



## League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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AGENDA  
State Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 11, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.  
Coffee, tea and pop - bring your own "bag"

9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and Call to Order.

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of October 14, 1980, Board Meeting\*/Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report, October/Hall
- 5 Development Report/Schmitz
- 2 AmERica Report/Higinbotham

REVISION OF AGENDA

ACTION

- 5 Approval of Department of Commerce Reports/Sawyer
- 15 "Asbestos" identification project/Crampton/Armstrong
- 5 Lobbyist approval/Tews

DISCUSSION

- 10 Report on Liaison Calls/Nelson
- 10 Selection of attendees for Rural Leadership Conference/Burkhalter
- 3 Bylaws/Budget Committee/Evans
- 5-10 Hotline Evaluation/Bufington/Hall/Newmark
- 5-10 Amendment Campaign Evaluation/Burkhalter/Tews/Bufington/Mork
- 3 State Fair/Higinbotham/Sawyer
- 5 Mileage reimbursement/Burkhalter

INFORMATION

- 10 Action/Tews
- Citizen Information/Bayless
  - People and Causes
  - Education Focus
  - Cable TV Focus
- 2 Conference on Citizens and the Courts/Scribner

\*Mailed previously; bring with you to the meeting.

CALENDAR

(Upcoming events as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- November 11 - LWVMN Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 12 - Waste Alert Steering Committee meeting, MPCA, 1:00 p.m.
- 14 - Gifted Coalition, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 15 - Administrative Law for Citizens, Hamline University School of Law, 9:30 a.m.
- 19 - First Class BOARD MEMO Mailing from state office
- 21 - Third Class BOARD MEMO mailing from state office
- 22 - The Citizen Lobbyist, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., College of St. Thomas
- 25 - November-December VOTER mailed from state office
- 27 - Thanksgiving
- 28 - LWVMN office closed (if we get our work done)
- December 1 - Legislative Interviews due in state office
- 1 - Third Quarter PMP due to state office
- 2 - Lobbyist Training, 9:30 a.m.
  - Action Committee, 11:00 a.m., state office
- 3 - HANUKKAH
- 4 - CMAL Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
  - Lobbyist Training, 1:00 p.m., state office
- 9 - People and Causes/Job Sharing

REMINDER: In November Third Class mailing, state Board nominating material, Program suggestions information, and state Bylaw suggestion form will be included.

BOARD MEMO material is due at the Board meeting.

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Special Projects Form (white); voucher (green); and Planning Form (blue).

#### ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the October 14, 1980, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (green - enclosed): to be filed for audit.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: In order to meet payroll October 31, 1980, Sawyer and Burkhalter authorized withdrawal of \$1,500 from Reserves. However, \$6,100 from the Ed Fund plus other monies arrived, so the \$1,500 was returned promptly to the savings account. That transaction is not reflected on the October Treasurer's Report; it illustrates the need to keep some of our reserve assets readily accessible and how dependent we are on grants.

3. Development Report (see bottom of Treasurer's Report - to be filed for audit). There will be a Development Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m. following the Board meeting.
4. AmERica Report (white - enclosed) - to be filed for audit.
5. Department of Commerce reports: motion: to approve the contents of the Registration Statement and Annual Report to the Department of Commerce (enclosed - white).

#### Background Information

These reports are required by Minnesota Statute Ch. 309 of charitable organizations soliciting or intending to solicit more than \$10,000 per year. These reports are for f.y. 1979-80. We have received mixed signals from Commerce, from the Attorney General's office, and from our auditor about whether LWVMN needs to file and how we should file, since our funds are raised through LWVEF. We will file these reports with an audited financial statement from LWVUS-EF and a request for a formal opinion as to whether and how we should file and whether we need a certified audit if we raise more than \$25,000.

6. Asbestos Identification Project: motion: that LWVMN cooperate with the American Lung Association of Hennepin County in its project to identify asbestos containing materials in public schools.

#### Background Information

Barbara Hughes of the American Lung Association will be at the Board meeting to explain the project and answer questions. The Lung Association is in the process of applying for an EPA Grant for this project. Background information is on the two blue sheets with this agenda. Choices of participation are: none; through local Leagues only, with contacts directly from the Lung Association to the local Leagues; through local Leagues with minimum LWVMN coordination; through LWVMN by contract with the Lung Association. The final choice would be possible if LWVMN agreed to provide data for a certain number of school districts for a certain number of dollars. In such cases, we have a person who has indicated some interest in being project director (Donna Peterson, New Brighton LWV). Jeanne Crampton, Ruth Armstrong, and Karen Anderson have met once with Barbara Hughes; Jeanne and Ruth may also answer questions. (See blue sheets enclosed.)

7. Lobbyist approval: motion: to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as lobbyists for LWVMN.

#### Background Information

Names and details will be provided at the meeting.

#### DISCUSSION

8. Report on Liaison Calls/Nelson
9. Rural Leadership Workshops/Burkhalter

10. Bylaws/Budget Committee. The Budget Committee is presently composed of League members from both metropolitan and smaller communities as well as the Twin Cities area and outstate. In proposing a bylaw to be considered at state Convention, it may be difficult to write a proposed bylaw making sure that the representation of different areas and League sizes continues. In a situation where the nominating committee is deciding who to place on the committee, the Board could have even less say than it did this year. Do you want a specifically stated bylaw, a general one, or no bylaw, and work out the problem in another way?
11. Hotline Evaluation. In a word - FANTASTIC! To be more specific: the locators worked; the volunteers were the greatest, and the staff pitched in whenever necessary (ask Betty Ann how many calls she took!). In addition to locating polling places, the volunteers answered questions about: hours polls open, absentee ballots, registering on election day, getting off work to vote, candidates for various offices, and amendments.

Statistics: There were 6,459 recorded inquiries to state LWV office from Thursday, October 30, through Tuesday, November 4. Of these, about 5,325 were on Hotline phones. We know that not all calls or inquiries were recorded (they were coming in too quickly for people to mark them down). Figures from Minneapolis and St. Paul LWVs are not yet in. Thursday and Friday were the "easy" Hotline days -- about 950 Hotline inquiries were recorded. Monday and Tuesday all 6 phones were busy all hours: 4,375 inquiries on Hotline phones those days (each phone-person responded to 36 questions per hour!). When quoting these statistics, remember we are referring to inquiries, not phone calls. Some phone calls represented several inquiries (registration and voting information or requests for several polling places).

Quotable Questions and Comments:

"Which candidates are homosexual?"

"Which precinct do I vote in to vote Republican?"

"I don't know what city or county I'm in, where do I vote?"

"How do I get to my polling place? Can you give me directions?"

An employer in the metro area called who had employees who live in Hibbing. "How much time off do I have to give them to vote in Hibbing?"

"I'm not going to tell you where I live, but I want you to tell me where I vote."

"How long will it take me to vote?"

"Would a fishing license be o.k. for an I.D.?"

"Just tell me what to do."

Obviously, this service is needed - the sheer numbers of calls is proof of that. Monday and Tuesday all six phones were ringing all day. Thursday and Friday, by comparison, were slower. Many callers were very appreciative and urged the LWV to do this in '82 and '84. (One poor fellow called all three Hotline numbers from Monday morning to Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. - a total of 45 calls, and he couldn't get through!)

Other days instead of Thursday and Friday need to be discussed - perhaps Sunday. Longer hours the day before the election would serve the public better. The entire project was well worth the agony, sweat and blood - we done good and can be proud of our efforts!

(B.A. requests we investigate foam rubber/fake fur earphones and/or chime-type telephone bells!)

12. Amendment Campaign Evaluation.

Background Information

Yipee! Congratulations to all! It looks as though we won on all 3 measures - enclosed F.Y.I. is a copy (canary) of a complaint filed by LWVMN with the Hennepin County Attorney.

Thanks to all the LWVers who helped distribute the flyer on all amendments. It really was the only info available to voters on amendments.



13. State Fair

Background Information

It's that time already. If we want to have our same "concession" booth in the same place, we must apply for it now (by December 1). If we want a different space for a different purpose, we are treated as a brand new applicant. We could go ahead and sign up and back out later or drop it completely or look into a different location for different purposes. We need a clear direction now.

14. Mileage reimbursement

Background Information

At the June 17, 1980, Board meeting, LWVMN voted to reduce mileage reimbursement from 19¢/mile to 15¢/mile with a reevaluation at the November Board meeting. At the present time we are only able to pay vouchers quarterly because of our cash flow problems. If we want to reimburse at a higher rate, we will probably have to draw on reserves.

15. Action (Action Committee minutes in folder or enclosed). Volunteers to staff lobbyist workshop November 22nd?

16. Citizen Information: Information - People and Causes. Jean Tews and Peggy Lucas are putting together a four-member panel on the status of job-sharing statute implementation. They will appear on KTCA-TV2's PEOPLE AND CAUSES on Saturday, December 20. Taping is set for Tuesday, December 9, at noon in KTCA-TV2 studios.

Information - Education Focus. Two courtrooms in St. Paul's Landmark Center will be the site of the FOCUS on School Discipline, Wednesday, January 21. Registration will be at 4:30 p.m., buffet supper at 6:30 p.m., and Focus wrap-up at 9:00 p.m. Focus flyers will be distributed to local Leagues via the November 3rd class mailing.

Information - Cable TV Focus. Already there are four volunteers to work on this Focus! And all have had different levels of experience with this medium. There has been no response to my request for help in the October BOARD MEMO - I'll remind them again in November.

17. Conference on Citizens and the Courts - oral report.

18. Service to Local Leagues:

RED WING - Interstate Medical Clinic to use Know Your Town survey as part of staff recruitment.

MARSHALL - had speakers available through October to talk about How to Pick a Candidate.

GOLDEN VALLEY - registered 350 people just at General Mills.

ABC - registered 400 in eight banks.

BROOKLYN PARK - by holding candidates' meeting as part of Community Education Fair, they had an audience of 350-400.

ST. CLOUD - that city's version of Minneapolis-St. Paul magazine doing an article on the League.

EDINA - presented program on Choosing the President to 25 6th grade classes.

WAYZATA AREA - in James Hill Day parade, LWV marchers received a standing ovation at reviewing stand.

MID-MESABI - if not the largest, at the longest candidates' meeting - lasted until 11:30 and then people had to be shoved out of the corridors.

BROOKLYN PARK - spoke about the election process to approximately 700 grade schoolers.

EDINA - and for toppers in the registration game - over 700 since the primary.

EDINA - wins another one! Funniest typo of the month - the Edina minutes - "...there was an error in our bulletin."

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- 5-10 Ballot issue fundraising/Weinig
- 5 Appointment of Budget Committee/Burkhalter
- 5 Appointment of Bylaws Committee/Burkhalter
- 10 Household membership recommendation/Burkhalter
- 10 Pig's Eye Coalition contribution/Armstrong
- Coalition of 15,000 dues/Tews
- National Housing Coalition/Tews
- ERA/Tews
- Women's Agenda/Tews

DISCUSSION

- 5 Use of office, staff, Board Memo/Hall
- 3 Budget Forms/Burkhalter for Herb
- 5 Fall Workshop evaluation/Nelson
- 5 Workshops at State Convention/Nelson
- 5 Liaison Calls/Nelson
- 5-10 Transportation Focus/Bayless
- 5-10 People and Causes/Bayless
- 5 Membership Campaign report/Schefers

INFORMATION

- 10 Action/Tews
- I&R/Mork
- Natural Resources/Crampton
- J.C. Penney film gift/Bayless
- C.I. Focus cassette distribution/Bayless
- H.R. 6161/Bayless
- Education Focus/Bayless/Armstrong
- Sex Equity grant/Armstrong/Higinbotham
- Seminars for Economic Effectiveness
- SLL/Thompson

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REMINDER: Board Memo material is due at the Board meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- October 12 - Burkhalter on Minnesota Issues, KTCA-TV, noon
- 14 - LWVMN Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.; roast for Pam- 1:00 p.m., Princess Garden.

(more)

- October 15 - Waste Alert Steering Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m., LWVMN office.  
20 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office  
23 - Education Focus planning meeting, 1:00 p.m., LWVMN office  
27 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30 a.m., office  
30-31 - Election Hotline, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., LWVMN office

- November 3 - Election Hotline, 8-4:30  
4 - Election Hotline, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
GENERAL ELECTION  
7 - Action Committee, 9:30 a.m.  
8 - LWVMN Budget Committee, 10-3  
11 - LWVMN Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Routine Attachments - Special Projects Form; voucher (green); and Planning Form (pink)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the September 10, 1980, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (green - enclosed): to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report (bottom of Treasurer's Report): to be filed for audit.  
Funds received or pledged since last Board meeting:  
\$100, Data Card Corporation - Amendment Focus/Hotline  
\$200, Piper, Jaffary & Hopwood, Inc. - Amendment Focus  
The Annual Report is at the printer and should be ready before the Board meeting.  
  
For your information, approaches have been made and/or requests submitted to the following potential funders in the past two months with negative results: Graco Foundation, McQuay Perfex, Hormel Foundation, The Groves Fund, The Southways Foundation, Litton Microwave Cooking Products, Penny's Supermarkets, St. Paul Companies, and Minneapolis Star and Tribune Foundation.
4. AmERICA Report (enclosed - white): to be filed for audit.

REVISION OF AGENDA

5. Ballot Issue fundraising: motion: to send letter to corporate heads and other potential foes of Initiative and Referendum to solicit contributions for our ballot campaign.

Background Information

Proposed letter:

Dear Wealthy Contributor to Good Causes and Fierce Foe of I&R -

The LWVMN would like your help in our campaign against the constitutional amendment calling for Initiative and Referendum. You may have been asked in the past for tax deductible contributions to the LWVEF fund for our research, study, and citizen information activities. We are now asking for your contribution to fund League action on this issue. Historically as now action has always been the end point of League's research, study, and membership consensus.

The League has been working against this issue since August. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 for this campaign. Our costs would be considerably higher if we did not have the strong commitment of our members.

As you are aware, this is the first Ballot issue campaign since the 1978 ruling by the Ethical Practices Board allowing unlimited contributions by corporations, as well as individuals, directly to issue campaign funds.

The enclosed brochure is being distributed statewide by our organization and the many other organizations in the Citizens for Representative Government Coalition.

We are particularly concerned about paying for printing of "Representative Government Works" flyer. 250,000 of these have been printed and attributed to the LWVMN ballot issues fund. Our understanding has been that we would receive the bill and contributions

from members of the coalition. To date we have received neither the bill nor contributions. We must report the brochure this reporting period, either as an actual income and expense or as an in-kind contribution and expense to the Ethical Practices Board (by Oct. 27). Further background provided at Board meeting. Several people have reservations about sending such a letter at this time - possible conflicts with tax-deductible fund raising should be considered. Corporations can give unlimited amounts of hard money to issues campaign fund. Others believe we should make a good faith effort to raise \$ and that if we receive no contributions before election, it will be impossible to raise after the election.

6. Appointment of Budget Committee: motion: to appoint Margit Berg, LWV Minneapolis, Prudy Cameron, LWV Duluth, \_\_\_\_\_, LWV Winona, \_\_\_\_\_, LWV Willmar, and \_\_\_\_\_, LWV \_\_\_\_\_ to the LWVMN Budget Committee.  
Background Information

Margit Berg is LWV Minneapolis president, Prudy Cameron is a long-time Duluth member and is highly recommended by President Judy Blanck.

We have had difficulty getting people to agree to serve this year - we are following up other suggestions and will have names by Board meeting. Ex-officio members of Budget Committee are: Hall, Burkhalter, Schmitz.

7. Appointment of Bylaws Committee: motion: to appoint \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the LWVMN Bylaws Committee.  
Background Information

Any volunteers? The Bylaws Committee will review suggested amendments to the Bylaws for final action at State Convention in June.

8. Household Membership: motion: to recommend to the Budget Committee that LWVMN ask  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times the per member payment for two members residing at the same address in a common household.  
Background Information

The national convention in May 1980 adopted an amendment to Article XIV, Section 2 of the LWVUS bylaws, to provide for a household PMP: "When two members reside at the same address in a common household, the local League shall make a payment equal to one and one-half times the determined per member payment." This bylaw takes effect immediately.

LWVMN should make a similar provision for household members. Charging  $\frac{1}{2}$  PMP for the second member in a household would follow LWVUS pattern.

9. Pig's Eye Coalition contribution: motion: to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Pig's Eye Coalition.  
Background Information

In 1979 LWVMN contributed \$50.00.

Coalition of 15,000: motion: to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Coalition.  
Background Information

We have been asked to contribute \$50.00 + \$50.00 for postage.

Other appeals have come from the LWVUS ERA person, Lois Harrison, from the National Housing Coalition (minimum \$10.00 membership - are asking \$25.00)

We have budgeted \$180.00 under Action (700s) and \$40 (Citizens League - National Municipal League) under Delegates and Affiliations (#540). Some Action coalitions listed may no longer be timely: Citizens Against Throwaways, ERA Coalition, MN Coalition for Welfare Reform; Save Our Libraries, JRLC, UN Rally, MCOSEE. Please comment.

We have also contributed to the battered women's consortium. Maybe it's time to review our affiliations and coalitions. Please bring list of coalitions/affiliations you think we have to belong to.



DISCUSSION

10. The office has been extremely busy! Please fill out the Planning Form with explanation of staff responsibility. Give to Sally and she will determine priorities for staff. We all think we have priority, but only Sally knows the entire picture of the work flow. This is for use of all staff - not just typing.

Space is also a problem - particularly with "Hotline." Mailings are done from Board room - so please let Sally know when you need to be present in office. Sally may decide to have no volunteers in the office for a day so that they staff can catch up. Check with Sally before coming in.

Please let office know well in advance when you have work to be done. We know there are emergencies and last minute requests that can't be avoided but whenever possible, please plan ahead and give the office time to plan.

Board Memo: please try to be as concise as possible in communicating with local League counterparts. Because the Board Memo goes first class and to all local League Board members, it is one of our most effective communication tools. . . but it is intended to relay our more urgent concerns. Background information, guidelines, updates are sent in the third class mailing to Presidents.

11. Budget Forms are included with this mailing and are to be returned to the state office by October 21. Committees or portfolio chairs who submit nothing will receive \$0 for fiscal 1981-82.
12. Fall Workshop Evaluation: let's discuss scheduling mechanics, feedback from participants, changes for next year.
13. Workshops - evening of State Convention: topic ideas? Photography for publication and Unit Leadership have been suggested.
14. Liaison Calls: calls are to be made Octo. 14-21. Forms with question to ask will be distributed at the Board meeting. Return forms to the office immediately. Tews will need as much time before the election as possible to follow up on amendment campaign questions. Be sure to indicate cost of these calls on your vouchers!
15. Citizen Information: Transportation Focus - Delta Nu Alpha, the traffic management transportation fraternity that is considering co-sponsoring this Focus, recently had us define the LWVMN cosponsor liability policy. They also stated that they preferred a strip hotel location, or a hotel that provided free parking. A cash bar is another consideration as is a shortened program. Delta Nu Alpha has 300 members who will be "cordially directed to attend if they cosponsor and the fraternity would make a financial contribution. However, our inability to raise funds from the transportation community for last year's program indicates that they are not all futurists. Should we continue to plan for this Focus?
16. Citizen Information: People and Causes - Judith Lamp, KTCA producer of "Focus on Five Amendments," also produces People & Causes, a weekly public access program for Twin Cities community groups. October topics included: Centro Cultural Chicano, MN Governor's Conference on Disabled Persons, Minneapolis HRA and Pharm House. I discussed our Job Sharing legislation and follow-up as a possible program with her. She encouraged us to present her with League issues that we feel would have broad-based public interest. Should we attempt to do some of these 30-minute panel programs? (They air on Saturdays at 4 pm and Mondays at 3 pm) Should we coordinate and encourage metro area LWVs to submit program proposals? Channel 2 provides the moderator and the studio.
17. Membership Campaign financial report: (to be handed out at Board meeting)

INFORMATION

18. ACTION - Question: does anyone recall attending legislative hearings on migrant workers? Did anyone make a statement either formal or informal before a legislative committee last session? We can find no record of it and we need to track this down.
19. I&R campaign activities: 1) I have been asked to debate Bob Brown (former Senator from Stillwater) on Oct. 24 on WJON radio show "Focus" - in St. Cloud. I have agreed to do so as LWV St. Cloud Area member. 2) LWV St. Cloud will video tape a

program on I&R for Northern Cablevision Community Access TV - taped Monday, Oct. 27 - to be run 3 times that week. Format will be information and action - ½ hour program (Linda Peck and Ellen Mork). 3) LWV St. Cloud will provide a guest editorial in St. Cloud Daily Times on I&R.

See attached letter to LWVMN Board from Fran Boyden (canary). See Ellen for her response.

20. Natural Resources: report to be passed out at meeting.

21. J.C. Penney Film gift: a copy of "Every Vote Counts," a 16-mm film showing the importance of voting by re-creating a close 1978 congressional election, has been awarded to each state League through LWVEF with an \$80 grant to cover administrative and distribution costs.

Focus Cassette Distribution - As you know, we purchased two video cassette copies of "Focus on Five Amendments." To date, the LWV's of Shakopee, Edina, Brooklyn Park, Woodbury, Northern Dakota County Area and Willmar have scheduled the program for unit and/or community meetings. Also, the Austin public television station (KAVT-TV) will air our show on Wednesday, October 22, at 9 p.m.

H.R. 6161, An Act of Congress - Interest continues in the video cassette of this program. Requests since our last report have come from Northfield Senior High and Shakopee Senior High, both of whom will copy the cassette for class use.

Education Focus - Ruth Armstrong's committee will meet to finalize the program on Thursday, October 23, at 1 p.m. in the state office. The site will be in downtown St. Paul with easy access for bus riders and legislators. We are again asking Channel 2 if they would be interested in taping one of the panels or speakers. Times for the Focus will be similar to those for the Women and Sport Focus.

22. Sex Equity grant and LWVMN has been invtd to apply for a \$5,000 pass through grant to monitor sex equity in vocational education. Armstrong and Higinbotham both believe we would be duplicating efforts of Council on the Economic Status of Women. 10/10 received a call from LWVEF's Renee Sherman asking if we intend to apply for the grant. Sawyer explained the role of the Council in Minnesota, and indicated we would not apply, but would let them know by Oct. 14 if we change our minds. She emphasized they would like to get a cross section of states - and since Minnesota is progressive perhaps we could reconsider. Is there any chance of piggybacking some activity - a lot of possibilities were listed.

23. Seminar for Economic Effectiveness: see enclosed invitation (pink). Anyone interested see Sally.

24. Service to Local Leagues:

Red Wing: raising money to support the debates by selling their "dough" at a Farm to Market Day.

New Brighton: author of anthology of writings about stereotyping of native Americans in the World of Children will use the Conclusions section of the New Brighton publication.

Alexandria: fantastic government week. Too lengthy to go into but activities filled every day of the week.

Symbolism for the month---Bloomington - at the end of the reading of the superintendent's letter of resignation, the lights went out.

Bemidji: invited by local MPIRG to discuss I&R position with Quie representative.

Columbia Heights: asked to speak on amendments at C of C dinner.

Most dedicated Leaguer of the month - St. Paul person - is attending the annual meeting of the trash haulers.

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REVISION OF AGENDA

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- 10 LWV-Fairmont disbanding/Nelson/Bufington/Sargent
- 10 Energy for Legislators/Crampton
- 5 Women in the 80s Conference/Higinbotham

DISCUSSION

- 5 EPA Grant/Grimsby
- 10 PMPs/Education Fund/Burkhalter/Hall
- 5-10 State Fair Booth Evaluation/Higinbotham
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- 5 Minnesota Rural Leadership Seminar/Burkhalter
- 5 Coalition of 15,000/Tews
- 5 Minnesota Project Seminar/Bufington
- HR 6161/Bayless
- Focus on Five/Bayless
- Minnesota Issues/Weinig
- Speaking Opportunities/Burkhalter
- Financing State Government/Burkhalter
- Women and the Law/Higinbotham

REMINDER: BOARD MEMO material is due at the Board meeting.

If any new Board member would like an orientation session, Burkhalter and Sawyer are available - just ask, and we'll arrange it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- September 9 - Primary Election
- 10 - LWVMN Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 12 - September-October VOTER mailed
- 11-12 - Rosh Hashana
- 16 - Fall Workshop - Albert Lea
- 18 - Fall Workshop - Detroit Lakes
- 18 - CMAL Quarterly meeting
- 19 - 1st Class BOARD MEMO mailing
- 19 - Understanding Resurgent Islam Conference
- 20 - Yom Kippur
- 24 - Focus on Five Amendments

(more)

September 26 - 3rd Class BOARD MEMO mailing

30 - Fall Workshop - Duluth

October 2 - Fall Workshop - Northern Dakota County  
2 - CMAL Executive Committee meeting  
4 - Fall Workshop - Brooklyn Park  
7 - Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office  
14 - LWVMN Board meeting - 9:30 a.m.  
16-17 - MEA/MFT Days  
21 - November-December VOTER deadline  
22 - 1st Class BOARD MEMO mailing  
23 - U.N. Rally

Routine Attachments - Special Projects Form; voucher (green); and Planning Form (blue)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the August 12, 1980, Board meeting (enclosed).
2. Treasurer's Report (green - enclosed): to be filed for audit.  
Please note \$1,000 withdrawn from reserves to meet end of August bills - can probably be repaid soon.
3. Development Report (bottom of Treasurer's Report): to be filed for audit.  
Funds received or pledged since last Board meeting:  
\$3,500 Environmental Protection Agency pass-through grant from LWVEF for citizen education on hazardous and solid waste  
750 LWVEF for project director stipend, above project  
LWVMN was one of five state Leagues to receive this grant; 11 were eligible, and 9 expressed interest.
4. AmERica Report (enclosed - white): to be filed for audit.

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5. Appointment: motion: to approve the appointment of Amy Caucutt, LWV-Rochester, to the LWVMN Board.  
Background Information  
Amy Caucutt served as President of the Rochester League and was a member of the I/R&R Study Committee. She will co-chair the H.R. portfolio.
6. LWV-Fairmont disbanding: motion: that permission be granted to disband the LWV-Fairmont.  
Background Information  
This League is not even ten years old. It probably should not have been recognized when it was. When their application for recognition came in, it showed a drop of 15 members in just the 18-month provisional period. Their advisor had never bothered to mention a membership problem. We had known their leadership was not very strong. They should have been told to put off the application until membership improved, and they should have been watched more closely. It might not have made any difference because they never did develop any dynamic leadership. And in Fairmont, you need dynamism to make a thing like the League go. If some of our rural counties are considered conservative, then the New Right must have been born in Fairmont. Because of the general, prevailing attitudes, the League would never take any meaningful action on anything, so you know where their visibility went. They pretty much talked to themselves, and we all know where that leads, and it did. They had a lot of attention during the last two years - Thompson, Sargent, Buffington - at least four visits plus phone calls - but they just couldn't get their act together. You would leave feeling, well, maybe this time they'll get to work on the plans that were laid, and by the next visit, not a single thing would have been done. To call it discouraging is great understatement. It's best if we're all put out of our misery.
7. Energy for Legislators: motion: to put on an "Energy for Legislators Conference."



Background Information

In talking to Rep. Ken Nelson last week, we discussed the need to educate new legislators about energy in Minnesota. I suggested that perhaps the League could sponsor a day-long program specifically aimed at that kind of audience. He was very enthusiastic, and I promised to pursue the matter. I assume if I take the responsibility and dig up the money, no one will have any objections? (Incidentally, Nancy and I are going to establish an energy committee similar to the water and waste committees. We'd appreciate any names of persons who might be interested in serving on such a committee, on the basis of delayed expenses, of course.) "Energy for Legislators" would probably be held the early part of January, near to but not at the Capitol Complex. (Nelson says if it's held at the Capitol, the audience tends to drift in and out.)

8. "Women in the 80s Conference": motion: to co-sponsor a Conference entitled "Women in the 80s" with Inver Hills Community College.

Background Information

Proposal is attached to agenda on canary.

DISCUSSION

9. E.P.A. Grant - we were notified the weekend of August 30 that LWVMN has received the grant. Nancy Grimsby will fill us in.
10. Per Member Payments/Education Fund

Background Information

LWV-Minneapolis called to inquire about paying some percentage of its PMP to LWVMN in E.F. monies. LWVUS allows local Leagues to pay up to 25% of PMP in tax-deductible E.F. monies. There is nothing in bylaws about this, so we presume the state Board could set up such a procedure if desirable.

This question has serious implications for the solvency of the state League in addition to being very complicated to handle:

- 1) LWVMN does not have its own education fund; the expense and complexity of setting one up is prohibitive.
- 2) We don't know if LWVEF would allow LWVMN to use LWVEF in this way.
- 3) If we were to funnel a % of PMPs to E.F., we would have to charge a 5% fee to local Leagues choosing this option because that's what the E.F. charges us.
- 4) LWVMN also desperately needs hard money paid in regular, dependable amounts if it is to stay afloat. We might have to raise the PMP significantly to compensate.

LWV-Minneapolis (and probably other local Leagues) is finding that its tax-deductible fundraising efforts are successful and that, in fact, many former hard money contributors are switching to E.F. contributions. The result is a cash flow problem and a healthy balance in the Education Fund. We are in fact in exactly the same position.

11. State Fair Booth Evaluation

Background Information

Our total income from sales was, in round figures, \$446. That includes our \$8.00 from the sale of 40 Minneapolis calendars. From that should be deducted \$130 for booth rental. If ERA pays the other half of the rental and for the tickets, we're about \$6.00 in the hole, and that isn't charging any staff time or mileage involved in the fair operation.

There were a few totes sold and virtually nothing else except buttons. ERA flyers and amendment flyers moved well - over 1,000 ERA, over 2,000 of the other. The membership brochure was not taken in the quantity we might have wished.

There were various complaints from the local Leagues, many of the same. There is apparently a lack of understanding about the booth - the fact that it is indeed an ERA booth, that that is the reason for its existence. Nor do they seem to know that we have no choice in the location. We're in amongst the merchants because we are there as merchants. The local Leagues think the purpose is League promotion. To implement their many suggestions, we would need twice the space at least and be willing to sink

considerably more money into it.

There was a notable lack of local League enthusiasm. Three of the assigned Leagues refused to do it, two of them letting us know all of 10 days before Fair time. Two other Leagues couldn't fill all the time slots. Many of them worked some shifts with just one person.

It's interesting to find that some Leaguers are as unable to read instruction sheets, etc., as other mere mortals; hence a couple of complaints about not knowing who to call when they ran out of something.

It really wasn't a very rewarding experience - from any standpoint - except that we did dispense a lot of good information.

12. Fall Workshops: Are there any loose ends? All handouts should be in the office for duplication by now. If you need any equipment, let Peggy know yesterday if not sooner.
13. Liaison Calls: I think a liaison call in October would be most helpful to local Leagues. If you have strong opinions for or against this, bring them up now. I will make up a form for you to fill in with specific questions so you won't have to write an open-ended report. If you have suggestions on what we should talk about, tell me before October 4th.
14. Report on Amendments Campaign: See attached flyers and letter to Hasbins soliciting funds. The hasbins, by the way, are a formally organized group with bylaws and the whole bit. We can't change the name or anything until we join. Do you have suggestions of people/groups who should be solicited for contributions? We are eagerly awaiting contributions - all and any are welcome. The brochures were circulated at the State Fair.

Further reports from Buffington, Tews, Burkhalter, Mork on individual amendment campaigns.

I&R Coalition will be formed soon - LWVMN on Steering Committee.

#### INFORMATION

15. Action - Minutes included in this mailing.
16. Minnesota Rural Leadership Program: Selected local Leagues will be asked to nominate emerging leaders in their communities for participation in a training conference at Arrowood Resort in late January. Other groups: Association of Township Officers, MACI, Association of MN Counties, U. of M. Extension Services will also be selecting participants. A letter will be sent directly to local League Presidents by State Planning in late September. We agreed in our dark and distant past to co-sponsor. Sounds like a super opportunity for training League leaders.
17. Coalition of 15,000 (oral):
18. Minnesota Project: Administrative Law for Citizen Advocacy Groups (oral):
19. Citizen Information - Information - H.R. 6161:
  - 1) Harriette Burkhalter sent an excellent memo to LWVUS outlining our problems with their plans for a follow-up program by us after "An Act of Congress" on KTCA-TV2.
  - 2) Interest continues in the video cassettes of this program. Additional requests have come from the Concordia College Library in Moorhead, LWV-Bloomington, and LWV-Willmar. Willmar is offering it to their junior and senior high schools as well as their junior college.
20. Citizen Information - Information - FOCUS on Five Amendments:

B. Allen Clutter resigned as the executive director of the Ethical Practices Board to become the staff director of the Federal Election Commission. Ellen Sampson, assistant administrator to the Ethical Practices Board, will fill in very ably for Allen on our FOCUS panel. Also..the first airing of the panel will be at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, on Channel 2. The October date and time are not firm yet. And, the LWV-Shakopee has already scheduled a video cassette copy of the FOCUS panel!

Other FOCI plans are being laid for Education and Transportation, and you get details in Action.

21. MN Issues: Jayne Marecek called me (long time MEPH member now in HHH grad school); she's working with Art Naftalin in setting up programs for his MN Issues TV program.  
She wants Harriette to appear opposite Elmer L. Andersen to discuss initiative/referendum amendment - would have to discuss it more with Naftalin - will have to get back to us. Harriette has agreed to do it.  
Also - she'd like us to help with issues suggestions, topics as well as people for the program throughout the year - ideas?
22. Speaking opportunities in next two months:  
September 8 - Little Falls AAUW - Ballot Issues and LWV  
September 24 - Focus on Five - All Amendments  
October 4 - MN Valley Unitarian/Universalists debate on I&R with Bob Benedict - Citizens League will do this  
October 6 - Temple Israel - Moderate panel on Women in Politics  
October 9 - Minnesota Issues - I&R with Governor Elmer Andersen  
October 11 - Progressive Roundtable - Curtis Hotel, 10:00-12:00 a.m. - I&R panel with Dave Roe, Tom O'Connell, Governor Andersen  
October 22 - National Council of Jewish Women - LWV and ballot questions, Hadassah, St. Paul, 7:30 p.m.
23. Financing State Government: HELP! Someone is urgently needed to cover FSG Program area. Contact H. Burkhalter with suggestions!
24. F.Y.I.: The 1980 Midwest Regional Conference on Women and the Law will be held in Minneapolis on October 10th, 11th, and 12th. LWVMN has been invited to provide a participant on the panel on ERA: Strategy Session.

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AGENDA  
State Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 12, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
Coffee, tea, and pop - bring your own "bag"

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9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of June 17, 1980, Board meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Reports, June\* and July, 1980 - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Anderson
- 2 AmERICA Reports\* - Higinbotham/Sawyer

REVISION OF AGENDA

- 10 Resignation/appointments - Berkwitz
- 5 Approval of hiring - Berkwitz
- 10 Amendment flyer - Burkhalter
- 5 Department of Commerce Report - Sawyer
- 5 Administrative Law Seminar Co-sponsorship - Berkwitz

DISCUSSION

- 5 State Fair '80 - Higinbotham
- 10 Membership Campaign - Schefers
- 10 Ballot I/R&R Campaign - Tews/Burkhalter
- 15) Focus on Five Amendments - Bayless
- ) Focus on Transportation 2000 - Bayless
- 10 Fall Workshops - Nelson

INFORMATION

- 5 Action\* - Tews
- Bankers Association - Newmark
- H.R. 6161 - Bayless
- Presidential Debates - Berkwitz
- SLL - Thompson

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to meeting.

REMINDER: BOARD MEMO material is due at the Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

(as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- August 12 - LWVMN Board meeting; September-October VOTER deadline
- 13 - MN VOTER (July-August) mailed from office
- 18 - Judiciary Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office
- 19 - Last day to pre-register; 1st Class BOARD MEMO mailed
- 20 - Betty Ann's day off
- 21-Sept. 1 - LWVMN at the State Fair
- 22 August 21 - Sally on vacation
- 25 August 29 - Harriette out of town
- 25 - 3rd Class BOARD MEMO mailing
- September 1 - Labor Day; office closed
- 2 - PMP due in LWVMN office
- 4 - CMAL Executive oard, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 8 - CMAL Study Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 9 - Primary Election
- 10 - LWVMN Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 11 - MN VOTER mailed
- 11-12 - Rosh Hashana
- 16 - Fall Workshop - Albert Lea (LWV-Freeborn County)

(con't)



- 18 - Fall Workshop - Detroit Lakes
- 18 - CMAL Quarterly Meeting
- 19 - 1st Class BOARD MEMO mailing
- 20 - Yom Kippur
- 24 - Focus on Five Amendments
- 26 - 3rd Class BOARD MEMO mailing
- 30 - Fall Workshop - Duluth

- October    2 - Fall Workshop - Northern Dakota County  
          4 - Fall Workshop - Brooklyn Park

Routine Attachments: New attachment - Special Projects Form; voucher (green); and Planning Form (blue)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the June 17, 1980, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Reports (green - June, mailed earlier; July, enclosed): to be filed for audit.
3. Development (see bottom of treasurer's report)

DEVELOPMENT REPORT (8/7/80)

Karen Anderson

Funds received or pledged since June 17, 1980:

Carlson Companies	\$ 500	Unrestricted (\$50 shared with ?)
First Bank System Foundation	1000	Unrestricted
Super Valu Stores	1000	Unrestricted (\$100 shared with MEPH)
Cargill	1000	Hotline
The Minneapolis Foundation	1200	Hotline
Northwestern National Life Insurance Co.	250	Hotline
Otto Bremer Foundation	2000	Hotline
The Saint Paul Foundation	2000	Hotline
(notified by phone 8/4/80 but not yet confirmed in writing)		
General Mills Foundation - \$200 credited to LWVMN Ed Fund as unrestricted pass-through from \$2000 contribution to LWVUS Ed Fund		

Thanks to Jeannette, the funds (or promises of funds) have rolled in since the June Board meeting. It's an imposing (and challenging) list. Work has begun on the updated Annual Report which we hope to have ready in September when the funding calls will begin again.

We're also renewing efforts to get funding for the Election Hotline project. We've received grants of \$7950 toward our goal (revised) of \$18000. The revised goal reflects the decision to eliminate the Hotline for the primary election. We are proceeding with plans for four days of Hotline before the general election (Oct. 30 and 31 and Nov. 3 and 4).

Thanks for the good wishes so many of you have shared with me. Please remember to pass on your hot tips and random gossip for future funding sources.

4. AmERicA Reports - June, July

REVISION OF AGENDA

5. Resignations/appointments: motion: to accept the resignation of Pam Berkwitz as LWVMN President effective September 1, 1980, with deep regret.

Background Information

Pam has accepted the position of Administrative Director of the Minnesota Business Partnership and will be working fulltime in Minneapolis. According to the bylaws the First Vice President, Harriette Burkhalter, will become the President of LWVMN effective September 1, 1980.

motion: to accept the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as Government Co-chair on the LWVMN Board.

6. Approval of hiring: motion: to approve the hiring of Karen Anderson as Development/Public Relations staff person.

Background Information

Karen, a former M.E.P.H. president, state Board member, and Hope Washburn Award winner, began working for LWVMN on July 7, 1980. She's doing a super job!

7. Amendment flyer: motion: to authorize the Executive Director to lend money from reserves to LWVMN/ballot issues fund.

Background Information

One major cost of our ballot campaign will be the printing of 50,000 amendment promotion flyers to be distributed through local Leagues and at State Fair and other meetings. Our estimate is that the cost will be about \$1,000. We hope to raise funds through contributions from former state Board members and other contributors to fund our ballot campaign. We need to print the flyer now but will be raising \$ for the fund over the next few months. If we need to pay the printing bill before we have funds raised, the Executive Director would like permission to draw on reserves and pay back reserves when money is raised.

8. Department of Commerce: motion: to approve the contents of LWVMN's registration and annual reports to the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Background Information

LWVMN must file these reports with the Commerce Department because we will raise more than \$10,000 a year in contributions.

9. Administrative Law Seminar: motion: to co-sponsor with the Minnesota Project a Seminar entitled "Administrative Law for Citizens Advocacy Groups."

Background Information

See enclosed draft program and proposal.

DISCUSSION

10. State Fair '80: We are all set to go ahead with our booth August 21-September 1. We do need several state Board people to volunteer to deliver and pick up cash box a.m. and p.m.
11. Membership Campaign: now that the workshops are completed, we need to talk about further strategy (see attached budget). The brochures have been delivered, and we should talk about their distribution.
12. Ballot Campaign: I&R fallout (reply to St. Paul DISPATCH enclosed); any ideas for tactics?
13. Focus on Five Amendments: This FOCUS is close to being finally organized. There is a separate sheet in your packet containing the agenda and our speakers. The remaining question is what the actual goals and content of the afternoon advocacy workshops are. Any thoughts?
14. Citizen Information - Focus on Transportation 2000: The transportation fraternity considered our co-sponsorship request at their July 29 Board meeting. The results should be in soon. However, we do need to determine the target audience for this FOCUS.

15. Fall Workshops

INFORMATION

16. Action

17. Information: with encouragement from Mary Waldo, we decided to cooperate again with the Minnesota Bankers Association in a drive to register citizens at banks during "Voter Registration Week" October 6-10. Banks will be encouraged to contact local Leagues (and vice versa) to arrange details. Joan Newmark has sent a letter to our Leagues explaining the project.
18. H.R. 6161: "An Act of Congress" will be aired at 9: 00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, on KTCA-TV2. LWVMN will not be doing a 30-minute followup program (minimum production costs would be \$1,000). We have sent a memo to LWVUS regarding the incomplete planning and communication on this project. The LWV-White Bear Lake is using the video cassettes of this program for their September units. The Duluth, Marshall, and Roseville LWVs are evaluating this for future school and/or community use.
19. Presidential Debates: Richard Laybourne, Farmington, has made contact with LWVMN to ask if we might urge LWVUS to include independent and other minor party candidates in the Presidential Debates. Pam told him that we could discuss that if LWVEF had not made its decision by our Board meeting. According to our schedule of LWVUS Board meetings, it appears the decision was made August 7-9.

Service to local Leagues:

St. Croix Valley - providing a narrative about the river for a University Faculty Wives Cruise.

St. Paul - collecting papers from members for recycling to raise funds for the membership campaign.

Rochester - sponsored on radio a 1/2-hour call-in program for school board candidates and 5-minute spots during the week before election for city council candidates to answer one question.

Mounds View - Mayor commented on their excellent bulletin and said he would like to use some of the material in the city newsletter.

Grand Marais/Pine City - our would-be state units have bitten the dust, at least for the time being.

Worst Candidates Meeting of the Season - Bloomington - 6 people attended!

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STATE BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, June 17, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
Coffee, tea, and pop - bring your own "bag"

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AGENDA

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- 5 Minutes of the April 8, 1980, Board meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Minutes of the April 21-22, 1980, State Council - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Reports, April\* and May - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 2 AmERICA Reports\* - Higinbotham/Sawyer

REVISION OF AGENDA

ACTION

- 5-10 LWVMN Cash Flow and Reserves - Hall/Sawyer
- 2 Resignation/appointment - Berkwitz
- 5 VOTER Editor - Berkwitz
- 2 Election Hotline Approval - Newmark
- 5 Voter Registration Week - Newmark
- 2 INDIANS IN MINNESOTA - Schmitz
- 5 LWV-Falcon Heights, LWV-Granite Falls disbanding - Nelson
- 30 I/R&R Consensus - Burkhalter
- 2 The New Right - Higinbotham
- 5 Local League Presidents' Lists - Crampton

DISCUSSION

- 10 Development/Sharing Policies - Schmitz
- 15 Membership Campaign
- 10 H.R. 6161 - Bayless
- 10 Foci - Bayless
- 15 Constitutional Amendments - Information - Lake; and  
Constitutional Amendments Campaign - Lake
- 5 State Fair - Higinbotham
- 10 Fall Workshops - Nelson

INFORMATION

Action\* - Lake  
Minnesota VOTER - Rosenblatt  
White House Conference - Tews

\* Mailed earlier; bring with you to meeting.

REMINDER: BOARD MEMO material is due at the Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

(as we have them on the calendar in the office.)

- June 17 - LWVMN Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 25 - VOTER Planning Committee, 9:30 a.m., state office
- 27 - 1st Class BOARD MEMO mailed from state office
- 30 - 3rd Class BOARD MEMO mailed from state office
- July 4 - Office Closed
- 8 - Summer R&R Seminar, Alexandria, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- 15 - Deadline, July-August MN VOTER
- Summer R&R Seminar, Grand Rapids, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.



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- July 16 - Summer R&R Seminar, Metro East, St. Paul, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
22 - Summer R&R Seminar, Metro Location  
22 - Summer R&R Seminar, Owatonna, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
29 - Summer R&R Seminar, Excelsior, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

August

- 1 - Deadline for receipt of \$1.00 per member for Membership Campaign  
7 - CMAL Executive Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office  
12 - LWVMN Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., state office  
- MN VOTER deadline (September-October)  
13 - MN VOTER (July-August) mailed

Routine Attachments:

Voucher (green) and Planning Form (blue)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the April 8, 1980, Board meeting.  
Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the April 21-22, 1980 State Council meeting.
2. Treasurer's Reports (green - April, 1980, was mailed to you earlier; May, 1980, is attached): to be filed for audit.  
Motion: to approve the withdrawal of \$2,745.00 from reserves to meet bills.

Background Information

Sawyer withdrew \$3,000 April 1, 1980, to pay bills, as two grants had not come in. Since that time, \$255 has been replaced. Reserves now stand at \$16,592.16. With cash flow problems persisting, it is unlikely that \$2,745.00 can be replaced in the near future (see Agenda #5).

3. Development Report (see bottom of Treasurer's Report) - to be filed for audit.  
We have received \$250 in unrestricted money from the Tennant Company Foundation. We have also received \$1,500 in unrestricted money and \$1,500 for the Hotline from Northwestern Bancorporation Foundation and \$700 from IDS in unrestricted funds. "Hotline" proposals are at Bremer Foundation, Cargill, the Minneapolis Foundation, St. Paul Foundation, Gelco Foundation, and a preliminary letter has been sent to the Minneapolis STAR/TRIBUNE Foundation. (See discussion of Development Policy - attached and under #1 - Discussion.) In addition, we have scheduled an appointment with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.
4. AmERicA Reports - April and May, 1980.  
Not much business - we have hopes of moving merchandise at the State Fair and will ask Membership to share costs of project (booth and tickets). How about a special appeal once again to local League Presidents to push merchandise?

REVISION OF AGENDA

5. LWVMN Cash flow and reserves:  
Motion: To make \$10,000 in reserves liquid and to authorize Exedutive Director to draw on it if necessary to meet bills.

This is the projected cash flow picture for the summer (June, July and August, 1980); (does not include Membership and State Fair expenditures and income or possible Hotline funding).

Projected Expenses (generous estimate)

Salaries and taxes	\$11,715
Copier (2 months)	1,200
Capital Expenditures (postage meter)	180
Postage	1,600
Rent (July, August)	935
Telephone (June, July, August)	500
	<u>16,130</u>
+ Due	<u>6,178</u>

\$22,308 TOTAL

<u>Projected Income</u> (conservative)		
Per Member Payments not in (deadline 6/1/80)	\$ 6,000	
Anticipated operating from E.F. for Judiciary	2,325	
On hand	3,000	
Miscellaneous Income	1,500	
Humanities Commission	480	
% of Operating we can receive from money already in E.F.	<u>1,400</u>	
	\$14,705	\$14,705 TOTAL
Summer Short Fall	\$ 7,603	

Our basic problem is that our operating expenses (\$87,500) are regular, and our PMP income (\$46,725) which is our only source of regular income is only 54% of that amount. (For FY 1978-79 they were the same.) Our other sources of income are irregular and "iffy" - for example, we must make \$20,000 of our operating expense from grants, \$10,500 from miscellaneous income (Xeroxing), 2,400 from CAPITOL LETTER and DPM subscriptions, \$240 from cash contributions, \$700 from Precinct Locator sales, \$1,660 from ABC reporting. That brings us to a short fall of about \$6,000. We also must carry other non-self supporting activities - the VOTER, some committee expenses, some Action activities, delegates and affiliations.

Some steps we can take:

1. We can cut operating expenses by tightening up on extra staff, postage, Xeroxing, supplies (paper), telephone. This summer we could save \$2,000 to \$3,000.
2. We have increased our Xeroxing charges to our customers.
3. We must make self-supporting activities like Fall Workshops/Council/Convention/Day on the Hill/publications pay allocated operating expenses. This means figuring costs and applying a % (maybe up to 20%) to get registration fees or publication price. We may get some complaints from local Leagues.
4. We are exploring means to make the VOTER self-supporting - through the Ed Fund and/or advertising.
5. We must have a successfull Development/Education fund drive. (We can ask for grants from Ed Fund in advance.)
6. We can urge local Leagues to meet PMP deadlines and billings. There is nothing worse than trying to play "catch-up."
7. We can make sure that we don't lose money on grants - for example, Humanities Commission grants are costly to us because we have to provide matching funds.

What you can do:

1. Please let Sawyer know at least 3 days in advance when you have work to be done in the office and allow us time to get it done. We can save on staff if we can plan ahead.
2. Evaluate carefully any mailings, communications, publications, meetings, BOARD MEMO and 3rd class materials. If it isn't crucial, maybe we can dispense with it or find the cheapest way to do it.
3. Be patient - we will pay your voucher, but it may take time. We do, however, urge you to submit them.
7. Resignation/appointment:  
Motion: to accept the resignation of Jeannette Kahlenberg as Development/PR staff person with deep regret.

Background Information

Jeannette is moving to New Jersey with her family. Office Management Committee is in the process of receiving applicants' resumes. We expect to hire a replacement beginning July 1.

Motion: to appoint Harriett Herb, LWV-Edina, as LWVMN Budget Chair.

Background Information

Harriett has graciously agreed to serve out Pat Wirtanen's unexpired term (6/81). How lucky can we get!?!?

8. VOTER Editor: Motion: to approve the hiring of Judy Rosenblatt as LWVMN editor.

Background Information

We propose to try an unprecedented arrangement for this specific position. Judy has agreed to continue as a volunteer on the LWVMN Board to perform these functions:

- Board member
- Chair planning committee for VOTER
- attend Board meetings
- write OUTLOOK and BOARD MEMO columns
- conduct workshops
- read local League bulletins
- write local League Action Box
- communicate with local League editors

As a paid staff member, her responsibilities would be to:

- edit VOTER
- edit Facts, Updates, F & Is
- edit catalog
- edit ACTS and PROGRAM FOR ACTION
- review membership piece
- edit Judiciary book
- edit Indians book
- work with printer on all above
- edit other similar publications

This specific position seems to lend itself to a Volunteer/Staff division. We can change this arrangement if it doesn't work out. Judy may not want to continue as a volunteer or vice versa. In other words, the volunteer position does not go with the paid position automatically. If this issue comes up again, we will evaluate each case on its merits.

9. Election Hotline Approval: motion: to approve the concept of an Election Hotline before the Primary and General Election.

Background Information

Jeannette Kahlenberg asked the Board to formally approve, as some funders ask for a Board resolution approving a given project.

10. Voter Registration Week: motion: to cooperate with Secretary of State's office in Voter Registration Week, October 6-10, 1980.

Background Information

This is the week before closing of registration for the General Election. Many of our Leagues will be running Voter Registration drives then, and we would all benefit from the added publicity.

11. INDIANS IN MINNESOTA: motion: to pay stipends to a researcher/writer and editor for the publication, INDIANS IN MINNESOTA.

Background Information

INDIANS IN MINNESOTA is just getting off the ground. Plans are to raise start-up costs in this fiscal year and publish January, 1982 (partly because of size of task, also because of census data). Liz Ebbott has agreed to work as chief researcher/writer. Stipends would, of course, be paid from the grant. Because of the enormity of the undertaking, the Executive Director, Development Director, and staff person believe a stipend is appropriate.



12. LWV-Falcon Heights, LWV-Granite Falls disbanding  
motion: to recommend to LWVUS that recognition be withdrawn from LWV-Falcon Heights.

Background Information

Falcon Heights has been a League in trouble for many years - no new blood to take over leadership roles. This last year they have not functioned as a League but have attended some Roseville unit meetings. Those doing the work were ready to disband long ago, but the less active members were not willing to see their League die. The vote to disband came April 14, 1980, at a meeting which I (Nelson) unfortunately could not attend. Before disbanding, they voted to divide up their treasury as follows: \$100 Emergency Rescue Squad, \$100 equipment for summer recreation program, \$50 Sr. Citizens Club, \$100 LWVEF, \$300 Roseville LWV, \$106.42 LWVMN. President Erma Olson did her best to dissuade the members from the charitable donations, but all, except the treasurer who abstained, voted against her. I did my best to reverse this illegal vote and may have succeeded if the treasurer hadn't dug in her heels and demanded higher authority. I called the management and training department of LWVUS. They said (1) we are not in the charity business; (2) the vote should not have been taken; (3) no League should disband without a state representative present; (4) LWVUS gives state Leagues the power and responsibility for handling changes in local Leagues status; (5) if the LWVUS guidelines for the process of disbanding had been followed, this probably wouldn't have happened; (6) they advised that pursuing this further might cause more hard feelings than gaining the few dollars would be worth.

I backed down on the money issue and met with the Roseville Board and Annual Meeting to help explain Falcon Heights situation and needs. Roseville LWV is accepting Falcon Heights members; Falcon Heights is bringing \$200, at least one Board member, and members for the Voters Service, Membership, and Finance Committees.

motion: to request that the national Board withdraw recognition of the LWV of Granite Falls.

Background Information

It has taken a year to get this far. To all intent and purpose, they had wrapped it up at what would have been an annual meeting last May - a year ago, that is. It took a series of memos and phone calls to get their formal request. We have received their remaining funds - \$188.23. They were down to 18 members. They were beyond even limping and had been for several years. (If it had been a horse, we would have shot it three years ago.) They have had attention - calendar planning meetings and all. They never acted on a thing that was suggested to them. There has been all but no leadership for more than three years. At a certain point in time, this became inevitable.

13. I/R&R Consensus (see enclosed committee report): motion: to adopt the following as LWVMN's position on I/R&R:  
14. The New Right: motion: I move LWVMN become a member of \_\_\_\_\_

Background Information

\_\_\_\_\_ the coalition of organizations to counteract the influence of the "new right" has adopted a formal statement of objectives and goals. We are being asked to join the group. Annual dues are \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Local League Presidents Lists: motion: that President, Executive Director, and appropriate Program chair make decision in requests for local League mailing lists.

Background Information

We have many routine requests. It's hard to wait for Board meetings and frustrating to take up Board time. We may still come to Board with "touchy" requests.

16. Battered Women's Consortium: motion: I move that LWVMN become a member of \_\_\_\_\_; dues are \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Background Information

We need to join to stay on their mailing list.



DISCUSSION

1. Development: Sharing Policy (see attached blue).
2. Membership Campaign: Board needs to approve the following budget for the Membership Recruitment Campaign:

Telephone (liaison)	\$ 200.00
Newsletter (7 issues)	300.00
Workshops	1,000.00
Committee Expenses	650.00
Publications	90.00
State Fair Booth	250.00
Brochures (printing)	1,000.00
Distribution of 10,000 flyers	310.00
	<u>\$3,660.00</u>

\$1,340 remains for Public Service Announcements and/or professional P.R./graphics help.

Timeline: Monthly Focus Newsletters - June-January	)	
Press Release I/R&R	)	July
Workshops	)	
State Fair Booth (brochures there)	)	August 21-September 1
Local League membership Events	)	
Special Limited Direct Mail	)	September
Debates, PSAs	)	October
Election; follow-up	)	November
Target; Recognition of Membership Chairs	)	January 1

See first Newsletter for details about membership workshops. We have decided not to use Split Infinitive, but we are looking for other graphic assistance (possibly free-lance person - we have 3 leads).

3. H.R. 6161:  
We have five videotape cassette copies of H.R. 6161, AN ACT OF CONGRESS, the highly acclaimed film on the passage of legislation through Congress using the Clear Air Act of 1977 as a case study. As a result, we have two discussion items:
  - 1) According to LWVUS, PBS will air this program on Monday, September 8, 1980, and will make 1/2 hour of air time available to local and state Leagues immediately following the showing to present programs associated with HR 6161. Do we want to take advantage of this? What would be our program be?
  - 2) LWVUS has provided a \$200 pass-through grant for distribution of the videotapes to local Leagues, including equipment rental. Obviously the grant will not cover distribution to schools or other interested groups; and, LWVUS has no additional project funds available now. What will our distribution policy be to other groups? (We are determining whether these tapes can be copied by school districts.)
4. Foci:  
Constitutional Amendments: The FOCUS on Constitutional Amendments is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24. The tentative agenda consists of: an hour-long panel discussion of the background and objectives of all five ballot amendments; a question-and-answer session; lunch; and workshops on the individual amendments. KTCA-TV has expressed an interest in taping the morning portion of the program. We need to finalize our thoughts on FOCUS goals, funding and participants as well as any publications that we will make available.  
School Discipline: This FOCUS is currently scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 1981. Would we best serve interested parties by planning this for Saturday, January 24, 1981?

Transportation: This FOCUS is set for Wednesday, March 18, 1981. We have asked Delta Nu Alpha, the transportation fraternity, to co-sponsor this even. Their Board has asked for more details from us, and they will make a decision on July 29 (in our favor, we hope!).

5. Constitutional Amendments: What kind of piece do we want to publish on the proposed amendments - basic information on all, or our positions when applicable?

Constitutional Amendments Campaign: (EPB decision should be available to hand out to the Board on Tuesday) - Mary Ann McCoy suggested asking former Board members to contribute to the ballot campaign fund. Any other suggestions? In view of EPB decision, we should probably establish separate bank account to keep all expenditures separate (on advise of an Action person).

6. State Fair: The cost of the booth plus tickets will be about \$450 to be shared by ERA project and Membership project. We will ask LWV-Minneapolis for a small contribution if calendars are to be sold there.

We plan to approach local Leagues again and ask them to provide volunteers to staff the booth. We do need a coordinator(s) to set up, take money in morning, and pick it up at night. Perhaps several people who live nearby could divide up the responsibility. Any ideas?

7. Fall Workshops: Come with topic ideas - planning must begin immediately. We have discussed the possibility of action and some constitutional amendment workshops out-state. We are doing some other workshops before that - the Summer R&R Seminars on Membership in July and the Focus on Constitutional Amendments on September 24.

#### INFORMATION

1. Action\* (committee minutes sent with mailing).
2. Minnesota VOTER: It's that time of year again - time to plan the MN VOTER contents and emphases for the next six issues. I have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m. I think all non-Program people should be involved, plus any interested Program chairs. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to schedule an article or suggest ideas, please put your input in writing and get it back to me before June 24.
3. White House Conference on Families: We are getting some correspondence in the office and some calls from LWV members who are delegates to the White House Conference on Families. We've heard from Janet Otwell, LWV-Illinois President, and three delegates from Michigan. In addition, West Virginia is sending two delegates, and the president of the LWV-Louisiana is a delegate.

4. S.L.L. (hilites and Hilarity):

Duluth - Must have been a great meeting. One unit met the next day to continue the discussion (subject not mentioned).

Moorhead - Congratulations from the White House on their 25th Anniversary.

Rochester - Ran ads for unit meetings on I/R&R. One was covered by TV.

Moundsview - The City Council recessed its meeting so it could attend a League meeting on hazardous waste. Resumed afterwards.

Minneapolis - Cable TV filmed their housing tour.

Brooklyn Park - A member donated \$100 to their national Convention delegates' expenses.

Cottage Grove - Financed the publishing of their updated survey plus more by selling advertising in it.

West Dakota County - Working with TCF on a concentrated campaign to pre-register people.

Red Wing - Tried a candidates meeting at 5:00 p.m. (results not known).

Chaska - Sent members of high school physical ed. department to Women in Sports.

CMAL - Office of the Governor of Michigan using their land use slide show.

Pine City - Keep having different people show at their meetings. If they have 10 paid by end of July, we'll have a state unit there.

Grand Marais - Duluth covered 1st meeting with them on 6/10, and Willmar has done some at Benson.

Stevens County - They need a ditch reviewer for the county ditch #4. Actually, they need a new slate of viewers. Apply Stevens County Public Works Department. Title: sensational. Pay - not much.

Most imaginative use of revenue-sharing funds for the month: CASS LAKE - City is initiating a dog-spaying project.

Most interesting proposition of the month - Hutchinson - in upcoming parade, they want their chicken to ride on the ambassador's bed.

Crisis of the month - Edina - went in the hole on the annual meeting because larger than expected wine glasses were used.

LLs - SOME OF THE THINGS THEY DON'T LIKE: SOME OF THE THINGS THEY WOULD LIKE (taken from annual reports):

Columbia Heights - Want direction from state on introduction of resolutions, etc., to be sent on to national.

Marshall - would like to see how positions are drawn from League policy (principles?). Also, do some mini-versions of major workshops outstate.

Cass Lake - Same as above on workshops.

St. Paul - Thinks state shows a lack of understanding of LL monetary problems, especially cash flow and sources of income.

Moorhead - DPM - not enough good material to make it worthwhile. Better to pay more and get exact presidents' mailing. Appreciated direct mailing of I/R&R.

Cottage Grove - Have PMPs reflect current membership.

Golden Valley - Get notice of meetings out more than a month in advance.

Duluth - The principle of equalization of expenses should apply to service to local Leagues. The proximity of Leagues to the state office should not be directly proportional to the amount of service received.

There was general feeling that the state Board should be weighing the fact that we are predominately a volunteer organization when making decisions about budget and Program.

There was concern that the state Board be more prudent in the method of allocating travel expenses.

It was suggested that perhaps the size of state committees should be limited in size, yet as broadly representative as possible. Others who wished to attend meetings could do so at their own expense.

There was some question as to how 41% of the budget was used for service to local Leagues. Perhaps an explanation or adjustment would be appropriate.

There was again the concern that study materials be published further in advance of scheduled study or consensus, recognizing the difficulty in securing grant money for specific materials.

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State Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 8, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha

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Coffee, tea, and pop - Bring your own "bag"

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AGENDA

9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of March 11, 1980, Board meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 2 Development Report - Schmitz
- 2 AmERICA Report - Higinbotham/Sawyer

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 2 Board Appointment - Berkwitz
- 10 Budget Amendments - Sawyer
- 5 Name change approval for White Bear Lake/Anoka-Coon Rapids - Nelson
- 1 Spring Hill Water Conference - Crampton

DISCUSSION

- 10 Coalition to Fight the New Right - Higinbotham
- 5 Focuses - Bayless
- 5 Citizen Information - Bayless
- 5 Council Announcements/Reminders - Berkwitz
- 10-15 Nuclear Issue/LWVUS Convention - Crampton

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Lake
- 5 OUTLOOK - Burkhalter
- 2 Focus Reminder - Grimsby/Crampton
- 5 International Relations - Llona
- Citizens League Mailing - Burkhalter
- SLL - Thompson

\*Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDER: BOARD MEMO material is due at the Board meeting. We're toying with the idea of not doing one this month, so if you have something you must get out in April, please let Sally know Tuesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- April 8 - LWVMN Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., State Office
- 8 - Waste Alert registration deadline
- 11-12 - Waste Alert Focus, North Hennepin Community College
- 18 - BOARD MEMO, 1st class, mailing (if we do one)
- 21 - 3rd class BOARD MEMO mailing
- 21-22 - State Council/Leadership Workshops
- May 1 - CMAL Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., State Office
- 2 - Flight to LWVUS Convention, 6:05 p.m.
- 3-7 - LWVUS Convention, Washington, D.C.
- 13 - tentative LWVMN Board Meeting
- 22 - CMAL Convention



ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the March 11, 1980, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (green): to be filed for audit.

Background Information

Because some pledged income did not come in before the end of the fiscal year -- some PMPs and \$6,200 in grants -- we found it necessary to withdraw \$3,000 from reserves (on April 1) against operating expenses. This will be reimbursed to reserves when our grant comes through.

3. Development Report (see bottom of Treasurer's Report): to be filed for audit.  
SUPER NEWS: We have heard (unofficially) that the Minnesota Bar Association Foundation has fully funded the Judiciary project at \$6,000.

Our check for SALT II finally arrived from MTS on April 3. We were afraid we were never going to see it!

The Hotline proposal is in good shape and has been submitted to Northwest Bancorporation Foundation and the Bremer Foundation.

4. AmERICA (attached green): to be filed for audit.

Business has slowed to a trickle; however, we're looking ahead to sales at Council and Convention. State Fair has approved our booth for sales and also sale of LWV-Minneapolis calendars.

Revision of Agenda

5. Board Appointment: motion: to approve the appointment of Betty Bayless, LWV-Northern Dakota County, to the LWVMN Board.

Background Information

Betty Bayless really needs no introduction! However, she is currently the CMAL Action chair and has served on her local League Board for the past year. She will assume the Citizen Information portfolio for LWVMN.

6. Approval of Amendments to LWVMN Budget (please find and bring your budget):  
motion: to approve the following amendments to the proposed 1980-81 LWVMN budget:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grant</u>
18.	Cash on Hand	\$ 200	
22F.	Hotline		+\$ 1,200
22H.	Focus (Hazardous Waste)	6,800	
22K.	I/R&R (new category)	--	1,150
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Grant</u>
310	(Purchase for resale or giveaway)		\$ 350
992	Hazardous Waste Grant	\$5,000	

Background Information

We have reduced cash on hand by \$3,800 to reflect our actual position. We have added income totaling \$9,150 to reflect actual anticipated grants. We propose adding expenditures (under 310 for printing of I/R&R study and under Hazardous Waste grant) totaling \$5,350. In this way, we pick up the \$3,800 we were lacking in cash on hand.

The \$5,000 expenditure for the Hazardous Waste grant includes \$3,000 we expect to return to reserves to pay back operating expense incurred in the project.

We propose to put all proposed amendments on separate sheets of paper for the purpose of moving them. We also propose a fourth column on the budget to show what budget would be if amendments pass. Your suggestions/comments are welcome.

7. Name Changes: motion: to approve name change from LWV-White Bear Lake to White Bear Lake/North Oaks League of Women Voters.

Background Information

This requires approval by the state Board only. It's an obvious change for them. They are making no change in the basis of their organization.

motion: to approve name change from LWV-Anoka-Coon Rapids to LWV-Anoka-Blaine-Coon Rapids (LWV-ABC).

Background Information

Blaine merged last year. They have kept their membership up and are contributing well to the League. Since they are established as an integral part of that League, the name should reflect this.

8. Spring Hill Water Conference: motion: to approve sending Billie Franey as an LWVMN representative to the Spring Hill Water Conference at a cost of \$60 (overnight) or \$35 for daytime attendance.

Background Information

Conference will be held May 4-5 during LWVUS Convention, so Crampton will not be able to attend. The conference is entitled "Local Water Management: Issues in the '80s" and is sponsored by the Minnesota Water Planning Board.

DISCUSSION

1. "Coalition to Fight the New Right" - The League has been involved in an effort to form a Coalition to combat the efforts of "new right" groups. We are now being asked to officially join the organization. What are your recommendations?
2. FOCUSes - With Education tentatively scheduled for fall, should Transit be set for winter and "?" for spring?
3. Citizen Information - Is it appropriate to prepare a program and/or information on job-sharing and other League-supported legislation for local LWVs as well as organizations? Board members should be encouraged to share their thoughts on this portfolio with Bayless.
4. Council Announcements/Reminders - Remember that unless you have told Peggy otherwise, we are planning on you for Council. Peggy reminds us that at Council anything you want, you bring yourself, and that ice will be available in staff's quarters. Does the Board want to arrange a reception for local Leagues? Everyone could bring snack item(s) or beverages. Any other suggestions, concerns, questions?
5. Nuclear Issue/LWVUS Convention - Minnesota's stance at the national Convention re nuclear issue: As you know, National has recommended "no new program," just an updating on Human Resources positions and increased information on energy and nuclear. Our nuclear "position" has subtly changed during the past year, becoming somewhat more liberal, but still seemingly based on "no increased reliance." According to National, 50 to 100 LWVs (out of 700 or so responding) recommended nuclear as a new program. 300-350 recommended "Health Care"; 100-150, "Arms Control." This leaves LWVMN with a decision to make - do we make a concerted push at National to make nuclear a new program? Make a Statement of Concern? Urge greatly increased emphasis (money, programs) on alternative forms of energy? Any ideas?

INFORMATION

1. Action (minutes in mailing)
2. OUTLOOK - As you may have noticed, the "Outlook Committee" never met. We found it premature to do an OUTLOOK now for distribution at Council. Upon further consideration, it seems to make sense to wait until after Council and national Convention, when additional information is available for planning next year. Perhaps OUTLOOK 1980-81 could replace the May BOARD MEMO and be mailed to all local Board members.

Please prepare material with the brand new Board member taking your portfolio in mind. Try to suggest in new and creative ways the things to look for next year;

Pubs from LWVUS, LWVMN; what you plan to do - dates, deadlines to be aware of; events - i.e., FOCUSes, DAY ON HILL, Debates. Help the new Board member understand what will be expected of her. Will there be special events, or will she do the normal action things, or Voters Service, or unit meetings, public meetings, etc." Deadline for the material will be Monday, May 12, 1980. Thank you.

3. FOCUS Reminder - Hazardous Waste Focus is Friday evening and Saturday. Your cost as Board member is lunch only - \$4.25. We need volunteers for registration.
4. International Relations: Minnesota to Copenhagen Conference - \$25.00 has been sent for our support; we are listed on brochure. The conference is taking up four issues on Midpoint Conference on U.N. Decade of Women. State Department representatives will be there. In addition: Trade Focus; Speakers Bureau talks; Trade Project; reminder about May 1 Law Day, which we're co-sponsoring. reminder about May 1 Law Day, which we're co-sponsoring.
5. Citizens League mailing: Citizens League proposed to mail its "con" I/R&R study to all our members last month. We gave them a very high cost estimate and never heard from them again. Status of the I&R proposals at the Legislature may have had something to do with that.
6. SLL - (LLs are creating about as much excitement as the slow freight through Cutbank.)

Cottage Grove - held a special Program-making meeting that included a brunch.

Robbinsdale - a member owns a resort. Any member that wants to go up and work for a few days can have her pay contributed to the League.

Grand Rapids - the House subcommittee meeting on I/R&R drew 130 people.

Moorhead - super caucus work. Had a training session for high schoolers. These were repeated by all three commercial TV stations. They presented information on two radio stations and in persons for Lions and Rotary.

Hibbing - scheduled a special meeting just for letter writing. One of their precinct reporters for the caucuses was asked to summarize their findings for TV.

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State Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 11, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.  
State Office - 555 Wabasha  
Coffee, tea, and pop - Bring your own "bag"

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AGENDA

9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of February 12, 1980 Board meeting\*
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 2 Development Report - Schmitz
- 2 AmERicA Report - Sawyer/Higinbotham

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 10 Recommended 1980-81 Budget changes - Wirtanen
- 15 Membership Task Force proposal(s) - Schefers/Burkhalter
- 5 Lobbyist approval - Lake
- 10 Family Violence Concurrence - Higinbotham
- 2 Local League Presidents List approval - Sawyer

DISCUSSION

- 30-45 Outlook 1980-81 - Berkwitz
- 5 Liaison Calls - Nelson
- 5 League Spokesperson - Hall
- 5 Earth Day co-sponsorship - Berkwitz

INFORMATION

- 10 Action - Lake
- 5 Transportation Focus - Weinig/Schefers
- 5 CBS/STAR project - Hall/Newmark
- Council/Workshops - Nelson
- BWCA lawsuits - Nelson
- Natural Resources - Crampton
- 2 International Relations - Llona

\* Mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDER: Board Memo material is due at Board meeting - you've been super about getting it in on time - thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office)

- March 12 Transportation Focus meeting - 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- 21 Local League PMP due; 1st class Board Memo mailing
- 24 3rd class Board Memo mailing
- 27 CMAL quarterly meeting
- 31 End of fiscal year 1979-80 for LWVMN (please have vouchers in)
- April 1 1980-81 PMP response due from local Leagues
- 2 Action Committee meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- 3 CMAL Board meeting - state office - 9:30 a.m.
- 8 LWVMN Board meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- 11-12 Waste Alert Focus
- 18 1st class Board Memo
- 21-22 State Council/Leadership Workshops- Silver Lake Camp
- May 1 CMAL Board - 9:30 a.m.
- 2-7 LWVUS Convention - Washington, D.C.



ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to approve the minutes of the February 12, 1980 Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (attached green) to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report (see bottom of Treasurer's Report).

Some good news and some bad news: Honeywell turned down our request for funding I/R&R; however the MPCA approved our Waste Alert grant of \$5500, and H.B. Fuller sent us \$250 for precinct caucus P.S.A.s. The Minnesota Bar Association Foundation will review our request for \$6000 to fund Minnesota Judiciary on March 27 - initial reaction is encouraging. No funding for Transportation Focus.

4. AmERica Report (enclosed white)

For some unknown reason the New Republic keeps running our "one shot" ad for ERA products - week after week! The ad has brought in \$133 - as of March 1. Every mail seems to bring a few orders. (Can someone staff a booth March 26 at the YWCA at a breakfast meeting - 7:30 a.m.? Contact Isabella Rife at 296-1401.)

REVISION OF AGENDA

5. Proposed 1980-81 Budget: motion: to approve amendments in proposed budget as recommended by the Budget Committee.

Background Information

Please bring your proposed 1980-81 Budget (green) with you! The following changes are proposed:

<u>Income</u>		
#1	LL PMPs	\$48,400
	(3265 members @ \$14	
	269 members @ \$10)	
#18	Cash on hand	\$4,000
#22	B. Judiciary	\$6,000
<u>Expenditures</u>		
#190	(Direct Service to LLs)	
	allocated operating expense 40%	
	of \$87,500.00	\$35,000
#260	(Administration)	
	allocated operating expense 13.6%	\$11,900
<u>Judiciary</u>		
#932	Publication (grant)	\$4,500
#936	Allocated operating expense	
	@ 1.7% (grant)	\$1,500
	@ .1% (General Fund)	\$85
#940	<u>Human Resources</u>	
#942	Allocated operating expense @ .2%	
	(General Fund)	\$175
	Allocated operating expense @ 5%	
	(grant)	\$4,375
#943	Indians in Minnesota publication	
	(grant)	\$20,625
#960	<u>Government</u>	
#961.3	allocated operating expense @ 1.5%	
	(General Fund)	\$1,315
#980	<u>Voters Service</u>	
#983.1	How to Register flyer (grant)	\$760
#987	Voter "Hotline" (grant)	\$1,750

#989 TV Spots	(grant)	\$4,750
#989.1 allocated operating expense		
committee .2% (General Fund)		\$175
4% for grant		\$3,500

In essence we've discovered that we were showing allocated operating expense twice in the 900 series - both in the general fund and also hidden in the grant totals, which inflated the expenditures and made it difficult for us to balance our budget! We've also shifted more allocated operating %s to grants.

6. Membership Task Force Proposal: motion: that LWVMN recommend to Council a membership promotion campaign to be financed @ \$5,000 by a \$1 per current member assessment and by \$1,500 from the proposed 1980-81 budget.

motion: to approve the following changes in  
proposed 1980-81 LWVMN budget:

Expenditures - \$5,000 (for membership recruitment project)-  
(line 136) includes \$400 for membership promotion)

by taking from - \$300.00 previously planned for publishing FACTS  
(line 310)

(line 710) - \$5,000 from Action Committee expenses.

(line 721) - \$300.00 from Action/monitoring.

add a: new income category #24 "new member recruitment" of \$3,500 (to be raised by assessing each LWV \$1/head). At current January 1980 membership count 3534, local Leagues can raise this special assessment by whatever method they feel appropriate. We suggest a minimum amount of time and energy be spent raising money as we want their main efforts to go to membership recruitment.

The proposals to local Leagues will include the following possibilities:

1. target or goal of a 10% increase in membership;
2. target a time period for the membership promotion period - of 1-3 months;
3. recruitment and training of LL project directors to spearhead drive;
4. direct mailing to 35,000 people to encourage joining LWVs;
5. public service announcements or spots on TV and radio;
6. some kind of reward or incentive such as a rebate, free subscription service, discount, free trip to Las Vegas;
7. some sort of publication to assist LLs in drive.

We need your ideas and input; come prepared to discuss.

7. Lobbyist approval: motion: to approve \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ as lobbyists for LWVMN. Names will be furnished at the Board meeting.
8. At this time 41 of 69 LLs have concurred with the LWV-Minneapolis position on Family Violence. This is a total of 2541 members in 19 outstate Leagues and 22 "Metro Area" Leagues. Since our total membership as of 1/1/80 is 3534, this is 70% of our membership. (See enclosed map - white.)
9. LL Presidents List approval: motion: to send the LL Presidents List to the Minnesota Women Lawyers Speakers Bureau.

#### DISCUSSION

1. OUTLOOK for 1980-81. Please be prepared to discuss your plans for 1980-1981 year. (Bring a draft to turn in to Sawyer.) Include approximate dates for meetings, publications. Try to think about dates, events that we shouldn't overlook. (Enclosed is a calendar.)  
We would like to have a small committee to work on the calendar and finalize the Outlook before giving it to the office to type. Our goal is to have the Outlook ready for distribution to LLs at Council/Workshops April 21-22.

2. Liaison Calls. Would Board members be willing to make liaison calls to encourage attendance at Council and leadership workshops?
3. League Spokesperson. If news media ask LWVMN for a statement to be taped on TV, radio or quoted in the newspaper, every attempt will be made to refer such requests to the president, vice presidents or appropriate program chairs. If none of the above can be reached, the executive director is authorized to speak for the League of Women Voters. Does anyone have any problem with that?
4. Earth Day Co-sponsorship. Lynn Elling, President of the United Nation's Association (UNA) has asked LWVMN to co-sponsor an Earth Day Rally at the University of Minnesota on April 22, 1980. The Rally will include some involvement by a group of students who are working on a film for UNA on "saving our planet" etc. Groups may have exhibits at the Rally, but they are suggesting a fee of \$50-\$100. I made clear that we do not usually pay. April 22nd is the second day of LWVMN Council.

#### INFORMATION

1. Action. (Minutes mailed previously.) There may be some discussion about re-apportionment issues, depending on what happens.
2. Transportation Focus. We do need people to sign up to help move traffic and register people. Our most urgent need is to get bodies to attend - as of 3/7/80 we have 5 people registered (and 17 speakers on the program). Help!
3. CBS/STAR Project. The project was a huge success. The sample was drawn by Charles Backstrom, University of MN - survey designed by Minneapolis STAR - LWVMN recruited 198 persons to report the presidential preference from caucuses and report the results of the survey to the computer. Jim Shoop and Dane Smith from the STAR were more than pleased with the project. Three people, according to the STAR, did not report - as of now we do not know who or League - possibly the caucus was not held and the reporter phoned in no caucus. Finances -

LWVMN - \$200  
J. Newmark - \$200  
G. Hall - \$200  
Local Leagues \$4,140  
Office materials - \$56.45  
\$4,796.45

The project did not use staff.

Copies of packets to reporters are available and STAR survey is on bulletin board. Those not reporting - IR only -

Hill City - no one came - people from other IR precincts started calling people to come - still no one came.

Brownsville Township - League member attended - the IR caucus did not meet - no one came.

Holyoke -

Duluth Precinct 11 - ballots were passed out to elect delegates - 17 delegates, 17 alternates - meeting was adjourned prior to results - were told they would be notified by mail.

4. Council/Workshops. Workshop chairs: turn in your expanded content summaries, handouts and equipment needed to Geri today.
5. BWCA Lawsuits. I attended a briefing on the BWCA lawsuits given by Attorney Brian O'Neill at a Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness meeting February 16. We are extremely well represented in the lawsuits. O'Neill's firm donated 500 hours or \$35,000 last year and they expect to donate \$100,000 this year. If Judge McNulty decides the suits this spring (his goal), the 8th Circuit may finish by next year at this time. Then it will go to the Supreme Court. Other details will appear in the VOTER. A memorandum which details the history of the BWCA and



the legal arguments supporting federal regulation is being completed. Let me know if you would like a copy.

6. Natural Resources. If you are reading the Board Memos and Capitol Letter, you have some idea of what is going on in Natural Resources. To fill in the cracks:  
Minnesota Waste Alert: Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, at North Hennepin Community College, Brooklyn Park. Program is set--Sandra Gardebring will be our keynote speaker on Friday night, and a reception will follow. Full program and registration form is appearing in next VOTER. We have found a caterer ("Carrot Crew") who is willing to cater the noon lunch with as few throwaways as possible. (Cloth napkins, yet!) We are also using "recycled" mailing envelopes for our information packets. We have a printer who has access to 100% recycled paper, for the flyers. Cost is \$15.00. If you have suggestions about local groups who are interested in solid and hazardous waste, leave a name and address with Jeannette.  
Water: Committee has met once on the Framework water plan; no agreement among members on which state body or agency should be a coordinating facility. Agreed that membership needed more background information. I am trying to get the background written. At this point it looks like the Legislature is going to cooperate by simply renewing the Water Planning Board for another two years. The indication is that they will do something permanent before the end of next session.  
Solid and Hazardous Waste: The bill is wending its way through the Legislature---still in committee. I am in the process of acquiring names of those who wish to be on a state committee, and will probably have a meeting sometime after the 1st of April. I am looking at an update on the Solid Waste position.  
Nuclear: Patiently waiting to see what the national LWV suggests as a new study item (after their March meeting), if they recommend a new study. The Anoka-Coon Rapids Area LWV Natural Resources chair, Karen Kooda, did a really good job on a local nuclear energy study. Her written "Pro and Con" report will certainly go with us to Washington for Convention! Am looking forward to getting together with the delegates at Council.
7. IR. (oral)
8. Minnesota State Planning Agency has invited someone from LWVMN to help plan forums around the state to discuss community development issues. The planning session will be held Friday, March 20th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Metro Council offices, 3rd floor, Room E, Metro Square building, 7th and Robert, St. Paul. Please let Pam or Sally know if you're interested.
9. Convention Sales. Do you have any idea about what publications/products we should sell at LWVUS Convention? ERA stuff surely, but should we cut prices to move?
10. If there is anyone who is planning not to overnite at Council, let Thompson know, also - if you have pairing preferences. There are 2-and 3-bed rooms.
11. Service to Local Leagues.  
ST. LOUIS PARK - 60th anniversary celebration was on cable TV.  
WOODBURY - 2500 caucus flyers distributed with the community bulletin.  
MEPH - is hiring someone for secretarial work.  
ROCHESTER - participating in a mock caucus to be taped for TV.  
ST. CLOUD AREA - co-sponsoring a caucus information night with community ed.  
MARSHALL - again involved in presenting "how to be a candidate" at SW State.  
NO. DAKOTA COUNTY - purchasing buttons saying LWV...60 years strong...1920-80.  
WINONA - 24 new members this year - 61 to 75!  
STEVENS COUNTY - one of their members attended Family Life Conference in Alex.  
She made a statement (apparently a positive one) and was interviewed on TV.  
GRAND RAPIDS AREA - got 5 new members as result of CBS/STAR precinct reporting.  
EDINA - money raising event of the year - raffling a framed doodle of Bill Frenzel's.



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State Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 12, 1980  
State Office - 555 Wabasha

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Coffee, tea, and pop - Bring your own "bag"

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AGENDA

9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of January 15, 1980, state Board meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AmERica Report - Higinbotham/Sawyer

ACTION

- 20 Annual Reports - Berkwitz
- 5 Lobbyist Approval - Lake
- 15 Local Government Election Day Bill - Buffington
- 10 ABC Precinct Reporting - Hall
- 5 Hennepin County Precinct Locator Project - Hall
- 5 1980 LWVMN Council Workshop - Nelson
- 5 Local League List to State Department

DISCUSSION

- 5 Futurist Society - Weinig
- 5-10 Membership Task Force - Burkhalter, Schefers

INFORMATION

- 10 Action\* - Lake
- 2 Trade Focus - Llona
- 5 Transportation Focus - Weinig
- MAL Unit
- State of the Region 1980
- Service to Local Leagues - Thompson

\*Minutes - mailed earlier; bring with you to the meeting.

REMINDER: BOARD MEMO MATERIALS are DUE at the Board meeting....We ask your cooperation, because Betty Ann will be gone.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- February 9 Membership Task Force, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- 12 State Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office - Development Committee, 1:00 p.m.
- 13 World Trade Focus, NSP Auditorium, Minneapolis, 8:30 a.m.
- 14 60th Anniversary - LWVUS
- 19 Pam Berkwitz, Mildred Hargraves on Boone and Erickson - WCCO radio, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Day on the Hill; Reception at LWVMN office - 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- 22 LWVMN Budget Committee, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- 26 Hope Washburn Award Nominations due
- Precinct Caucuses
- 29 Action Committee meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- March 6 CMAL Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- 11 LWVMN Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., LWVMN office
- 12 Transportation Focus

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: Voucher (green), Planning Form for February 11-March 7, 1980 (blue)

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: to dispense with the reading of the January 15, 1980, Board minutes.  
motion: to approve the minutes of the January 15, 1980, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (green) - to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: (see bottom of Treasurer's Report) - to be filed for audit.  
Since the January Board meeting we have received checks totaling \$1,050. \$300.00 came from individuals who had supported the debates, and \$750 is for the Trade focus. We are still awaiting word from Honeywell (for I/R&R) and the Minnesota Humanities Commission (for girls' athletics).
4. AmERica Report (white) - attached - to be filed for audit.

Revision of AGENDA

5. Annual Reports: motion: to submit to LWVUS the following suggestions for changes or improvements: \_\_\_\_\_

Please think about the following and come prepared to discuss your ideas:

"If your state Board has any suggestions for changes or improvements in policies, procedures and services of the national Board and/or staff, please describe. Give reasons."

At the January 15th Board meeting the following reports were assigned:

Government - Buffington, Burkhalter  
Human Resources - Higinbotham, Tews  
International Relations - Llona  
Natural Resources - Crampton  
Urban Crisis - Lake  
Development - Schmitz  
Litigation - Nelson (NR)  
Public Relations - Weinig  
State and Local Program Management - Lake and Sargent  
CI/Voters Service - Newmark

6. Lobbyist approval: motion: to approve Catha Milota, LWV-Minneapolis, Margit Berg, LWV-Minneapolis, and Karlyn Fronek, LWV-Minneapolis, as lobbyists for H.R.

Background Information

Cathy Milota and Margit Berg (LWV-Minneapolis president) will lobby on the job sharing bill. Karlyn Fronek will lobby for H.R. issues - she has lobbied H.R. and Government issues in past sessions.

7. Local Government Election Day: motion: to support the bill regarding Local Government Election Day.

Background Information

Sound familiar - it should! At the Action Committee meeting, after discussion the vote was 10-2 (I think) in favor of supporting this bill. It was decided to go to the Board next, and then an information sheet will be sent to local Leagues, explaining the bill and the reasons why we are supporting it (if we decide to do so).

PROS: League position: Support of improvements in election laws regulating election procedures, voting, and school district elections.

Support of centralized responsibility in state government for achieving uniform election procedures.

League Principle: Right of every citizen to vote.

Places county, local, school district judges for district and municipal courts under Chapter 210A (Fair Campaign Practices).

Having all local elections on same day, November of odd-numbered years, makes it easier for citizens to vote. Currently, with elections spread all over year, difficult for voters to remember what election is when.

Traditionally, school board elections have lowest voter turnout and candidates tend to be single issue (ex: school closing) rather than consider all school district issues.

Easier to see how various levels of government impact on one another.

Less costly for school boards who would share cost of election.

All local candidates have same filing date; this would lower administrative costs.

Election judges needed only once for local elections - most likely easier to get judges, and cost would be less.

Media would tend to pay more attention to local issues if elections held at same time rather than at varying times throughout the year.

Voter will vote in one polling place for all local elections.

In precincts with more than one school district, governing body may designate more than one polling place in precinct.

No financial burden on cities - money to come from general fund.

Action Committee voted to support 10-2.

#### CONS

Supercedes home rule charter provisions on elections.

Elections that are currently nonpartisan may become partisan.

Election district problems, especially with several school districts in one municipality.

Just conformed to 1973 law (Sec. 205.07).

Primary election, if more than 2 candidates run for same office - double cost of election.

Allows legislators to run for county commissioner seats without giving up legislative seats.

8. ABC precinct reporting: motion: that LWVMN keep all of the proceeds from ABC precinct reporting project in the fall.

#### Background Information

This project involves reporting results from 65 key precincts in Minnesota to ABC. In the past a project director has received \$400 and \$LWVMN \$20-25 per precinct. LWVMN Board voted to include an income item of \$1,600 for ABC precinct reporting in the proposed 1980-81 budget. Our options are to ask the local Leagues to do this project as an LWVMN fund raiser (as always) and receive only expenses or to split proceeds with local Leagues, perhaps asking ABC for more per precinct and for an overhead fee for LWVMN office. Consider that the CBS/STAR project was a "windfall" fundraiser for 40+ local Leagues.

9. Hennepin County Precinct Locator Project: motion: when marketing the H.C.P.L. to corporations and organizations that LWVMN offer as a League service finding "political addresses" for an hourly fee.

#### Background Information

The Hennepin County Precinct Locator is available for \$75-100/set; some corporations (Toro and Northwest Airlines) have expressed interest in hiring a person to use the Locator to find employees' political addresses.



10. 1980 LWVMN Council/Workshop: motion: to allow Geri Nelson and staff to set price for Council and Workshops.
11. Local Leagues Presidents List: motion: to approve sending LL list to League of Minnesota Cities and U.S. Department of State, Office of Public Programs.

#### Background Information

We have been asked for LL lists by League of Cities. In the past, LWVMN has provided the list. The Department of State's Office of Public Programs asked for our list; when planning for speakers' tours, State likes to schedule several engagements in the same area; State Department calls our office and asks for names and numbers of specific LL presidents.

#### DISCUSSION

1. Futurist Society. Is anyone interested in representing LWVMN as an officer of the Futurist Society?
2. Membership Task Force. Report of Membership Task Force Subcommittee on increasing LWVMN membership. Contact made with outside firm for assistance in carrying out statewide membership drive. Cost of entire package is \$20,000-25,000, and tax deductible funds cannot be used. Sooooo, Subcommittee is pursuing planning a drive for next year and using \$2,000-4,000 of LWVMN budget to fund. We may propose that delegates at Council be asked to reallocate budget money to make membership increase a high priority. We have a number of excellent ideas for the drive. Some old ones, some new ones, some our own, and some suggested by outside consultant. Do you think the time is right to ask members to put \$ into a membership recruitment project?

#### INFORMATION

1. Day on the Hill includes an Open House at this office. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring goodies (bars, cheese, crackers, etc.) and to help out with registration, hostessing jobs.  
Please review the February 1st Action Committee minutes and come with any questions you have.
2. Trade Focus. February 13 at NSP Auditorium - registration is at 8:30 a.m. Sign up to help hostess. Please get your reservations in for lunch (if you want one) by Monday noon.
3. Transportation Focus, March 12. Speakers for the Transportation Focus are set except for two on the reaction panel. We need an environmentalist type as of 2/4/80 and one more user - hopefully from American Hoist and Derrick. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Board meeting for volunteers to help with registration and to moderate the small groups. Please indicate if you plan to attend the Focus.
4. Buffalo-Monticello LWV has elected to continue as a LL rather than going to a member-at-large unit at this time.
5. State of the Region, 1980 (FYI) - Conference sponsored by Metro Council will be held Tuesday, February 12, at the Radisson South in Bloomington. Speakers will address change, challenge and choice in the Twin Cities Metro Area in the new decade. Richard S. Scammen is the keynoter, and panelists are Charles Weaver, Senator David Durenberger, and Arthur Naftalin. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. Cocktails and dinner precede the program and begin at 5:30. Rservations were due February 5th, but you can call 291-6464 if you're interested.
6. Service to Local Leagues.

MINNEAPOLIS - About 250 attended the public forum on Changing Family.

(more)



MANKATO AREA - Planning a speakers bureau for I/R&R.

CROOKSTON - Couldn't happen to a nicer superintendent. Crookston High has been informed by the evaluation team that there should be more athletic offerings for girls and more opportunities in vocational classes.

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS - Most optimistic Program chair in the state - scheduled her unit meeting for the high school field house!

NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY - Members will go to Council meeting in each community (5) during February and present them with birthday cake and 60th Anniversary buttons.

FRIDLEY - Cable TV covered their meeting on reapportionment with Schaaf and Peterson. They got screen credits and all that good stuff.

SHAKOPEE - 6 members serve on the educational planning task force, all of whose meetings were at 6:30 a.m.

BUFFALO-MONTICELLO AREA - Gonna give it another shot. They've been given a year to try.

BECKER - Don't laugh. We met with 7 interested people including one man and the high school principal - a lady!

BROOKLYN CENTER - Received certificate for their years of service presented by the city.

STATE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 1980 - 9:30 a.m.

State office - 555 Wabasha

Coffee, tea, and pop - Bring your own "bag"

AGENDA

9:29 a.m.: Determination of quorum and Call to Order

Mins.

- 5 Minutes of December 11, 1979, state Board meeting\* - Evans
- 5 Treasurer's Report - Hall
- 5 Development Report - Schmitz
- 5 AMERICA Report - Sawyer/Higinbotham

Revision of Agenda

ACTION

- 5 Revision of 1979-80 Budget - Hall, Sawyer
- 120 Discussion and approval of 1980-81 Budget - Wirtanen

SMOKERS' BREAK

- 10 LWVUS Bylaw recommendations - Nelson
- 15 LWVUS Program recommendations - Lake
- 10 LWVMN delegates to LWVUS Convention - Berkwitz
- 5 Lobbyist approval - Lake
- 5 Coalition for Sex Equity in Education - Higinbotham

DISCUSSION

- 5 CBS/STAR - Newmark/Hall
- 12 Council/Workshop meeting report - Nelson
- 5 Liaison Calls Evaluation - Nelson

INFORMATION

- 5 Action - Lake
- 5 Membership task force report - Burkhalter
- 2 I/R&R Report - Burkhalter
- 5 Precinct Caucus PSAs - Newmark/Weinig
- 3 Focus meetings - Llona, Nelson, Grimsby
- 2 Buffalo-Monticello and State Unit - Nelson
- 5 Women and Sport - Higinbotham
- 2 BWCA suit - Nelson

\*Mailed earlier; bring it with you to the meeting.

REMINDERS: BOARD MEMO materials are due at the Board meeting; because of the late Board meeting and our jammed January calendar, please have your article(s) ready, including those for the 3rd class mailing if possible.

We need volunteers to help mail out I/R&R to all LWV members. Please check with Sawyer if you can work on this project.

UPCOMING EVENTS (as we have them on the calendar in the office):

- January 15 - LWVMN Board - 9:30 a.m., state office
- 16 - Job Sharing Committee - 12:00 noon, LWVMN office
- 17 - CMAL Quarterly Meeting
- 21 - CMAL Study Committee
- 22 - Legislature convenes; 1st class BOARD MEMO mailed
- 24 - 3rd class BOARD MEMO mailed
- 29 - VOTER mailed

- February 1 - Hennepin County Precinct Locator due to Hennepin County  
7 - CMAL Board meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office  
12 - LWVMN Board meeting - 9:30 a.m., state office  
13 - Minnesota and World Trade Focus, NSP Auditorium - 9:00 - 2:00  
19 - March-April VOTER deadline  
21 - Day on the Hill  
26 - Precinct Caucuses

ROUTINE ATTACHMENTS: voucher (green); planning form (blue).

ACTION

1. Minutes: motion: dispense with the reading of the December 11, 1979, Board minutes.  
motion: approve the minutes of the December 11, 1979, Board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report (green - in folders) to be filed for audit.
3. Development Report: see bottom of Treasurer's Report: to be filed for audit.  
Come prepared to sign up for funding calls.
4. AmERica Report (green) - in your folder - to be filed for audit.  
Current activity is slow. We are looking ahead to the ad in the NEW REPUBLIC and marketing as much merchandise as possible at national Convention. The sale of the remaining totes, notebooks, t-shirts would repay \$2,000 still owed to LWVMN plus overhead; we have dozens of notecards and hundreds of decals, buttons, and flyers.

REVISION OF AGENDA

5. Revision of 1979-80 Budget: motion: to revise 1979-80 Budget as recommended.

Expenditures

Transfer of funds

- 400 - VOTER
- 420 - printing - add \$1,000
- 430 - postage - add \$500
- 700 - ACTION
- 710 - Committee meetings - subtract \$600
- 721 - Lobbying/Monitoring - subtract \$900
- 980 - Voters Service - Subtract \$3,000 from Voters Guide Accrual and \$5000 from TV Debates - new subtotal: \$4,382.00.

Income

Reduce:

- 6 Non-cash contributions from \$6,000 to \$4,000
- 8 Publications from \$5,000 to \$2,500
- 9 MN VOTER from \$510 to \$260
- 20e Voters Guide accrual - subtract \$3,000
- 20f TV debates - subtract \$5,000

reductions = \$ 12,750\*

Increase:

- 10 DPM subscriptions from \$300 to \$400
- 12 State Convention from \$6,000 to \$7,000
- 16 Miscellaneous (supplies and services sold) from \$6,500 to \$9,150
- 20j Library from 0 to \$1,000

additions = \$4,750

\*\$8,000 also removed from expenditures

6. Discussion and approval of budget: motion: to approve the proposed 1980-81 LWVMN Budget.



Background Information

(See enclosed proposed budget - green.)

BEFORE GETTING INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY BUDGET DISCUSSION, WE NEED TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THIS BOARD:

1. Are we a "Committee of the Whole" or a policy-making body?
2. What type of decisions should we be having?
3. How long should a Board meeting take?
4. If Board meetings are shorter, could we piggy-back other meetings on that day (Action, Development):

The things we decide about the Board's role could have a significant effect on the budget by cutting down the number of meetings per year. LWVMN bylaws require eight Board meetings per year; in 1979 we had 11. The Budget as proposed does not balance. It will be the LWVMN Board's job to balance it by cutting expenses or increasing income by \$3,287.50. Please come prepared to suggest the changes you can live with in order to discuss the Budget in the most efficient manner.

7. LWVUS Bylaws recommendations: motion: to recommend the following bylaw changes to LWVUS Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Background Information

The Bylaws Committee is meeting 1/11/80 to discuss possible changes. Report will be handed out at Board meeting.

8. LWVUS Program recommendations: motion: to formally submit the following item to the LWVUS Board as LWVMN's Program recommendation:
- "A study of nuclear energy, including but not limited to technical, environmental, political, social, and economic aspects."

Background Information

At the May, 1979, League of Women Voters of Minnesota State Convention, delegates passed the following resolution:

- "WHEREAS, LWVUS favors promoting the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life; and
- "WHEREAS, since the establishment of our 1978 national consensus on Energy, we have become more aware of problems with the generation and use of nuclear energy; and
- "WHEREAS, there has been no progress toward a solution of radioactive waste storage problems; and
- "WHEREAS, this situation has raised intense concern among our members;
- "BE IT RESOLVED that LWVMN recommends and intends to promote the adoption at the 1980 LWVUS Convention of the following item:

"A study of nuclear energy, including but not limited to technical, environmental, political, social, and economic aspects."

Since then, we have notified LWVUS, state Leagues, and Minnesota local Leagues of our intention to recommend this study.

9. LWVMN delegates to LWVUS Convention: motion: to approve \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ as LWVMN delegates to LWVUS Convention.

Background Information

From the minutes of the January, 1978, Board meeting, we found that state Board agreed that President Borg should be a delegate. The Board discussed criteria for choosing delegates. Those unable to serve so indicated. Board members each voted for two delegates.

10. Lobbyist approval: motion: to approve Delores Hastings, LWV-Brooklyn Center, as a lobbyist for H.R.; Liz Ebbott, LWV-Mahtomedi, as a lobbyist for H.R.; Barbara Aslakson, LWV-St. Louis Park, as a lobbyist for education; Peggy Watson, LWV-Westonka, as a lobbyist for education.



11. Coalition for Sex Equity in Education: motion: that LWVMN continue its membership in MCOSEE and pay the \$20 annual dues.

Background Information

The LWVMN was a founding member of the Minnesota Coalition for Sex Equity in Education (Jeannette Kahlenberg is a past Chair). The organization is active in advocating: equal opportunity for women in sports in schools, affirmative action in hiring (especially women administrators, and other women's issues in education. Dues are payable now. They are \$20.00 annually.

DISCUSSION

1. CBS/STAR precinct caucuse survey

Background Information

See attached proposals from Minneapolis STAR and LWVMN (canary). Note that we have tentatively proposed that Newmark and Hall take full responsibility for the project for a fee of \$200 each, with LWVMN getting \$200 in overhead. Hall has directed a similar project for LWVMN with ABC. It is a good opportunity for local Leagues to make money.

2. Council/Workshop meeting report

Background Information

Planning session is 1/11/80. Report will be in your folders day of the Board meeting.

3. Liaison calls evaluation

Background Information

Was it worth the time? What kind of reception did the liaison idea get? Are there any problems with the assignments (other than Willmar, Alexandria, and Fridley appearing twice - should be with Grimsby)?

INFORMATION

4. Action - Minutes are in your folder.

5. Membership task force report - meeting will be 1/12/80 - report will be in folders.

6. I/R&R - publication is ready, funded by \$5,000 from 3M, \$500 from Champion International (Hoerner-Waldorf). It will be mailed direct to each LWV member in Minnesota, delivered to each legislator and Governor and members of the press. Also, the Department of Education is doing a study guide, and the publication will be sent to high school Social Studies teachers.

6. Precinct Caucus PSAs - Judy Weinig and I have arranged for a 30-second PSA on precinct caucuses to be produced by KSTP. An art student drew 4 cartoons, using the figure of the state that was used in the Financing State Government slide show. We will take the finished tape around to the Metro TV stations for them to copy. If copies are ready by 1/15, we will ask Board members to take them to outstate TV stations.

8. Focus meetings: Minnesota and World Trade - February 13  
Transportation - March 12  
Waste Alert - April 11-12

9. Buffalo-Monticello and State Unit

Background Information

We should know by Board meeting time whether or not LWV-Buffalo-Monticello decides to go with the State Unit plan.

10. Women and Sport

Background Information

LWVMN is planning a program on Women and Sport, in cooperation with the YWCA of St. Paul. We are applying for a Minnesota Humanities grant to fund the program, tentatively scheduled for May 21, from 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. Speakers will include historians, philosophers, and legislators who will discuss the past, present and future of women in sports, the concept of equality in sports and the reasons why sports and fitness are important to everyone.

11. BWCA Suit

Background Information

The case was to be heard January 9 or 10 - we will report the outcome.

12. Acid Rain Conference - see flyer in your folder. Geri Nelson needs someone to help staff an LWV booth February 2. See Geri if you can help.

13. SLL - A TYPICAL DECEMBER

MOORHEAD - 3 members have made a film strip on solid waste. It will be used in the schools.

MARSHALL - Copying two of the Energy films so they can play through Cable TV.

MPLS/ST. PAUL - Discussing possibility of meetings of Board counterparts.

BROOKLYN CENTER - What's the Score to entire school board and athletic director.

ARDEN HILLS/SHOREVIEW - Really into caucus promotion. Two units will have refresher course on the process in general plus mock caucuses. Another unit will be used as a strategy session for getting resolutions adopted.

DULUTH - Award for most improved local bulletin.

"QUOTE OF THE MONTH, CIRCA 1938" - This did not end his (Ed Crump) hatred. When the harmless LWV undertook a lady-like study of local politics, he (Crump) called it a group "hatched by the CIO sympathizers." (NOTHING CHANGES.)