possibility of dropping the Essay Contest in the future was discussed.
2. The methods of getting League publicity in the Minneapolis papers was discussed extensively. Some misunderstandings between the paper and the League have occurred. Mrs. Angrist has arranged a conference with the paper to arrive at an understanding - if the paper says only one person in the LWV should clear, Mrs. Angrist will be that person

FINANCE Mrs. Whiting reported the following:

1. National will be unable to have a suggested pledge ready for us by December 1.
2. Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Janski and Miss Salisbury were appointed to the Budget Committee. Non state Board members are being contacted.
3. A Budget Building Day will be held on December 4, the day of the regular Board Meeting. The president or finance chairman of a selected group of local Leagues will be invited to attend. The first hour will be spent in observing the budget requests of the state Board members. Following this the proposed budget will be prepared. Luncheon will be served in the Union, each attending member paying for her own. The expenses (bus ticket) for those attending will come from the Field Service account.
4. Local Leagues will be sent the budget proposals in January.
5. A letter was written to Bemidji offering special state Board help on a finance drive. No letter has yet been received from the Bemidji president.

STATE Mrs. Sigford reported the following:
CONVENTION

1. The State Convention will be held in the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul May 20,21 with St. Paul League acting as hostess.
2. A state Board committee consisting of Mrs. Kuderling, Mrs. Neumaier, and Miss Salisbury (as chairman) was set up to review the by-laws with a view to suggesting changes.
3. Ethyl Young and Stella Olson of Cwatonna were suggested as possibilities for parliamentarian for the Convention.
4. The program for the banquet was discussed with the following emerging as possibilities:
 - a. Marian Anderson, the new U. S. representative to the U.N., to be speaker. It may be possible to share her expenses with Wisconsin and North Dakota as they wish to have her at some time also.
 - b. Mrs. Laves of the National Board (from Indiana) to speak on Foreign Policy.
 - c. Strictly an entertainment program.
5. All Board members were urged to get "Group Gropings" material in.

FOREIGN Mrs. Neumaier reported:
POLICY

1. Minneapolis has worked in the following ways on Foreign Policy item:
 - a. Cooperation with other groups
 - b. Workshops for leaders and members
 - c. Will sponsor a League Foreign Policy Day in the spring for all members.
2. Mrs. Neumaier viewed what she termed a falling down on the Foreign Policy item in local Leagues with these probable causes:
 - a. Whole national program being given to just one person.
 - b. This item not being worked on as an all year project.
 - c. The international stands of the League are still being treated as CR's.
3. The Fargo-Moorhead Leagues are planning a workshop on Foreign Relations to be held in April, as part of the Fargo Forum.
4. Local Leagues will again be reminded that the National Convention directive on Foreign Policy is to involve other organizations and persons in the community. Wide use of New Perspectives should be encouraged.

YOU ARE THE Mrs. McGarraugh reported that the following ideas will be carried out
GOVERNMENT to increase the sales of this publication:

1. Publication chairmen will contact schools and other organizations. Curriculum Directors in Minneapolis and St. Paul schools have been contacted.
2. Letters will be sent to 15 outstate editors of papers with circulations of 5000 or more, where there are no Leagues.
3. Teachers colleges will be contacted.

4. Publication chairmen in the Twin Cities area will be enlisted to contact businessmen.
5. Our direct contributors will be sent a copy.
6. Copies sold so far number 3420 including 220 given to social science teachers at MEA.

AMENDMENTS Mrs. Green reported that following the November 4th election it is apparent that amendments 1 and 2 passed and that amendment 3 was probably defeated. Several Leagues sent money to help pay for an ad on the amendments appearing in the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers listing names of supporters. 65,000 copies of the amendment broadside were distributed. An article will be prepared for Minnesota Voter and the newspapers pointing out that Constitutional revision is gradually being achieved by the amendment method, thanks to the League pressure for improvement and the legislature's willingness to propose amendments of improved calibre.

Dr. Hildegard Johnson of Macalester, president of Social Studies Teachers organization, is interested in cooperating with LWV on programming their 1960 conference.

COMMUNITY PLANNING Mrs. Watson reminded the board of the Community Planning
CONFERENCE Conference to be held November 19 at the Midway YMCA. All state Board members are urged to attend.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Mantis gave this evaluation of the Legislative Workshop held October 8th. The opponents of the League's program items of Party Designation, Reapportionment and Constitutional Convention presented a weak case. In any future meetings of this kind more precise questions will be asked of the legislators. The legislative committee is visiting 20 Leagues in the suburbs to increase the number of subscriptions to the Capitol Letter and to increase use of the Lobby by Letter kits. A letter of congratulations and the three folders on the League state items was sent to all successful candidates in the primary for the state legislature where there are no Leagues. Local Leagues are urged to do same for their elected state representatives and senators. There will be a workshop for lobbyists in January. Compilation of answers to Leagues questionnaires was sent to Minneapolis, St. Paul, Red Wing and Duluth newspapers.

WATER Mrs. Marotta reported that Mrs. Balcolm will be chairman of the Upper Mississippi River basin which includes 49 Leagues, 30 of which are in the Metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Leagues will work in two ways: (1) geographically, surveying a portion of the basin where there are no local Leagues. (2) By topics or chapters which will produce a combined survey of the Metropolitan Area. The other Leagues in the Upper Miss. Basin will survey their water shed.

ORGANIZATION (cont.)

21. Crystal had a Candidates Meeting in cooperation with three other Leagues, attended by 400. In finance, they doubled their contributors list from 40 to 80.
22. Alexandria had a Candidates Coffee Party - gave door prizes of You Are the Government.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be December 4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 4, 1958

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in Room 307 of Coffman Union at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, December 4, by Mrs. O. H. Anderson, state President. The following directors were present: Mmes: Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff.

MINUTES Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: Nov. 6 minutes to be corrected on page 3 in the Finance paragraph to read "budget chairman" instead of "finance chairmen", and to read "expense for observers" instead of "expense for those attending." Motion carried.

TREASURERS Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative report as of November 30, 1958:
REPORT total income, \$12,132.17; total expenditures, \$14,445.99; balance on hand, \$1,106.59. Miss Salisbury made these observations:

- 1) all publications except "You Are the Government" are paid for which improves the financial picture somewhat.
- 2) a plea to local Leagues to get in their pledge money will appear in next President's letter.

PRESIDENT'S Mrs. Anderson reported:

- LETTER
- 1) The President's Letter will be sent out a week after Board meetings so all material for this letter will have Tuesday following Board meetings as the deadline.
 - 2) She will address a meeting of The Daughters of the Soil on January 20 on the subject of Conservation. This organization is an auxilliary to the Association of Soil Conservation Districts in Minnesota.
 - 3) A revision of the Agenda brought these remarks at this time:
 - a) Mrs. Evenson announced that the deadline for the next Voter is January 2nd.
 - b) Mrs. Janski reported that there is a very good chance of organizing a League in Silver Bay with Duluth furnishing the advisors; the expense of which will come from Field Service.

FINANCE Mrs Whiting reported the following:

- 1) The September-October Voter carried an honor roll of League women in political service in their community. A discussion was held on the possibility of having this section of the Voter reprinted to be used by local Leagues in their finance drives. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that this be done with the expense coming from the Public Relations fund. Motion carried.
- 2) Bemidji's reluctance to conduct a finance drive was discussed. Mrs. Whiting's letters to them have so far been ineffective but every effort will be made to convince them.
- 3) Mrs. Whiting set forth the following ideas in preparing the State Board members for the budget building part of this meeting at which time Budget Committee members and observers from several local Leagues will listen to the State Board's requests for next year's budget. Each Board member was asked to consider these four things in presenting her budget to the committee:
 - a) How much did the current budget allow?
 - b) How much was spent and what for?
 - c) What would you like to see accomplished in your field next year from the barest minimum to an ideal plan?
 - d) Approximately what would this cost?

She urged members to consider long range planning as well as shortterm plans.

BUDGET At this time Mrs. Anderson invited the visitors to join the Board members
BUILDING and introductions of all were given. There were 10 visitors from seven
Leagues observing in addition to members of the Budget Committee. Mrs.
Anderson made some introductory remarks with this observation: that each Board member
considers very carefully what she wishes to do in her own field and then hopes for the
income to accomplish this.

Each of the following items in the budget were discussed and a recommended figure was
presented to the Budget Committee.

- 1) Board of Directors - Miss Salisbury. This should be a much more realistic figure but hard to arrive at because Board members are reluctant to turn in bills when they know the fund is not adequate. This situation makes getting new Board members much more difficult. Recommendation - \$800 although this, too, would fall far short of the need.
- 2) President Account - Mrs. Anderson. This item does not nearly cover expenses and would be even less adequate if there should be an out state president. Recommendation is \$125.
- 3) Delegates - Mrs. Kuderling and Mrs. Green both made the suggestion that there should always ideally be a reserve in the delegates fund to assure the League's attendance at worthwhile meetings that are not always foreseen.
- 4) Insurance, Personal Property Tax and Bank Charges - Mrs. Williams. These are always pretty much fixed expenses, recommendation same as last year, except for Insurance, which is up because of expiration of Fire Insurance Policy.
- 5) Salary and Salary Taxes - Miss Salisbury. After a discussion the following motion was made by Mrs. Olson and seconded by Mrs. Sigford, Mrs. Wilson's salary for the year, a third of which will come from Field Service, will be set at \$3600. Mrs. Williams salary will be set at \$3300. Motion carried. The discussion on this motion included the fact that the League rates very low in salaries paid, in comparison to similar organizations and that the present staff provides excellent office operation.
- 6) Office Operation - Miss Salisbury. An explanation was given of the State Organization Service which the League pays for and it was recommended that this item be \$2800. Included in the \$2800 is an amount of \$200 to send one of the staff to the training session provided by the national office each year.
- 7) National Publication Fund - This item will be left at \$250.
- 8) Bulletin - Mrs. Evenson. It has been found that with increased costs of supplies and postage, the Voter has cost more each issue this year than was budgeted for it. Mrs. Evenson requested \$1550 be budgeted but after a discussion by the Board and Committee members it will be recommended that \$1800 be budgeted with the plan in view to occasionally print a 6 page Voter. The very high quality of the Voter, and the fact that this is the one Minnesota publication which reaches every member influenced/Board.
- 9) Field Service - Mrs. Janski. The recommendation was made that \$2400 be budgeted instead of \$2600 as this next year only 1/3 of Mrs. Wilson's salary will come from here instead of 1/2.
- 10) Public Relations - Mrs. Angrist. It is hoped to include in the next budget enough money for two MEA releases a month and clipping service during the legislative session and to send out the Capitol Letter, perhaps, on an MEA release. A discussion was held also on taking more necessary entertainment expenses from this account. Recommendation \$350, some of which will be an accrual to be used in 1960-61.
- 11) Legislative - Mrs. Mantis. The small group of lobbyists this year will be asked to keep accurate accounts of expenses and then at the end of the session the expense money will be pro-rated among them. Recommendation \$200. A true accounting of this item will be ready for Convention.
- 12) National Services - Mrs. Whiting. Upon request, a preview of our requested pledge to National was received. This will be \$8700, an increase of \$200 over last year.
- 13) National Municipal League - Mrs. Kuderling. It was explained that if we pay \$10 instead of our present \$5.00 to the National Municipal League we will then get all their publications and a review of their convention proceedings which we do not receive at this time. Recommendation \$10.

14) State Publications - Mrs. Marotta. The Water Conservation committee hopes that the St State League will publish a booklet on the Upper Mississippi River Basin, but no cost figures are available or any idea of the expense. Also, if printed, it would be expected to pay for itself through sales. No recommendation was made.

15) Committee Meetings - Last year's recommendation was \$225 but this was cut to \$75 at Council Meeting. It is recommended that the figure this year be set at \$300 and this amount be divided between all committees. This plan will facilitate more meetings for each committee than have been possible in the past.

The income items on the budget were discussed with Mrs. Sigford explaining that the profit made at state meetings depends largely on the expense involved in obtaining speakers, with a possible profit of \$100 to \$150.

The joint meeting then adjourned with the Budget Committee and observers spending the afternoon formulating the Budget from the recommendations and ideas advanced at the morning session. The State Board returned to the state office and the meeting continued.

MINNEAPOLIS SCHOOL PROBLEMS Mrs. Kuderling presented to the Board for the Minneapolis League the problems involved in local school issues and requested permission of the Board for that League to lobby in the legislature for legislation affecting their city, St. Paul and Duluth. A lengthy discussion followed and the following motion was made by Mrs. Kuderling and seconded by Mrs. Sigford: "That Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, or any of these Leagues may lobby for the proposed amendment to Chapter 122 if all three Leagues agree to support this amendment." Motion carried. The possibility that the same matter be presented to the legislature as special legislation for Minneapolis brought about more discussion and the following motion was made by Mrs. Kuderling and seconded by Mrs. Olson: "That permission be given to Minneapolis to lobby for the proposed amendment to Chapter 122 as special legislation." Motion carried.

HOME RULE AMENDMENT Mrs. Kuderling brought up the question of State Board responsibility for enabling legislation for Amendment I, and the State Board agreed that it hasn't completed its responsibility on this amendment yet even though the Amendment has passed. The Board will now be involved in the enabling legislation. It was decided that the Minneapolis League, which is also very interested in lobbying for this enabling legislation, appoint one member to follow all proposed legislation and its progress as a member of Mrs. Green's Committee.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. McGarraugh reported the selling prospects of "You Are the Government" will be thoroughly investigated including Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and this publication will be constantly pushed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Angrist reported on the Essay Contest. 1) The material for the contest is on the way to the schools and the timing will be January 5 to February 14. 2) One year the winner of the Encyclopedia donated it to a public school which did not please the encyclopedia company because its prospects for such sales are limited; so care must be taken this year to see that there is not a repeat of this action. 3) The judges will be Scott Johnston of Hamline, Mrs. Wm. J. Graham, Jr., of Bloomington League, and Miriam Alburn, editorial staff of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Watson announced that the workshop on Community Planning held on November 19 was well attended by 76 persons from 25 local Leagues, and was very successful.

WATER Mrs. Marotta announced that the Water study for Minnesota has been divided into three basin areas and the following has been accomplished so far: 1) St. Louis River Basin - Duluth has completed the first part of this study, including a harbor study, the system of the city of Duluth, and the pollution of the St. Louis River. 2) Red River Basin study has begun. 3) Upper Mississippi

River Basin has begun with surveys being assigned to many different Leagues.

CONVENTION Mrs. Sigford reported that St. Paul has been contacted and asked to appoint a chairman to handle arrangements as they are the hostess LWV. Several ideas for the banquet program were suggested. Mrs. Sigford, Mrs. Neumaier and Miss Salisbury with Mrs. Anderson an ex-officio member will act as a committee to confer on types of programs and possibilities for speakers. It was suggested that the Hope Washburn award be presented at the final luncheon.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Wilson reported in the absence of Mrs. Mantis who had to leave the meeting that 1) the Legislative Committee had met with Mr. Westin, (Senate Conservative) and Mrs. Luther (House Liberal) to discuss our program and prospects and plans to get it passed, and 2) that they had conferred with the Executive Secretaries of both parties, and 3) will meet with the new members of the Bipartisan Committee December 8 to discuss plans for the legislative session.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Olson reported on the combined candidates meeting held by Waseca and New Richland. Some difficulties arose over the invitations to Congressional Candidates to appear. This was brought out to show that extra care in preparations must be taken when two Leagues are cooperating on such a meeting.

It was announced that Minneapolis has 6000 copies of a pamphlet entitled "Behind Your Ballot" which they will give to the State Board for future use by local Leagues.

REAPPORTIONMENT Mrs. Green led a very lengthy and searching discussion by the whole Board on what position the League will take on the Reapportionment issue in the coming session of the legislature. The Current Agenda states that the League will support an amendment providing fair and enforceable apportionment of the legislature and the Continuing Responsibilities state that the League will support reapportionment by statute. The possibility of taking a new consensus among members was discussed with these three ideas brought out as to what a consensus may bring out at this time:

1. It may be apparent that there can be no substantial agreement within the League.
2. The League will reaffirm its previous stand which was:
 - a. A bill to reapportion on population basis or close to it.
 - b. An amendment providing for some degree of area compromise and periodic reapportionment.
3. The League may agree on a different stand.

The general feeling of the Board seemed to be not to ask too much direction from local Leagues at this time and to wait and see what kind of a bill or bills are presented and then take some kind of action. It is hoped that the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment will come out with a report soon and this information will be sent out to local Leagues so that they can be studying it and deciding future course of action.

NEXT The next meeting will be held January 8, 1959.
MEETING

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert L. Carlson
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 8, 1959

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. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 1959 by Mrs. O. H. Anderson, state president. The following directors were present: Mmes: Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff and the State Nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Basil Young, Mrs. K. S. Goldenberg, and Mrs. Nicholas Duff, plus Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Kuderling of the Board.

MINUTES Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: Dec. 4 minutes to be corrected on page 3 in the Home Rule paragraph, the last sentence to read: "It was decided that Mrs. Green will attempt to find someone from the Minneapolis League, which is also very interested in lobbying for this enabling legislation, to follow all the proposed legislation and its progress as a member of Mrs. Green's committee." The Budget Building paragraph on page 2, item 12 will have this additional last sentence: "Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that this pledge be accepted. Motion carried." The motion to accept the minutes with these corrections was passed.

TREASURERS Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative report as of Dec. 31, 1958: total income, \$15,318.45; total expenditures, \$15,854.17; balance on hand, \$2,794.69.

PRESIDENTS Mrs. Anderson reported:
REPORT 1) She attended the Minnesota Poll dinner. Her feeling that the League is held in high regard was strengthened by remarks made to her at this dinner.

- 2) She will write to Arden Hills and ask them if they will serve with the St. Paul League as co-hostess for the Convention. We discussed permanently including suburban Leagues in a list of possible hostesses or co-hostesses for Conventions.
- 3) In regard to legislation affecting school problems in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, the St. Paul president has asked if the boards of the three Leagues can take a stand on the matter without information having been given to members. The answer is "no," and St. Paul will inform members who may act as individuals. Combined action with Minneapolis and Duluth is no longer possible as Duluth has declined to cooperate.
- 4) Delight in the Capitol Letter was expressed by Mrs. Anderson and by all Board members. A motion was made by Miss Salisbury and seconded by Mrs. Janski that the secretary be instructed to write a letter to the editor, Mrs. Newstrom, commending her and her staff. The motion carried. The subscription list has now gone over 800. A complimentary copy will be sent to the Governor's office. It was mentioned that Gov. Freeman offered to appear on a League radio program to be interviewed on his Ethics Report. L. Kuderling will conduct the interview on January 20.
- 5) Invitations to become a member of the Minn. Safety Council and to attend a meeting on Civil Defense will be declined. The secretary was instructed to write and inform these organizations that the press of League business makes these additional functions impossible.
- 6) National LWV is doing an inventory and bibliography on Reapportionment. A draft obtained from them on conclusions they have gotten from our reapportionment material was read. It was thought to be fairly clear but Mrs. Green will work it over and make any necessary changes.

- 7) Mrs. Gunderson, National Organization Chairman, has sent an announcement that a conference for State Board members will be held in May or June in Chicago and New York. More information will be forthcoming.
- 8) National Council will be held in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. on May 5-8. Agenda suggestions must be in by January 30.
- 9) A memo from Mrs. Phillips concerning the National C.R. on constitutional limitations on tax rates has been received. State Leagues are alerted and authorized to oppose any proposed bills in the legislature.
- 10) A memo has been received from National requesting our opinion on having Cong. Blatnik as a possible speaker at National Council meeting. Approval for this idea will be given.

LEAGUE At this time Mrs. Anderson requested that each Board member tell of
PLANS her plans and deadlines to be reached in the next 5 months of League
 work.

- 1) Mrs. Wilson stated that by Feb. 20 all state program ideas, by-law suggestions, and nominating committee suggestions should be received from local Leagues. Final state program suggestions are due by April 29. The next President's Letter will explain the second round. The possibility of having the "May" Board meeting on April 30 was discussed.
- 2) Foreign Policy - Mrs. Neumaier
A check-type of questionnaire will be sent to find out what local Leagues are doing in the Foreign Policy field. "New Perspectives" will receive a special boost in the next Voter.
- 3) Water - Mrs. Marotta
 - a. The January National Voter will have guidance on this subject.
 - b. Leagues in different River basin areas are now compiling the material and information they have obtained.
 - c. Mrs. Marotta will write on the progress of Water legislation for the Pres. Letter.
- 4) Voters Service - Mrs. Olson hopes to have all reports in from local Leagues soon and will evaluate them and compile this information.
- 5) Mrs. Janski is planning an organization meeting possibly in late February.
- 6) Election Laws - Mrs. Kuderling stated that a consensus on this item will have to be considered at Feb. 5 board meeting, so that it may become an action item during the legislative session.
- 7) Reapportionment - Mrs. Green stated that a consensus for the new stand on reapportionment or a reaffirming of the old stand will have to be considered at Feb. 5 board meeting.
- 8) Finance - Mrs. Whiting brought out the following thoughts:
 - a. The round-robin letters on finance seem to have bogged down somewhere and need to be revived.
 - b. 12 local Leagues have had no finance drives, although two of these do have plans for one.
 - c. The previous suggestion of having a men's advisory committee on Finance is meeting with slow acceptance. The Finance committee hopes to get one going in a community to see how it works.
 - d. On an arbitration matter the idea of consulting the donor about where he wishes his donation to go, instead of consulting the Leagues involved about which one will solicit for the donation, has been suggested. Arbitration meeting for Golden Valley and Minneapolis will be held soon and the Metropolitan Area Finance Meeting will be held in March.
 - e. A letter will be sent to local Leagues suggesting that they don't allow such large balances to be built up in local treasuries. The next President's Letter will state that the state Board has gone on record as endorsing \$5.00 dues.

- f. The Kit of P. R. tools for LL Finance Drives will be compiled in future.
- g. Local Leagues will be asked to review their activities in their local communities to be sure that they are giving back to the community for the support that they get in the finance drive.
- 9) Voter - Mrs. Evenson announced that the deadlines for the next two Voters are Jan. 2 (retroactively) and March 1.
- 10) Local Current Agenda - Mrs. Watson announced plans for visiting County Councils.
- 11) Public Relations - Mrs. Angrist
 - a. A news release based on each issue of Capitol Letter is being sent out as an MEA release with the clipping service requested. The last one sent to editors will have a questionnaire asking for any suggestions and the extent of its use.
 - b. The deadline for receiving the essays in the essay contest is Feb. 14, with the winners picked by the middle of March.
 - c. A packet of League materials will be sent out to a picked list of possibly 100 community leaders where there are no Leagues.
 - d. Additional MEA releases may be used.
 - e. The League lobbyist article is in preparation by Miss Polzin.

CONVENTION

Mrs. Sigford reported:

- 1) The Convention will be May 20-21.
- 2) Marian Anderson will be on concert tour and will not be available as a convention speaker.
- 3) The idea of having state government as a subject for the Convention address was discussed and it was decided to carry this out providing we can get one of these people as the speaker:
 - a. Mrs. Richard L. Neuberger, wife of Oregon Senator.
 - b. Mrs. Sally Luther of the Minn. state legislature.
- 4) State program items that local Leagues would like to see adopted could be the theme of displays.
- 5) Mrs. Stella B. Olson of Owatonna has consented to be the parliamentarian for the Convention. Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that Mrs. Olson be paid a token fee of \$25.00 plus expenses. Motion carried.
- 6) Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion that the Hope Washburn award be made at the banquet. Motion carried.
- 7) There will be no program speaker at the second luncheon, lunch may be arranged according to portfolio interests, and the adoption of the program will be voted on at the second afternoon session.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting reported:

- 1) The state Budget Building Day was successful even though not as many attended as hoped (16 LL invited - 10 from 7 LL attended). These observers perhaps can be used to encourage local Leagues to support the budget. The budget was reviewed and the changes explained.
- 2) A discussion was held on paying for state Board members' meals at necessary meetings. A committee consisting of Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Watson and Miss Salisbury with Mrs. Anderson ex-officio was appointed to investigate this and have a recommendation ready for the next Board meeting.
- 3) The state Board's plans to assist Bemidji in a finance drive have been tabled by Bemidji. The Finance committee, however, will continue to press for this plan to be carried out.

BY-LAWS

Miss Salisbury reported that all local League recommendations for changes in the by-laws must be in by Feb. 20 and that then the state Board's recommendations will go out.

The following are the changes suggested by the By-Laws committee:

Article III - Sec. 1. after the "League of Women Voters of the United States" shall be added "and provisional Leagues".

Sec. 2. The dues figure shall be changed to \$5.00

Article VI - Sec. 1. The final sentence shall read "The term of office of the appointed Directors is concurrent with the term of office of the elected Directors".

Sec. 3. The words "until the next convention" shall be deleted.

Sec. 6. The 2nd and 3rd sentences shall read "Members of the Board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by telegram or letter sent at least 6 days prior to such meeting. At the time of a convention the President may, and upon request of 5 members of the Board shall, call a special meeting of the Board by handing members of the Board a written notice of the time and place of said meeting."

Sec. 8. Last sentence shall read "The action of the Executive Committee must be reported to the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting."

Article VII - Sec. 2. The last sentence shall be changed to read "at least 3 months" instead of 2.

Sec. 3. Shall be changed to read "6 months" instead of 4 months. Also a sentence to read as follows shall be added after the first sentence "The Budget Committee shall present its proposed budget and explanation to the State Board four months in advance of Convention or council".

Article VIII - Sec. 2. An additional sentence will be added to the paragraph to read "Observers will be permitted but may not vote."

Sec. 4. A lengthy discussion was held on a more equitable way to determine the number of delegates from each local League. It was finally suggested that the representation be "two delegates for up to the first 25 voting members and one delegate for every 25 additional voting members or major fraction thereof."

Sec. 5. The last sentence shall be changed to read "a majority vote of the convention shall be required for any such action, except as provided in Article X, Sections 3 and 4."

A Sec. 6 shall be added as follows: "A quorum shall consist of not less than 30 delegates plus the Board of Directors."

Article X - Sec. 3. (b) shall be changed to read "Recommendations for changes submitted in writing by local League Boards and received by the Board of Directors at least one month before the opening of the Convention shall be considered by the Board. The Board shall present the final proposed Current Agenda to the Convention."

Sec. 3. (c) shall be changed to read "The Current Agenda may not be voted on by the Convention on the same day on which it is proposed."

Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the Board recommend these changes in the By-laws and that they be sent out to the local Leagues at the proper time. The motion carried.

WATER

Mrs. Marotta reported the following:

- 1) One copy of the full transcript of the recent Watershed Congress has been sent to the State League and is available to local Leagues to borrow.
- 2) The five-county Metropolitan research on "Know Your River Basin" will be finished in one month. Copies of "Challenge of Metropolitan Growth" can be obtained to supplement this study. Mrs. Williams was asked to contact the Minneapolis LWV and make some mutually acceptable arrangement on how this material can be reproduced for use by the Leagues.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Mantis reported:

- 1) The Capitol Letter is proving very popular and the next issue will contain the report of the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment and will also list committees.
- 2) A letter was sent to the Bi-partisan committee requesting their presence at a luncheon on January 13 in the committee room off of the cafeteria in the Capitol, at which time the future of the committee will be decided.
- 3) The Legislative Observers meeting will be held on Jan. 14 in the Weyerhaeuser Room of the Historical Society Bldg. At this time it is possible these observers will be assigned to committees. They will observe the orientation session for freshman legislators in the afternoon.
- 4) A lengthy discussion was held on the following: The St. Louis Park League has asked permission to use a part of a list of the members of the Minn. Employers Assoc. to send personal letters to, asking them how they feel about the League's State program. It was decided that this couldn't be a St. Louis Park project alone so Mrs. Angrist will get together with the St. Louis Park League and they will compose a letter which will be signed by Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Mantis will explain the Board decision on this matter to Mrs. Thompson.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. McGarraugh announced that the next Voter will contain a direct appeal to the individual League member, to be personally responsible for the sale of League publications and for their use in and out of League.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski reported:

- 1) The application for local League status will soon be received from Brooklyn Center.
- 2) Circle Pines has not disbanded, in fact shows a few signs of reawakening. They will try having only one meeting a month.
- 3) St. Anthony League's president has resigned: Mrs. Harold Froehlich, 3016 Armour Terrace, Minneapolis 18, is temporarily in charge.
- 4) An organizational meeting will be held in Maplewood January 19.
- 5) Three members from the Duluth League will act as advisors to Silver Bay.
- 6) A preorganization meeting will be held Jan. 20 in Moundsview-Shoreview.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Kuderling will send out a copy to each state Board member of all the suggested non-controversial changes recommended for Minn. election laws by the Election Laws committee. These recommendations are all in the interest of good government and should provoke no opposition; however, it is important that all Board members be thoroughly informed on them by the Feb. Board meeting when consensus must be reached.

REAPPORTIONMENT Miss Salisbury reported that the report of the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment will be reproduced by a joint effort of the League office and the DFL office. Stencils will be cut in the League office and the DFL office will mimeograph the reports. A copy of the report will be sent to each Legislator and to every League in the state. Several copies will be available for the Legislative Chairman to use as she desires.

The question arose on whether or not the League can support the bill proposed by the Governor's Committee. Consensus from local Leagues will not be received until Feb. 2 and it was decided that nothing can be done until after that time and also until it is seen what other types of bills are introduced.

PRESIDENTS LETTER It was announced that Wilma Davidson will lobby for Const. Conven. The deadline for getting in material for the next Presidents Letter is Tuesday, January 13.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be February 5, 1959.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Mrs.R. Carlson, Sec'y

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 5, 1959

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. on Thursday, February 5, 1959, by Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President. The following directors were present: Mmes. Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting, and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff, Mrs. Basil Young and Mrs. K. S. Goldenberg of the Nominating Committee and Mrs. Stanley Kane.

MINUTES

Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted with this addition: On page 2 of the paragraph on League plans this additional sentence will be added to number 6. "The consensus report of the Interim Commission will be sent out to local Leagues." The motion to accept the minutes with this addition was passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative report: as of January 31, 1959, Total income, \$17,711.63; Total expenditures, \$17,899.48; Balance on hand, \$3,142.56.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Green reported on the questionnaire for consensus sent to all local Leagues:

34 out of 55 Leagues responded (14 out of 23 small town Leagues, 16 out of 27 suburban Leagues, 4 out of 5 large city Leagues)

32 out of 34 favor working for an amendment

Only 2 Leagues reporting were not in favor of an area compromise.

Mrs. Green opened a discussion by stating what, in her opinion, are the views of Mrs. Kane and Miss Salisbury, two League members who are also members of the Governor's Committee on Reapportionment: Mrs. Kane's view is to endorse the county plan and get it to the voter soon and to also work for a statute; Miss Salisbury's view, to concentrate on a statute and to hold off on an amendment.

According to Mrs. Green these ^{are} things that we are directed to do from the consensus sent in by the Leagues:

1. Work for an amendment with:
 - a. enforcement provisions
 - b. guarantee of population in one House
 - c. guarantee of an area factor in the other House
2. Endorse the Governor's Committee's bill as the best yet to fill the above criterion.
3. Work for a statute to satisfy the Leagues who feel strongly against an amendment and because we believe the provisions of the present constitution should be carried out.

A discussion by all Board members led by Mrs. Green brought out the following thoughts:

1. An area compromise is apparently going to be needed in order to pass any reapportionment legislation.
2. If we keep advocating a statute, the more likely it is that good amendments will be proposed.
3. The bill recommended by the Governor's Committee is a good compromise and merits our support.

After this lengthy discussion it was decided that Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kane and Miss Salisbury compose a statement that will be the stand of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota on Reapportionment at this time.

Mrs. Green made the motion that the State Board issue the following statement: 1. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support a Constitutional Amendment on Reapportionment which will do the following things: a. provide enforcement machinery which will insure reapportionment promptly after each

federal census, b. provide that population be the sole basis for representation in one house but modify the population requirement in the other house in favor of the less populated counties, and c. limit the legislature to its present size. 2. The League of Women Voters of Minnesota reaffirms its position that, until changed, the Constitutional provisions on Reapportionment be carried out.

Mrs. Sigford seconded this motion and it carried. This statement will be given out to the press possibly on Monday, February 9. Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Angrist will collaborate on the arrangements for this publicity, possibly arranging for a press conference. Plans will be made for Leaguers to testify before legislators on Legislative Day, February 18.

Mrs. Green made a motion that the executive committee be expanded to include Mrs. Mantis, Mrs. Kuderling, and Mrs. Green for the purpose of taking League action on legislation between Board meetings. The motion was seconded and passed.

ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Kuderling gave a rundown on the changes proposed in the Interim Commission's report. A copy of these proposed changes had been previously sent to all Board members for their study before this meeting. She also gave us a summary from the consensus questionnaire that was sent out to all local Leagues. 34 of the 55 Leagues responded. Generally, they approved the changes suggested in the report. Following a discussion and question period Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota support the changes recommended by the Interim Commission on Election Laws. The motion carried.

HOME RULE

Mrs. Green announced that bills implementing the Home Rule Amendment passed by the voters last November are being introduced in the legislature. A copy of the provisions of these bills was sent out to all state Board members for their consideration before this meeting. A discussion of these provisions was held and then Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that the League's representatives be empowered to support the Home Rule Charter Procedure Bill providing it follows approximately the outline submitted to us by Mrs. Green relative specifically to number 1 "Permit the adoption and amendment of home rule charters by a simple majority of those voting on the question." Motion carried.

A summary of this action will appear in the next President's Letter.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting reported the following:

1. The arbitration meeting held concerning some contributors whose residences and/or businesses now are outside of Minneapolis was held. The conclusions reached at this meeting were that it will always be left up to the contributor to which League he wishes his contribution to go. Local Leagues are all becoming more and more aware that this is the only way that this financial matter can be settled. This will also be discussed at the Metropolitan Finance Committee meeting to be held in March.

2. The matter of St. Paul's cut of \$1,000 in their 1958-59 pledge was discussed thoroughly. They also owe over \$600 to the state office for publications. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Whiting attended a meeting of the St. Paul Board on February 4, to discuss this situation with them. The main cause of the dilemma in their financial picture seems to be a very poorly organized and poorly executed finance drive. The St. Paul Board conveyed the idea that they felt that they have a definite obligation to meet their pledge and will reexamine their whole financial picture and make every effort to meet this obligation. These suggestions for remedies were given by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Whiting:

- a. every effort must be made to sell "St. Paul at your Service," "Ramsey County Profile" (a booklet on which \$305 was spent for revision and on which very little effort has been exercised for selling) and calendars;
- b. money must be collected more regularly from units, for publications used;
- c. a full explanation of their financial plight will be put in the March bulletin and an appeal made for member contributions;
- d. a finance chairman must be appointed immediately and be put on the Board and work

on finance must be done all year long.

A letter will be sent to each St. Paul Board member reminding them of their obligation and a review of the recommendations made to them at the February 4th meeting. It was also suggested that Mrs. Anderson invite the St. Paul Nominating Committee to attend a briefing meeting to help insure a strong slate of officers for next year. Also St. Paul will be asked if they wish to be relieved of having to share hostess duties for the Convention.

BUDGET

Miss Salisbury reported that as it is now we probably will be able to operate on present funds until April 1 with a much smaller cash carry over than we should have. March 1st statements will be sent to local Leagues reminding them of money owed yet on this year's pledge.

BY-LAWS

Miss Salisbury reported: a copy of the changes in our by-laws suggested by the By-Law Committee and which were discussed thoroughly at the last Board meeting were sent into the national office. Two changes which we desired were discouraged: 1) Article III, Section 1 "and provisional Leagues" should not be added at this time, and 2) Article VI, Section 1. The final sentence shall remain as it is now. "The term of office of appointed Directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected Directors."

These by-law changes will be discussed again at the March meeting after suggestions have come in from local Leagues.

OFFICE PROCEDURES

Miss Salisbury proposed a new type of expense voucher which adds a section under "meals" and one under "registration fees". Board members will continue to submit vouchers instead of having registration fees etc. sent in ahead of time by the office. Miss Salisbury moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that necessary expenses incurred by State Board members attending official League functions which they are required to attend and by staff members assigned to such functions are chargeable to the appropriate budget item. Motion carried.

Miss Salisbury also proposed the use of a daily telephone sheet which will be filled in at the time of a call to the office for any request. It will include who made the call, the nature of the call, and the disposition of the request.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski reported the following:

1. The application for local League status for Brooklyn Center has been received, it is in good order, and therefore Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the State Board recommend to national that Brooklyn Center be granted local League status. Motion carried.
2. Kasson still wants to be a League, and wrote to national requesting they be allowed to reorganize under the "minimum of 15" mentioned in the Recognition Standards. National replied that the State Board had the authority to maintain the higher standard of membership. Mrs. Anderson will write to Kasson.
3. A meeting will be held with the executive committee of the Crystal League to orient the board.
4. Organization meetings to organize provisional Leagues in Shoreview and Moundsview will be held February 24.
5. There will be a meeting of the State Organization Committee in March.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson reported that so far she has had responses from 45 Leagues on the Voters Service questionnaire she sent out. A complete report and evaluation on this will be ready for the next meeting. Letters were sent to both Waseca and New Richland on the problems they encountered with their joint Candidates meeting.

WATER

Mrs. Marotta reported:

1. Duluth has done an exceptional job on their water study.
2. The Water Basin studies are in various stages of completion.
3. A report of the Minnesota Water Resources Board will be

sent out to local Leagues. This report summarizes the water activities for the last two years and recommends changes to the Legislature in laws regulating water.

4. Mrs. Marotta presented an outline patterned after the County Council agreement on how local Leagues could work together on a Water Study. Five Minnetonka Leagues may wish to do so. Mrs. McGarraugh moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that Mrs. Marotta be granted authority to assist Lake Minnetonka Leagues in setting up a joint Water Resources Committee contingent on authorization by the National Board, and said Water Resources Committee's organization to be based on rules and regulations somewhat similar to those of the County Council. Carried.

STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Sigford was given permission to find a Convention chairman in some other League if St. Paul desires to be relieved of this responsibility.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Mantis reported:

1. The Legislative Observers have had two meetings with good attendance at both. Another meeting is planned for next Wednesday.

2. The Bipartisan Committee, which now has five members from each party, will meet Monday, February 9, before the Party Designation bill is to be heard.

3. The National Council of Jewish Women wishes to assist the League where they can on the three items of legislation that are mutual interests of both organizations.

4. The Capitol Letter now has 1170 subscribers and has brought forth many favorable comments.

5. The FEPC bill passed during a previous legislative session now has a proposed amendment adding discrimination by age to it. A discussion on this resulted in the decision that the League will take no action on this matter.

6. Mrs. Mantis will write to the editor of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune commending him for the editorial on Party Designation appearing in the February 5 edition.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Mrs. Watson will prepare a questionnaire and send it to the Hennepin and Ramsey County Council Leagues for their evaluation of this agreement.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported that the MEA releases of the digest of the Capitol Letter were sent out to more than 400 newspapers but the clipping service revealed that only 8 were published. Mr. Keller, head of the MEA, is favorably impressed with this digest of the Capitol Letter and in his weekly letter to editors will strongly recommend that the editors use this valuable material.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

This will be held the first week in May. It will be decided in March who will attend from the State Board.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The deadline for getting material in the next President's Letter is Tuesday, February 10.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held March 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 5, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, March 5, 1959, in the state office, Mrs. O.H. Anderson, State President, presiding. The following directors were present: Mmes. Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson, Whiting and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson, Staff. Miss Salisbury was absent.

MINUTES

Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted without being read. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Williams gave the following cumulative report as of February 28, 1959: Total income, \$19,597.64; total expenditures, \$19,548.15; balance on hand, \$3,379.90. Mrs. Williams urged all board members to get bills in promptly and announced that a notice has been sent out to all local Leagues who have not completed paying their pledges.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Anderson gave a resume' of her activities since the last meeting including a report of a meeting of the executive committee. On this committee's recommendation the following motions were proposed: Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota endorse the special laws bills S.F.52 as introduced and H.F.51. Motion carried. Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota endorse the Reapportionment bills H.F.947 and S.F.614 (county representation plan). Motion carried. The executive committee also discussed the code of ethics bill being proposed in the legislature. It was decided the League cannot go on record as endorsing this legislation, though we can make a statement that as a lobbying group we do favor this type of legislation and will certainly be willing to register if it becomes a law.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee has not yet completed the slate of officers and directors to be presented to the Convention. Mrs. Kuderling read the partially completed list.

DELEGATE TO NATIONAL COUNCIL

Mrs. Anderson discussed the qualifications needed in the delegate to the National Council. Ballots were passed out and each Board member voted for her choice. Mrs. John Neumaier was selected as a delegate in addition to Mrs. Anderson.

STATE PROGRAM

Mrs. Sigford reported on the first round of suggestions sent in by local Leagues. Only 14 responded and the reasons for this were discussed by board members. It was noted that Leagues had other consensus to fill out in January. Also it is felt that they need more guidance in selecting program items.

The following were the ideas advanced by the most Leagues: Taxation, Election Laws, Education and Water. Other suggestions included Reorganization of state government, Juveniles and the YCC, Ethics in government, Constitutional Revision, Reapportionment, Open occupancy, Civil service, Problems of Indians, and State Budget. Suggested C.R.s were Election Laws, Constitutional Revision, Reapportionment and FEPC, Party Designation and Home Rule.

These ideas on program came out of a general discussion by all board members:

- 1) A summary of what the League has done in the field of taxation in the past ten years will be sent with the explanation of proposed program.
- 2) A detailed, but concise explanation of the history of each proposed agenda item will sent out.
- 3) Election Laws should be left on the agenda, because although much research and legislative action has been started, there is still much to be done.

- 4) Is it wise to be constantly taking up new items when it seems more logical to carry studies further and effect some action on items already on the agenda?
- 5) A detailed explanation on each of the items proposed will be prepared by several board members and sent out first in the President's Letter and then repeated in the Voter to be a better guide to local Leagues in preparing their second round of suggestions.

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support measures to improve Minnesota Election Laws. The State Board will send information to the local Leagues concerning the aspects of Election Laws which we might expect to cover in the next two years, and which we cannot study or take action on if the item is removed from the agenda. The State Board will send out information concerning the other items which were suggested in the first round. We will explain that since so few Leagues participated we do not feel justified in proposing more at this time. We hope for more adequate direction from them on the second round which could result in an additional item on the final Proposed Program. The motion was carried by a vote of 11 to 3 (voting against Mrs. Marotta, McGarraugh, Kuderling).

Then the present C.R.'s were read and the proposed C.R.'s discussed. Following the discussion this motion was made: Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion that the list of C.R.'s be as follows:

- 1) Constitutional Revision, to include Calling of a Convention, Periodic Submission, Workable amending process, Clearly fixed executive responsibility, Post-auditor.
- 2) Reapportionment by statute or amendment.
- 3) Party Designation.
- 4) FEPC
- 5) Home Rule

The motion was carried.

STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Sigford reported on the plans for the State Convention, to be held May 20 and 21:

- 1) Mrs. Van der Vries, formerly a member of the Illinois State Board of the LWV and who has served in the Illinois Legislature, will be the banquet speaker.
- 2) The proposed program will be presented on the first morning and adopted on the second afternoon.
- 3) Caucusing time for state program items will be announced so that all delegates will be aware of this practice.
- 4) Parades and demonstrations for different program items will be encouraged.
- 5) A lengthy legislative report will be eliminated but a short report pointing up the highlights of the session will be given at the end of the first morning session.
- 6) A questionnaire will be sent out ahead of time to all local Leagues requesting that they suggest what additional services from the state Board would be desirable. These questionnaires will be discussed at the second morning session.
- 7) The first day's luncheon may be set up informally as to seating, in several small rooms.
- 8) Ribbon banners or other decorations may be used to honor new or provisional Leagues.
- 9) Coffee and rolls to be served at registration time were suggested.
- 10) Mrs. Sigford and Barbara Stuhler will preside and make introductions at banquet.
- 11) Mrs. Luther will be invited as special guest, and asked to sit at head table.
- 12) Mrs. Angrist, Wilson and Green will work out some entertaining ideas for the banquet.
- 13) A registration fee of \$2.50 or \$3.00 was suggested. Also considered was an idea to offer registration fee and all meal costs in a package deal at a cheaper price than available separately to encourage everyone to attend all functions.

RECESS AND PARTY DESIGNATION

A lunch time recess was held and Prof. Harold Chase, political science professor of the University of Minn. was a guest. He discussed Party designation with the Board. The following were some of his ideas:

- 1) He lauded the League on their campaign for party designation.
- 2) Party designation is the key to many of the reforms desired for good government.
- 3) The LWV should put on a concentrated effort in the next 2 or 4 years to get the facts to the people.

- 4) His "Let's put the Labels on the cans" slogan appealed to Board members.
- 5) Including county officials should be reassessed and considered.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Mantis reported:

- 1) A special call to action was sent to Olivia. They are to ask Sen. Lauerman to make a motion to reconsider the Constitutional Convention bill.
- 2) The Party Designation bill is now in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Letters have been sent to all Leagues with Senators on this committee. They are to urge the Senators to bring this bill back to the floor.
- 3) Legislative Day was very successful with 100 women attending.
- 4) Permission was granted to have the last issue of the Capitol Letter contain a review of the session instead of the previously planned 6 page Voter. This issue of the Capitol Letter will be sent to all members.
- 5) Thursday, March 12, will be the next Legislative Observers Day.

MINNESOTA VOTER

Mrs. Evenson reported that a general news story on the Convention speaker will be in the Voter. However, instead of having the front cover of the Voter be the final schedule of the Convention, this will be mimeographed on an extra sheet of paper, as page 1 of Kit; cover will be plain.

Mrs. Anderson will have a column in the next Voter on the second round of program making.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Mrs. Wilson announced that the annual reports that have come in so far are in each Board member's folder and should be tabulated and returned to State Office in two weeks.

FIELD SERVICE - ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski announced that:

- 1) An organization Committee meeting will be held March 12.
- 2) The Committee for next year will include one person responsible for each of the following: Membership, Unit Organization, County Councils, and Advisors for each new League.
- 3) Possible workshops next year will be for Nominating Committee, new Board members, and on getting program material to the member. The Workshop for new board members could possibly be "on the spot" training meetings and be available to the first five suburban and five out-state Leagues who requested it. These training meetings could be conducted by state Board members.

The following ideas came out of a discussion by all Board members on different aspects of field service:

- 1) Are Leagues aware that State Board members are available for speaking to local LWVs?
- 2) Publications are not used enough in units.
- 3) Orientation of new members needs to be revised: a) kits could be prepared on a "This is where I came in..." theme, in relation to program items; b) older members could adopt new members; c) Minnesota Facts needs revising.
- 4) Voter Service workshops should be held before the next elections.
- 5) Too many board portfolios are on a once a year basis, such as finance, legislation etc. and should be worked on all year long.
- 6) The possibility of organizing new Leagues in certain areas such as Mankato, Marshall Detroit Lakes etc. should be investigated more thoroughly. Urban Leagues will have to be sold on helping support outstate Leagues.
- 7) Advisors for new Leagues should be kept for about a year after League status is granted. The possibility of state Board members being assigned a certain number of Leagues to be responsible for including reading their minutes and advising in any way needed will be considered.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting reported the following:

- 1) She showed a comparative analysis chart of state budgets from seven states gotten from national. This was studied and discussed by board members
- 2) All League members should be more informed on all resource materials.
- 3) The round-robin letters on Finance were passed around.

4) Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that the policy be established that dues for new Leagues organizing be \$5.00. Carried.

5) The problems of the St. Paul League were again discussed.

a) St. Paul will send out a flyer to all members asking for contributions to alleviate their financial plight.

b) Mrs. McGarraugh will go over with them their procedure on getting units to pay for their publications.

c) The letter sent by Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Whiting to the St. Paul board following their visit there was not read or discussed at a subsequent meeting.

6) A metropolitan finance workshop with 30 Leagues represented is a possibility.

7) An arbitration committee will be appointed by the state president when needed and would be a 3 member board with a state board member in charge but having no vote.

8) The possibility of big businesses wishing to contribute to the State League instead of or in addition to local Leagues was discussed. This should be kept in mind for the future, possibly in relation to a future education fund which would be tax deductible.

9) Also to be considered in long range planning would be a metropolitan coordinated finance drive.

FOREIGN POLICY

Mrs. Neumaier reported she had received only 21 answers to her questionnaire sent out to local Leagues, or 40% response. 45% of the people represented by the questionnaire have New Perspectives in their hands. Most Leagues are supplementing with newspaper clippings on current events -- most of them are pleased with their work. Very limited attempts have been made to reach the community. Most admitted they made almost no use of the leaders guide. Community was "sometimes" interested in the subject. Suburban Leagues are handicapped by the attitude that the big city Leagues are doing the work. All are in substantial agreement with the League position. Leagues most like the foreign economic policy area but don't know what area they next want to enter. Mrs. Neumaier feels that communications and understanding between people as suggested at national convention for the third phase will appeal to Minnesota Leagues.

The next board meetings were set for April 2 and 30.

Mrs. Green said she wanted to change the wording in the statement of the LWV stand on reapportionment to read "guarantee", instead of "provide." See page 2, line 1, State Board Minutes, Feb. 5, 1959. It was so moved, seconded and passed. She also asked and received permission to write a letter to the editor on LWV stand on reapportionment, signing the names of all board members, with the names of their home towns.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson reported on the Voters Service Evaluation made by 51 of the 56 Leagues. A detailed report is in the file.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Despite excellent MEA coverage, we had only 25 entries in the essay contest. We hope to announce the winner about March 15. Mrs. Angrist recommended that the board consider dropping the Essay Contest. She asked that each board member get their plans for public relations covering the rest of the year to her soon.

WATER

Mrs. Marotta asked about the advisability of sending out a questionnaire on water for the benefit of the people going to national council. Should go out in the next President's letter, with replies in by April 15th. Mrs. Marotta reported that St. Paul did a good job on their share of the metropolitan area water study and should be congratulated. A sample press release for use by local League public relations chairmen will go with this month's President's Ltr.

Mrs. Marotta discussed the possibility of printing the Upper Mississippi River Basin study. Two possibilities were mentioned as interested in

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conservation - Minnesota Bankers Association and Northwest Bank Corporation. Permission granted to explore.

A letter has been received from national LWV about setting up a water council. No specific approval by national is needed. However, Leagues working together cannot appear before a federal agency unless they get national approval, or before a state agency unless they obtain state approval. They could go to their local governmental bodies. The state Board would have to supervise a council. The 5 Minnetonka Leagues would have to have it on their local current agendas if they want to proceed. Board advises setting up an ad hoc committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 2, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, April 2, 1959, in the state office. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, State President, presided. The following directors were present: Mmes. Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Whiting and Miss Salisbury. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff. Mrs. Mantis and Mrs. Watson were excused but were present for the last part of the meeting. Mrs. Kuderling was absent as she was speaking in Duluth.

MINUTES

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the minutes of the March 5 meeting be accepted with these

corrections: A. The finance paragraph, page 3 and 4, shall read as follows:

2. All League members shall be more aware of the state and national services that they are receiving through better public relations within the League.
3. The two round-robin letters on Finance that have made the first round were passed around.
4. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion that the policy be established that no new Leagues will be recognized with dues of less than \$5.00.
5. Mrs. Anderson's name shall be crossed out.
6. The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Finance Committee was held March 3 with over 30 attending, representing 18 of the 30 Leagues on the committee. A finance workshop followed the meeting in the afternoon.
7. The Arbitration Committee is now to consist of 3 voting members with a member of the state Board as chairman without vote, to be appointed when needed by the state president and approved by the parties involved.
9. This item is to be deleted.

B. In the State Program section on page 2 the first section in the second paragraph shall read, "Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the proposed program will be that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support measures to improve Minnesota Election Laws."

The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Miss Salisbury gave the following cumulative report as of March 30, 1959: Total income, \$22,982.57; Total expenditures, \$21,335.36; Balance on hand, \$4,977.62. It was announced at this time that St. Paul has paid the full balance on their pledge.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Anderson gave her report and the following items were brought forth:

- 1) The Sinclair Oil Corporation will salute the League of Women Voters for their work in Conservation with a series of beautifully colored ads in several magazines including Time, Newsweek, Saturday Evening Post and National Geographic. These ads will appear in April issues.
- 2) The National Council Agenda was read.
- 3) Mrs. Angrist was instructed by the Board to write a letter to the Columbus, Georgia League of Women Voters commending them on their stand in a recent controversy in that city. The League there was refused use of two public buildings in which to hold an open meeting on the current school crisis.
- 4) The Executive Committee took the following action after due consideration:
 - a) On Reapportionment this statement was issued: "Realizing that compromise was necessary, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota gave its support to the Bergerud Bill in the session of 1955 and 1957. On the basis of the 1950 census it was a fair and workable compromise of the population provisions of the constitution. Now because the Bergerud-Popovich bill will not go into effect until after the 1960 census figures are available, the population-area balance aimed at previously will be further weighted in favor of the now

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over-represented districts. Nevertheless the League of Women Voters is still willing to accept the Bergerud-Popovich Bill as introduced. Last week the bill was reported favorably out of committee with the addition of four rural seats. This not only increases the size of an already large House, but departs so far from the present constitutional requirements that it is no longer a fair compromise. We urge that the bill be returned to its original form."

b) The Minneapolis League was given permission to lobby for the Bill changing liquor patrol limits in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Angrist moved and Mrs. Whiting seconded a motion that the state Board approve the above action taken by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

5) A letter has been received from Mrs. Balcom, Minneapolis Water Chairman, concerning the coming selection of the State Program. This letter will be verifaxed and sent to each State Board member for her information. The second round of program suggestions will be in and studied at the next Board meeting. The proposed program from the State Board will be sent out in the Convention kit.

6) There will be a National Planning Conference May 10-14 in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis League of Women Voters is one of the sponsoring organizations. Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Watson are on the committee for women's activities.

STATE CONVENTION

Mrs. Sigford reported on the plans for the Convention:

1) Mrs. Sally Luther and Professor Ralph J. Fjelstad of Carleton College will be the banquet speakers in place of Mrs. Van der Vries, who is unable to come. The subject for these talks will be state government, as it exists today and the future aspects and trends.

2) The menus for the various meals were read.

3) Mrs. Sigford proposes the following:

- a) The total fee for the Convention will be \$11, including the registration fee, two lunches and one banquet.
- b) No registration fees alone will be accepted.
- c) One day fee including registration and one luncheon will be \$5.
- d) Banquet tickets alone will be sold for \$4.

Mrs. Green/^{moved} and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion that these proposals be accepted. Motion carried.

4) Legislative Observers will be invited to attend the banquet, at their own expense.

5) Several women's editors and men political writers will be invited to attend the Convention and to be guests at the banquet.

6) Local Leagues will be encouraged to invite their local editors as guests of their Leagues. This suggestion will be in the next President's letter.

7) The possibility of a post-convention dinner and meeting of the new state Board was discussed.

8) The North Oaks unit of the White Bear League has a Carrie Chapman Catt skit which they did in their own League and may be a possibility for one of the noon luncheons at the Convention.

9) A questionnaire is being prepared by Mrs. Wilson on what additional services local Leagues may desire from the state Board in each portfolio. This will include a resume of the number of hours, miles, meetings, publications etc. that have gone into the services given to local Leagues last year by the state Board. This sheet will be sent out in the next President's Letter to be filled in by local Leagues and will also be inclu-

ded in the Convention kit for discussion on the first day in the afternoon.

- 10) The four newly recognized League presidents and the four provisional League presidents will be introduced and honored at the Convention.
- 11) Coffee and rolls will be available during registration hours the first morning.
- 12) The Convention will start at 9:30 A.M. the second morning.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported that there are three Essay Winners, all girls. Two are from Marshall, Minnesota, and one from Brooklyn Center. They will be guests at the legislature on April 13 and if possible a meeting with the governor will be arranged. Releases on these winners will be given to 500 newspapers through the MEA next week and additional publicity will be given out following their visits to the legislature. Thank you letters will be sent to all schools participating.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski discussed with the Board the minutes of the State Organization Committee meeting held recently. Minutes had previously been sent to all Board members for consideration. After a thoughtful consideration, it was decided that new Board training sessions will be held in these metropolitan areas Leagues: St. Paul, White Bear Lake, Golden Valley, South St. Paul, and Hopkins, with alternates being Anoka and Edina; and in these outstate Leagues: Austin, Worthington, Bemidji, Brainerd, Virginia and Hibbing. Assignments of Board members for these sessions will be made. The material prepared for these sessions and the suggestions to come from them will also be sent to other Leagues where help is needed.

A lengthy discussion was held on the condition of Leagues all over the state. This discussion brought forth the following motion by Mrs. Whiting and the second by Mrs. Angrist: A State Board member will visit these Leagues -- Buffalo, Circle Pines, Battle Lake, Olivia and Park Rapids -- and review their status as local Leagues and encourage them to disband if they cannot meet recognition standards. Motion carried. New Ulm, Waseca and Columbia Heights will be put on a reorganization schedule and Moorhead, Wells, Jackson and New Richland will be visited soon with a view to helping them strengthen their Leagues.

WATER

Mrs. Marotta reported that she has written to the five Minnetonka Leagues who wish to work together on a Water study, that in order to do this they must put this item on their Current Agenda for next year. She also reported that not too many of the type of Conservation bills that the League would be interested in have been introduced in this session of the legislature.

Many requests have been received from different groups for copies of the Minneapolis Water study.

The results from the Water questionnaire will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

FOREIGN POLICY

Mrs. Neumaier reported on a Call for Action recently to support the Development and Loan Fund in the Foreign Aid program. Letters were sent to nine congressmen and answers and explanations of their vote were received from eight. State Board members were urged to write to Minnesota's two Senators commending their support for this measure.

A new LWV booklet, "Foreign Policy Roundup" was shown. This will be used as an addition to the Leader's Guide. The next President's Letter will contain a suggestion to local Leagues that they take a few minutes at each unit meeting to review the latest on the F.P. item. May 17-22 will be World Trade week, the next President's Letter will suggest that local Leagues publicize with displays etc.

VOTER

Mrs. Evenson announced that the next Voter will be out next week. The Minneapolis League is no longer going to print their bulletin. They have been investigating some other more economical method of publishing it and are at present considering an attachment to a mimeograph machine that turns out a very finished looking product.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting reported:

- 1) In going over the annual reports she has discovered that many Leagues carry over a large balance in their treasuries, and some of the same Leagues don't meet their pledges. This was discussed thoroughly and it was decided that the Finance Chairman will examine these situations and determine what a reasonable balance should be in each case and then personal letters will be written to the Treasurer or Finance Chairman in all affected Leagues.
- 2) Another letter will be written to Bemidji strongly suggesting that they have a Finance drive, since their treasury is in the red according to their minutes.
- 3) The May-June Voter will carry an article on services provided to the local Leagues by their pledges.
- 4) Mrs. Whiting will assist Mrs. Bloom, State Budget Chairman, in presenting the budget at the Convention.
- 5) Mrs. Anderson will write to the presidents of Leagues to which the Budget Committee members belong, urging that this person be sent as a delegate so their expenses will be paid.

REAPPORTIONMENT

Mrs. Green led a lengthy discussion on the League's position at the present time on Reapportionment. She read the Executive Committee's statement which is stated earlier in these minutes regarding the Bergerud Bill.

She announced that the County-Representation Plan has passed the House. Some changes that may be proposed in this plan are: 1) freezing district lines after 1960, 2) make it strictly a county plan with 1 representative per county and the rest on population, 3) whenever 10% of the counties fall below 1/3 ratio, then the ratio could be reduced to $\frac{1}{4}$ ratio to qualify for 1 representative.

After a discussion on all these suggestions the following two motions were made:

- 1) Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Angrist seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters Reapportionment lobbyists be authorized to support if necessary the following change in the County-Representation Plan as previously supported: that whenever 10% of the counties fall below 1/3 ratio then the formula be reduced to $\frac{1}{4}$ ratio to entitle each county to 1 representative. Motion carried.
- 2) Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters Reapportionment lobbyists be authorized to support the Zwach-Rosenmeier-Sinclair amendment, which puts an area factor in the Senate, (on condition the amendment is proposed) contingent upon these changes:
 - a) a guarantee of population reapportionment in the House every 10 years,
 - b) a guarantee of reapportionment in the Senate at least every 20 years,
 - c) enforcement provisions as outlined in the bill to apply to the Senate as well as to the House.

The motion carried.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Mantis reported:

- 1) Legislative Observers will be invited to attend the Convention banquet.
- 2) Legislative Observers will continue to be watchful during the non-legislative year of the activities of Interim Committees and Commissions.
- 3) No more releases will be issued from the Bipartisan Committee without the League's consent. The future of this committee is still in doubt.
- 4) The status of League-supported legislation is as follows:
 - a) The Party Designation Bill has been turned over to a sub-committee.
 - b) Nothing further can be done with the Constitutional Convention Bill as the Senate accepted the committee's recommendation that it not be considered.
 - c) There is no Election Law Bill in the House to match the Bill in the Senate.
- 5) There will be three more issues of the Capitol Letter.
- 6) There was a Call for Action issued to 12 Leagues to enlist support for the Home Rule Bill, H.F.651.
- 7) A questionnaire will be sent out in the next President's Letter to all local League Legislative Chairmen to determine the value to local Leagues of: legislative tours, Capitol Letter, and what were the responses they made to Calls to Action, etc.
- 8) A display for the Convention will be prepared by Miss Salisbury to show where the releases of the Capitol Letter were used.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held April 30.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 30, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order in the state office on Thursday, April 30, 1959 at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, State President, presided. The following directors were present: Mmes. Angrist, Carlson, Evenson, Green, Janski, Kuderling, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, Neumaier, Olson, Sigford, Watson and Whiting. Also present was Mrs. Wilson, staff. Miss Salisbury of the Board and Mrs. Williams of the staff were absent.

STATE
PROGRAM

The first order of business taken up was a general discussion on state program to be presented at the Convention. Mrs. Sigford reported on the second round suggestions sent in by

30 Leagues. Some of the ideas brought forth in these suggestions were as follows: 1. Most Leagues seem to favor a one item agenda. 2. Election laws still seem to be the first choice. 3. The biggest change brought out in the suggestions was a leaning towards an ethics in government item. 4. Taxes, Water, Education, Party Designation, Constitutional Revision, Indian problems, Initiative and Referendum -- all of these items were also suggested in the second round, but in no particular order of first importance.

The suggestions on Continuing Responsibilities brought forth several ideas including: 1. Reapportionment should be put on the list of C.R.s and 2. FEPC should be dropped from the list of C.R.s.

After these suggestions from local Leagues were gone over completely a very lengthy and thorough discussion was held. Every Board member was asked to give her suggestions for the proposed state program. The two main items for discussion were Election Laws and Water. Mrs. Marotta advanced these ideas to support Water as a state program item: 1. The item fits perfectly the criteria in the local League Handbook. 2. Now is the time to get this on the state program because action can be taken based partly on the studies that have been done on the national level. 3. Eleven states have had Water as a state agenda item and many more are proposing it at this time. Mrs. Kuderling offered these arguments to keep Election Laws on the state program as a one item agenda: 1. This item is still the first choice of local Leagues in the second round suggestions. 2. Election Laws is peculiarly a League item and therefore much more likely to have success. 3. This item can be broadened to include Party Designation and Ethics in Government. These ideas came from the general discussion: 1. The ethics in government idea as an addition to the Election Laws item should be carefully worded so as not to identify it with any existing program of ethics in government. 2. Taxation is popular with some Leagues but can any consensus be reached from a study on this item? 3. If the Convention should decide on a two item agenda should the Board have a recommendation for a second item or leave this decision to the Convention? 4. Party Designation appears to be the key to many phases of the League program and shouldn't this be given some emphasis? 5. FEPC should be taken off the C.R. list now so that it could be put on as a Current Agenda item in the future. This would take a careful explanation to members at the Convention.

These motions followed the discussion:

Mrs. Angrist moved and Mrs. Neumaier seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support improvement in Minnesota Election Laws and in the related area of ethics in government and will promote party designation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Marotta moved and Mrs. McGarraugh seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support and promote policies and practices which soundly develop and manage water resources. This motion was defeated by a vote of 12 to 2.

Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that the recommended list of Con-

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tinuing Responsibilities be: 1. Constitutional Revision: constitutional convention, periodic submission, workable amending process, clearly fixed executive responsibilities, adequate length of session, post auditor; 2. Reapportionment by statute or amendment; 3. Home Rule. The motion carried with one dissenting vote. This in effect removes Party Designation and FEPC from the list of C.R.s.

PUBLICATIONS

Mrs. McGarraugh led a discussion on what can be done to encourage memberships-at-large for people in Leagues who are being encouraged to disband because of not being able to meet recognition standards. Many ideas were brought out and it was decided that individual letters will be written to past members informing them that for \$5 they can become members-at-large and will receive more publications than have been sent in the past. Also a publication service for other citizens will be considered.

"You Are the Government" booklets were discussed next. The printer has printed 2,390 extra copies and has billed the League \$8,832 instead of the original \$7,900 with the thought that we might wish to have these extra copies. It was decided that we cannot afford to buy these extra copies and will inform the printer that our original order of 50,000 for \$7,900 is all that we are able to pay for. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that \$2,500 be borrowed from the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund and that this amount be sent to the printer to apply on our bill, the rest to be paid as we sell the booklets. The motion carried.

These ideas on how best to promote the sale of "You Are the Government" were suggested:

1. A letter is being prepared now to go directly to school superintendents, enclosed with it is a sample copy of "Y.A.G!", and "Well What D'Ya Know" and a national Publications Catalog.
2. Mrs. George Heller of Brooklyn Center was suggested as a possibility to take over the promotion of these booklets with businesses as a possible outlet.
3. A booth at the State Convention will feature the sale of these booklets.

LUNCH

Mrs. Betty Kane brought us up to date on Reapportionment during the lunch hour. These ideas on Reapportionment will be carried out now:

1. The League will do no more lobbying on Reapportionment in the special session, but will be available for consultation if needed.
2. A letter explaining the League's present position on Reapportionment will be sent to the Minneapolis and St. Paul papers for early publication.

CONVENTION

Mrs. Sigford reported on Convention plans: 1. Mrs. Stella Olson is unable to be parliamentarian. Mrs. Mildred Hargraves, Mrs. Neil Riley, or Mrs. Richard J. Parrish will be asked to act in this capacity. 2. All Board members are asked to read carefully the last Convention minutes before this Convention. 3. All Board members must be prepared to explain their budget items. 4. A St. Paul or Arden Hills member will be asked to be Chairman of the Credentials Committee. 5. The changes to be proposed for the By-laws will be explained by Miss Salisbury. 6. The budget will be presented by Mrs. Bloom and the explanation on National and State services etc. will be given by Mrs. Whiting. The explanation and questions on the budget will be limited to 20 minutes. 7. Letters will be sent out to local Leagues who are not registered and ask them to send in their pledges if they are not sending delegates to the Convention. 8. Mrs. Bloom will ask for special gifts after the pledges have been made. 9. Miss Salisbury will conduct the meeting at the time of the Nominating Committee's report. 10. Mrs. Mantis will give a legislative report and a skit will be presented, also. Five minutes will be allowed for questions. 11. Delegates will be instructed by the parliamentarian that it is important to vote consideration on several program items. 12. All reports to be made by Board members are to be in writing and to be in the office by May 12.

The following will present program items: Mrs. Kuderling will present the newly broadened Election Laws item. The official negatives will be made by the following and will take 5 minutes -- Water, Mrs. Watson; Education, Mrs. Neumaier; Taxes, Miss Salisbury. The non-recommended items presented from the floor will be allowed 10 minutes for presentation and one seconding speech of 2 minutes. Mrs. Green will pre-

sent the recommended list of C.R.s. These people will present the official negatives - FEPC, Mrs. Olson; Party Designation, Mrs. Kuderling; Constitutional revision, Anne Green.

Mrs. Sigford will preside at the banquet. After the banquet the budget committee will meet and the caucuses will be held. There will be a post-convention dinner meeting for the old and new Board members.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Mantis reported: 1. Reapportionment is at present in Committee and there is a possibility a statute bill might be passed. 2. The State Jaycees will work for a Constitutional Convention. 3. The Legislative Observers will continue to be watchful of any interim committees after the session. 4. The MEA releases will be continued until after the Convention. 5. A legislative guidebook will be prepared from past experiences and will be for the use of future legislative committees and lobbyists. 6. A questionnaire will be prepared by Mrs. Anderson and will be sent to all legislative observers and lobbyists. 7. The final copy of the Capitol Letter will go out to every member as originally planned.

MINUTES

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Green seconded a motion that the April 2 Board meeting minutes be accepted with these corrections:

1. Legislation -- page 4, c. will be deleted
2. Water -- page 3, the second paragraph will be changed to read "Metropolitan Water Study" instead of "Minneapolis Water Study."
3. Finance, page 4, item 2 will read "a letter has been written..." item 3 instead of "May-June Voter" it will read "an early Voter".

The motion carried.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski reported: 1. Circle Pines will try to comply with recognition standards in membership and finance by November 1, and if they cannot do so will request permission to disband. 2. Buffalo will do the same, the date there being January 1. 3. Olivia will be visited by Convention time if possible. 4. Mrs. Olson will go to New Ulm to speak. They are attempting to build up their membership. 5. Waseca is having difficulty getting a president. 6. McLeod-Hutchinson has voted to continue as a League with one unit. They have a new president. 7. Mrs. Janski spoke at the annual meeting of Crystal. They have 32 paid members and are hopeful of building their membership to 60. 8. Mrs. Janski will speak at the first new Board meeting of Richfield. 9. Shoreview and Moundsview have had general membership meetings and will soon be ready to apply for provisional status. 10. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Olson seconded a motion that the Board recommend to National that Maplewood be granted provisional League status. Motion carried. Mrs. Janski will suggest to Maplewood that they consider \$5 dues instead of their present \$4 dues by the time they become a local League. 11. A letter from Silver Bay was read explaining that they will pledge only \$55 instead of the recommended \$125. This budget will be returned to them explaining that the Board cannot recommend that they be granted provisional League status unless they meet the required pledge. 12. The following Board training assignments were decided upon but are not complete: Austin, Mrs. Janski, Wilson, Whiting, in June; South St. Paul, Mrs. Sigford, Watson and Williams, June 4; Virginia, Mrs. Anderson, August 28; St. Paul, Mrs. Anderson, in June; White Bear Lake, August 26, Mrs. Anderson. 13. "The Vote Is Your Key" slides which are available for use in local Leagues may be revised, and Minnesota material added. 14. Mrs. Janski recommended that a form be prepared on which to acknowledge payment of pledges by local Leagues, and to indicate balance due.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Angrist reported: 1. A letter was received from the Columbus, Georgia League thanking us for our support and thoughts on the recent controversy they had in their city. 2. The Essay Contest is now all over and final letters of thanks have been sent to all participating schools. 3. The publicity for the Convention and for the Hope Washburn Award have been arranged.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Anderson is completing plans to attend the National Council meeting. She will investigate the following and see if she can get ideas from other Leagues on: 1. Is it possible to upgrade the recognition standards as regards minimum number of members for a local League? 2. How are members-at-large served in other states? 3. What successes and problems are encountered by legislative committees in other states?

OFFICE

Mrs. Whiting reported that the mimeograph has been sold for \$165.

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Watson seconded a motion that part of the money be used to purchase a new office chair for Mrs. Williams. Motion carried. (Retail cost of chair, \$52; cost to the DWV, courtesy of Whittings, about \$30)

The deadline for the next President's mailing is May 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Carlson, secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 21, 1959

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Hotel Lowry following the 37th Biennial Convention. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, state president, presided.

The following retiring directors were present: Mmes: Angrist, Evenson, Green, Mantis, Marotta, McGarraugh, and Miss Salisbury. Also present were these members of the new state Board: Mmes: Duff, Hipps, Carlson, Janski, Kuderling, Miller, Ode, Neumaier, Olson, Seymour, Sigford, Whiting and Welch, and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff.

APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Neumaier seconded a motion that the following appointments be made to the Board - Mrs. Duff, Kuderling, and Mrs. Olson. Motion carried.

PORTFOLIOS The following is a partially completed list of Directors and their portfolios:

Mrs. Robert Hipps	Treasurer and Publications
Mrs. Robert Carlson	Local Current Agenda
Mrs. Arthur Welch	Secretary
Mrs. Nicholas Duff	Public Relations
Mrs. Edgar Kuderling	Election Laws
Mrs. Louis Ode	Voter Editor
Mrs. R. Drew Miller	Organization
Mrs. A. H. Seymour	Water
Mrs. O. J. Janski	Organization
Mrs. A. J. Olson	Voters Service
Mrs. William Whiting	Finance
Mrs. John Neumaier	Foreign Policy

MEETINGS The regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July. Meetings will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. The next meeting will be June 4. Board members will bring Outlook for Work plans at this time so a calendar of anticipated activities can be prepared and sent to local Leagues at the earliest possible time.

STATE BOARD TRAINING CONFERENCES Mrs. Anderson announced that one of two State Board training conferences will be held in Chicago on June 24, 25, 26. It is hoped that this Board can send four persons. \$200 for expenses has already been budgeted in office operations.

RESOLUTION Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Kuderling seconded a motion that a resolution be passed authorizing a change in signatures for the bank accounts now that new officers have been elected. Motion carried.

BRIEFING NEW BOARD MEMBERS Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Wilson briefed the new Board members with these instructions:

1. Copies of any letters written to local Leagues are to be sent to Mrs. Anderson and to the office.
2. All speeches are to be cleared through the office.
3. Expense vouchers were explained.
4. Money for committee meetings will be allotted to each portfolio soon so that Board members will know what they can count on for expenses for their committees.
5. "Group Gropings" will be continued providing members will send in accounts of their activities.

The Convention report in the Voter will contain a credentials report. Also a copy of the President's Report at the Convention will be mailed to every League.

VOTER The next Voter will contain:

1. Something on program by Mrs. Kuderling
2. Something on Finance by Mrs. Whiting
3. New appointees and portfolios will be explained by Mrs. Anderson.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski reported that Waseca wishes to disband as they are unable to get officers. After discussion it was decided to write a letter to Waseca requesting a general meeting of all paid members, at which time several state Board members will be present and a solution to their problems will be attempted. Birchwood also wishes to disband as they wish to become a part of the Mahtomedi League. They wish to transfer their funds to Mahtomedi. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion that this request be granted. Motion carried. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that a request be sent to National to withdraw recognition from Birchwood with an explanation of the transfer of their funds. Motion carried.

Mr. Robert West of WDCY's Night Beat program wishes to feature the League of Women Voters on a program. Mrs. Duff will investigate this and plans on who should appear on the program will then be made. Background material on the League will be sent to Mr. West ahead of time for his information.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY SEVENTH CONVENTION

The 37th Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 a.m., May 20, 1959 in the Ballroom of the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minnesota, with president, Mrs. O. H. Anderson, presiding.

Mrs. Anderson welcomed guests and delegates to the Convention and made the following appointments:

1. Parliamentarian -- Mrs. M. D. McVay, Minneapolis
2. Platform Timekeeper -- Mrs. M. B. Stromquist, Arden Hills
3. Pages -- Mrs. Gerald Buetow, Arden Hills
Mrs. Leland Starr, Arden Hills
4. Credentials Committee -- Mrs. Thomas Swain, St. Paul, Chairman
Mrs. Clifford Japs, White Bear Lake
Mrs. Frank Patton, New Ulm
5. Elections Committee -- Mrs. Claude Roemer, Duluth, Chairman
Mrs. Seldon Coombs, Minneapolis
Mrs. Carsten Leen, Jackson
6. Discussion Recorder -- Mrs. Charlotte Pratt, Arden Hills

A motion to approve these appointments was made by Mrs. Welch of Duluth. The motion was seconded and carried.

The proposed rules for the Convention were read by the secretary, Mrs. Robert Carlson. The following changes for the Convention rules were suggested:

1. Mrs. Vaughan of Minneapolis moved that speeches to introduce non-recommended items be limited to ten minutes. This was seconded and carried by a voice vote.
2. Mrs. Balcom of Minneapolis moved that two seconding speeches of three minutes duration on non-recommended items be allowed. This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder of Duluth moved the adoption of the order of business as listed on pages 2 and 3 of the Convention Workbook. This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Mrs. Anderson then introduced Mrs. Richard Cotherman, President of the St. Paul League, who welcomed the Convention delegates and guests. Mrs. Anderson also introduced members of the state Board and office staff.

The proposed amendments to the by-laws were presented by Miss Salisbury who went over them individually in detail as found in the Convention Workbook. Each section up to Article VIII, Sec. 2 was voted on separately and the motions for each section were seconded and carried unanimously by a voice vote. Article VIII, Section 4 on Convention Representation was changed from the floor, to read "up through" instead of "up to." Miss Salisbury moved the adoption of this section. The motion was seconded and carried by a standing vote.

A lengthy discussion was held on the proposed changes for Article VIII, Sections 5 and 6. Miss Salisbury moved the adoption of Section 5. The motion was seconded and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The wording in Section 6 was changed as follows by a motion from Miss Salisbury. "Quorum. A quorum shall consist of not less than 30 delegates plus a majority of the Board of Directors." This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote. The motion to adopt Section 6 as amended was made by Miss Salisbury, seconded and carried by a voice vote.

A lengthy discussion was also held on the proposed changes in Article X, Section 3. The following motion was made by Miss Salisbury: the last sentence of Section 3 (b) shall read "The Board shall present the final proposed Current Agenda, based on local League recommendations, to the Convention." This motion was seconded and lost by a standing vote. Miss Salisbury moved the adoption of Article X, Section 3 (b) as proposed in the Convention Workbook. This was seconded and carried.

The following motion was made by Miss Salisbury: that Article X, Section 3 (c) as proposed in the Convention Workbook be adopted. This was seconded and passed.

Next Miss Salisbury gave the Treasurer's report. Balance on Hand, March 31, 1959 in the general fund, \$3,929.88. Balance on Hand, Jane Gray Swisshelm Fund, \$3,379.82. Balance due on "You Are the Government" \$6,455.20. Miss Salisbury moved the report of the Auditor, C. L. Roberts, be accepted. Motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

The proposed budget was presented by a clever use of posters by Mrs. Wallace Bloom of Alexandria, Chairman of the Budget Committee. Explanation of the budget items and questions from the floor were answered by Mrs. William Whiting, State Finance Chairman. Pledges from Leagues represented were accepted by Mrs. Whiting. Special gifts from Afton-Lakeland, Alexandria, Brooklyn, Center, Falcon Heights, Owatonna, Robbinsdale and Rochester totalling \$325 and a larger pledge than requested from Anoka were gratefully accepted.

Miss Salisbury introduced Mrs. Basil Young, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who presented the proposed slate of officers and directors as listed on page 22 of the Convention Workbook. Each nominee was called forward and a biographical sketch of each was given. There being no nominations from the floor the vote on the proposed slate was delayed until Thursday, May 21.

Mrs. Anderson presented the President's report which included a look at the past accomplishments and plans for the future.

Mrs. Anderson adjourned the first session and luncheon was held in the King's and Ramsey rooms.

The second session of the Convention was called to order by Mrs. O. H. Anderson.

At this time Mrs. Homer Mantis gave the legislative report with the assistance of Mrs. Paul O'Connor of St. Paul. Included in this report were the following successes experienced in the past year.

1. Passage of Amendment I.
2. Election Law bills passed in both Houses.
3. Legislative Workshop.
4. Capitol Letter.
5. Legislative Day, members from 33 Leagues attended.
6. Legislative Observers Course.
7. Some 80 legislative functions planned by local Leagues.
8. Bi-weekly MEA releases in 500 newspapers, on legislative happenings.

The report was summed up by stating that failures should not be dwelled upon, but the emphasis should be centered upon how to do a better job on legislation in which the League is interested.

As a preface to the presentation of the proposed recommended program by the state Board, Mrs. McVay, Parliamentarian, briefed the members on the parliamentary procedure and reminded the delegates that the items voted on today were merely for consideration.

Mrs. Edgar Kuderling presented for consideration the proposed Current Agenda, giving reasons why this is being recommended by the state Board. Mrs. Kuderling moved for consideration "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support improvements in Minnesota election laws and in the related area of ethics in government, and will promote party designation." Her explanation included these areas where ethics in government are definitely related to the election laws field:

1. Campaign practices.
2. Conflict of interests.
3. Corrupt practices.
4. Lobbyist registration.

Mrs. Kuderling's motion to consider this item was seconded by Mrs. Robert Leshner of Richfield and carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. William Porcher of Minneapolis moved to consider the non-recommended item of a water study to be stated as follows: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will promote a better understanding of conservation practices in relation to water resources and support such measures and research that conserve, protect and develop our natural resources." This motion was seconded by Mrs. Clyde McDonald of St. Paul and Mrs. Homer Pierson of South St. Paul. Much discussion followed with questions from the floor. The motion to consider this item was passed by a majority standing vote.

At this time Mrs. Walter Angrist presented the official state Board negative on this item.

Mrs. Lionel Birkeland of Hibbing moved to consider the non-recommended item of state taxes to be stated as follows: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study an analysis of state taxes as concerns: 1. Revenues with references to equalizing and broadening the tax base. 2. Expenditures with references to equitable apportionment and long range planning." Mrs. Ben Shank of Deephaven seconded the motion and it carried by a majority standing vote.

The official negative on this item was presented for the state Board by Miss Salisbury.

Mrs. Kenneth Green moved for consideration the list of Continuing Responsibilities as follows: I. Constitutional Revision: constitutional convention, periodic submission, workable amending process, clearly fixed executive responsibilities, adequate length of session, post auditor. II. Reapportionment by statute or amendment. III. Home Rule.

These were all explained and questions from the floor concerning them were answered.

Mrs. Green moved the consideration of each item separately. The motions were seconded and carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. Green moved consideration that Party Designation be deleted from the list of Continuing Responsibilities. This motion was seconded and carried by a standing vote after discussion.

Mrs. A. J. Olson of Owatonna moved consideration that FEPC be deleted from the list of C.R.s. This motion was seconded and carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. Elton Johnson of Roseville moved for consideration that in the event the Election Law item is not adopted as a Current Agenda item, it be considered a Continuing Responsibility. This motion was seconded and carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson urged all delegates and guests to notice the Honor Roll of state committee members which is displayed in the hall.

It was announced that caucuses for program items will be held after the banquet. Mrs. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The banquet was held in the Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. with Mrs. Kenneth Sigford presiding. Mrs. Reynold Jensen of Minneapolis presented the Hope Washburn Award to Mrs. Stanley Kane of Golden Valley.

Miss Eleanor Salisbury presented the speakers for the evening who talked on aspects of state government:

Mrs. Sally Luther -- State Representative of the 30th District.
Prof. Ralph Fjelstad, Professor of Government, Carleton College

The third session was called to order by Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, First Vice-President, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 21.

The first order of business was the election of officers. Mrs. Claude Roemer of Duluth moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee as follows:

President -----	Mrs. O. H. Anderson, Mahtomedi
1st Vice President -	Mrs. Kenneth Sigford, Roseville
2nd Vice President -	Mrs. O. J. Janski, Richfield
Secretary -----	Mrs. Arthur Welch, Duluth
Treasurer -----	Mrs. Robert O. Hipps, Edina
Directors -----	Mrs. Robert Carlson, Granite Falls
	Mrs. R. Drew Miller, Rochester
	Mrs. John Neumaier, Moorhead
	Mrs. Louis Ode, Red Wing
	Mrs. A. H. Seymour, Bloomington
	Mrs. William Whiting, Owatonna

Nominating Committee-Miss Eleanor Salisbury, Minneapolis, Chairman
Mrs. Homer Mantis, St. Paul
Mrs. E. H. Newstrom, Bloomington

This motion was seconded and carried.

At this time Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. John Neumaier presented their reports on the 17th National Council meeting held in Washington D. C. at the Mayflower Hotel.

Next order of business was adoption of the proposed budget. Mrs. Bloom presented the revised budget and announced that the proposed budget is \$10.00 short of balancing. At this point Mrs. Kanter of Duluth announced that Duluth will give a gift of \$10 to balance the budget. Mrs. Edwin Widseth of Minneapolis moved the adoption of the proposed budget. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mrs. Charles McGarraugh, State Publications Chairman, called attention to the publications display in the Ballroom and to the list of publications in the Convention Workbook.

Mrs. O. J. Janski at this time honored the presidents of the five new Leagues recognized since the last Convention and also two new provisional Leagues and two new pre-provisional Leagues: Mrs. Darwin Larson, Minnetonka; Mrs. Arthur Bentz, Robbinsdale; Mrs. Dean Malmberg, Crystal; Mrs. Harold Froehlich, St. Anthony; Mrs. David Kanatz, Brooklyn Center; Mrs. Lester Bongard, Maplewood; Mrs. Clinton Maxwell, Silver Bay; Mrs. Paul Newman, Shoreview; Mrs. Iver Hauberg, Moundsview.

The program debate was the next order of business with the following rules suggested: 1. All speakers must be before microphones. 2. It will be permissible to be lined up by a microphone to eliminate waiting. 3. Observers may speak but may not vote. 4. No speaker will be recognized a second time until all speakers have been heard the first time. 5. The entire program of Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities will be considered before a vote is taken on any item. Mrs. H. M. Mueller, St. Louis Park, moved the adoption of these rules. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. George Seltzer of Minneapolis moved that each speaker be limited to 3 minutes. This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Mrs. Harold Hayes of Duluth moved that 25 minutes be allowed for each of the three items to be considered for Current Agenda. This was seconded and passed by a standing vote. Debate was held on these proposed Current Agenda items:

1. "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support improvements in Minnesota election laws and in the related area of ethics in government, and will promote party designation."

2. "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will promote a better understanding of conservation practices in relation to water resources and support such measures and research that conserve, protect and develop our natural resources."

Mrs. Porcher of Minneapolis moved to substitute this wording of the item: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work to support conservation practices which promote stronger pollution control and statewide watershed development." The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

3. "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study an analysis of state taxes as concerns: a. Revenues with references to equalizing and broadening the tax base. b. Expenditures with references to equitable apportionment and long range planning."

Mrs. Birkeland of Hibbing moved to substitute this wording of the item: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study taxes: a. Adequate tax base. b. Realistic spending program." This was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Following debate on all these items the meeting was adjourned and luncheon was held in the King's and Ramsey Rooms.

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The fourth session of the Convention convened in the Ballroom at 2:00 p.m. with Mrs. O. H. Anderson presiding.

Mrs. Thomas Swain gave the following credentials report:

267 delegates	Leagues not represented at
60 observers	Convention: Battle Lake, Circle
19 Convention workers	Pines, McLeod-Hutchinson, New
15 state board members	Richland, Olivia, Park Rapids,
1 national board member	Waseca, Worthington
1 visitor	
48 out of 56 Leagues represented	
2 provisional Leagues	
2 pre-provisional Leagues	Total Attendance - 363 people

The debate on the Continuing Responsibilities was held at this time with 30 minutes allowed for debate.

1. C.R. I. Mrs. George Vavoulis of St. Paul moved that the wording of this C.R. be changed to read: "I. Constitutional Revision: constitutional convention, periodic submission to the people of the question of calling a convention, workable amending process, clearly fixed executive responsibility, adequate length of legislative session, post auditor." This motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

2. C.R. II. Reapportionment by statute or amendment. No debate.

3. C.R. III. Home Rule. No debate.

4. Deleting Party Designation. No debate.

5. Deleting FEPC. Considerable debate on this item.

6. Adding Election Laws to the C.R.s. in case it fails to be put on the Current Agenda. No debate.

Following the debate on the C.R.s the following votes were taken:

Mrs. Strouse of St. Paul moved and it was seconded to substitute the following wording for the proposed Current Agenda #1 - "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support improvements in Minnesota election laws." Motion lost.

Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Roemer of Duluth seconded a motion to adopt the state Board recommended Current Agenda item: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will support improvements in Minnesota election laws and in the related area of ethics in government, and will promote party designation." The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Porcher of Minneapolis moved and Mrs. McWatt of St. Paul seconded a motion to adopt this non-recommended item: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will work to support conservation practices which promote stronger pollution control and statewide watershed developments." The standing vote was 105 in favor; 138 against. The motion lost.

Mrs. Birkeland of Hibbing moved and Mrs. Young of White Bear Lake seconded a motion to adopt this non-recommended item: "The League of Women Voters of Minnesota will study taxes: 1. Adequate tax base. 2. Realistic spending program." A standing vote was taken on this and the motion lost.

Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Ludwig of St. Paul seconded a motion to adopt the amended C.R. I as follows: "Constitutional Revision: constitutional convention, periodic submission to the people of the question of calling a convention, workable amending process, clearly fixed executive responsibilities, adequate length of legislative session, post auditor." The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Ingleston of West St. Paul seconded a motion to adopt C.R. II "Reapportionment by statute or amendment." This motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Pierson of South St. Paul seconded a motion to adopt C.R. III "Home Rule." This motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Kenneth Green moved and Mrs. Strouse of St. Paul seconded a motion to delete Party Designation from the C.R.s. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. A. J. Olson moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion to delete FEPC from the list of C.R.s. The motion lost by a voice vote.

There was no motion to add election laws to the C.R.s.

The following suggestions came from the floor as a guide to the state Board on the newly adopted program: 1. The state Board calendar should be out soon so that local Leagues can plan their activities. 2. Party designation should be stressed as this is the key to much League-desired legislation. 3. School elections should be included in early study. 4. Tie ethics study in with performance of 61st Legislature. 5. Include initiative and referendum and recall material.

Mrs. O. H. Anderson presented the new state Board members to the Convention and Mrs. William Bachman of Arden Hills closed the Convention with a thank you to the workers and to the Convention itself.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Carlson, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 4, 1959

JUN 1, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was called to order at 9:30 A.M. Thursday, June 4, 1959 in the state office. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, State President, presided. The following directors were present: Mmes Duff, Hipps, Janski, Kuderling, Miller, Ode, Olson, Seymour, Sigford and Welch. Also present were Mrs. Claude Roemer, and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff. Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Neumaier and Mrs. Whiting were excused.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Duff moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion to appoint Mrs. Roemer to the Board. The motion carried.

MINUTES

Mrs. Sigford moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the May 21, Board meeting with these corrections:

BRIEFING NEW BOARD MEMBERS -- in reference to clearing all speeches through the office, add in parenthesis ("This refers to time and place, not context of speeches.")

TRAINING CONFERENCES -- delete "four"

RESOLUTIONS -- "Mrs. Sigford" to be substituted for "Mrs. Green" in the resolution motion as Mrs. Green has retired from the Board.

TRAINING CONFERENCES -- Change dates to "23-24-25"

ORGANIZATION -- Fifth sentence should read, "Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion that we grant Birchwood permission to transfer their funds to Mahtomedi." The rest of the paragraph should be deleted and should read instead, "Motion carried. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion that a request be sent to national to withdraw recognition from Birchwood with an explanation of our reasons for doing so." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Olson and seconded by Mrs. Sigford that the April 30 Board minutes which had been received by mail, be accepted and any suggested corrections could be made by mail. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Anderson announced the assignment of Mrs. Duff to prepare Group Gropings, our interboard communication.

The dates of the State Board Training Conference in Chicago are changed to June 23-25. Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Williams are available to go. The president read the various subjects to be discussed at the conference. After a discussion as to the benefits to be derived, a motion was made by Mrs. Olson and seconded by Mrs. Kuderling that Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Williams be sent to this conference. The motion carried. It was the feeling of the Board that fewer be sent with all expenses paid. An office memo should be sent to Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Whiting explaining decision.

Mrs. Anderson reported that there had been a misunderstanding in regard to the cost of overrun in the printing of the book, "You Are the Government." This made our bill from Smythe Printing Company much higher than anticipated. She and Miss Salisbury and two of the St. Paul members met with the company officials on June 3. At that time an arrangement of payment was worked out and some credit given us on the unused art work and the overrun cost. It was agreed to make our payments in 9 monthly installments at \$500 per month. This will necessitate an all out campaign all year on the part of all members of the League. Schools will continue to be contacted this summer for large orders. Mrs. Heller is working under Mrs. Hipps to get orders from businesses. A motion was made by Mrs. Duff and seconded by Mrs. Miller to accept this proposed schedule of payments for the "You Are the Government" booklets. The motion carried. All local League Publication Chairmen in the state are to receive a direct letter from Mrs. Hipps urging a promotion campaign and an appeal will also be included in the President's Letter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hipps reported: As of May 31, 1959, Total income, \$2,027.67; Total expenditures, \$3,820.77; Balance on hand, \$2,136.78. Local Leagues will be reminded to pay pledges, or portion thereof, soon.

OUTLOOK FOR WORK

The Board was requested to make suggestions for the improvement of the Outlook for Work or State Board Report. The

following suggestions were made:

- 1) a new cover be used, not the same color; Mrs. Williams said there was a supply of blue paper from Convention Workbooks which could be used; the National Board Report pattern may be followed;
- 2) white paper be used for the content, not punched as this increases cost and often does not fit notebooks.
- 3) use backs of sheets where possible to cut cost; put list of publications needed at end of her section, not "boxed" as was done last year; perhaps include 1 sheet with list of publications needed by every Board member;
- 4) make it more readable if possible;
- 5) keep calendar to 2 or 4 sheets as that is easier to use (not one);
- 6) timing -- decision on content to be made today; material into office not later than June 8 or 9; will be sent to Leagues by June 19.
- 7) urge that each local League buy one for each Board member for her own use;
- 8) make cost the actual cost of time and materials.

FINANCE OUTLOOK

A statement from Mrs. Whiting was read by Mrs. Olson on the outlook of the Finance Committee. This stressed training of solicitors, the role of the individual member, responsibility of the whole board and a budget-building day. Attention was called to "How to Spend Money for the L.W.V." Mrs. Whiting requested an article on finance in the January-February Voter.

ORGANIZATION OUTLOOK

Mrs. Janski explained the suggested kit to new members which was promised to the Leagues at the Convention. The cost of this one was 55¢. It was suggested that a complete one be sent to members-at-large but a modified one would have to be devised for new members because of the expense. Mrs. Janski's committee will prepare one for presentation at the next Board meeting. It was thought it should include a letter of greeting from the State President.

Mrs. Janski outlined the plan for Board training sessions with the Leagues previously decided upon.

Area conferences in early September were discussed. These will include Foreign Policy as program. Also some help to be given on keeping members and help for nominating committees, stressing an early start at finding qualified officers.

A general plan and dates for conferences in five or six areas will be included in the State Board calendar, details to be presented at August Board meeting. It was felt these should be scheduled as early in the fall as possible.

FOREIGN POLICY OUTLOOK

Mrs. Anderson read excerpts from Mrs. Neumaier's report. She stressed getting into the community with Foreign Policy, a supplementary reading list, UN Day celebrations, and work on the National Continuing Responsibilities. She hoped to be a clearing house for ideas from all the Leagues.

WATER OUTLOOK

Water consensus will be requested by national in November so will have to be an early fall topic for discussion in the units. Material will be sent to editor by July 1st, to state office by August 1st, to local Leagues by September 1st. A specific report by Mrs. Seymour will be presented to the August Board meeting. An effort will be made to make material attractive and inviting and it will include helps on presentation and mechanics of consensus. It was suggested that a listing of water basin surveys be sent out to local Leagues and a notation of where they may be obtained. Mrs. Seymour asked to have some of these on display at the Area Conferences.

STATE PROGRAM OUTLOOK

Mrs. Anderson announced the following division of the items: Mrs. Kuderling, Party Designation; Mrs. Roemer, Election Laws; Mrs. Sigford, Ethics in Government. Mrs. Kuderling stressed the interrelationship of the items, and the need for frequent consultation.

TIMING OF MATERIAL School Election Laws and Party Designation material will be in office by Sept., and to local Leagues in November. We will urge 2 unit meetings on School Election laws material. Ethics in Government material will be ready for local Leagues in February or March. This is to be a supplement to Governor's Committee Report. Corrupt Practices material would be more meaningful in the second year, perhaps by Sept. 1960. Continuing Responsibilities will be covered in the spring or fall of 1960. This is to be a single sheet review. A Tip Sheet on informing community on the need for Party Designation will be ready before elections in fall of 1960. The supply of Ethics in Government Committee Reports is exhausted. The committee has \$204 for further printing of 1,000 more. They will give these 1,000 to the League for distribution if we will pay the \$100 additional cost of printing. A motion by Mrs. Kuderling, seconded by Mrs. Janski was: to authorize this sum for obtaining the 1,000 copies of the Ethics in Government report to be sold to our local Leagues for 20¢ a copy. The motion carried.

VOTERS SERVICE OUTLOOK Mrs. Olson outlined her plans for helping the Voters Service Chairmen and especially the new ones. She is evaluating Voters Service publications to decide if our State needs to publish a new handbook, to include material in "Give the Voter a Hand" (national publication, out of print), information on Candidates meetings, especially ones cooperatively planned, and schools of politics for new voters and new citizens. The plan for providing voters service material to armed service personnel was discussed.

PUBLICATIONS OUTLOOK Mrs. Hipps emphasized close liaison with schools, to stress reading and sharing of publications; keeping library files current, and a notice there of where more copies are available; displays of and sales to units; use of publications to contributors, and opinion makers in the community.

The Board felt that the Minnesota Facts should be revised in July and should have additional material on League purpose, etc., and that the State Publications Catalog should be updated and reissued.

MINNESOTA VOTER OUTLOOK The purpose of the Voter was discussed. It was thought it should not be a program tool but should create or whet the interest in the program as well as include news of State Board activities and local League accomplishments. Columns from the State President and Organization Chairman and a box on Publications will be regular features.

Mrs. Ode suggested the following general plan:

July-August	--	Function of State Board, new Board names, portfolios, plans
Sept.-October	--	State Program
Nov.-December	--	Local Current Agenda
Jan.-February	--	State Program, Finance
March-April	--	Council Plans
May-June	--	Council Report

Material for the Voter should be in Mrs. Ode's hands by the first day of the month of publication. She feels that at least 80% should be contributed by persons other than the editor.

LOCAL AGENDA OUTLOOK Mrs. Anderson presented a report by Mrs. Carlson that she would continue the plans and programs that have been carried out in the past two years by Mrs. Watson's committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OUTLOOK There was along discussion on the part Public Relations should play. These things were stressed:

- 1) Sharing our knowledge with the community,
- 2) Help local Leagues with news releases.
- 3) Try to feel the pulse of public opinion towards us.
- 4) Sell League to our membership.
- 5) Drop our superior attitude and provide more public appeal material.

6. Make the local public relations chairman realize hers is a full time job.
7. Emphasis on how each League member is a public relations person.
8. Mrs. Duff asked us to consider idea of drawing other organizations into a working committee with the DNV in the very beginning of an item, progressing toward action together. In this way, others learn what we are by how we operate.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski reported on the application from Shoreview in Ramsey County for provisional status. She said their budget of \$380 with a \$125 pledge and dues of \$4, had been checked by Mrs. Whiting; they have 42 members. Mrs. Janski moved and Mrs. Sigford seconded a motion to grant provisional status to Shoreview. The motion was carried.

A letter of inquiry was received from Benson, Minnesota. Also received on the same day a card from the newspaper editor there, expressing appreciation for our MEA releases on the legislature. Mrs. Janski was asked to investigate this area and the possibilities for a League there.

Mrs. Janski polled the state Board members by letter on May 14 on acceptance of Silver Bay, Minnesota, as a provisional League. She received 12 letters in favor of their acceptance.

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Anderson suggested that Board members think about our concept of the Legislative Chairman's job and of suggested persons for this appointment, for discussion at August Board meeting.

CONVENTION EVALUATION

A complimentary letter was read from Miss Barbara Stuhler. Mrs. Sigford reported she had had 25 to 30 letters or phone calls from delegates. Suggestions for improvement were solicited from the Board:

1. President's Report at an earlier hour to set keynote of convention.
2. Urge that it is the responsibility of delegates to attend all sessions.
3. Encourage greater observer attendance, perhaps by special low fee.
4. Suggest the training of delegates by local Boards.

COUNCIL MEETING, 1960

Motion by Mrs. Sigford and seconded by Mrs. Duff: The Council Meeting in 1960 will be May 11 and 12*at the Pick-Nicollet Hotel. These dates to be announced in the President's article in the Voter and an explanation of why Conventions and Councils are always in the Twin Cities. The motion carried.

BOARD MEETING

The next State Board Meeting will be on August 6, 1959, at 9:30 A.M. in the state office.

Mrs. Kuderling reported that Forrest Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State, has requested copies of all DNV publications. It was decided to send him any State publications on subject matter and a national publication catalog.

90 DAYS OF LAWMAKING

Miss Salisbury has consented to revise this if there is no pressure of time, it was reported. It was suggested that we call on the University Press to see if there is any possibility of their republishing it.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine W. Welch, Secretary

*At subsequent meeting, these dates were changed to May 18 and 19.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
August 6, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held on August 6, 1959 at 9:30 a.m. in the state office. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, the State President, presided. The following directors were present: Mmes Carlson, Duff, Hipps, Janski, Kuderling, Neumaier, Ode, Olson, Roemer, Seymour, Welch and Whiting; also Mrs. Williams of the staff. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sigford were absent.

MINUTES Mrs. Whiting made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Janski, to dispense with the reading of the 37th Convention minutes since each director had received copies by mail. Motion carried.

The following correction was made by Mrs. Whiting: Page 4, last paragraph, line 2 to read: "under the original proposed budget." line four delete "to balance the budget." Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Mrs. Whiting made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kuderling, to dispense with the reading of the minutes for June 4. Motion carried. Minutes were accepted as written.

APPOINTMENT Mrs. Kuderling moved and Mrs. Janski seconded a motion for the appointment of Mrs. Duff as Council Chairman for 1960. Motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson announced that the board appointments to the nominating committee will be made later.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Hipps gave the Treasurer's report which showed a balance on June 30, 1959 of \$2,711.49 and on July 31, 1959 of \$1,831.76. The finance chairman suggested that a gentle reminder to the Leagues who are behind in their contracted payments be sent by the Treasurer. This motion was made by Mrs. Whiting, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and carried.

TRAVEL EXPENSE A lengthy discussion was held on travel expenses for board members and field service. A committee consisting of Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Welch, was appointed by Mrs. Anderson to review the expenses of board members and draw up a consistent policy. Their report is to be presented at the next board meeting.

Mrs. Anderson asked the board their opinion on which was the most urgent bill in case the receipts from the Leagues were slow. It was felt that our obligation to H.M. Smythe Co. for "You are the Government" was most urgent.

REAPPORTIONMENT At 11:30 a.m. Senator Bergerud and Representative Popovich spoke to the board regarding the Constitutional Amendment on Reapportionment which they are supporting.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY A lengthy discussion was held in an effort to formulate a sound legislative policy for the state League. We were asked to consider these three things:

1. How can we best accomplish the League purpose through our legislative activities?
2. What are the functions of the Legislative Chairman and Lobbyists?
3. What should be the ground rules for our legislative activity?

The following suggestions were presented:

- a. Spend time and money to influence people not only legislators.
- b. It was felt that the lobbyists were needed to clarify our position with legislators.
- c. Keep members informed and alerted.
- d. The League should be able to testify before committees.
- e. It was felt that the president should testify and speak for the League and have experts with her to clarify or answer questions.
- f. Urge the local League legislative chairmen to be more active and to keep her membership informed and ready to act.
- g. Keepup interest in state items during 'off' year.
- h. Keep all our material which goes to the Leagues "geared for action."
- i. This should include a "geared for action" attitude on the part of all state Board members as well.
- j. A state legislative chairman's job should be to keep the local Leagues informed.

It was felt that a legislative chairman should be appointed now. Her job should be as coordinator and administrator.

The discussion resolved into a feeling that she should be an administrator with the following responsibilities delegated to sub chairmen:

1. Coordinator of observers
2. In charge of Capitol Letter
3. Maintain contacts with the Leagues to keep them informed and alerted.

It was felt that lobbyists should be under the state item resource chairman and she to be responsible for reporting to the president and the board of directors. All final decisions should be made by:

1. Resource chairman, plus
2. President, plus
3. Executive committee

Observers and lobbyists can be very effective informing people and their own Leagues about legislative procedure and activity.

WATER

Mrs. Seymour gave a resume of the material which her committee is preparing to be available in mimeographed form on Sept. 1.

The title -- Water Resource Management in Minnesota. This is a condensation and summing up of the various river basin studies in Minnesota.

She reported that she had received the questions from National to be answered in November. They are similar to ones answered before but pointed to clarify the three positions previously taken.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson announced that a new "Give the Voter a Hand" will be out this fall. She called our attention to a "Guide for Elections" which may be obtained from the California League. Urged that Voters Service chairmen be busy all year long, giving out election facts to voters.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting feels that Leagues should be urged and reminded to make their plans for the year, then seek to raise the necessary amount and not be bound by a limited budget.

She feels a larger percent of the budget should go toward community action and not for members. Action in Community money could be spent to purchase League publications for distribution to the public. Mrs. Whiting also said that some very elementary education on how to use the Local League budget form is needed. National member contributions average \$6.00

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Hipps reported that Mrs. Heller had made preliminary contacts with several Twin City business firms to inform them of our publications, especially "You Are the Government." It was suggested that Mrs. Duff do follow-up calls on these persons as a public relations gesture and give them some publications and a publications catalog. It was felt that we should stress the sale of "You Are the Government" to all members as well as to schools and businesses which might use them.

VOTER Mrs. Ode reported on the progress of the next Minnesota Voter. Since there are three pages of resource material on reapportionment it was hoped the members would keep it for reference. She asked the board's opinion on using names and local activities. It was decided that the tone should depend on the content.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Duff wishes to follow through with the out state editors by providing them with League material they can use for background material for their editorials. She will start by sending them the July-August Voter. Mrs. Duff felt they should see the materials we study and use in formulating our decisions.

SCHOOL ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Roemer reported that her study will be in three areas:

1. Background on what our election laws are now
2. Kinds and by whom made.
 - a. Exceptions
 - b. Relation between general and school election laws.
3. What is desirable policy
 - a. outline of trends.
 - b. various views - pro and con

Recommended that local committees use "Public Schools are Your Schools" by Floyd Flom and Luther Pickrell. They can be obtained from the County Agents in our state.

PARTY DESIGNATION Mrs. Kuderling reported that her material will be ready for distribution in November. It will include:

1. Paragraph of introduction
2. Why we do not have P.D.
 - a. Composite of many ideas and reasons
3. Hurdles to getting it.
4. Arguments pro and con on County Party Designation.
5. The place for Independents on a party designated ballot.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski showed the board the new member kits to be sent out by the state office, and also showed the prospective members kits to be given out at the area conferences for local Leagues to distribute. The outline for the area conferences was given to all board members. Mrs. Neumaier reported details of the agenda for the Foreign Policy portion of the conference.

Mrs. Janski reported that Waseca has again asked to disband. A motion made by Mrs. Janski and seconded by Mrs. Kuderling recommended that Waseca be permitted to disband. The motion was passed.

BOARD MEETINGS The board felt that our September meeting should be held on September 10, due to Labor Day weekend. Due to an area conference on October 1, our October board meeting will be held on October 8. Mrs. Anderson announced that "90 Days of Lawmaking is no longer being published by the University Press. It was decided we should investigate the possibility of having the copyright assigned to the League.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine W. Welch

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
September 10, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held on September 10, 1959 at 9:30 in the state office. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, president, presided. The following directors were present: Mesdames Carlson, Duff, Hipps, Janski, Miller, Neumaier, Kuderling, Ode, Olson, Roemer, Sigford and Whiting. Also present were Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff. Not present were Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Seymour.

MINUTES

The following corrections was made in the minutes of the preceeding meeting: under "Legislative" -- The paragraph starting "It was felt that..." will read: "It was felt that the State item resource chairman shall be responsible for lobbying and lobbyists in her field and for reporting to the president and the board of directors"; to the Party Designation paragraph was added point "6. Political Parties in Minnesota." The Board commented favorably on the way in which the lengthy discussion of our legislative role during the preceeding board meeting had been reported in the minutes. Mrs. Janski moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mrs. Whiting seconded. Motion carried. Mrs. Whiting moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Mrs. Janski seconded the motion. Carried.

SOUND OFF

This is to be a new time on the agenda for those directors who have something to report, discuss, or question which seems not to fit elsewhere.

The new water material was discussed. Comments from other than Board members were reported to the effect that the booklet was "excellent," "a very professional job of cutting down to size." The Board offered kudos to Mrs. Seymour.

The Voter article on the reapportionment amendment was discussed at considerable length. It was a feeling of some of the Board members that the material was too slanted in opposition to the amendment. After various plans were suggested of ways by which this impression could be counteracted, it was decided that the next Voter should present in capsule form the pros and cons of the amendment and should remind Leagues of the fact that we can vote to work either for or against the amendment or can vote to take no stand, and do only Voters Service. The President's column for September-October Voter will probably mention the visit of Mr. Bergerud and Mr. Popovich at the September Board meeting and will lay the ground work for member participation, via the November- December Voter, in making the reapportionment decision. The President's Letter will also remind the local Boards that all resource material on this matter will be contained in the Voter.

Evaluation of State Board Training of Local League Boards -- It was felt that the sessions were worthwhile for the contacts which the participants had with local Leagues although they (the participants) may have been less than pleased with the results in certain cases. Recommendations for the future would be to try to have the local beneficiaries better prepared for the training i.e. know something of what their portfolios are. The Board felt that we could involve more state Board members next year and thereby service more Leagues. We spoke of the possibility of doing President's workshops at convention or council, as an additional service to local League leadership training. Red Wing wanted to know whether their League could go outside their city to a suburb (Burnside) to educate voters regarding a school question. The Board felt it was not a suitable activity, would be bad public relations and should not be done.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported Total Income to 8/31/59 \$8,851.05; Expenditures \$9,541.75; Balance 8/31/59 \$2,196.83. The Treasurer reported that no accounts seemed out of line. "You Are the Government" will be pushed at the MEA sectional meetings. The pledges which some local Leagues were reminded of have been paid.

STATE BOARD EXPENSE The Committee, chaired by Mrs. Whiting, reported and made the following recommendation: for the remainder of the year the State Board, and committees (including field service) will be paid actual cost of transportation (bus or train fare, gas, parking), food allowance of 50¢ for breakfast, 75¢ for lunch, \$1.25 for dinner, actual cost of meal for official LWV functions, actual cost of lodging and tips; that bills must be submitted monthly; that the staff keep records of their parking and mileage costs; that hopefully in our next budget we go back to 5¢ a mile and aim in the future toward actual cost of meals. Adoption of the recommendation was moved by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mrs. Janski. Motion carried. Mrs. Whiting moved and Mrs. Duff seconded a proposal to transfer \$100 from delegates fund to State Board fund. Carried. Effective date of this policy, Aug. 1 '59.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Anderson has had a new picture taken for newspaper purposes. Richfield LWV wants to invite Mrs. Kruschev to a unit meeting. Mrs. Anderson suggested that they ask the LWV of U.S. Mrs. Anderson visited several Leagues this month, including her own, Mahtomedi, as speaker.

ADVICE FROM OFFICE When sending mail to office, please put LWV name on the envelope as part of the address. Always send carbons of letters to office. Each Board member received a sheet showing the division of staff duties and a sheet explaining the index to the files in the office. The files are jammed and Board members are asked to check material pertaining to their portfolio for things which can be discarded.

FINANCE Mrs. Whiting presented material with plans for a one day finance drive. Round robin letters will be tried again. The question was discussed of what to do about large concerns which have outlets in many areas. Should a local League contact the home office? Should a state person go along? Mrs. Whiting is to write Mrs. Treuholt for advice. Mrs. Whiting reported that the Austin finance drive (which was conducted by mail) achieved only \$280 of a \$500 goal.

VOTERS SERVICE The Voters Service project of helping servicemen with absentee voting is underway. Requests for information will come both to local Leagues and the state office. Mrs. Kuderling helped Mrs. Wilson prepare a summary sheet of election data for armed forces. Mrs. Olson proposed sending suggestions to local Leagues to help them prepare a sheet of local election data.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE It was decided to send letters explaining present dues and services to present members-at-large and to those who formerly held that status. A similar letter will be sent to members of just-disbanded Leagues.

VOTER The next Voter will contain a list of state Board members and their portfolios as well as personal sketches of the two post-convention appointees, Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Roemer. An article on local agenda will be featured.

ORGANIZATION Mrs. Janski presented plans for the 5 area workshops on Membership and Foreign Policy. We enjoyed a pre-view of the following kits which are to be unveiled at the membership workshops: New Member Kit, Orientation or "Let's Talk League" Kit, and Prospective Member Kits. Mrs. Kenneth Green has been appointed Maplewood Provisional League advisor, since Mrs. Dunn had to resign.

ELECTION LAWS Mrs. Roemer requested guidance from the Board as to what we should do in the field of school election laws. Should our approach be to go into massive detail in which case we would send the publication out sometime next year, or should we send out background material (prepared by Mrs. Roemer and her committee), raise some questions for thought and discussion, and then ask the Leagues for further direction, perhaps at Council? After considerable discussion the latter course was chosen by the Board as probably being what the delegates had in mind when they requested that we go into School Election Laws. It was moved, seconded and

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carried that Mrs. Roemer secure copies of the Extension pamphlet #200, "Public Schools are Your Schools" as a supplement to her material.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Mantis and Mrs. Kuderling reported that there is to be a legislative observers luncheon September 14 at the Midway YMCA. Each observer will then choose the Interim Commission she wishes to visit. It was thought the reports of our League observers at Legislative Interim Commission meetings could be the basis of a "Lively Issues" article before next state program making period.

Mrs. Ode reported that Anne Green preferred not to write the Voter article decided upon earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Green felt she could not do it because she felt the article in the previous Voter presented both sides very well. Mrs. Ode will try to write the article.

Mrs. Carlson gave a report of the Chicago Conference on State Board and Staff Training (attended by Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Williams) held June 24-26, 1959. A complete report is on file in the office.

The next State Board meeting will be October 8.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Kenneth Sigford
Secretary pro tempore

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 8, 1959

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held on October 8, 1959 in the state office. Mrs. O. H. Anderson, President, presided. The following directors were present: Mesdames Carlson, Duff, Hipps, Janski, Kuderling, Neumaier, Ode, Roemer, Seymour, Sigford, Welch and Whiting. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Olson were absent. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson, staff members, were present. Miss Salisbury, nominating committee chairman, was also present.

MINUTES

The following corrections were made in the minutes of the September 10th meeting: 1) delete the last sentence from the section on finance; 2) change the word "vote" to "choose" in the third paragraph under Sound Off. Mrs. Sigford and Mrs. Roemer moved and seconded a motion to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Hipps, treasurer, reported a balance of \$524.10 as of 9/30/59. She announced that a reminder had been sent to local Leagues who have not sent in money as pledged.

FINANCE

Mrs. Whiting, finance chairman, outlined plans for Budget Building Day and asked for suggestions. After discussion, it was decided that the Board should meet with the budget committee and observers at the Coffman Union at 9:30 A.M. on the day of our December meeting. After the presentation by the Board members of the estimated needs of each committee, the Board will return to the League office to finish their regular business. This will give the budget committee more time to prepare a well analyzed budget. It was suggested that the budget committee receive some preparatory material in advance to help expedite their task.

SOUND OFF

Orchids to Sue Seymour for the material "Water Resource Management in Minnesota" which she prepared for distribution in September. A "thank you" from the president to everyone who had participated in an Area Conference and to the staff for their fine help. Mrs. Anderson announced that a Legislative Chairman would be appointed at the December meeting.

The President said that she felt that some of the new Board members were hesitant about speaking their minds during Board meetings. She urged everyone to make her opinions known. Mrs. Anderson urged that the Board members increase interboard communication between meetings through memos. These are to be in triplicate, with a copy to the office and to the President. The office will acknowledge correspondence to the sender, then route the letter to the proper person for answering. Mrs. Anderson also felt the members could make better use of "Group Gropings" by routing memos to be included more often. It was suggested that any Board member visiting a local League should suggest that members write to specific Board persons on their problems and not depend on office so much for advice. We were reminded that all Board decisions are confidential. Speak your mind at meetings but do not "rehash" outside.

VOTER

What is the responsibility of the Voter Editor? Miss Salisbury was asked to start the discussion by stating her views as former Voter editor and Board member. She emphasized that the Voter is a direct service to the individual member. Miss Salisbury read directions from the State Board Handbook. After a thoughtful discussion, Miss Salisbury and Mrs. Ode drew up a statement of policy for the Voter Editor.

- 1) It shall be the responsibility of the total Board to assist in planning the initial stages of the Voter and it should be the responsibility of the editor that the Voter reflect the thoughts and actions of the Board and of the League of Women Voters.
- 2) All Board members shall be encouraged to contribute to the Voter. The contributors

shall be consulted before any basic change is made other than style or rhetoric.

- 3) The copy shall be approved by the President. The final decision as to content and arrangement shall rest with the editor. (Mrs. Neumaier.
The Board voted acceptance of this policy. (Motion made by Mrs. Ode, Seconded by/

In the above discussion, the following suggestions were made.

- 1) If possible, all Board members should be briefed before the meetings on important decisions to be made. A pro and con explanation of the situation and a recommendation by the committee chairman would help members to decide.
- 2) All discussion should take place within the Board.
- 3) The President's Letter should serve to inform the local Leagues of Board decisions.
- 4) The President's Column in the Voter is to be personal.

In the above discussion, one of the matters under question was a reconsideration of the decision made at the September 10 Board meeting that members' opinions on the reapportionment amendment be sought through a "box" in the Voter. There was a motion made by Mrs. Duff and seconded by Mrs. Roemer to include a request in the next Voter for a general expression of opinion from individual members on the reapportionment amendment to be incorporated in a "box" to be returned. The result of the vote was four yes, eight no, so the motion lost.

This was followed by a motion by Mrs. Whiting, seconded by Mrs. Ode that the next Voter include an article explaining the individual member's part and responsibility in consensus, and encouraging a letter from members expressing their opinions; separate instructions will be sent to all unit leaders on taking consensus. This motion was passed. Mrs. Anderson will appoint someone to prepare this sheet.

EVALUATION OF FALL WORKSHOPS

The following comments were made by Board members who observed and participated in them:

- 1) A group of 45-50 is the best size; therefore, the Hennepin County Workshop should be divided next time.
- 2) Slides seem to be a good tool, but good arrangements for projector, screen, cord etc. are very important.
- 3) Mrs. Neumaier felt that "how to do it" suggestions are less exciting than a general foreign policy discussion. The speakers on taking foreign policy to citizens, were good.
- 4) It was an advantage for the foreign policy chairmen to get to know one another.
- 5) Mrs. Neumaier feels that since many of the foreign policy chairmen are new, few Leagues are prepared to take foreign policy to the community.
- 6) Local Leagues did not do their "homework" before they came.
- 7) There were not enough specifics on how and what to do in the individual towns in taking foreign policy to the community; Mrs. Neumaier suggested the use of Mr. Rogers' handbook, "Community Education in World Affairs" to fill this need.

A motion was made by Mrs. Whiting, seconded by Mrs. Duff, that we purchase a copy of this handbook for each local League. The motion was carried. The cost will be assessed to the field service budget as part of area workshop cost.

- 8) We used enough people to avoid voice or personality monotony.
- 9) Should we encourage all day participation or permit and encourage attendance at various sections by different persons?

NOTE: In the five area workshops, we reached 48 of our local Leagues, 337 of our members. A total of 24 State Board and committee people led the five sessions. We heard five speakers: Father Coleman Barry at St. Cloud; Wilbur Elston in Hennepin County; William C. Rogers in Ramsey County; Reginald Lang in Owatonna; Barbara Stuhler in Silver Bay. We are indebted to the hostess Leagues: St. Cloud, Edina, Roseville, Owatonna and Silver Bay.

STATE COUNCIL

Mrs. Duff reported that Minnetonka village had accepted the invitation to act as hostess for the State Council Meeting. Mrs. Duff asked for direction from the Board on the theme and for suggested speakers. It was decided that Mrs. Duff and a Board committee draw up suggested council plans, as a result of today's discussion, and present these to the Board for consideration in November.

SPRING WORKSHOPS

No decision was made but it was generally felt that most of the subjects to be presented at workshops could be covered at the Council Meeting, thus saving the state Board and the local League money and time. A decision will be made on this later. It was suggested that all local Leagues be informed of the lectures to be presented in January and February by the Minneapolis Woman's Club on the subject of "Our Political Parties."

PUBLICATIONS

Due to the expense of a booth at M.E.A. it was decided not to present material this year at the regional meetings, but to make necessary and early preparation to participate next year, at state meetings.

Mrs. Hipps feels that she will not be able to handle the promotion of "You Are the Government!" Several names were suggested to make up a promotion committee of non-board members.

Mrs. Hipps was asked to send a six months financial report to the local Leagues.

STATE ITEMS - P.D.

Mrs. Kuderling gave a report on her progress with Party Designation material. Should consensus questions go out with the material or just previous to deadline? It was thought advisable to send them with the material and let local Leagues take consensus when they prefer. The deadline will be April 1, and the stand will be announced at Council meeting in May. It was decided to distribute the material to the two political parties and to other interested persons in mimeographed form and print only if and when we have definite orders. There is a bibliography on Minnesota State Government available at the Minnesota State Historical Society for \$1.25. The state office should buy, and local Leagues will be informed of its availability.

Mrs. Anderson was asked to appear before the Interim Commission on Election Laws. Mrs. Kuderling will appear in her place to state that the League has no position on corrupt practice legislation.

STATE ITEM - SCHOOL ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Roemer reported that her material was nearly complete. It will be sent promptly to Mrs. Anderson. It is to be read by three Board members and three outsiders for accuracy. Many references in it to "You Are the Government" should help our distribution of that publication.

STATE ITEMS - ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Sigford reported that her material should be ready in February. She will prepare an article for the next Voter on the inter-relationship of the three state topics.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Wilson presented Mrs. Olson's report. She requested that Voters Service be granted some time at spring workshops. It was felt that this could be done at Council. A motion made by Mrs. Kuderling, seconded by Mrs. Carlson to approve preparation of following, was passed:

- 1) sheet on amendments, 2) duties and salaries of candidates, 3) absentee voting
- 4) congressional rollcalls. The Board suggested that local Leagues be encouraged to publish congressional rollcalls in their local bulletins. The attractive amendment sheet published by the New York LWV was circulated (1 million of these are sold); the Board questioned whether Minnesota could approach such a goal by getting orders before printing from large business, union, educational groups.

CONGRESSIONAL
INTERVIEWS

Mrs. Wilson asked for direction in regard to Congressional Interviews. It was felt that state Board members should be asked to do this, in cooperation with local League representatives, in the Districts with a few or scattered Leagues. State Board members will interview the Senators. Local Leagues in ^{other} Congressional Districts will be asked to interview the Congressman, inviting representatives of neighboring Leagues to attend, if feasible.

WATER

There was a request that the chairman send out a statement to brief the Board on the water consensus before our decision next month.

NATIONAL PROGRAM

A note in the President's letter warning local foreign policy and water chairmen not to influence members unduly on national program suggestions will be prepared by national chairmen.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Janski reported: Silver Bay has 51 paid members; Maplewood has 57 paid members; Shoreview has 43 paid members; Moundsview has 28 and will be given till January 1st to obtain the required 40. West St. Paul granted the Mendota Heights units permission to have a candidates meeting. Mrs. Janski was to inform them that this permission must come from state Board. Bloomington prepared a very good voters service pamphlet.

Mrs. Janski made a motion to recommend to national that the request of Park Rapids to disband be accepted. Mrs. Roemer seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Janski moved that we notify national of Circle Pines request to disband. Mrs. Sigford seconded the motion and it was carried.

It was suggested that neighboring Leagues be given the names of persons in these two Leagues who are still interested in membership, suggesting they join neighboring Leagues or become members-at-large.

Expansion is to be handled by Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilson, and on October 19 in Faribault and on October 26 in Albert Lea there is to be an open house type of meeting, preceded by an advertisement and news story in the paper, and letters to interested prospects. They will also call on persons in each town who might help promote the formation of a League.

Mrs. Janski and Mrs. Whiting will make a field trip on Oct. 12-14 to Cass Lake, Bemidji, Moorhead and Fergus Falls.

LEGISLATIVE
OBSERVERS

There will be League observers assigned to many of the interim commissions. It was stressed to them that this was a personal enrichment program. A letter introducing them is being sent to each chairman of a commission.

NOMINATING - BUDGET

A motion to approve the appointment of Mrs. Roemer and Mrs. Neumaier as Board representatives on the nominating committee was made by Mrs. Carlson, it was seconded by Mrs. Janski, and the motion was passed. A motion by Mrs. Sigford and seconded by Mrs. Duff, was made to have Mrs. Anderson, with Mrs. Whiting's help, appoint a budget committee. This motion carried.

NATIONAL MUNICIPAL
LEAGUE

Announcement was made of a meeting of the National Municipal League in Springfield, Mass., Nov. 16. Since the subject of the meeting is Reapportionment, a motion was made to ask Mrs. Kane to attend. The state budget could finance the trip to extent of \$130, the amount remaining in the delegates fund. Mrs. Whiting moved, Mrs. Duff seconded, motion passed.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED 3 P.M. Respectfully submitted, KATHERINE W. WELCH

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
November 5, 1959

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met for a regular meeting in the state office on November 5, 1959. The President, Mrs. O. H. Anderson, presided. The following directors were present: Mesdames Duff, Janski, Neumaier, Kuderling, Ode, Olson, Roemer, Seymour, Sigford, Whiting and Welch. Mrs. Carlson and Mrs. Miller were not able to get to Minneapolis due to the storm, and Mrs. Hipps did not attend. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff were present.

MINUTES Mrs. Sigford moved that with the following corrections, the minutes be accepted: Under "Sound Off" delete the last two sentences. In the section on legislative observers, to read "are" instead of "will be" in the first sentence. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Duff and was passed.

SOUND OFF Mrs. Anderson reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Task Force on Constitutional Officers, to which she was appointed by Governor Freeman. She stated that she felt it to be a very ineffectual committee and it was a great disappointment but she would continue to serve in the hope that something worthwhile might be accomplished.

There is an attempt being made to get a promotion committee for "You Are the Government."

The following members have accepted appointments to the state Budget Committee: Mrs. Thos. Dale of Edina, Mrs. David Kanatz of Brooklyn Center, Mrs. Robert Thompson of North St. Paul.

Mrs. Anderson announced that she is to appear on the Press Panel of the Women's Press Conference on November 6, 1959. She has also been asked to speak to the Leagues at North St. Paul and West St. Paul.

Mrs. Ode told us that the Constitutional Revision Committee of the Minnesota State Bar Association feels that the reapportionment amendment is not legally correct as presently written and is unconstitutional. The criticism is mainly in the use of the word "fair." The final decision of this committee will be sent to board members in the near future through "Group Gropings."

Mrs. Kuderling feels that it is desirable for us to inform the out-state Leagues of various library facilities which are available to them in addition to their local libraries. Mrs. Neumaier suggested that the Moorhead President, being a Librarian, might prepare a list of these facilities to send out in a future Voter or in the President's Letter.

Mrs. Kuderling reported that Dr. Theodore Mitau thought that a letter of explanation about the League should go out to every woman college graduate. Mrs. Duff's committee will take this suggestion under advisement.

RESIGNATION The Secretary read a letter of resignation from Mrs. Hipps. It was with regret that the Board accepted her resignation following a motion made by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mrs. Seymour. Mrs. Anderson said that Miss Salisbury and her committee will seek a replacement and she asked Mrs. Welch to write her a note expressing the Board's thanks and regret.

APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Roemer moved that Mrs. George Seltzer be appointed to the Board as Legislative Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sigford and was passed by the Board.

WATER

Mrs. Seymour reported that 25 local Leagues so far have responded to the consensus questionnaire on water. Their answers indicated the following agreement:

Coordination and planning at the federal level: Both long and short range approaches for coordinating water resources administration and unifying policy were offered by Minnesota Leagues. Most common concepts of long range ideals included:

- 1) There should be a coordinator of water resources, perhaps of cabinet rank;
- 2) to achieve better organization with less departments, water resource functions now resting with various federal agencies should be moved into one department, and
- 3) the coordinator's responsibility should include regional or basin organization.

Where the question on offering alternatives was understood to mean within Congress or within executive agencies, the answer was a definite "yes," alternatives should be offered at an early point. Many Leagues assumed the public was referred to and answered the same as the similar question under regional planning.

Coordination and planning at the regional level: Basin or regional organization received general endorsement from Minnesota Leagues. Some groups stipulated

- 1) that basic machinery in each region should follow one pattern that would have enough flexibility to meet different kinds of problems in the different regions, and
- 2) that regional organizations should be under federal supervision so that both regional and national interests would be balanced in planning.

Most Minnesota Leagues believe asking the public to choose among proposed water projects is neither feasible or wise. They felt only experts should choose the final plan and feared the dominance of special interests if the public is given choices or plans. At the same time, there was strong feeling expressed that democracy would not be served unless procedures were set up for early public hearings of an informative nature.

Equitable financing: Where the financing questions were met with understanding, Minnesota Leagues expressed desires to see 1) an attempt at formulating uniform project evaluation standards, 2) a stern effort to keep repayment at the lowest possible governmental level with private interests also paying their fair share and 3) a consideration made of local need and ability to pay when determining national responsibilities for cost.

NATIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND BY-LAWS

- 1) The Board felt that the water resource item should now be put on continuing responsibilities, but be worded so as to remain a relatively active item.
- 2) Water Resources: the wording to be worked out by Mrs. Seymour. We wish it to include the following:
 - a) to coordinate the federal planning and administration under one specific agency,
 - b) to develop river basin or regional planning organizations under federal supervision, and
 - c) to promote financing at the local level wherever possible.
- 3) The Board agreed that we should make a request for a one item agenda on the National Program. This was moved by Mrs. Whiting and seconded by Mrs. Janski. It passed.
- 4) The Board felt that foreign policy should be the primary item. After a lengthy discussion, the following statement was presented: "United States Foreign Policy: To promote a public understanding of the American purposes and objectives. To support political and economic policies which will develop a peaceful international community." A motion was made by Mrs. Neumaier that the above item be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Roemer and was passed by the Board.

The following By-law change was recommended by Mrs. Kuderling, and seconded by Mrs. Janski: "We would like to see members of provisional Leagues recognized as a type of member." This is suggested as Article III, Section 2, Item e. The motion was passed by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Mrs. Hipps, Mrs. Williams made the report, showing our income for this year as of 10/31 \$12,559.13; outgo, \$13,648.45; balance on hand, \$1,483.56.

TREASURER, continued

A discussion was held on the best means of promoting the sale of "You Are the Government." The Board felt that a state-wide committee should be appointed by the President to organize a concentrated campaign.

BUDGET BUILDING DAY

Mrs. Whiting discussed the plans for budget building day which is to be held on December 3, 1959. The Board is to meet with the budget committee in the Union at 9:30 to present the plans of the Board for the coming year. The Board will then retire to the state office to conduct their further business and the budget committee will meet to discuss the needs of the state League and draw up a proposed budget.

Mrs. Whiting requested the Board to think imaginatively about ways to promote LWV purpose; to consider the current budget, how much of it will have been spent and for what purpose, what she would like to see accomplished in her field next year, and what such a program would cost. She urged the Board to think in general terms about budgeting to make League job easier, more exciting, more effective -- for example, more opportunities to exchange ideas, more readily available information, better working conditions and office operation, specialized training, more usable information in President's Letters, kits, voters service, and the pledge to national. After all general recommendations and specific suggestions are before the Board, the Board should appraise which League problems are of prime importance, considering long-range and short-range plans.

STATE COUNCIL

Mrs. Duff prepared a tentative schedule for Council which was discussed by the Board. Some revision of plans were suggested: 1) The purpose of the workshops are to be "How not to talk to ourselves!" A discussion of how to take our state program to the community is to be one workshop, voters service is to be discussed at the other. 2) Bulletin awards have been planned. It was suggested they be put on display with ribbons on the winning Bulletins. 3) Local Leagues are to be notified of displays early so as to give time for preparation of good ones. 4) The Outlook and Budget presentation this year will be combined, including Organization, Finance, Voters Service, LCA, Public Relations, Publications and the Office. 5) It was felt that we should encourage the attendance of observers. 6) A notice ^{could be} in the President's Letter asking if Presidents could come in the night before for a President's Workshop. 7) It was felt that persons from Albert Lea and Faribault should be invited to observe the Council meeting. 8) Mrs. Anderson will give keynote address, including (reference to national Convention).

STATE PROGRAM

Mrs. Kuderling announced that the material on Party Designation will be in the office November 9. County Consensus questions are to go out with the material. It will include a suggestion that local Leagues meet with county officials to discuss their reaction to Party Designation for county officials.

Mrs. Sigford discussed with the Board the possibility of a Governor's Committee on Ethics being appointed. Mrs. Sigford moved, Mrs. Duff seconded a motion that the League of Women Voters of Minnesota request the Governor to appoint an Ethics in Government Committee which would have bipartisan legislative representation and representatives of interested community organizations. The motion passed.

Mrs. Roemer announced that her material is now in the hands of readers, and will be ready to be mailed out soon.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson announced the following committee members and their specific responsibility: Mrs. Leonard Parker on defense department program, Mrs. Kenneth Green on amendment flyers, Mrs. T. G. Purcell on Minnesota VS Swap Shop, and Mrs. A. H. Seymour on liaison with newspaper on Voters Guide.

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EXPANSION

See Group Gropings for activities at Faribault and Albert Lea, where Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Wilson have worked with others to reach prospective members of new Leagues in these towns.

Mrs. Janski reported on the trip she and Mrs. Whiting took to give board training in Cass Lake, Bemidji, Fergus Falls and Moorhead. The success of the Candidates Meeting in Silver Bay, permission for which was given by the State Board if conducted under Duluth guidance, was reported (275 attendance, all candidates came and spoke) and cheered!

MISCELLANY

There was a motion by Mrs. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Janski that the League make arrangements now for a publications booth at the next MEA meeting, next fall. Motion passed.

Announcement was made of Minneapolis League Day, November 19. Program is to be on Political Party participation, at the Normandy Hotel, lunch \$1.70. There will be four speakers, two from each party, plus Mrs. Orville Freeman, wife of the Governor.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Arthur Welch, Secretary

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Suggested figures for Insurance, \$20. This is less than last year because fire insurance was paid for a 3 year period, this past year. Personal Property Tax, \$35, the same as paid for this year. Bank Charges, \$20, should cover this item again this year.

Salaries and Salary taxes: Miss Salisbury suggested a separate budget item for salaries and another for taxes, the salary item to be \$7,100. This would be a salary of \$3,700 for Mrs. Wilson, and \$3,400 for Mrs. Williams. Many board members spoke of their wonderful, dedicated service and the fact that these salaries do not indicate their value to the League. The taxes on these salaries, a separate item in the budget, will include social security and unemployment compensation.

Under Office Operation, Miss Salisbury recommended another separation of items: 1) general operation, 2) insurance, personal property tax, bank charges, audit. She advised excluding the cost of stencils and paper and charge them to publications. This procedure would give a clearer picture of the cost of publications. She suggested we reduce office operation to \$2,600, and increase publications cost by \$500.

National Publications: This includes special subscription service and material for new Leagues; Mrs. Williams stated that \$250 should cover this item.

Minnesota Voter: The present figure of \$1,800 will cover six issues per year. Mrs. Ode felt that this should remain the same.

Field Service and Expansion: Mrs. Janski outlined the plans of the committee for next year and gave the approximate costs:

Area Conferences (6 instead of 5)	\$ 175
New Member Kits	280
New League Cultivation	25
Albert Lea (expense of servicing	50
Detroit Lakes (a possible new League)	200
Fridley (" " " ")	40
Winona or Mankato(" " ")	150
Board training & requested visits	150
General field service, organization committee mtgs.	100
TOTAL	\$1170

The figure of \$1,170 was requested for Organization Committee.

Public Relations: Mrs. Duff asked for \$350 for the following: 1) M.N.A. news releases and the clipping service, a valuable method for the League to reach all communities in the State through the local press, should be used every two weeks during our legislative session, and less often between sessions. 2) contacts with editors in non League areas, and with the 1% who are the opinion builders in the state.

Legislative Accrual fund: It was felt that this should be \$200 as before to enable us to to pay the minimum costs of our volunteer lobbyists (principally, transportation).

National services: Although we at this time have received no suggested pledge from the National Budget Committee, it is known that in order to keep our national staff members, some form of pension benefits must be provided. The cost of this would be in the neighborhood of \$19,000. That would mean that state Leagues will be asked for sizable increases.

A motion was made by Mrs. Neumaier and seconded by Mrs. Ode that the Minnesota League raise our pledge to national to \$9,500, this being an increase of \$800. An amendment was made by Mrs. Sigford and seconded by Mrs. Duff that this increase be subject to the request from national. The amendment passed 8 - 5. The motion carried 7 - 6.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 3, 1959

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met in Room 315 of Coffman Union at 9:30 A.M. on December 3, 1959. The President, Mrs. O. H. Anderson, presided. The following directors were present: Mesdames Carlson, Duff, Janski, Kuderling, Neumaier, Ode, Olson, Roemer, Seltzer, Seymour, Sigford, Whiting, Welch. Mrs. Miller was absent. The Board met with the State Budget Committee in order to acquaint them with the financial needs of each board committee for 1960-61. The budget committee is composed of Mrs. Thomas Dale of Edina, Mrs. David Kanatz of Brooklyn Center, Mrs. Robert Thompson of North St. Paul, Mrs. Clyde McDonald of St. Paul, Mrs. Tom Hunstiger of St. Cloud (all of whom were present), as well as Mrs. O. J. Janski and Mrs. Wm. Whiting, members of the committee from the state Board. Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wilson of the staff were present, as well as the following observers: Mrs. E. C. Davison of St. Louis Park, Mrs. Dean Malmberg of Crystal, Mrs. Dale Warner of Wayzata, Mrs. K. R. Thompson of Moorhead, Mrs. Keith Webster of Hopkins, Mrs. Robert Kanter of Duluth, and Mrs. Richard T. Peterson of Maplewood. Since no new Treasurer has yet been appointed to replace Mrs. Hipps, Miss Salisbury, our former treasurer, was there to explain phases of office operation and other budget items.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Mrs. Whiting moved to accept the minutes with the following corrections: 1) Page 2: Mrs. Neumaier made the recommendation for the by-law change instead of Mrs. Kuderling. 2) Page 2, Paragraph 4, line 5: "coordinating" instead of "to coordinate"; "developing" instead of "to develop"; and "promoting" in place of "to promote." The motion was seconded by Mrs. Roemer and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT This was made by Mrs. Williams. Balance on hand April 1, 1959 was \$3,929.88. Income, current fiscal year through Nov. 30, '59 \$14,170.30. Expenditures, current fiscal year through Nov. 30, 1959, \$15,498.40. Payments on You Are the Government, current fiscal year through Nov. 30, 1959, \$1,851.90. Balance on hand, November 30, 1959, \$753.88.

BUDGET MEETING Mrs. Anderson outlined the procedure for the day and introduced the budget committee and observers to the board. She urged them to use optimism in drawing up a new budget and to have high goals. She feels we are limited only by our own sights. She warned that this was an election year and this would greatly increase our opportunities for service. One of our national standards of recognition is growth in members and budget, and she feels that all Leagues benefit from our state and national services.

Worksheets were passed to the committee and the board then proceeded with an outline of their requests for next year and an explanation of the reasons for such requests.

Mrs. Whiting suggested an amount of \$1,000 for the expenses of the board of directors. This allows for more out-state representation and a fairer reimbursement to all those serving. The amount now allowed may prevent some from serving on the board, unless childless and rich. Mrs. Sigford also spoke on this item and the board agreed.

The President felt that the item of \$150 for the president's expenses was reasonable and sufficient.

Delegates: This item was discussed by all the board members. The final recommendation was a request for \$600 to be in an accrual fund with which to send delegates to regional conferences and other valuable meetings such as National Municipal League.

Committee Meetings: The amount to remain the same \$300. This would enable the committees to have more out-state members serve. It was explained that this amount though budgeted, had not been used this year because of the lack of money due to "You Are the Government" expense.

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It was felt that we should continue to pay \$10 to the National Municipal League for our membership.

Mrs. Anderson explained to the budget committee that due to our indebtedness for "You Are the Government" we had had to curtail a great many services and committees for this year but hope to have that all paid by April 1, and to resume normal operation next year.

At the close of budget discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:40. The board then retired to the League Office to take up further business not related to the budget. Following a delicious luncheon which Mrs. Anderson provided for a holiday treat, the meeting resumed at 12:15.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Sigford made a motion seconded by Mrs. Olson that Mrs. Ralph Berdie of Falcon Heights be appointed to the state Board as Publications chairman, to assume the office in January.

SOUND OFF

There was a discussion of the two new publications prepared by Mrs. Kuderling and Mrs. Roemer. Mrs. Kuderling was responsible for "The Missing Link in Minnesota Government - A Study of Party Designation" and Mrs. Roemer for "Minnesota School Election Laws."

The Board asked Mrs. Welch to write thank-you notes to the persons who prepared the cover designs. It was also felt that complimentary copies should be sent to persons outside the League who had helped with information and reading. Mrs. Kuderling and Mrs. Roemer are to furnish such a list to the office staff for this purpose.

Announcement was made of two radio programs on December 29, and January 19 -- one on Political Party Participation and the other on Party Designation. The Board decided to have tapes made of these broadcasts to be available to local Leagues for their use. It was suggested a note^{be} in the President's letter advising the local Leagues of this material.

Mrs. Anderson read to the Board the letter which she wrote to Governor Freeman, requesting reactivation of the committee on ethics in government, this committee to be made up of bi-partisan legislative representation, and representatives of interested community organizations.

REAPPORTIONMENT

The Board had a discussion of the wording to be used on the consensus sheet to be sent to the local Leagues. It was decided that it should contain the exact wording which is to appear on the ballot. There are to be three choices of reply: a) support, b) oppose, c) no position. Local Leagues will be asked to supplement their answers with their reasons for their decision. This notice should also urge them to use the July-August Voter for clarification of the Amendment.

It was announced to the Board that the Farm Bureau has come out in favor of the Amendment, and the A.F.L.-C.I.O. against it.

VOTER

There was a discussion of the contents of the next Voter. It was thought an article by Mrs. Seltzer on participation in political parties by League members would be very timely and would serve to introduce her as a new Board member to the local Leagues. The President's column will include a positive outlook article on finance. Mrs. Ode may prepare an article on some basic problems and responsibilities of citizens in a representative democracy.

COUNCIL

Mrs. Duff asked the Board's advice on inviting Dr. Charles Backstrom, professor of state and local government at U. of M., to speak at luncheon on the 2nd day of Council. The Board encouraged her to do so.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Duff announced the following members on her committee: Mrs. Dean White of Austin, Mrs. Gilbert Buffington of Duluth, Mrs. Leonard Inskip of St. Louis Park and Minneapolis, Mrs. Robert Tharp of Golden Valley, Mrs. Leonard Parker of Minnetonka. The following are suggestions from that committee:

- 1) on foreign relations, try a pilot project with several local Leagues in an attempt to reach community leaders,
- 2) make an effort to reach selected state organizations with our program & publications,
- 3) aim for widespread distribution of our literature,
- 4) go to local Leagues chairmen with the hope of instilling enthusiasm, and they in turn will excite their membership.

VOTERS SERVICE

Mrs. Olson reported on a meeting of her committee which is planning ahead on candidates questionnaires, voters guides, congressional rollcalls and amendment wording. There will be a further report at the next meeting.

WATER

Mrs. Seymour announced that there was a meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, called by the Senate Select Committee on National Water Resources. She sent "Water Resource Management in Minnesota" for their use.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Kuderling showed a copy of the junior edition of the Legislative Manual, which may be obtained from the office of the Secretary of State for 15¢. She recommended it as a very good handbook. The Board felt that there should be a mention made of it in the President's Letter.

EXPANSION

Mrs. Wilson reported on visits to Albert Lea and Faribault. Albert Lea has decided upon an organization meeting in January 26, Faribault will have one December 7.

The January Board meeting is to be held January 7, in the state League office. At that time we will discuss plans for the Board for the next 16 months. Voter Service plans will be made and Mrs. Seltzer will present plans for fall legislative workshops. All Board members were urged to present ideas at this time.

There will be a capsule mailing to local Leagues right after Christmas containing proposed state budget and reapportionment consensus sheets.

It was announced that the deadline for January-February Voter is January 1, 1960.

Following a vote of thanks to Mrs. Anderson for the delicious luncheon, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Arthur Welch, Secretary