



League of Women Voters of Minnesota Records

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 a.m. January 20, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Chapin, Pett, Nelson, Brustuen, Kelly, Thomas, Kehl, Grunditz, Everson, Livingston, Mason, Simmons, Alderman and the Misses Washburn, Streeter and Stuhler.

MINUTES The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with the following insertion presented by Mrs. Everson to be added to the first paragraph on page 2, December 9 minutes "If a definite date for termination is included in the bill it will probably be more than five years."

OFFICE Mrs. Hargraves asked for a decision on salary for Mrs. Luella Newstrom, formerly part-time, now full-time office secretary. Mrs. Hargraves explained that Miss Stuhler had assumed the responsibility for supervising the office, in addition to her legislative and field work; Mrs. Newstrom will handle routine office matters. Miss Washburn moved, Mrs. Livingston seconded the motion that Mrs. Newstrom's salary be \$140 and that the matter be reconsidered in May. Motion carried.

PUBLICITY Mrs. Kehl disclosed the offer of the St. Paul Pioneer Press to devote the front page of the society section in a forthcoming Sunday edition to a write-up of the L.W.V. The Press indicates an interest in state wide as well as St. Paul activities. Mrs. Livingston volunteered to work with Mrs. Kehl in securing representatives from local leagues and picturing appropriate legislation activities. Details to be worked out later.

FINANCE Mrs. Simmons presented the treasurer's report which included a report of the status of local league contributions. A copy of each was in the hands of each Board member and is attached to the file copy. Main points: Balance Dec. 31, 1948, \$2,228.82 (since Jan. 1, \$1,000 has been forwarded to the national treasurer); only two months remain in this fiscal year; local leagues have paid 71% of the total amount pledged.

Mrs. Simmons also reported for the budget committee, including a summary budget report for April 1, '48 - Jan 1, '49, and a proposed '49-50 budget. (attached to file copy). Discussion indicated approval of the budget committee's recommendations: to raise the price of the Voter from 25¢ to 35¢; to allow \$50 for modernizing the bookkeeping system; to discontinue separating telephone and telegraph charges into promotion and non-promotion items; to set up a petty cash fund. Further discussion and Board action on the budget were postponed to the February meeting.

STATE Chairmen of respective legislative items discussed the legislative
LEGIS- outlook in their fields of interest under the following headings.
LATION A. Operation of government

1. Constitution Revision. Miss Streeter reported that a bill is written and will be introduced soon, calling a constitutional convention (the bill will be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary). The question is whether to support such a bill or accept the idea of "piece-meal" improvement. Miss Streeter emphasized that much of the League's effort is "missionary", i.e. building up an appreciation of the need for and the processes involved in securing a revised constitution. There is apparently a considerable body of opinion that "we have a pretty good constitution and it is better to improve it gradually." It was pointed out that League support of such a bill (calling a convention) would not preclude support of satisfactory amendments were the bill lost. Mrs.

Livingston moved that the League support the bill as now written, calling a constitutional convention. Miss Streeter seconded the motion. Carried.

2. Legislative Research Committee. Mrs. Thomas recommended including in the Voter a summary of the committee's reports. It was agreed that the League would continue its active support of the principle of such a committee and appropriations for its operation.

3. Civil Service Act. Mrs. Everson reported that a bill has been introduced into the House which would put veterans' preference on an absolute basis. Since such legislation is in direct opposition to League philosophy, it was agreed that the League actively oppose such measures at the committee hearings and by writing to legislators (especially those on the civil administration committee) of our position. The League's position, see Dec. 1948 minutes, conforms to that of the Civil Service Assembly of the U. S. and Canada which supports a "modified" veterans' preference.

Mrs. Simmons moved that the League oppose any legislation granting absolute preference to veterans. Mrs. Gunditz seconded the motion. Carried.

B. Governmental Services

1. Housing. Mrs. Kehl reported on the Minnesota Housing and Redevelopment Act, passed in the 1947 session of the Legislature. This law was drawn with a two-fold purpose: (1) to enable our cities to qualify for any Federal aid to housing that might be available in the future and (2) to encourage private capital to go into housing and redevelopment of blighted areas in our cities by giving various kinds of financial and other aids. To keep this Act abreast with any changes that may be made in federal housing laws the legislature will undoubtedly receive amendments to it.

At the national level the U. S. L.W.V. has supported legislation which would implement the kind of legislation Minnesota has on its books. In 1945 it was the Wagner-Ellender-Taft bill, which failed to pass and in 1947-48 it was the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill, which also failed to pass. It is hoped this Congress will enact a federal program which embraces slum clearance, urban redevelopment and public low-rent housing.

In approaching a program for housing in Minnesota the following points might be considered:

1. In the light of changing conditions, there is a pressing need in each community for understandable data about the need for housing.
2. The need for an increased supply of rental quarters is evident in many parts of the state, in addition to the need for an increased supply of reasonably priced houses for sale.
3. Public low-rent housing projects which may be developed with federal financial assistance under the Minnesota Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act should be permitted without local referendum.
4. There is need throughout the state for improvement and increased uniformity in building requirements, and need for technical research and studies to develop and promote the acceptance of improved and standardized building codes.
5. For municipalities without experience in low-rent housing projects the state should increase its technical and administrative help.
6. Investigation of existing emergency temporary and permanent housing built by municipalities and educational institutions is in order to determine the best method of disposition and replacement.

2. Education. Mrs. Chapin reported that while no bills had as yet been introduced, indications were that proposals would increase aids for the handicapped, for transportation to vocational school and raise the basic aid from \$50 to \$70 per total number of pupil units (kindergarten age - $\frac{1}{2}$ unit, grades 1 - 6 - 1 unit, grades 7 - 12 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ unit).

At present cities feel that they are carrying an unfair amount of the bill for education. e.g. Minneapolis pays out five million dollars and gets back three million. There is a disposition to withhold support of increasing

state aids until the assessments throughout the state on which equalization aid is levied are more equitably determined.

It was agreed by common consent that the League withhold judgment on increasing state aids and continue our efforts in behalf of improved assessment procedure and reorganization of school districts.

Mrs. Chapin reported that eleven amendments would be introduced refining the present law on Reorganization of School districts.

1. To allow an extension of time (a) to committees making the report, (b) to those reviewing the report (extend to 15 months), (c) for hearings between submission of tentative and adoption of the final report (d) for holding elections (extended from 9 to 18 months), (e) for survey committee.
2. To permit districts with graded elementary schools to have representatives on the survey committee (the Board's impression was that this was now the case)
3. To authorize the survey committee to recall the final reports for revision on recommendation of the state advisory committee
4. To include in the statutes a legal type of ballot for reorganization
5. To clarify and standardize voting procedures.
6. To clarify and standardize school board representation.
7. To require the survey committee to submit 15 copies of its report to the State Dept. of Ed.
8. To amend the state aid statutes to provide that tuition charged non-residents, not exceed the average cost per pupil for instruction, or the per capita state cost.
9. To provide additional assistance to county superintendents conducting the surveys.
10. To prohibit candidates for or holders of public office from serving on the survey committee.
11. To set dates as follows: recommendations adopted before March 1 to be effective July 1 of the same year; adopted after March 1, effective July 1 of the following year.

There was general agreement by the Board that the above amendments would improve the present law.

3. Health Units. Mrs. Kelly reported on two proposed bills:

1. A bill whereby one of more counties could maintain a consolidated health unit with a qualified staff of doctors, nurses and sanitary engineer. The county health board (appointed by the county commissioners) would appoint the county health officer for a five year term. He would select the other personnel on the merit system.

The law does not apply to a city now having a full-time Board of Health. This legislation is not mandatory and there was considerable discussion as to whether it was "enabling" or "permissive". In any event its effectiveness will depend in large part on the efforts of individual communities.

2. A bill (sponsored by Flom and Ottinger) to revise the present law. The main change would be to make the health unit a county instead of a township one. It would make mandatory a county board of health (two county commissioners, one resident physician) who would manage the health department and select the health officer (who becomes an executive officer on the Board). Jurisdiction would extend to all townships and all municipalities not now having a health officer with public health training or experience, and personnel selected on the merit system.

Discussion brought out that (1) the Legislative Research committee has issued a report on county health units (2) either bill is better than none (3) the bills do not conflict (4) the League might support both - no formal action was taken.

Mrs. Hargraves brought up the important matter (on national agenda) of government reorganization and the advisability of owning a copy of the Hoover report. It was decided to purchase a copy of this report.

Hope Washburn's generous offer to give a subscription to the Senate and House Journals of the 1949 Legislature was accepted with thanks and alacrity.

Mrs. Brustuen reported on the St. Paul League's progress on the civic handbook. The book, which promises to be most attractive as well as accurately informative, will be off the press early in March. It was agreed that during state convention something very special be done to give the book a send-off.

It was suggested by the President that Miss Washburn confer with Mrs. Dibble and Mrs. Pett after their return from the United Nations Conference at Lake Success and determine ways in which they might share this experience with local leagues.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to meet again on February 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S STATEMENT
DECEMBER 1 through the 31st

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BALANCE ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1948

\$1,200.10

INCOME:

Local League Support	\$1,138.33
National Publications	97.33
The Articulate Voter	53.25
State Members-at-Large	2.00
State Publications	7.04
Direct Contributions	75.00
Miscellaneous	<u>131.48</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,504.43

1,504.43
\$2,704.53

EXPENDITURES:

General Administration:

Rent	\$ 25.00	
Electricity	1.50	
Supplies	81.96	
Telephone	20.49	
Bank Charges	2.07	
Insurance	<u>10.00</u>	\$ 141.02

Direct Service to Local Leagues:

League Promotional Travel	3.50	
Postage	23.00	
The Articulate Voter	<u>22.94</u>	49.44

Salaries

Executive	239.55	
Clerical	<u>45.70</u>	<u>285.25</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$475.71

475.71

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1948

\$2,228.82

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
227 Seventh Street, Room 417
Minneapolis 2, Minn. (At. 0941)

PROPOSED BUDGET
1949-1950

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I N C O M E

Local League Support	\$10,354.00
State Members-at-Large	30.00
National Publications	150.00
State Publications	100.00
State Convention	200.00
Bulletins (The Articulate Voter)	1,300.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00
Direct Contributions	700.00
Audit Contributed	25.00
College Dues	16.00
Petty Cash	10.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
TOTAL	<u>\$12,940.00</u>

E X P E N D I T U R E S

General Administration:

Audit	\$ 25.00	\$
Equipment (repair & replacement)	100.00	
Insurance		
Liability	10.00	
Fire	5.00	
Rent	320.00	
Supplies	400.00	
Taxes (Soc. Sec. & Pers. Prop.)	75.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	250.00	
Board Meeting Expenses	160.00	
President's Expenses	175.00	
Delegates' Expenses	200.00	
Bank Charges	10.00	
Bookkeeping	50.00	
Petty Cash	10.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>	1,815.00

Direct Services to Local Leagues:

League Promotion Travel	\$ 800.00	
Postage	250.00	
National Publications	150.00	
State Publications	100.00	
State Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	<u>800.00</u>	2,100.00

Salaries

Executive Staff	\$3,700.00	
Clerical Staff	<u>625.00</u>	4,325.00

National Services

State Convention		<u>100.00</u>
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TOTAL

\$12,940.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 a.m. February 23, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Kelly, D. B. Simmons, Pett, Chapin, Brustuen, McNamara, Dibble, Thomas, Grunditz, Nelson, Kehl, Alderman and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

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

BUDGET Mrs. Simmons presented the proposed budget for 1948-49 for final adoption by the Board. There was a continuation of the discussion begun at the last Board meeting centering on the advisability of several minor changes: reducing the amount expected from "Direct Contributions" from \$700 to \$500; allowing enough in the publication expense item to provide a small amount for free distribution; increasing the amounts expected from a few local leagues. Mrs. Kelley moved, Mrs. Grunditz seconded the motion that the budget incorporating the above suggestions be accepted. The motion carried.

HOUSING. Mrs. Kehl discussed at some length this year's Housing bill, explaining that it was about like last session's original model. In order to secure passage at that time certain compromises were accepted. The effort now is to improve the act with 18 pp. of restorative amendments. The greatest improvement, it is generally agreed, would be to strike out the clause which calls for a local referendum on low rent public housing, when the project carries itself with the aid of Federal funds. (If a local bond issue is needed it should be authorized by vote of the people). Mrs. Kehl discussed certain controversial issues having to do with management of housing projects and by whom it should be assumed (State or local housing authority).

Mrs. McNamara voiced the sentiments of the Board by commenting that housing legislation was extremely involved, not understood by the membership, and asking what position could be appropriately taken by the League. It was agreed that: Mrs. R. M. Rice be asked to testify at the forthcoming hearing in behalf of the League; we reaffirm our belief in the necessity of legislation providing for low rent public housing, slum clearance and redevelopment of blighted areas; we approve the proposed amendments as aids to flexibility; since this is a local matter, we take no stand on the provision transferring management of temporary housing projects to the local housing authority in the region in which such projects are located.

Mrs. Kehl mentioned the Welch & Wright bill which authorizes cities to engage in emergency housing if funds, as well as plans, for final disposition of the housing were approved by the voters by a referendum. Since this affects local communities, it was agreed that no position be taken by the state Board.

EDUCATION There was considerable discussion following a review of the January minutes at which time the Board had gone on record as taking no action on increasing per capita state aids, pending improvement of our methods of assessment and school district reorganization. Mrs. McNamara, abetted by Mrs. Hargraves, pointed out that these were two different things, that schools were in too desperate straits to wait for equalization of assessment and reorganization to come about, that the only hope of improving schools pronto was by increasing state aids. Furthermore, until some long range

objective study is made on education and how tax monies are used for it, we should stand pat against diverting any of the income tax funds dedicated to state aids for education.

Amendments which the Board approved in principle in January, on liberalizing the set-up and extending the time for reorganization of school districts have been introduced as HF371 and SF 675. They have been referred to the education committee and are reported to be favorably considered with a fair chance of passage.

Mrs. Brustuen outlined the pros and cons of the bill introduced to abolish the 23 special school districts in Minnesota. These special districts, each operating with its own rules at present, would automatically become independent school districts. Independent districts each have a school board of six members, are authorized to levy taxes for school purposes without the approval of the city council, may go to the voters to ask for bonds through a referendum, may purchase land for school buildings. The chief objection to such is that it negates "home rule", e.g. in St. Paul the voters recently authorized a per capita spending limitation for school purposes. Becoming an independent district would take St. Paul out of the per capita limitation, thus going over the heads of the "peepul".

It was suggested that the State Board could logically support this on the basis of its being a more efficient school unit. It was agreed that the President write to leagues that are in the special school districts, stating our intention of supporting the bill and asking for an immediate reply if they have objections to this position.

EQUAL
RIGHTS

In light of the fact that a bill has been introduced which would "memorialize" (importune - says Mrs. Hargraves) the Congress to pass the equal rights amendment, Mrs. Hargraves agreed to review our position on this old-timer for new leaguers and the press.

STRUCTURE OF
GOVERNMENT

Mrs. McNamara pointed out the difficulty of League action at the county level. No solution was presented.

VETERANS
PREFERENCE

Mrs. Everson was asked to speak for the League at a sub-committee hearing March 2, reiterating our belief in modified preference. Two bills are being considered, possibly one committee bill will result.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REVISION

Bills to call a Constitutional Convention (SF 659, HF 810) have been introduced and sent to committee. The one-page bill provides for an amendment, to be voted on at the general election in 1950, calling a constitutional convention. An affirmative vote of a majority of those voting is required to pass the amendment. The revised constitution would eventually be submitted to the people for approval or rejection.

HEALTH
UNITS

Permissive legislation similar to that killed at the last session has been introduced as HF 628 and SF 352 and sent to the public health committee where hearings start Feb. 25. It was felt that mandatory legislation, now being formulated, will probably reinforce rather than hinder the above. Mrs. Kelly will issue a call for action at the opportune time.

STATE
PROGRAM

The president reported that only 18 active and 2 provisional leagues had made suggestions. She gave a summary of the results. In line with these the Board agreed on two items for the current agenda for 1949-50. (1) Continued study of constitution revision (2) Analysis of state revenue and expenditures in order to understand and support fiscal policies which provide for present and future needs of state institutions and promote a sound and expanding economy.

When this information is relayed to local leagues they will be reminded that other items may be introduced from the floor at the convention.

ORGANIZATION

Miss Washburn stated that the Stillwater League has found it impossible to continue and moved that the Board withdraw, with regret, recognition of the Stillwater League. Mrs. Brustuen seconded, motion carried. The score for the year - 135 visits (compared to 72 last year), 107 of these to existing leagues. Miss Washburn and Miss Stuller expect to visit local boards conducting workshop sessions similar to Mrs. Horner's with the state Board. If requests for help in organizing new leagues are received, they will be considered realistically - i.e. rejected unless prepared to do a creditable league job.

The organization committee has been reorganized and consists of the following: Mrs. F. Kelly, Mrs. E. Brustuen, Mrs. C. Kerr, Mrs. J. Toutges, Mrs. R. Hedin, Mrs. L. Keyes, and Mrs. P. Allison.

CONVENTION
PLANS

Mrs. Hargraves appointed the following Board members to work with her in formulating plans for the annual convention: Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Brustuen and Miss Washburn.

UNITED
NATIONS

Mrs. Dibble and Mrs. Pett, U N and International Relations Chairmen respectively, gave enthusiastic reports of their attendance at the Lake Success Conference and the seven follow-up regional meetings held in Minnesota. The conference, financed by the Foreign Policy Fund of the LWV was attended by 54 state delegates and 10 national Board members. In brief its purpose was to inaugurate a campaign from March - June '49 emphasizing (1) the personal stake every citizen has in the UN (2) the progress U N has made (3) Citizen responsibility resulting in new and significant support for U N.

MISCELLANEOUS

(1) Mrs. Kehl outlined plans for the publicity feature to be carried in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on March 13. There will be seven pictures. Arrangements were made with several Board members to pose for same. (2) Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Mrs. Dale Yoder, secretary of the Faculty Women's Club, University of Minnesota, urging League interest and action in securing a well-qualified women member for the Board of Regents. Mrs. Hargraves will write Mrs. Yoder, assuring her of our cooperation.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katharine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

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MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting were read. Mrs. McNamara enlarged upon the statement she had made in regard to league activity at the county level and asked to insert the following:

"There is a difference of League action on county level because study and action must be carried on at local level but all changes must be made through the state legislation which puts it under the jurisdiction of the state Board rather than the local boards."

FINANCE

The treasurer's report was omitted. Mrs. Hargraves and Miss Stuhler informed the Board of the wonderful job Mrs. Meinecke was doing in the re-vamping of the bookkeeping system of the state League. After Mrs. Meinecke has completed this volunteer service to the League, the work of the Treasurer will be greatly reduced and the current financial situation will be available at the end of each day's business.

Mrs. Thomas moved, Mrs. Brustuen seconded the motion, that the President send Mrs. Meinecke a letter expressing the Board's appreciation of her generous contribution of time and talents. Motion carried. Mrs. Chapin moved that Mrs. Meinecke be appointed auditor for 1948-49. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was some discussion as to the distribution of the \$50 allowed in the 1948-49 budget for Board members expenses to monthly meetings. Mrs. Alderman moved that those members coming from the greatest distance (Nelson, Mason, Chapin, Lawson, Dibble) submit their transportation costs for '48-49 based on coach rates, to the Finance committee for pro rating. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hargraves pointed out that the State League does not set a very good example to local leagues in that it has not paid its national quota on a regular and businesslike basis. It was suggested that this be referred to the Treasurer and action taken early in the new fiscal year.

Forms will be sent to local leagues prior to the convention on which they will be asked to designate the amount of their pledges for '49-50. Local leagues will be requested to return these pledges before the convention.

Mrs. Lawson presented the budget. The Board recommended to the Budget Committee that a "special projects" item of \$30 be added to Expenditures, that it be understood that this is interest received from the Swisshelm Fund. To offset this it was suggested that the national publication income item be increased to \$880.00.

STATE

CONVENTION

Mrs. Hargraves reported on the tentative program submitted by the program committee and asked for Board suggestions and approval. The general set-up as planned by the committee was enthusiastically received by the Board. The final details and the appointment of a parliamentarian will be handled by the President and her "aides."

NATIONAL
COUNCIL

The National Council will meet in Washington on May 26, 27, 28. Each state is allowed two representatives. Mrs. Pett moved that the President and the future assistant to the president, Mrs. Thomas, represent the Minnesota League. Mrs. Grunditz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hargraves asked for suggestions on matters that Minnesota would like to have considered by the Council, also what services provided by the national organization Minnesota considers most helpful. Help on office procedure was suggested.

Mrs. McNamara emphasized the importance of briefing League members on the general principles underlying League program, rather than wishfully thinking that the average member will inform herself on the details and technical aspects of specific legislation.

A letter was read from the Minnetonka League to Miss Strauss expressing its opposition to the League's stand on Federal Aid to Education. Miss Strauss' reply was read also.

REPORT FROM
THE LEGISLATURE

Mrs. Brustuen reported on hearings in the House Judiciary Committee on the Equal Rights Amendment at which she and Mrs. Gruenhagen appeared as opponents. A friendly committee postponed further discussion until a quorum be present and it is probable that there will be no further action at this session.

Mrs. Thomas reported on Constitution Revision. The Senate Judiciary Committee has had two committee meetings on S.F. 659, (authorizing a constitutional convention) and has unanimously recommended its passage. Hearings are scheduled for March 23 in the House Committee (H.F. 810) at which Mrs. Thomas and Miss Stuhler will appear. Since a two-thirds vote of both House and Senate is required, it was unanimously agreed that an urgent call for action be sent to individual members.

RESEARCH
COMMITTEE

Considerable unfavorable newspaper publicity has been given to the committee's function and value since appropriations for its continuation have come up. Miss Stuhler will check on the current situation and recommend appropriate action.

EDUCATION

Mrs. Brustuen reported on the public hearing March 22, arranged by the Ramsey County delegation, on the Independent School District bill. Mrs. Hargraves reported that only one league had replied to the letter sent local leagues relative to independent school districts (see Feb. minutes). Amendments to the reorganization act will soon be reported out of committee.

No progress was reported on state aid legislation.

CIVIL
SERVICE

Mrs. Thomas reported for Mrs. Everson. H.F. 742, which originally had League support, has been amended so that the only remaining feature is that preference is taken out of promotional examinations. The committee's recent vote on recommending its passage was deadlocked with 7 - 7 tie but another vote will be taken in the near future. Meanwhile what to do about H. F. 1253 which applies civil service to all the political subdivisions of the state? Until the fate of H. F. 742 is determined no League position is indicated.

Board Meeting - 3

MISCELLANEOUS
ITEMS

1. Mrs. Hargraves will represent the Minnesota League at the forthcoming luncheon given by the American Legion Auxiliary for presidents of women's organizations in Minnesota.
2. A letter was read inviting the Minnesota League to send representatives to a Public Health Conference in Omaha. No action.
3. An announcement of a U. N. Institute to be held at Mount Holyoke in June was referred to Mrs. Dibble.
4. Mrs. Hargraves asked for suggestions of suitable topics to present to the Minnesota Poll Dinner. Suggestions were: Constitution Revision, U. N., Veterans Preference, Regional Defense Facts, Party Designation.
5. The president reported on the recent college league conference. College leagues, eight in Minnesota with about 200 members, feel that they are vital on their campuses, urge expansion in the state and request help from staff and board members.
6. The April meeting of the Board will be omitted, it was agreed, and the pre-convention meeting will be held on May 5.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katharine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

the total under Salaries and Salary Taxes by \$70. As mentioned above, \$5 of the \$75 item has been added to Miscellaneous to take care of the personal property tax.

7. Special Project fund - this item was added by board action to allow use of the \$30 interest that accrues from the Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund.

The total increase is \$27 (\$30 - Special Project Fund and \$3 subtracted from Board Meeting Expenses).

There still exists a discrepancy between the budget items and the new bookkeeping system. However, this partial revision will greatly simplify the job of the Treasurer.

If there are any questions or objections, please let me know before convention time, so any other revisions can be effected.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stuhler
Organization Secretary

In

cc: Board of Directors

- League of Women Voters of Minnesota
30th Annual Convention
May 18-19, 1949

BUDGET
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR 1949-1950

I N C O M E

Local League Support	\$10,329.00
State Members-at-Large	30.00
National Publications	880.00
State Publications	100.00
State Convention	200.00
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	1,300.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00
Direct Contributions	500.00
College dues	24.00
Petty Cash	10.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL \$13,428.00

E X P E N D I T U R E S

General Administration:

Equipment, Supplies & Postage	\$ 750.00	\$
Insurance		
Liability	10.00	
Fire	5.00	
Rent & Electricity	320.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	250.00	
Board Meeting Expenses	83.00	
President's Expenses	115.00	
Delegates Expenses	200.00	
Petty Cash	10.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>40.00</u>	1,783.00

Direct Service to Local Leagues:

League Promotion Travel	\$ 700.00	
National Publications	1,000.00	
State Publications	100.00	
Publication Promotion	25.00	
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	<u>800.00</u>	2,625.00

Salaries and Salary Taxes:

Executive Staff	\$4,090.00	
Clerical Staff	<u>200.00</u>	4,290.00

National Services

4,600.00

State Convention

100.00

Special Project Fund

30.00

TOTAL \$13,428.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 a.m. May 5, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Chapin, Pett, Thomas, Simmons, Dibble Brustuen, Alderman, Kelly, Mason, McNamara and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

FINANCES

Mrs. Simmons read both the monthly and the annual (year ending March 31, 1949) treasurer's reports. Copies attached. She reported that in addition to the thousand dollar "working balance" on hand March 31, 1948 another thousand dollars had accumulated during the past year. There was a considerable discussion of what is a safe working balance to carry expenses during lean months when expenses continue and receipts are slim. It was emphasized that the annual budget is made on the basis of productive spending with no intention of accruing surplus funds.

Mrs. Meinecke's letter of transmittal with the annual audit report was read, the report filed.

Miss Stuhler referred to several minor changes in the proposed budget and referred to a letter to Mrs. Lawson (copy attached) copies of which had gone to all Board members.

MRS. LAW'S VISIT

Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Mrs. Mark Law indicating that she would be glad to serve the state league in any possible way during her visit to the state May 24 - 28 or early in June. Due to crowded schedules it seemed impossible to make any decisions but several suggestions were made which the President will follow up.

NATIONAL SLATE

Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from the national nominating committee asking for suggestions for the next slate. Various suggestions were passed on to the President.

HAND BOOK
PROMOTION

Mrs. Hargraves announced the appointment of the following committee to promote sales of "You Are The Government":

Mrs. R. D. Gower, chairman	Austin
Mrs. W. W. Bixby	St. Paul
Mrs. Charles Rauch	Minneapolis
Miss Hope Washburn	St. Paul

PROGRAM

The proposed program for 1949-50 having been sent to all local leagues for comment, accepted by two, assumed accepted by others. Mrs. Alderman moved, Mrs. Pett seconded, that this program (attached) be presented to the convention. Motion carried. There was some discussion of the way in which the League Platform should be presented. It was agreed that Miss Stuhler edit this document and bring it up to date.

FINAL CONVENTION
PLANS

General plans remain the same as reported at the last meeting with some details supplied (see March-April Articu-
late Voter).

LITTLE HOOVER
COMMISSION

Mrs. Mc Namara pointed out that well qualified league members should be urged to serve as members of the "Little Hoover" commission recently authorized by the legislature. It was agreed that this might well be brought up at the convention.

OFFICE SECRETARY

Mrs. Hargraves announced with delight that Miss Stuhler would be in the office during the summer. Mrs. Newstrom has resigned and it will be necessary to seek her successor at once.

NEXT BOARD
MEETING

The President announced that there would be a brief meeting immediately following the convention.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 18 - 19, 1949
St. Paul, Minnesota

The annual convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota *(with 162 present)* was called to order by Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, president, on May 18th, 1949 at 9:30 A. M. at the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. K. E. Mo~~p~~ as parliamentarian. The secretary read the rules of the convention. Mrs. Reuben Brustuen moved adoption. The motion was seconded and passed. Mrs. Fallon Kelly moved that the order of business as ^{it} appeared on the program be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Hargraves announced the personnel of the following committees: Credentials, Mrs. John Moir; Elections, Mrs. Ted Riebosehl, Mrs. Gertrude Wallender, Mrs. Arnold S. Dahl.

After the president's report and her introduction of State Board members, Mrs. Donald B. Simmons read the treasurer's statement (attached document #1). Mrs. Allen Meineke presented the auditor's report (attached document #2). Mrs. Fifield moved its acceptance, the motion was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Samuel S. Gale presented the report of the nominating committee (see page 2 for slate).

After the panel on "Local League Boards" business was resumed. Mrs. Hargraves asked for delegate reaction to the proposal of rotating meeting places for convention, versus scheduling in the Twin Cities. There was no consensus but a number of comments favoring the former were made. The convention then turned to a consideration of the 1949-50 program. It was explained that the program would be adopted the following day. Mrs. Reuben Brustuen presented the case for continuing the item on constitution revision which reads "The League will work for a new State Constitution or for Constitutional Revision in the interest of greater efficiency and economy in government." Mrs. Brustuen moved and the motion was seconded that the above item be a part of the 1949-50 agenda.

Mrs. Milton Mason spoke on behalf of the item reading "The League will make an analysis of state revenues and expenditures in order to understand and support fiscal policies which provide for present and future needs of state institutions and promote a sound and expanding economy." Mrs. Mason moved that this item be included in the 1949-50 agenda of the Minnesota League of Women Voters. The motion was seconded. These items had been recommended by the State Board to constitute the 1949-50 Agenda.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
30th Annual Convention
May 18-19, 1949

Document 1.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

For period beginning April 1, 1948 and ending March 31, 1949

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 1, 1948

\$1,034.94

INCOME:

Local League Support	\$10,580.60
Members-at-Large	32.00
National Publications	1,518.48
State Publications	75.69
State Convention	290.48
Bulletin	751.69
Direct Contributions	913.75
Miscellaneous	<u>72.60</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$14,235.29

14,235.29
\$15,270.23

EXPENDITURES:

General Administration:

Equipment, Supplies & Postage	\$1,034.54	\$
Rent & Electricity	342.35	
Telephone & Telegraph	313.48	
Board Meeting Expenses	50.00	
President's Expenses	27.30	
Delegates' Expenses	160.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>169.98</u>	2,097.65

Direct Service to Local Leagues:

League Promotion Travel	464.80	
National Publications	1,713.77	
State Publications	88.75	
Bulletin	<u>546.11</u>	2,813.43

Salaries and Salary Taxes

3,492.01

National Services

4,600.00

State Convention & Meetings

262.70

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$13,265.79

13,265.79

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1949

\$2,004.44

I have examined all vouchers, bank statements, and records of the Minnesota League of Women Voters and submit the following analysis for the fiscal year from April 1, 1948, through March 31, 1949. All records have been reconciled with the bank statements, and are accurate.

It has been a pleasure to work with Barbara Stuhler and Mrs. Luella Newstrom who have cooperated in every possible way.

Mrs. Allan H. Meinecke

RECEIVED BOWD
SOUTHWORTH CO.
A.C.U.

AUDIT REPORT

Record of income from all sources - April 1, 1948 - March 31, 1949

	State Members	Contributions Members Non-Members	Voter	Publications State National	Pledges	Conven- tions	Misce
<u>1948</u>							
April	\$	\$ 10.00	\$ 58.37	\$ 3.26 \$ 20.64	\$ 177.50	\$	\$ -
May			37.79	8.75 53.86	100.00	164.00	
June		525.00	60.40	296.42	1,492.66		35.00 Cr. typew
July	2.00	25.00	2.00	3.10 77.38	388.43		
Aug	4.00	22.15	9.24	7.60 63.70	408.33		4.00 Ch. Gene. for license 1.13 Telephone
Sep	2.00		122.87	1.00 45.10	878.33		8.78 H. Humphrey postage
Oct		13.00	112.98	108.03	1,846.33		
Nov	18.00	18.60	134.08	3.00 110.05	1,055.83		2.13 Telephone calls
Dec	2.00		75.00 53.25	7.04 97.33	1,138.33	126.48	5.00 Mrs. E. Keyes
<u>1949</u>							
Jan		215.00	41.75	16.02 131.30	132.50		
Feb			41.00	6.87 88.87	777.91		8.76 Duluth
Mar	4.00	10.00	77.96	19.05 425.80	2,184.45		7.80 City of Mpls.
TOTALS	\$32.00	\$838.75	\$75.00	\$751.69	\$75.69 \$1,518.48	\$10,580.60	\$290.48 \$72.60

\$913.75

<u>Income</u>	
State Memberships	\$ 32.00
Contributions	
Members	\$838.75
Non-Members	75.00
Voter	913.75
State Publications	75.69
Nat'l. Publications	1,518.48
Pledges	10,580.60
Conventions	290.48
Miscellaneous	72.60
TOTAL	\$14,235.29

AUDIT REPORT

Record of expenditures April 1, 1948 - March 31, 1949

	Direct Service	Voter	Publications State National		National Quota	Meetings & Convention	President Expenses	Delegates Expenses	Board Meeting
<u>1948</u>									
April	\$ 49.37	\$ 4.58	\$	\$ 116.57	\$	\$	\$27.30	\$150.00	\$
May		28.16		300.77		38.85			
June	8.13	81.82		192.80	766.66	52.25			
July		14.26		91.27					
Aug	53.05	83.29		32.92	375.00				
Sep	22.58	83.29	50.00	110.16					
Oct	74.25		1.25	51.98	750.00	32.00			
Nov	127.33	100.52		356.06	766.68	13.12			
Dec	3.50	22.94							
<u>1949</u>									
Jan	42.44			105.55	1,000.00	126.48			
Feb	12.08	10.00		49.63					
Mar	72.07	117.25	37.50	306.06	941.66		10.00	50.00	
TOTALS	\$464.80	\$546.11	\$88.75	\$1,713.77	\$4,600.00	\$262.70	\$27.30	\$160.00	\$50.00

Balance brought forward April 1, 1948 \$ 1,034.94
 Total receipts April 1, 1948 - March 31, '49 14,235.29
 TOTAL \$15,270.23
 Total expenditures Apr. 1, 1948 - Mar. 31, '49 13,265.79
 Balance carried forward March 31, 1949 \$2,004.44

General Office Expense

Rent & Light	Telephone & Telegraph	Postage Supplies Equipment	Salaries & Salary Taxes	Miscellaneous
\$ 52.25	\$ 53.53	\$ 33.79	\$ 129.73	\$ 87.60
25.70	28.22	126.30	256.90	2.69
26.50	38.18	11.23	358.69	3.77
26.40	23.86	178.77	250.74	.84
26.60	15.54	35.60	185.13	5.76
25.90	24.52	125.27	167.80	1.08
26.00	17.74	191.68	447.69	16.31
27.00	24.29	72.57	210.58	7.64
26.50	20.49	104.96	285.25	12.07
26.30	22.61	58.55	313.18	27.17
26.90	19.30	47.20	533.16	5.05
26.30	25.20	48.62	353.16	
\$342.35	\$313.48	\$1,034.54	\$3,492.01	\$169.98

Expenditures

Direct Service
 Voter
 State publications
 National publication
 National quota
 Meetings & convention
 President's expense
 Delegates' expense
 Board meetings

General office expense

Rent & Light
 Telephone & telegraph
 Postage
 Equipment
 Supplies
 Salaries & salary taxes
 Miscellaneous

TOTAL

Miscellaneous Expenditures

Moving	\$ 36.65		
Lettering Door	7.50		
Maint. & repair mimeograph	12.00		
Painting furniture	30.00		
Moving	1.28	Moving	\$ 45.43
Adjusting typewriter	2.75	Maint. & repair furniture & fixtures	44.75
Membership - Nat'l. Municipal League	5.00	Personal Prop. tax	4.05
U.N. Publications	1.30	Insurance Workmen's Comp.	10.00
Release on Const. Convention	14.00	Others	<u>52.05</u>
Clipping service to Winn. Ed. Ass'n.	3.00	TOTAL	\$156.28
Trips with kits	3.75		
Prem. Workmen's Comp.	10.00		
Senate & House Journals	15.00		
Hoover Comm. Reports	10.00		
Pers. Prop. tax	<u>4.05</u>		
TOTAL	\$156.28		
Bank Charges	<u>13.70</u>		
	\$169.98		

Equipment

Grey enamel	\$ 4.76
Farnham	109.50
Typewriter	128.33
Painting desk #863	5.00
Adding machine	94.87
Semi-annual clean-up Maint. & repair	12.00
Painting desk	5.00
Repairs	<u>2.50</u>
TOTAL	\$361.96

League of Women Voters of Minnesota

I N C O M E

	1948-49 Budget	Actual Record
Local League Support	\$10,662.50	\$10,580.60
State Members-at-Large	200.00	32.00
National Publications	90.00	1,518.48
State Publications	150.00	75.69
State Convention	164.00	290.48
Bulletin	700.00	751.69
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	35.00	
Direct Contributions	625.00	913.75
Audit Contributed	25.00	
		<u>72.60</u>
		(Misc. including \$35.00 on typewriter, \$3.26 rebate on telephone calls, \$8.78 for postage from H. Humphrey)
TOTALS	<u>\$12,651.50</u>	<u>\$14,235.29</u>

E X P E N D I T U R E S

General Administration:

Audit	\$ 25.00	\$	
Equipment (repair & replacement)	125.00		361.96 (note: \$35.00 cr. on typewriter - net cost \$326.96)
Insurance (liability, fire)	10.00		
Rent & Electricity	346.00		342.35
Supplies	400.00		437.52
Taxes (S. S., Pers. Prop.)	75.00		
Telephone	200.00		313.48 (includes telegraph - note: above \$3.26 in rebates - net cost \$310.22)
Board Meeting Expenses	50.00		50.00
President's Expenses	25.00		27.30
Delegates' Expenses	140.00		160.00
Bank Charges	10.00		13.70
Furniture and Fixtures	<u>274.00</u>	1,680.00	(included in Equipment)

Direct Services to Local Leagues:

League Promotion Travel	\$ 766.50		464.80
Postage	200.00		235.06
Telegraph	30.00		(included in Telephone)
Legislative Hearings	50.00		
National Publication	100.00		1,713.77
State Publications	150.00		88.75
Bulletin	<u>700.00</u>	1,996.50	546.11

Salaries:

Executive Staff	\$3,700.00		
Clerical Staff	<u>625.00</u>	4,325.00	3,492.01 (includes Soc. Security)

State Conventions

	50.00		262.70
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National Services

	4,600.00		4,600.00
			<u>156.28</u> (Miscellaneous less bank chgs.)

TOTALS	<u>\$12,651.50</u>	<u>\$13,265.79</u>
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Mrs. Ralph Williamson spoke to a resolution (attached document #3) to "alleviate and prevent juvenile delinquency". Mrs. Bellows moved the consideration of the resolution the following day. The motion was seconded. Mrs. Bellows spoke in favor of the motion. Mrs. Thomas presented the Board's position in recommending a brief agenda, namely lack of time and woman power. The motion was lost.

Mrs. Allen Meineke spoke in favor of including in the 1949-50 agenda an item authorizing "study of fair employment practices legislation". Mrs. Mason again reminded the convention of the Board's position on a limited agenda. Mrs. Archdeacon moved that the convention consider this item on the following day. The vote - 38 to 39 against consideration. Since a 2/3 vote is required according to the by-laws, for such items, the motion was lost.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

The convention reconvened at 2:15 P. M. with Mrs. Hargraves presiding. Mrs. Hargraves presented briefly the general concern expressed during the noon hour over the rather hurried consideration given to Mrs. Archdeacon's motion. Mrs. G. V. Chapin, *as a member of the Executive side* moved that the matter be reconsidered. The motion carried and passed unanimously after supporting comments by Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Kehl.

After the panel on "Money Management" Mrs. Lawson read the proposed budget (attached document #4) and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded.

Mrs. D. B. Simmons read the list of pledges made by the local leagues (attached document #5) for 1949-50. They were most gratefully accepted for the Board and the League of Women Voters of Minnesota by Mrs. Simmons.

THURSDAY - May 19, 1949

The third regular session was convened by the president at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Samuel Gale read the slate as presented by the nominating committee the previous day. The president asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none. Mrs. Luther Long moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the following officers: President, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, Rochester; First Vice President, Mrs. Hiram Livingston, Minneapolis; Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Gambill, Wayzata; Directors, Mrs. Ray Lawson, Tracy; Mrs. G. V. Chapin, Kasson; Mrs. H. Loss, Northfield; Mrs. Fallon Kelly, St. Paul; Miss Hope Washburn, Duluth. Chairman of 1950 Nominating Committee, Mrs. Robert Crounse, Minneapolis

Resolved that the Minnesota League of Women Voters adopt a definite program to alleviate and prevent juvenile delinquency in the state.

Specifically, and as its main objective, take such action as is necessary to prevent the sale of intoxicants to minors, and to cause thorough enforcement of present laws.

Also, to urge the passing of a bill by the state legislature which would grant power of police to the ^{Minnesota} Juvenile Commission.

BUDGET
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR 1949-1950

I N C O M E

Local League Support	\$10,329.00
State Members-at-Large	30.00
National Publications	880.00
State Publications	100.00
State Convention	200.00
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	1,300.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00
Direct Contributions	500.00
College dues	24.00
Petty Cash	10.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$13,428.00</u>

E X P E N D I T U R E S

General Administration:

Equipment, Supplies & Postage	\$ 750.00	\$
Insurance		
Liability	10.00	
Fire	5.00	
Rent & Electricity	320.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	250.00	
Board Meeting Expenses	83.00	
President's Expenses	115.00	
Delegates Expenses	200.00	
Petty Cash	10.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>40.00</u>	1,783.00

Direct Service to Local Leagues:

League Promotion Travel	\$ 700.00	
National Publications	1,000.00	
State Publications	100.00	
Publication Promotion	25.00	
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	<u>800.00</u>	2,625.00

Salaries and Salary Taxes:

Executive Staff	\$4,090.00	
Clerical Staff	<u>200.00</u>	4,290.00

National Services

4,600.00

State Convention

100.00

Special Project Fund

30.00

TOTAL

\$13,428.00

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 417
Minneapolis, Minnesota
30th Annual Convention

Document 5

SUPPORT OF NATIONAL AND STATE LEAGUE SERVICES

<u>League</u>	<u>Number Members</u>	<u>1948-1949 Pledge</u>	<u>Proposed 1949-1950 Pledge</u>
AFTON-LAKELAND	36	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00
ANOKA	22	50.00	50.00
ATWATER	16	27.50	27.50
AUSTIN	119	300.00	
BATTLE LAKE	13	25.00	25.00
BEMIDJI	102	100.00	100.00
BUFFALO (PROV.)	26	25.00	25.00
CASS LAKE	16	25.00	25.00
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	21	50.00	35.00
DULUTH	272	800.00*	600.00
EXCELSIOR	43	75.00	50.00
FERGUS FALLS	61	125.00	175.00
GOLDEN VALLEY	39	50.00	50.00
GRANITE FALLS	22	25.00	
GROVE CITY	33	25.00	30.00
HIBBING	69	75.00	125.00
HUTCHINSON	51	100.00	75.00
JACKSON	19	35.00	35.00
KASSON	19	35.00	35.00
KNOLLWOOD PARK	28	35.00	35.00
LAKE CITY	28	50.00*	30.00
MAHTOMEDI	34	25.00	30.00
MANKATO	40	200.00	200.00
MINNEAPOLIS	1060	4300.00	4300.00
MINNETONKA	58	150.00*	125.00
MOUND (PROV.)	19	25.00	25.00
NEW PRAGUE	22	40.00	40.00
NEW RICHLAND	14	25.00	25.00
NEW ULM	22	50.00	50.00
NORTHFIELD	47	60.00	60.00
OLIVIA	20	25.00	
OWATONNA	21	30.00	
PARK RAPIDS	25	26.50	26.50
RED WING	72	140.00	140.00
ROCHESTER	221	425.00	450.00
ST. CLOUD	18	65.00*	50.00
ST. PAUL	474	2500.00	2500.00
SOUTH ST. PAUL	78	150.00	150.00
TRACY	17	50.00	50.00
TWO HARBORS	47	45.00	45.00
WABASHA	15	35.00	
WASECA	28	50.00	50.00
WHITE BEAR LAKE	45	50.00	60.00
WORTHINGTON	21	50.00	50.00

STILLWATER \$25.00

TINTAH-NASHUA 15.00

Inactive as of this year

*Additional contributions

The motion was seconded and passed. The secretary cast the ballot.

Mrs. Lawson presented the budget as revised in the light of the pledges received the previous day (attached document #6) and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made and carried allowing a change in the order of business to permit Mrs. Lincoln Thomas to present her report on the National Council meeting at this time.

After Mrs. Thomas' report the following members: Mrs. Lincoln Thomas, Miss Hope Washburn, Mrs. Reuben Brustuen, Mrs. Elmer Rusten, Mrs. Raymond Kehl, Mrs. ~~Albot~~ Washburn and Miss Barbara Stuhler, presented a discussion of legislative activity during the 1948 session of the Legislature. Conclusion: "Never underestimate the power of the League of Women Voters".

The next item of business was final consideration and adoption of the program for 1949-50. The three motions carried over from the previous day with regard to program items were again open for discussion.

Item #1. Constitution Revision.

Comments on this item: Mrs. Arthur ~~Steen~~^{Moeb} and Mrs. J. K. Moen of Minneapolis, stressed the importance of the county as a unit of government, more emphasis on study of its structure; Mrs. Rusten, Minneapolis, need of materials for guidance in such a study, standards to evaluate opinions of the local leagues within a county; Mrs. Meineke, St. Paul, reapportionment needs emphasis; Mrs. Lufkin, St. Paul, dedicated funds need study; Mrs. Rothman, St. Paul, is League of Women Voters committed to the conclusions drawn by the Commission or do we draw our own?

The motion to adopt this item on the current agenda for 1949-50 was carried by a unanimous vote.

Item #2 State Fiscal Policy. Comments on inclusion of institutions in this study. Mrs. Roy Nelson and Mrs. Raymond Kehl suggested an ~~editorial~~ revision of the program item for simplification. Mrs. Samuel Gale pointed out that institutions had originally ^{been} included to permit work on the mental health program in the event that this legislation had not been enacted by the 1949 Minnesota Legislature. There were several statements made by members pro and con this concept.?

Mrs. ~~Mo~~ gave a resume of Mrs. Mason's statements to help clarify the thinking on this item. Mrs. Lincoln Thomas reminded the convention that the program was a tool not an end in itself and that the League could not do everything.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
30th Annual Convention
May 18-19, 1949

*Revised copy
attached doc 6*

BUDGET
RECOMMENDED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR 1949-1950

I N C O M E

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TOTAL

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E X P E N D I T U R E S

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Publication Promotion	25.00	
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Salaries and Salary Taxes:

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National Services

4,600.00

State Convention

100.00

Special Project Fund

30.00

TOTAL

\$13,428.00

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The motion to adopt this item on the 1949-50 current agenda was carried unanimously. Mrs. Chapin amended the motion (attached document #7) in line with the expression by the delegates to omit the word "institutions". Mrs. Luther Long seconded the amendment to the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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Item #3. ^{Will} The League will study F E P C legislation in Minnesota. [?]

Mrs. Raymond Kehl suggested that even though the program is heavy, this item would not compete with others on the program. In view of the fact that the League has not studied this subject, a vote against adoption would be interpreted by minority groups as a vote based on emotions not facts.

Mrs. Allen Meineke supported the motion with the reasoning that government should help to secure these rights because of 1. the tradition of civil rights in the United States, 2. economic prejudice is wasteful and 3. the need for the United States to be in a strong position in carrying out its foreign policy in the promotion of amity among nations.

Mrs. M. G. Fredericks and Mrs. R. D. Gower spoke against the motion on the grounds, 1. the agenda is already heavy and time consuming, 2. the fact that this item would not compete is not a valid argument because every member should study each state item, 3. the problem is one for large cities and not rural areas, 4. delegates do not know how their league members feel on this proposition, 5. morals and human understanding cannot be legislated.

Mrs. Reuben Brustuen again reminded the delegates of the heavy program and platform. Mrs. Field wondered if the League could afford to go on record against F E P C. Mrs. Lincoln Thomas said that if the League turns down an item of study, it does not mean that we are opposed to that proposition.

Mrs. Raymond Kehl suggested that the reading be amended to read "civil rights". The amendment to the motion (attached document #8) was made by Mrs. Allen, ^{maine} seconded by Mrs. Field. The motion carried by a 2/3 vote of 60 - 26.

A motion was made by Mrs. Field, seconded by Mrs. Ray Lawson and carried to permit the Board of Directors to approve the minutes of the Convention. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 P. M.

After a luncheon address by Dr. David Bryn-Jones, the report from the Credentials Chairman, Mrs. John Moir, was read by Mrs. Hargraves. There were in attendance at the 30th Annual Convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota - 109 delegates, 15 State Board members and 44 observers, making a total of 168. The league with the largest attendance outside the Twin Cities was South St. Paul with a total of 15.

(10 local leagues not represented)

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A motion to amend the
main motion of ~~the~~
consideration before the
suse, to add ~~the~~
article the before the word
state as used in the
second item in the proposed
program, and to strike
out the word "institutions"

Mrs. B. V. Chapin

That included in the current ⁸
agenda ^{for the Minnesota League of Women} so the proposal that ^{Vol.}
the league will make

a study of civil rights
in Minnesota.

Edith Mennerke

The Convention was adjourned by the president, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves at 3:10 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine M Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

Barbara Stuhler

Miss Barbara Stuhler, Secretary, Pro Tem

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 A.M. June 17, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Chapin, Lawson, Moen, Wallinder, Abbott Washburn, Gambill, Alderman, Regan, Meinicke, Grunditz and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as circulated. The minutes of the Convention were read and approved with minor corrections. Mrs. Hargraves introduced the new members of the Board and the makeup of the various committees (see attached mimeographed sheets).

STATE ECONOMIC
ITEM

There was considerable discussion of the State Economic Item, one of the major undertakings for the coming year. Miss Stuhler read an outline which she had prepared as a basis for study and preparation of materials. In this connection Mrs. Hargraves called attention to a recent sampling of League materials distributed in an Eastern state, at the request of the Council by Mr. Fiene. It was pointed out that local Leagues are bombarded with materials which are not well timed or well spaced. Mrs. Washburn was asked to study this report with special reference to materials on the economic item which will go to local leagues in September. The calendar for local leagues being prepared by Mrs. Thomas will also be sent early in the fall to facilitate planning the year's activities. The advisability of having a series of area conferences or a state conference on Minnesota finances etc. at the Continuation Center, was discussed. Miss Stuhler will confer with Mr. Johnson about the latter.

CIVIL RIGHTS

The president asked for suggestions for a chairman for the civil rights item. She emphasized the need for an objective and scholarly approach to a subject too frequently tinged with emotional and personal bias.

CONSTITUTION
REVISION

Points brought out in the discussion of Constitution Revision: importance of educating legislators; need of materials on county organization to guide local leagues - Mrs. Hargraves asked Mrs. Moen to prepare an outline suitable for a county study.

EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hargraves stressed the importance of a research committee to look into aids and tax levies with the hope that the League would be ready by the next Legislative session to present its own proposals on which legislation might be based (Mrs. Regan will chair this committee).

VOTERS
SERVICE

There will be a regional conference during the year, sponsored by the National Board.

FINANCE

Mrs. Hargraves assured Mrs. Lawson that she would have a strong committee, especially to help her select and prepare material on finance drives. Mrs. Hargraves also pointed out that the Swisshelm Fund has never grown and suggested that it be promoted, hopefully to acquire enough money to produce an annual income of \$100.00.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
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Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

BOARD ORGANIZATION

ECONOMIC ITEM: Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder (Duluth)

Analysis of Federal Budget

Consultant: Mrs. Eugene Burgess

Analysis of State Revenues and Expenditures

Committee: Miss Ruby Britts
(non-Board) Mrs. Allan Meinecke

Local Tax Problems

Mrs. Russel Wilder (non-Board)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff (Bemidji)

Strengthening the United Nations

Mrs. Donald Dibble (non-Board)
Mrs. Glen Waters (Consultant)

International Reconstruction and World Trade

STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT: Mrs. Reuben C. Brustuen (Appleton)

National

Reorganization of Congress

State (Emphasis -- State Program Item)

Constitutional Revision
Miss Laurie Streeter (Consultant)
Mrs. Stuart Rothman (non-Board)

Civil Service: Mrs. T. O. Everson (non-Board)

Local

City Charters
County Government: Mrs. J. K. Moen (Consultant)
School Boards : Mrs. Alfred Partridge (non-Board)

EQUALIZING OPPORTUNITIES: Mrs. G. V. Chapin (Kasson)

Civil Rights (Emphasis - State Program): Board

Health: Mrs. Elmer Rusten (non-Board)

Housing: Mrs. David Shearer (non-Board)
Mrs. Raymond Kehl (Consultant)

EQUALIZING OPPORTUNITIES - continued

Education Mrs. T. P. Regan (non-Board)
Federal Aids Mrs. Alfred Partridge (non-Board)
State Aids Mrs. H. K. Painter, Jr. (Consultant)
Reorganization of School Districts

LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Hiram Livingston (Minneapolis)

Consulting with:

Education Committee
Constitutional Revision Chairman
Health Chairman
Housing Chairman

VOTERS SERVICE: Mrs. Roy Nelson (Fergus Falls)

Committee:

Worthington
Austin
Rochester

Local Election File

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Abbott Washburn (Minneapolis)

Consultant to all Board Chairmen and Committees

Press
Radio
Speaker's Bureau

VOTER EDITOR

ORGANIZATION: Miss Hope Washburn (St. Paul)

Mrs. Fallon Kelly (Board)
Mrs. R. D. Gower (non-Board)
Mrs. Jasper Toutges (non-Board)
Committee for Survey of Suburban League Organization

FINANCE: Mrs. Ray Lawson (Tracy)

Committee:

Mrs. R. L. Gambill, Treasurer

COLLEGE LEAGUES: Mrs. Gordon Grunditz (Board)

Committee: (Board)

Organization Secretary - Miss Barbara Stuhler
Organization Mrs. Kelly
International Relations Chairman - Mrs. Nickoloff
Economic Item Chairman - Mrs. Wallinder
Committee (non Board)

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE: Mrs. H. Loss (Northfield)

Mrs. Willard W. Bixby, St. Paul
Mrs. Charles Rauch, Minneapolis
Miss Hope Washburn (Consultant)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1949-1950

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
PRESIDENT	Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves	716 Fourth St. S. W., Rochester	(3803)
1ST VICE PRES. Legislation	Mrs. H. H. Livingston	1148 Kerkex Ave. S., Mpls. 5	KE 6069
2nd V. P. & Asst. to Pres.	Mrs. Lincoln Thomas	164 Bedford Ave. S. E., Mpls. 14	GL 1760
SECRETARY	Mrs. W. H. Alderman	1380 Raymond Ave., St. Paul 8	NE 5157
TREASURER	Mrs. R. L. Gambill	Rt. 3, Wayzata	Deephaven 2262

ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

EQUALIZING OPPORTUNITIES	Mrs. G. V. Chapin	Kasson	
FINANCE	Mrs. Ray Lawson	451 Third St., Tracy	
ORGANIZATION & College League Committee	Mrs. Fallon Kelly	730 Stewart Lane, S. St. Paul	
HANDBOOK PROMOTION	Mrs. H. Loss	200 College Ave., Northfield	
ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN	Miss Hope Washburn	2117 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul	DE 4996
VOTERS SERV.	Mrs. Roy Nelson	416 Maple St., Fergus Falls	

DIRECTORS

STRUCT. OF GOV'T	Mrs. Reuben C. Brustuen	Appleton	
COLLEGE LEAGUES	Mrs. Gordon Grunditz	6715 Elliot Ave., Mpls 19	PL 6939
UN	Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff	815 E. Howard St., Hibbing	
PUBLIC REL.	Mrs. Abbott Washburn	1911 Girard Ave. S., Mpls. 5	KE 2478
ECONOMIC ITEM	Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder	Spaulding Hotel, Duluth	
VOTER EDITOR			
CIVIL RIGHTS	Mrs. R. M. Rice	1937 Irving Ave. S., Mpls. 5	KE 8719
Organization Secretary -	Barbara Stuhler,	4216 Upton Ave. S., Mpls	WA 0133

ORGANIZATION

Hope Washburn indicated her intention of carrying on last year's efforts particularly emphasizing program, better use of Local Leader's Handbook, finance, board responsibilities, orientation and assimilation of new members. Visits to existing leagues will take precedence over those requesting help in organizing new ones. The latter should be carefully scrutinized for potential success before too much effort is spent on them. Miss Washburn pointed out that the League should take advantage of Miss Stuhler's talents and training as a resource and research person and take care not to dissipate her time and ability in too many directions. The members of the Organization Committee are: Chairman, Miss Hope Washburn; Mrs. Fallon Kelly, Mrs. R. D. Gower, Mrs. Jasper Toutges, Mrs. R. F. Hedin, Mrs. Robert Hedin, Mrs. Leonard Keyes, Mrs. Charles Kerr and Mrs. G. T. Norswing.

COLLEGE LEAGUES

Mrs. Grunditz reported that College League representatives will meet in early autumn to plan their programs for the coming year. The president and chairman felt that college leagues are worthwhile and should receive more service.

THE VOTER

No editor for The Voter has as yet been secured.

ST. PAUL HANDBOOK

Plans are underway for active state-wide promotion of the handbook "You Are The Government". It was moved, seconded and passed that if the time comes when the St. Paul League needs to borrow money for printing a second edition of the handbook, the State Board advance such funds.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Washburn was asked to consider whether she wanted sub-committees on press, radio and speaker's bureau and to make recommendations at the next meeting.

PAYMENT OF NATIONAL PLEDGE

Mrs. Hargraves asked the Board to consider the payment of our National Pledge (\$4,600.00) on a regular or systematic basis. Mrs. Gambill and Miss Stuhler were asked to make definite recommendations for some satisfactory plan at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mrs. Alderman moved, Mrs. Grunditz seconded the motion that Barbara Stuhler be authorized to sign checks for the League of Women Voters of Minnesota. Motion carried.

Two items that received some attention but no action (1) deficit of \$44.00 on State Convention - largely due to reservations for dinner which were not picked up and had to be paid for, (2) salary of office secretary.

The president asked Board members coming from outside the Twin Cities, to keep a record of their expenses in attending meetings so that they may be presented later (possibly mid-year) for allocation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10:00 A. M., August 11, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Kelly, Chapin, Wallinder, Brustuen, Washburn, Hale, Rice, Lawson, Meinecke, Alderman, Samuelson, Nelson, Everson, Moen and Miss Washburn.

SECRETARY'S
REPORT

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. It was agreed that the practice of sending a summary of Board minutes to local League presidents be discontinued, items of importance to be included in the President's letter. After some discussion the Board agreed that the President ask local Leagues to forward to her copies of minutes of their board meetings and/or planning and business meetings.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

In Mrs. Gambill's absence the secretary read the treasurer's report which showed a balance on July 31 of \$1,495.96. Mrs. Chapin moved and Mrs. Wallinder seconded the motion, that the state's quota to the national budget be paid in equal monthly instalments. Motion carried. Mrs. Gambill was instructed to send a letter to the national treasurer to this effect.

HANDBOOK

Mrs. Hargraves announced the resignation from the Board of Mrs. H. Loss of Northfield. Since Mrs. Loss was to have been chairman of the Handbook Committee, this important post is unfilled. The president asked for and received suggestions for a chairman. Ways of promoting the handbook were suggested eg. selling at county fairs and conventions, radio quiz programs etcetera. Mrs. Hargraves stressed the responsibility of the state Board for pushing the book and the importance of having promotion materials ready for an early fall campaign. Mrs. Washburn reported briefly on a committee meeting called in June for a discussion of a state-wide promotion program. It had seemed impossible to make definite plans at that time.

EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

The resignation of Mrs. Loss leaves a vacancy on the Board which might appropriately be filled by the chairman of the education committee when appointed. Mrs. Hargraves asked for suggestions and will proceed to fill this post.

VOTER EDITOR
PUBLIC RELATIONS

The president reported with concern (understatement) that she had been unable to secure an editor for the Voter. There was considerable discussion on the content of the next issue and also the overall relationship of "The Voter" to the Public Relations program. Mrs. Washburn gave a succinct statement of the philosophy of the League and its public relations.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Constitution Revision. Mrs. Brustuen's discussion brought out the need for: (1) stressing the local angle bringing in the county, township and village. Mrs. Moen summarized the two-page manuscripts she has prepared for local League use in studying their county set-ups, (2) re-studying of the commission reports and the summary of these reports issued by the League of Women Voters last year, (3) reaching conclusions based on this study as to the position the League of Women Voters should take. The League position may conceivably be at variance with the commission's. Mrs. Brustuen will prepare ~~will prepare~~ materials along these lines supplementing last year's releases.

STATE ECONOMIC
ITEM

Mrs. Wallinder gave a resume of a stupendous amount of material on this subject which she has received and reviewed. It will be used as a basis for material and bibliography for local Leagues. She also gave an outline of the subjects to be "covered" at the proposed state conference, November 15 & 16. Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. Wallinder reported on the fine cooperation assured by the University staff members concerned, with whom they conferred on August 10th. The facilities of the Continuation Center will be available, housing for forty, meals at a minimum price, and the enthusiastic support of the well qualified staff. Board discussion emphasized the importance of briefing conferees on their responsibilities before, during and after the conference. It was suggested that an instruction sheet be prepared for their guidance.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Mrs. Rice gave the Board the benefit of her reading and conclusions as to materials suitable for use of local Leagues. The report of the President's commission is excellent material as well as those prepared by Gov. Youngdahl's commission. Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that the program item calls for a "study of civil rights in Minnesota", also that the League is learning this year. At the next Convention more specific items for study and for action may be considered. Mrs. Rice will have a study outline ready for early fall circulation.

CIVIL SERVICE

Mrs. Everson recommended that local Leagues assume more responsibility re civil service legislation. Through their interest and knowledge, rural legislators can be approached and helped to understand the various aspects of the subject and the League's position. It was also suggested that the Civil Service commissioner, Mr. Robert Stover, be asked to prepare an explanatory leaflet as to how Veteran's Preference affects civil service laws in Minnesota. The League of Women Voters might help in its distribution. No action was taken.

FINANCE

Mrs. Hargraves discussed the desirability of increasing the Jane Grey Swisshelm fund and her determination to find a chairman who would undertake the job. Mrs. Lawson pointed out the over-lapping of organization and finance contacts with local Leagues and said that Miss Hope Washburn had agreed to be a liason member of the finance committee. Mrs. Lawson has letters ready for an early mailing to local Leagues concerning finance drives.

ORGANIZATION

A copy of a letter from Miss Strauss, dated June 29, 1949 (attached to file copy) was given to each Board member. This letter supplements the "State Leaders' Handbook" which was also available at the Board meeting and should be in every Board members file. Mrs. Hargraves reported that Minnesota college Leagues will (1) have the counsel of a Board member at their first Board meetings (2) have three state meetings (3) issue a bulletin (4) be visited by their state president (5) receive kits of material from the state office. A letter sent by the president to the presidents of suburban leagues was read. It asked their advice and cooperation in meeting to discuss their particular problems and difficulties and possible solutions for them. Mrs. McNamara will act as chairman of the group.

MISCELLANEOUS
ITEMS

"Ninety Days of Lawmaking in Minnesota" has sold well - original supply exhausted. Will be purchased as needed from University Press. "A Suggested Action Outline" or calendar for local Leagues, prepared by Mrs. Thomas and Miss Stuhler was discussed. Certain modifications were recommended. Mrs. Hargraves will enclose with suitable explanation

with the President's Letter (copy attached to file copy). National conferences on "Voters Service" are scheduled for October 19-20 in Des Moines and November 9-10 in Chicago. Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Nelson plan to attend one or the other. A letter was read from the Iowa chairman requesting information and suggestions. No definite information was forthcoming on personnel for or progress of the Minnesota Commission for Study of Efficiency in Government.

Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that September was the time for receiving suggestions for the National Agenda and Platform.

NEXT BOARD
MEETING

The September meeting of the Board was set for the fourth Wednesday, September 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P. M. The temperature at 95°.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 417
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August 12, 1949

Dear President:

In spite of summertime many of you have your fall plans well under way. To assist you with these the Board has prepared a calendar outlining the year's activities and listing the important dates. This is a guide to help you apportion time among your local, state and national responsibilities. You will want to check it with the calendar "It All Takes Time" sent out from the national office and to adjust it to meet your particular needs and preferences. You will notice that we have concentrated state program matter after the first of the year, consequently material on it will not reach you before early December, except on analysis of state revenues and expenditures.

A conference on the state economic item is being arranged for a day and a half (November 15th and 16th) at the Center for Continuation Study, University of Minnesota, and outlines and bibliography for the use of your representatives will reach you before that date. This conference will be presented by specialists in various Tax fields and is the prelude to local workshops and member study.

Other conferences, not League sponsored, but which are concerned with government and of interest to League members and which they are eligible to attend are:

National Municipal League Conference, November 28, 29 and 30 in St. Paul
Community Planning, November 17, 18 and 19 at Center of Continuation Study,
University of Minnesota

You have had a reminder from the national office that the first recommendations for the Current Agenda to be considered at the convention next May must be received by October 24th. The program-making period can become a very effective part of your fall orientation. There is no more vivid way to demonstrate to members their importance in the League than to have them participate individually and on the local level in the formulation of program. Will you please send a copy of these suggestions to the state office?

A report of the National Council meeting held last May in Washington will be mailed to you in March. This, also, will be helpful for orientation meetings in summarizing year's activities and in forecasting emphasis for this. The Board feels that copies of your Board meetings, or of your business and planning sessions would be very helpful to it in following your activities. Carbon copies will be satisfactory.

You have our best wishes for a cool fall and a propitious beginning of the League year.



Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Hargraves
Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 417
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SUGGESTED ACTION OUTLINE FOR A LOCAL LEAGUE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SUGGESTED LOCAL PROGRAM</u>	<u>DATES TO KEEP IN MIND</u>
SEPTEMBER	1. Orientation and Organization 2. Consideration of local program	
OCTOBER	1. Congressional Review on National Current Agenda and Platform items 2. Review Program on United Nations 3. Local United Nations promotion	Oct. 19-20 Voters Service Conference, Des Moines Oct. 17-24 UN Week Oct. 24 - Deadline for National Program suggestions
NOVEMBER	1. Report on Voters Service Conference and discussion of Voters Service plans 2. National Economic Item	Nov. 9-10 Voters Service Conference, Chicago Nov. 15-16 State Economic Item Conference at Continuation Center, U of Minn.
DECEMBER	1. E R P and International Trade	
JANUARY	1. Civil Rights 2. Civil Rights	
FEBRUARY	1. State Economic Item 2. State Economic Item	Feb. 15 - Deadline for first recommendations to State Board for program suggestions
MARCH	1. Education - study of federal and state aid, local school district reorganization 2. Local program	
APRIL	1. Study of State Constitution 2. Planning or actually taking Constitution item to community	National Convention Final suggestions for State Program
MAY	1. Annual Meeting	State Convention

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10:00 A. M., September 28, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Chapin, Nickoloff, Rice, Kelly, Nelson, Washburn, Alderman, Gambill, Partridge, Burgess, Hale, Newstrom and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

OFFICERS'
REPORTS

The minutes of the August meeting and the Treasurer's report (copy attached to file copy) were read and approved without comment.

FINANCE

The President announced with pleasure that a gift had been received "dedicated" to a staff salary item and that Mrs. Newstrom had returned to the office as secretary. Mrs. Gambill will make the corresponding budget adjustment.

Miss Stuhler presented for the Finance Committee a plan for allocating the meager funds (\$41) available for Board expense for three Board meetings. Mrs. Alderman moved, Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion, that the resolution of the Finance Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. Washburn read drafts of letters that were prepared to send to (1) contributors, (2) Leagues who conduct campaigns, (3) Leagues who do not seek non-member contributions. It was suggested that Miss Washburn, with her special knowledge of League idiosyncrasies, work with Mrs. Washburn, effecting slight changes in the compositions. It was agreed that copies of a letter signed by the President, be sent local Leagues, to be forwarded by them to contributors, expressing appreciation for state and national support.

STATE PROGRAM

Economic. Mrs. Wallinder's material was ^{read} to be well underway and will be sent to local Leagues at least two weeks in advance of the State Conference on November 15 and 16.

Civil Rights. Mrs. Rice read the outline for the material she has ready for local Leagues. It is based on the assumption that Leagues will devote two meetings to discussion of Civil Rights in Minnesota. It is possible that this will prepare for convention discussion and action re legislation. A short bibliography of readily available material will be a part of the outline.

Constitution Revision. Mrs. Hargraves reported that Mrs. Brustuen is preparing new materials with emphasis on local application.

It is expected that all materials for use by local groups will be distributed in early January or before.

NATIONAL PROGRAM

Mrs. Burgess, as a national Board member, contributed greatly to the discussion of the several items on the national program. Mrs. Hargraves reviewed the process of program-making leading up to the national Convention in April 1950. Board recommendations, based on local league responses, must be ready for the National Board meeting in November.

NATIONAL PROGRAM
(Cont.)

Economic Item. Mrs. Burgess raised a number of interesting questions on which the League might be ready to take a position by spring, e.g. a balanced budget? a graduated income tax? a survey of the tax structure as a prelude to total over-hauling?

United Nations. Mrs. Nickoloff and Mrs. Burgess both pointed out that we need to think in "current terms". Should the recent disclosure of Russia's atom bomb influence us to take a stronger position on international control or an international police force? Where should emphasis be placed on the "security functions" of the U N? What position to take on President Truman's "Point Four" - spreading technical know-how where needed and promoting capital investments in underdeveloped countries?

Education Committee Plans. Mrs. Partridge reviewed happenings of the past few months on legislation for Federal Aid. The Senate passed S. 246 but it still lies in the House committee on Education and Labor. In spite of the President's appeal in August, it has failed to emerge. Mrs. Partridge stated the need for local league discussion and understanding of current confusions.

As to state legislation, Mrs. Partridge cited the need for enough facts to help Leagues make decisions before the next legislature meets. The League was handicapped by lack of such factual information at the last session.

Mrs. Partridge reported on a conference she and Mrs. Painter held with Mr. Schweickhard on Sept. 27. The list of topics suggested by the committee as areas that might be appropriate for League consideration are:

- I. Administration
 - a. How many boards of education should there be in Minnesota?
 - b. What should the size of the board of education be and what should be the provisions with regard to the election of the board members?
 - c. Should the state board of education be given authority to establish the salary of the state commissioner of education?
- II. Reorganization of school districts
 - a. Should county superintendents be elected or appointed?
 - b. What still needs to be done in school district reorganization?
 - c. What is the need for new buildings to handle consolidated districts and should state aid be granted for this purpose?
- III. Finance
 - a. What still needs to be done to achieve a uniform system of assessments?
 - b. What should be done about the dedicated income tax?
 - c. Should the present budgetary restrictions on state teachers colleges be maintained?
- IV. Equalizing Opportunities
 - a. What is the situation with regard to early childhood education in Minnesota today and what areas need action?

September 28, 1949

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Washburn reported on: (1) Content of Articulate Voter for ~~July and August~~ ^{SEP and Oct} ("Fall will be a little late this year" - no regular editor for the Voter has been secured). (2) Kit of materials on Public Relations for local Leagues. (3) A letter sent to Presidents of College Leagues suggesting an orientation course for the new members. (4) Promotion for "You Are the Government". It was felt that another letter should probably go out to the local League Presidents containing suggestions for distribution.

ORGANIZATION
REPORTS

Miss Washburn reported that she had made eight visits since Labor Day and has six more scheduled, still more *leagues* will be visited by other Board and committee members.

Miss Stuhler met with the Hamline University League, which has chosen Civil Rights as its topic for study for the year. Mrs. Grace Wilson spoke at the Women's Assembly at Augsburg, Sept. 28, and Carleton College has requested a speaker for Oct. 5.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Chapin moved that the following members of the Board, the President, Assistant to the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Organization Chairman and Public Relations Chairman constitute the Executive Committee authorized to act between sessions of the Board. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Alderman moved that the Board confirm (with pleasure) the President's appointment of Mrs. Alfred Partridge to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Loss. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hargraves asked for suggestions for the Nominating Committee. The Chairman, Mrs. Crounse, is elected; 2 Board members and 2 non-Board members are appointed.

PRICE POLICY

The problem of charges for state materials was reviewed in view of the fact that whereas each League receives the initial copy of state material free, the initial order by the Minneapolis League is always 40. It was decided that a discount of 10% should be applied to all orders of 25 or more on state materials.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 P.M. to meet again on October 26 at the home of Mrs. H. H. Livingston.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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September 29, 1949

Dear President:

An opportunity now belongs to every League member which is more than the equivalent of voting in a primary, rather like choosing competent candidates by Town Meeting methods and persuading them to run for office. It is the time to choose between choices, rather than later to find out that there is no congenial place to put one's "X" of approval. This is the Program-making period.

Program is the means through which we achieve our purpose of participation in government. It changes with the changing world and develops with our changing convictions. Since the last National Convention in 1948, we have worked through one or all of the kinds of League action - providing information, building public opinion or supporting legislation for

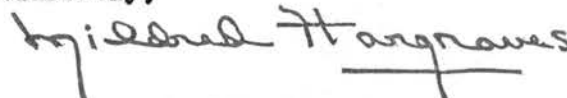
- 1) strengthening the United Nations
- 2) promoting international reconstruction and expansion of world trade
- 3) analyzing federal taxes and expenditures.

All of us have opinions on these subjects on which we have spent so much time, energy and thought. We might not be willing to express them on our feet on a convention floor, but we can share them with our own League group and pass them on to our local Board, who will summarize our majority view for the National Board. What does your League consider significant for emphasis or alteration in relation to what it has learned or to what has occurred in the world since we committed ourselves to our present program? As President you are responsible to plan the time in which your membership can answer this question.

The results of membership and Board discussion should be mailed to reach the National Office not later than October 24. Send a copy at the same time to the State Board which will summarize and correlate local suggestions and will formulate its own with consideration for what its Leagues are prepared to support. In February there will be an opportunity to review our first suggestions along with those of the entire League membership of the United States in the proposed program which the National Board will submit to us.

As citizens in a democracy we must pass judgment on many issues, as League members we may concentrate on a few issues in order to influence the judgment of others.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Livingston, Minneapolis, at 10:00 A. M., October 26, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Alderman, Brustuen, Chapin, Gambill, Grunditz, Kelly, Lawson, Livingston, Nickoloff, Washburn, Thomas and Newstrom and Miss Barbara Stuhler.

OFFICERS'
REPORTS

The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported for the first half of the present fiscal year, stating that the balance on hand was \$880.47 on September 30, 1949 (complete report attached to file copy). Mrs. Hargraves suggested that our regular contributors be contacted soon with the hope of securing additional funds. Mrs. Hargraves called attention to the travel item in the budget, anticipating that some of the amount allowed for field work might be available for Board expenses when the books were closed for the year. The staff and Mrs. Thomas were asked to pursue the possibility of improving the inadequate lighting facilities in the office.

NATIONAL
PROGRAM

Mrs. Hargraves reported that in spite of greater effort for local league participation in program-making, only nine out of forty-four Minnesota leagues had sent in suggestions for the 1950-'52 program now in the initial stages. Whereas last year local leagues sent their comments direct to the state league, this year they were asked to send them to the Washington office, with a copy to the state office. This may account for the discouraging response.

The Board discussed at length the proposals received as well as their own convictions re the national program. It was agreed that Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Washburn and Miss Stuhler would whip into shape these suggestions to be forwarded to the national Board (Copy attached). After the national Board meeting in November, a preliminary proposed program will be returned to the state league for further consideration.

STATE
PROGRAM

Economic Item. Arrangements are completed for the Economic conference at the University, November 15 and 16. Miss Stuhler has prepared an "outline-plus" to be used as background material for those attending the conference and interpreting it afterwards in workshops and the like.

Equalizing Opportunities. It was announced that the League had received from W C C O copies of "Neither Free Nor Equal"; from the Governor's Interracial Commission copies of their reports so that local leagues might be supplied. "To Secure These Rights", a report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights sells for \$1 each and is a must for local leagues in their study. It was moved by Mrs. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Brustuen that income from the Swisshelm fund be used to cover half the expense of supplying local leagues with "To Secure These Rights" and that the leagues be billed for the remainder. Motion carried. These publications will supplement the material Mrs. Rice has prepared.

Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Brustuen reported that materials with the new-approach, i.e., local level emphasis, will be presented at the next Board meeting.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
SUMMARY BUDGET REPORT
APRIL 1, 1949 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1949
(50% of the year)

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET ESTIMATE</u>	<u>REALIZED TO DATE</u>	<u>UNREALIZED TO DATE</u>
Local League Support	\$10,424.00	\$2,942.39	\$7,481.61
State Members-at-Large	30.00	2.00	28.00
National Publications	880.00	275.27	604.73
State Publications	100.00	87.95	12.05
State Convention	200.00	137.00	63.00
Bulletin	1,300.00	258.55	1,041.45
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00	-	30.00
Direct Contributions	500.00	286.00	214.00
College Dues	24.00	6.00	18.00
Petty Cash	10.00	11.57*	-
Miscellaneous	25.00	100.00*	-
TOTAL	\$13,523.00	\$4,106.73	\$9,416.27

*Amount above estimate deducted from total unrealized balance

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>BUDGET ESTIMATE</u>	<u>EXPENDED TO DATE</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED TO DATE</u>
<u>General Administration</u>			
Equipment, Supplies & Postage	\$750.00	\$445.55	\$304.45
Insurance			
Liability	10.00	-	10.00
Fire	5.00	-	5.00
Rent & Electricity	320.00	159.50	160.50
Telephone & Telegraph	250.00	138.71	111.29
Board Meeting Expenses	123.00	-	123.00
President's Expenses	150.00	50.00	100.00
Delegates Expenses	200.00	190.00	10.00
Petty Cash	10.00	-	10.00
Miscellaneous	40.00	119.03*	-
<u>Direct Service to Local Leagues</u>			
League Promotion Travel	700.00	116.36	-
National Publications	1,000.00	380.42	619.58
State Publications	100.00	110.63	-
Publication Promotion	25.00	-	25.00
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	800.00	309.18	490.82
<u>Executive Staff Salaries</u>	4,090.00	1,837.41	2,252.59
Clerical Staff Salaries	200.00	28.41	171.59
<u>National Services</u>	4,600.00	1,150.00	3,450.00
<u>State Convention</u>	100.00	195.50*	-
<u>Special Project Fund</u>	30.00	-	30.00
TOTAL	\$13,503.00	\$5,230.70	\$8,272.30

*Amount above estimate deducted from total unexpended balance

TOTAL PER CENT REALIZED TO DATE - 30%

TOTAL PER CENT EXPENDED TO DATE - 39%

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November 1, 1949

Miss Anna Lord Strauss, President
League of Women Voters of the United States
726 Jackson Place
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Strauss:

The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota at its last meeting on October 26 reviewed the program suggestions of local Leagues (a summary of which is enclosed). Based upon these and suggestions of the individual board members present, a healthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed 1950-1952 National Program.

The discussion resulted in unanimous agreement in the feeling of need for a crystallization of League thinking and basic philosophy with respect to the Economic Item. The question on everyone's mind was: where will the present ever-increasing role of government in our private economic picture lead us? Specifically, members wanted to know what effect increased federal aids, subsidies, social security and health plans might have on the economy of our country and the individual freedom of its citizens. It was felt that one reason for the widespread interest in studying the Hoover Commission reports was that they offered a tangible point of departure to do something about a government whose size and scope of activities are causing a vague but gnawing concern in the minds of many people.

The board members felt that the International Reconstruction Item, as such, could probably be omitted from the Current Agenda and put on the Platform since this program is fairly well along the way. In regard to reciprocal trade, the belief was expressed that there was need for more information concerning what effect domestic subsidies, controls, etc., would have on our international policy of reciprocal trade agreements. and what danger there might be of the former sabotaging the latter.

On the United Nations item, it was felt that if for no other reason than the stimulation of new phrasing, this statement should be reworded. There was considerable expression that the idea of progress and gradual relinquishment of national sovereignty should be incorporated and that an analysis of various proposals for world government should be made in order that League members could weigh the merits of these and be looking ahead as to what changes within the present United Nations charter or amendment of the charter offer the most practical opportunity for progress toward world security.

Prevailing throughout the discussion on both the national and international items on our program was the concern that individual political, social and economic freedoms be not lost in this search for a sound domestic economy and world security.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROPOSED PROGRAM 1950-1952

The League of Women Voters will act to assure progress toward world security and will promote United States domestic policies which will encourage a sound and expanding national economy and which will implement United States international goals and contribute to the maintenance and growth of individual freedom. To this end, League action will concentrate on:

- I. Support of measures designed to effect maximum use by the United States of existing United Nations machinery and participation in the specialized agencies.
- II. Exploration of proposals to strengthen the United Nations within the framework of the present charter and of the various plans for world government.
- III. A study of the influence of federal aids, controls and subsidies on the economy of the United States and the world with special emphasis on the relationship between individual security and freedom.
- IV. A better understanding of the functioning of the executive branch of the national government through study and action on the Hoover Commission Reports and other recommendations which will promote more efficient and economical operations and insure a government responsible to the citizenry.

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED BY
LOCAL LEAGUES IN MINNESOTA

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota received program suggestions from only 9 of its 44 local Leagues. It was felt that the direction for local Leagues to send their program suggestions directly to the national office was probably responsible for the small response. The thinking of these Leagues is summarized below.

Present Current Agenda, 1948-1950

I. Strengthening the United Nations:

There was quite an expression of opinion that the League should continue its study and support of the United Nations but should also investigate other proposals for world government. The Local Leagues seemed to feel that even though the League would not necessarily take action, the members should be familiar with the various ideas on building world security.

Other points of emphasis concerned a more intensive study of the specialized agencies and the possibilities of implementing President Truman's Point 4 by the UN. Every League indicated that this item should be maintained on the Current Agenda.

II. International Reconstruction and World Trade:

Only three of the nine Leagues included this item in its present form on the Current Agenda. Others, however, did express the need of continuing study and support of reciprocal trade agreements and the International Trade Organization. The overall emphasis would seem to point up the world trade phase of this item.

III. Economic Item:

With the exception of one League which was interested in maintaining this item with particular concentration on agricultural price supports, each League which mentioned this study did so in terms of support of the Hoover Commission proposals to obtain greater economy in government.

Other Suggestions

1. Hoover Commission Reports:

Seven out of nine Leagues reported a rather decisive expression on the part of members to study and take action on the recommendations of the Hoover Commission.

2. U. S. Foreign Policy:

Three of the local Leagues were especially concerned with the overall development of a consistent United States foreign

policy and in these ways:

Study of our government's policy in occupied countries with emphasis on selection of personnel, (a) state department and (b) military.

Formulation of a clearly defined foreign policy, the lack of which seemingly weakens our international relationships under Items I and II on the Current Agenda.

Study of the affects of developments in South East Asia on our foreign and domestic policies.

Single Votes for Other Program Suggestions

1. Conservation of natural resources.
2. Study of civil rights.
3. Study of the consumer's stake in labor-management relations with special attention to social security and pension plans by government or industry.
4. Improvement of educational systems.
5. Continued support for home rule for the District of Columbia.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S STATEMENT
SEPTEMBER 1949

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 1949 \$1,700.64

INCOME:

Local League Support	\$627.08	
National Publications	16.59	
State Publications	20.66	
Bulletin	6.92	
Direct Contributions	<u>200.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$871.25	<u>871.25</u>
		\$2,571.89

EXPENDITURES:

General Administration

Equipment, Supplies, Postage	\$18.85	
Rent & Electricity	26.50	
Telephone & Telegraph	15.92	
President's Expenses	<u>50.00</u>	
	\$111.27	\$111.27

Direct Service to Local Leagues

League Promotion Travel	\$63.78	
National Publications	68.50	
State Publications	<u>35.63</u>	
	\$167.91	167.91

National Services

1,150.00

Salaries & Salary Taxes

262.24

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$1,691.42

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BALANCE ON HAND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

\$880.47

FINANCE

It was suggested that Mrs. Lawson send a letter to former Members-at-large asking whether they wished to continue their membership and sending them a copy of "You Are the Government".

PUBLIC
RELATIONS

"It Pays to Talk It Over", a digest of articles on discussion techniques, is now out of print but contains good stuff that might be lifted and sent out in mimeographed form.

VOTERS
SERVICE

A draft of a letter to local leagues written by Mrs. Nelson was read for Board approval. It was agreed that this letter promoting attendance at the Chicago conference be sent to local Voters Service chairmen.

ORGANIZATION

Miss Stuhler reported that twenty-five local leagues have received official visits this fall and that a total of forty-five visits had been made. This does not include Mrs. Nickoloff's visits in behalf of United Nations support.

Miss Stuhler also reported that the provisional league at Mound more than satisfies national requirements. Mrs. Brustuen moved, Mrs. Chapin seconded the motion that the state Board recommend to the national Board that the League of Women Voters of Mound be recognized. Motion carried.

COLLEGE
LEAGUES

Mrs. Grunditz reported that five of the seven college leagues have received official visits, that programs are underway, the interest is high and cooperation good.

MISCELLANEOUS
ITEMS

Miss Stuhler gave a preview of the Municipal League Conference coming to St. Paul on November 28, 29, 30. An excellent program has been arranged with emphasis on many League angles in connection with structure of government at the local level. The meetings are open to the public. There is no registration fee and local leagues should encourage attendance.

Mrs. Hargraves announced with regret Mrs. Rice's resignation as chairman of the Civil Rights Committee and asked for suggestions for her successor.

The Minnesota League of Women Voters has been invited to join the Advisory Council to the Minnesota Committee for the Hoover Report. The Committee, a large citizens' committee to publicize and seek understanding and support of the Hoover Report proposals, was organized last summer. To date it has been financed by the Minnesota Taxpayers Association. Mrs. Hargraves read a draft of a letter she had prepared (copy attached to file copy) in reply to the invitation, raising several questions with regard to League policy. Mrs. Lawson moved, Mrs. Gambill seconded the motion, that the Minnesota League of Women Voters join the Advisory Council. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hargraves appointed Mrs. Alderman as chairman of a committee to get an expression from the local Leagues as to whether they would like to have the state convention outside the Twin Cities this year. The committee will also endeavor to find what League communities would be able to take care of a convention.

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October 28, 1949

Mr. Norman A. Borgen, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Committee for the Hoover Report
1645 Hennepin Avenue
Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Borgen:

Administrative and legislative reorganization have been a part of the national program of the League of Women Voters for many years. Although emphasis is not being given to the reports of the Hoover Commission among our local Leagues at this time, because of a heavy agenda, we are interested in assisting the efforts of a group whose purpose is to better acquaint the public with their contents.

Since the League is a non-partisan organization with a membership which actually decides program and major policy, the Minnesota League could be represented on the Advisory Council so long as the Committee's approach was unpartisan and its stand not opposed to our own. If these conditions are acceptable to you, the League of Women Voters of Minnesota is glad to be represented on the Advisory Council.

We should like to know the composition of the Committee and the means of financing its activity.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves
President

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October 26, 1949

The Board agreed to omit the November Board Meeting and hold the next one on Wednesday, December 7. Mrs. Livingston again offered us the hospitality of her charming home which was accepted with alacrity and gratitude. With many thanks (to say nothing of a delicious luncheon) to Mrs. Livingston for providing surroundings which made the October Board meeting something very special, the meeting adjourned at three o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the home of Mrs. H. H. Livingston, Minneapolis, at 10:00 a.m., December 7, 1949, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Thomas, Hargraves, Grunditz, Chapin, Gambill, Livingston, Nelson, Newstrom and Alderman, and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

OFFICERS'
REPORTS

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The paragraph referring to state convention was amended to read "The President appointed a committee with Mrs. Alderman as chairman, to determine the place for the spring convention". With this correction the minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report for October and November was read (attached to file copy). After some discussion Mrs. Gambill moved that the item of \$700 allowed for organization travel be reduced to \$500, the difference to be used for Board travel and college league expenses. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion - carried.

APPOINTMENTS

The President asked for suggestions for personnel for the Budget Committee and received a number of names for her consideration. Other vacancies to be filled are chairmen of the economic and civil rights committees.

REPORTS

Reports were heard on the following:

(1) Constitution revision - Mrs. Brustuen's material has been received and rated by its reviewers "excellent". It will be forwarded shortly to local leagues with the suggestion that they add pertinent facts re their own local situation.

The Minnesota League of Municipalities has two pieces of material recommended by Mrs. Brustuen. The loan of the stencils has been secured and these will be included in the kit.

(2) Civil Rights - Materials distributed to the Board were discussed. In this connection Miss Stuhler reported that Mr. W. C. Leland, Executive Director, Minneapolis Fair Employment Practices Commission, has offered to make available to the Minnesota League material to be prepared by the Minnesota Council for Fair Employment Practices. It was agreed to accept his offer which will in part answer the statement of Mr. Otto F. Christensen outlining the views of the Minnesota Employers Association in opposition to the proposed F.E.P.C.

Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Mr. Bradshaw Mintener, acting chairman of a temporary citizens committee, asking for League cooperation in securing community leaders to serve on a statewide citizens committee on civil rights. The first meeting of this committee will be in January in the Twin Cities. The President's letter will seek nominations from local leagues.

"Fiscal Facts", a pamphlet prepared by the Minnesota Department of Administration, was distributed to the Board members. It is hoped that this may be supplied local Leagues as part of their material on the economic item.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S STATEMENT
OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 1949

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1949

\$880.47

INCOME:

Local League Support	\$1,714.99
National Publications	165.41
State Publications	64.69
Bulletin	189.41
Direct Contributions (Member)	200.00
State Member-at-Large	<u>2.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$2,336.50

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\$3,216.97

EXPENDITURES:

General Administration

Equipment, Supplies, Postage	\$145.21
Rent & Electricity	53.70
Telephone & Telegraph	42.66
Board Expenses	41.00
Delegates' Expenses	10.00
Miscellaneous	<u>26.80</u>
	\$319.37

Direct Service to Local Leagues

League Promotion Travel	\$113.22
National Publications	418.33
State Publications	95.00
Bulletin	<u>143.78</u>
	770.33

Salaries & Salary Taxes

710.81

National Services

575.00

State Convention & Meetings

8.00

Special Project Fund (To Secure These Rights)

23.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$2,406.51

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BALANCE ON HAND AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1949

\$810.46

(3) Mrs. Grunditz reported on the College League Conference on December 3 at St. Catherine at which all but one (Carleton) of the college Leagues were represented. At this time plans were made for a contest based on "You Are the Government". Any college woman may compete - the winner to receive a plane trip to Washington in the Spring.

(4) Mrs. Nelson reported on the area conference which she had attended in Chicago, November 9-10 on Voters Service.

(5) Organization visits - Forty visits have been made this fall since September 1 by the following persons: Miss Washburn 14, Miss Stuhler 7, Mrs. Thomas 5, Mrs. Hargraves 4, Mrs. Washburn 3, Mrs. Grunditz 2, Mrs. Kelly 1, Mrs. Rice 1, Mrs. Mason 1, Mrs. Dunlop 1, Mrs. Keyes 1. Nineteen Leagues have been "unvisited", but all of these received visits last spring. There are ten possibilities (vague and otherwise) for new Leagues.

A letter was read from the national office relative to the acceptance of the Mound League. Mrs. Hargraves felt that the questions raised might be easily resolved by correspondence.

(6) Mrs. Alderman reported that the convention committee (H. Washburn, E. Thomas, Z. Alderman) had met and agreed that: the 1950 convention be held in Minneapolis; a letter be sent local Leagues early in the year outlining the pros and cons of meeting in the Twin Cities vs. out in the state; local Leagues be asked to express their opinion at convention.

Miss Washburn moved that the 1950 convention be held at the Curtis Hotel on May 16 and 17. Motion carried.

(7) Mrs. Thomas reported on the analysis of "unit" organization made recently throughout the state. (attached to file copy)

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Hargraves read the recent correspondence between the Worthington League and Representative H. Carl Anderson and said that she would follow through with a letter to Mr. Anderson. Local Leagues have been asked to see their congressmen before they return to Washington and report on their interviews.

After another thank you to Mrs. Livingston for her generous hospitality the Board adjourned at three o'clock to meet again on January 25.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1950

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 a.m., January 25, 1950, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Chapin, Partridge, Brustuen, Wallinder, Nelson, Thomas, Grunditz, Everson, Washburn, Hargraves, Kelly, Burgess, Gambill, Nickoloff and Newstrom, and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

PROPOSED
NATIONAL
PROGRAM

The proposed program for 1950-52 was discussed with the thought that ideas brought out during this discussion should be crystallized by the next meeting when suggestions will be sent to the national Board. These ideas included:

Platform. 1. The recommendation concerning platform responsibilities "provided that an exceptional opportunity or vital necessity for action arises and provided also that the Leagues are prepared and wish to act" was felt to need further clarification and definition. 2. Even though there was some doubt about the present wording, the belief was expressed that this idea would probably be acceptable because it would be possible to concentrate on the Current Agenda without the continuing responsibilities of former program items which increase the work load and make it difficult to orient new members. 3. This would mean increased individual responsibility toward platform items.

Current Agenda. Item I. 1. Since the United Nations has become so complex, there was little disagreement that this more specific United Nations item would be a good one. 2. There was some feeling that the phraseology might be changed for purposes of clarification.

Item II. 1. There was discussion on both sides as to whether or not conservation should be studied in connection with fiscal policy and the Hoover Commission Reports. 2. Does this subject provide the best case study? Would some other illustration be more logically associated with fiscal policy? 3. Would a study of federal aids and subsidies be better than conservation or would it be too complex for League study? 4. Is the statement of Item II clear? Will it need a great deal of interpreting for and by the League member?

Item III. 1. This was considered a concrete subject which would be well suited to the League's voters' service program. 2. Is it important or necessary to the League member?

NATIONAL
CONVENTION

It was suggested that the Board plan an orientation meeting for national convention delegates.

Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Hargraves and Miss Washburn will answer the national Board's request for suggestions for finance discussion at national convention.

STATE
CONVENTION

Some suggestions for state convention concentration were:

1. Finance. Asking contributors to speak on "Why I Contribute to the League of Women Voters".
2. Improvement in discussion techniques.
3. Voters Service as the theme for convention.

STATE
BUDGET

The Board recommended to the Budget Committee that the present price of the Voter be maintained and that no allowance be made for an increase in the number of members-at-large. Other suggestions will be made after an Executive Board meeting.

REPORTS

Veterans Preference. Mrs. T. O. Everson read the testimony which she had given before the Interim Commission on Veterans Preference. A copy of this testimony reviewing the League's stand in support of modified veterans preference and a summary of the history and development of civil service support be sent to each local League.

College League Contest. Mrs. Grunditz announced that tests for the College League Contest will be sent out in February, that Saturday, March 18, will be the date of the semi-final and final tests, that Governor Youngdahl has been asked to speak at the banquet for contestants that evening and that the national office will act as hostess to the winner during her stay in Washington. Publicity for the contest will be sent to all college and college town newspapers and a brief summary of contest rules will be prepared by the state office to be given to each contestant.

Education. Mrs. Partridge reported on a recent meeting of the Citizens Committee on Education. The material on federal aid to education will be sent to local Leagues in February and material on state aid and school district reorganization will be sent soon after.

Organization. Miss Washburn presented her Minnesota Organization Plan which outlines the work of organization committee members.

MISCELLANEOUS Mrs. Hargraves announced that the provisional League of Mound had been recognized as a local League by the national Board.

Mrs. Burgess suggested that Governor Youngdahl be asked to recognize the League's interest in government by appointing League representatives to a citizens committee on Constitutional Revision.

Mrs. Burgess asked whether the Board would sponsor a state-wide meeting on the removal of discrimination in Washington, D. C. The Board will consider sponsorship at their next meeting.

Letters will be sent to Mr. Christensen, Executive Vice President of the Minnesota Employers Association, and to the editor of the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune in regard to the position of the League on a Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Mrs. Hargraves announced that the League office will be moved from room 417 to room 406, Essex Building.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Newstrom

Mrs. E. H. Newstrom, Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1950

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 a.m., March 2, 1950, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Partridge, Chapin, Wallinder, Thomas, Brustuen, Kelly, Grunditz, Gambill and Newstrom, and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

OFFICERS'
REPORTS

The minutes of the January meeting and the Treasurer's report (copy attached to file copy) were read and approved without comment.

PROPOSED
BUDGET

Miss Stuhler, in Mrs. Burlingame's absence, presented the Proposed Budget for 1950-51. (Copy attached) It was moved by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Wallinder that the Proposed Budget be accepted by the Board as recommended by the Budget Committee and be sent to the local Leagues. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hargraves read the following excerpt from the St. Paul League's Board minutes "After board discussion, it was moved that Mrs. Sheppard talk with Mrs. Hargraves about the possibility of decreasing our quota to State this year so that we might send delegates to the National convention. If the entire second half of our quota were paid in March, our bank balance would barely carry us through until our next finance drive." Mrs. Hargraves explained that the St. Paul League had requested a \$500 decrease in their \$2500 pledge. It was felt that the State League could sustain this decrease with savings in Promotional Travel, Bulletin and other miscellaneous items.

NATIONAL
PROGRAM

Suggestions for national Program will be put in final form by the Executive Committee, March 8, and will be based on the following determinations of Board thinking:

PLATFORM. The Board decided to eliminate the phrase "provided that Leagues are prepared and wish to act" and to include a phrase similar to the following, "providing there has been no evidence of a change in League thinking on this platform item."

It was felt by the Board that a suggestion should be made at National Convention to set up a committee charged with revising the present National Platform. The opinion was also expressed that some sort of machinery should be available to the Leagues whereby a change in membership thinking on platform items could be routed with greater ease and dispatch. Federal Aid to Education was cited as a case in point. Although there has been some expression from one or two Leagues in Minnesota in opposition to the League's present position on Federal Aid to Education, what is the thinking of other Leagues in Minnesota and of the League as a whole?

ITEM I. The Board felt that a rewording of the first item giving emphasis to U.S. responsibilities in world trade might read "An understanding of the United States' role as a creditor nation in the world economy with special emphasis on expansion of world trade and international economic development, as essential steps toward a strong United Nations."

ITEM II. It was decided by the Board to change the second item to a statement such as "An understanding of federal aids, controls and subsidies and their effect on a stable and expanding economy and individual freedom."

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S STATEMENT
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 1950

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1949

\$780.10

INCOME:

Local League Support	\$2,639.14
National Publications	145.88
State Publications	82.20
Bulletin	273.37
College Dues	6.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$3,147.59

2,147.59

\$3,927.69

EXPENDITURES:

General Administration

Equipment, Supplies, Postage	\$ 16.57	
Rent & Electricity	57.10	
Telephone & Telegraph	38.98	
Board Meeting Expenses	170.00	
President's Expenses	50.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>15.02</u>	\$ 347.67

Direct Service to Local Leagues

League Promotion Travel	\$21.00	
National Publications	120.04	
Bulletin	115.34	
College Leagues	<u>25.00</u>	281.38

Salaries & Salary Taxes

Executive Staff	456.93
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National Services

1,725.00

Special Project Fund

12.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$2,822.98

2,822.98

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1950

\$1,104.71

ITEM III. It was decided to eliminate the proposed item and replace it with an item on conservation limiting it to a study through the Hoover Commission reports as an introduction and general orientation of conservation.

NATIONAL
CONVENTION

Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. Nickoloff were chosen as State Board delegates to the national convention. Alternates will be chosen at a later meeting.

An orientation meeting for Minnesota delegates to National Convention was tentatively set for April 4, 1 to 4 p.m.

STATE
PROGRAM

The following items were tentatively proposed for the state Current Agenda for 1950-51:

ITEM I. The League will work for a new state constitution or for constitutional revision with emphasis on 1) local government 2) reapportionment and 3) a smaller number of elective officers.

ITEM II. The League will study the state tax structure in relation to its effect on Minnesota's economy and with special consideration given to the possibility of supporting revision of dedicated tax funds.

ITEM III. The League will make a study of civil rights in Minnesota.

MISCELLANEOUS 1. Mrs. Brustuen moved, Mrs. Chapin seconded, the motion carried that the state Board recommend to the national Board the recognition of Buffalo as a local League.

2. Mrs. Partridge reported on the material which will be sent out regarding state education together with a letter asking local Leagues for a new authorization for action at the next Legislature. It was decided that a reprint of the reorganization broadside was not needed at the present time.

3. Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Governor Youngdahl asking for names of League representatives to serve on an Advisory Committee on Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. Thomas will be suggested as alternates to the committee.

4. It was decided that the League will be one of the sponsors of an educational meeting in Minnesota on the removal of discrimination in Washington, D. C.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.; the next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

Eulla Newstrom

Mrs. E. H. Newstrom
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the Minneapolis League Headquarters at 10 a.m., April 5, 1950, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presiding. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Chapin, Brustuen, Nelson, Wallinder, Partridge, Livingston, Washburn, Kelly, Thomas, Alderman, Grunditz, Dworak, Burgess and Newstrom, and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

OFFICERS'
REPORTS

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report with budget comparison was read and approved (copy attached).

STATE
CONVENTION
PLANS

Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Dworak, co-chairmen, reported that arrangements had been made with the Curtis Hotel for the convention on May 16 - 17. After some discussion of the advisability of having the dinner elsewhere, Hope Washburn moved that all sessions be held at the Curtis (luncheon \$1.35, dinner \$2.00) and that cash should accompany meal reservations. Motion carried.

Considerable time was spent by the Board in checking the program content and timing. Decisions reached will be reflected in the printed program.

STATE
PROGRAM

Most of the discussion of the day centered around the proposed state program. A tentative program with a covering letter from the president had gone to local leagues March 13 following the last Board meeting. (Copy attached) Replies are due not later than April 25. The Board will consider and collate these suggestions prior to the convention.

NATIONAL
CONVENTION

AGENDA. Previous Board discussion was reviewed and reference made to the President's letter of March 15 to Miss Strauss (copy attached). There was general agreement on the suggestions made and changes suggested for the National Agenda contained therein. Discussion was for the general guidance of convention delegates to the Atlantic City meeting, April 24 - 28.

REPRESENTATION. The question of representation at convention, is coming up for discussion at the convention and the state League has received various communications from the national office to prepare delegates to act. It was the consensus of the Board that if local leagues merited recognition they likewise merited representation. Leagues are now required to have fifteen members to be recognized, and 25 to be represented. One or the other figure should be changed.

EVERY MEMBER TRENDS. A sample copy of the proposed Action and Trends combined was examined. The Board approved the idea of combining the two publications and making it available to every member. Local leagues will be confronted (if this plan is adopted at convention) with the problem of paying 30 cents per member for the publication.

COLLEGE
LEAGUES

Mrs. Hargraves and Mrs. Grunditz briefed the Board on the current situation particularly with reference to the "Miss Government" contest and the desire of the present college officers to continue the practice. Mrs. Burgess reviewed national policy on college leagues pointing out the reasons why the national Board opposes their active promotion. Mrs. Hargraves

April 5, 1950

position: that if college leagues are worth having then enough time, money and effort must be spent on them to make them worthwhile; the fundamental question is are they worth the effort.

All agreed that the contest was an interesting demonstration but not to be considered as a yearly project.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. to convene again on Friday,
May 5th.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katharine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

SUMMARY
INCOME & EXPENDITURES
April 1, 1949 - March 31, 1950

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF APRIL 1, 1949	\$ 2,004.44
Income April 1, 1949 - March 31, 1950	<u>13,179.77</u>
	\$ 15,184.21
Expenditures April 1, 1949 - March 31, 1950	<u>13,460.35</u>
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 1950	\$1,723.86

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
84 South Tenth Street, Room 417
Minneapolis 2, Minnesota
March 17, 1950

NATIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS
sent to Miss Strauss, March 15, 1950

Dear Miss Strauss:

The Minnesota Board has discussed the proposed national program at two meetings and the Executive Board at a fifth attempted to express our convictions in final form. We reached agreement first on the Platform since decision here seemed a prerequisite for that on the Program. During the entire consideration, we were aware of the discrepancy between what our membership believes needs doing and what they are willing to do.

Platform

The proposed Platform changes are acceptable to us except the phrase in paragraph two of the preamble, "and provided also that the Leagues are prepared and wish to act". This would unwisely restrict the national Board and hamper its leadership. Many local Leagues with a growing and changing membership and heavy Current Agenda demands on three levels might not be prepared to act in the sense of thorough or recent study, but Boards both state and local can become prepared if, in the judgment of our national Directors, the need arises. We believe in representative government and should so demonstrate in our own organization.

We suggest the following revision of the statement: "The national Board may select measures for action from the Platform provided that an exceptional opportunity or vital necessity for League action arises and there has been no evidence of a change of League thinking on this item." The intention here is to keep both local and state Boards aware of their responsibility to the Platform and to the developing opinions of their membership.

There has been both criticism and concern from members of our Board and among a few Leagues for our stand on federal aid to education. In the Platform our policy is expressed in terms of equalization aid, but we are now supporting a bill which makes a flat grant to each school age pupil. Although we understand that it was because of shifting League opinion that the change in support occurred, we feel that an expression from all Leagues should be called for when a change in Platform is contemplated between convention and council meeting. Capitulation to expediency has weakened our position: a flat grant is unacceptable to those who are dubious about any federal aid at all; and those who believe in the need of a minimum standard for the country feel that we have sacrificed a principle without gaining a point.

We would like a committee appointed which would reappraise the entire Platform. It needs to be clearer and shorter. The present divisions "of the people", "by the people", "for the people" recall lofty sentiments to all of us, but are no help in locating a specific measure. We would prefer descriptive categories, such as Structure of Government, with the principles related to it numbered and the measures in support lettered under them in simple outline form.

March 17, 1950

Program

- I. An understanding of the role of the United States as a creditor nation in the world economy with special emphasis on expansion of world trade and economic development as essential steps toward a strong United Nations.

The Board's reason for changing the wording of this item is best expressed in the explanation of the Proposed Program, "The United States is today, and has been since the first World War, a creditor nation. Yet the implications of that position have still not been adequately faced by the American people, their Congress or the executive branch of the government." We feel that this emphasis is so important that it should be stated and not left to supposition.

- II. Continued study of the federal budget with an examination of the effect of federal aids and subsidies on a stable and expanding economy.

It was felt that the influence of aids and subsidies on fiscal policy and individual responsibility make the study of these relationships necessary to an understanding of the impact of our national economy on our personal freedom.

- III. An introductory study of the meaning and scope of conservation and a review of administrative practices with possible support of reorganization measures.

We have thought of this undertaking in terms of one Memo, which would define conservation and indicate its scope, since many people do not seem to know what conservation is, followed by a study of the reports of the Commission on The Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government in this area. Our Board recognizes that we are taking on a great deal in this third item, but we want to have a part in pointing our direction in a subject which we foresee as an inevitable part of the Program.

We have found the ordeal by semantics more arduous than ordeal by fire.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1950

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on May 5 at the home of Miss Hope Washburn. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presided. Present were: Mesdames Hargraves, Lawson, Livingston, Thomas, Washburn, Chapin, Brustuen, Wallinder, Nelson, Alderman and Newstrom; and the Misses Streeter, Washburn and Stuhler.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

The treasurer's report was omitted. Miss Stuhler reported that the general financial situation was satisfactory for this time of the year.

MISCELLANY

1) Miss Stuhler asked for help in securing a speaker for a meeting of the Chisago County Club, May 23rd, in Taylors Falls.

2) A letter was read from Mrs. Erwin Windschill of Tracy asking for a clarification of a League member's participation in political activity. Mrs. Hargraves stated that the general policy is that a League member may not be in a policy making position (i.e. an officer) in both the League and a party organization at the same time.

3) Mrs. Hargraves announced that a League conference devoted to organization matters is scheduled for Chicago on June 26-27-28. Miss Washburn and Miss Stuhler seem likely candidates.

4) Mrs. David Shearer, housing consultant for the Board, presented the probable serious results if the federal rent control act, due to expire June 30, is not renewed. It was agreed that a brief statement be sent local Leagues for their information and individual action. No League action is indicated since this is not a program item.

PROGRAM

The main business of the day was to review the comments received from local leagues, in response to the President's letter and the proposed tentative program mailed March 13. (attached documents 1 and 2)

Each item was discussed and modified to read as follows:

- 1) The League will work for a new state Constitution or for Constitutional Revision with emphasis on 1) strengthened home rule, 2) reapportionment and 3) fewer elective offices.

Mrs. Brustuen moved the acceptance of this statement, seconded, passed.

- 2) The League will study the state tax structure and its effect on Minnesota's economy with special consideration of revision of dedicated funds.

Mrs. Wallinder moved the acceptance of this statement, seconded, passed.

May 5, 1950

- 3) The League will work for greater understanding of civil rights in Minnesota and for legislation to correct discrimination.

Mrs. Washburn moved the acceptance of this statement, seconded, passed.

A fourth item was added as follows:

- 4) The League will work for an improved civil service system in Minnesota.

Mrs. Livingston moved the acceptance of this statement, seconded, passed.

Mrs. Hargraves asked Mrs. Newstrom to take shorthand notes on the discussion, which while not appropriate for the minutes, might be helpful in future interpretation of the above items.

STATE
CONVENTION

- 1) The convention rules were read and adopted.
- 2) Mrs. Livingston states that arrangements had been made to seat delegates and observers in different sections.
- 3) The contents of the convention kits were discussed and approved.
- 4) Various procedures and content relative to the presentation of

subjects on the program were discussed and decided upon. Results will be noted at the convention.

The secretary speaks officially for all those present in thanking Miss Washburn for sharing her attractive new house with us and providing us with a delectable luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katharine Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

84 SOUTH TENTH STREET, ROOM 417

MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINNESOTA

Atlantic 0941

March 13, 1950

Dear President:

Enclosed is the proposed state program for 1950-1951. Discuss it with your membership, make changes according to your convictions and with consideration for the League's purpose of citizen participation in government and the League's ability as an organization of volunteers with responsibility for government on three levels to carry it out. Return a revised program or approval of the proposed one, by April 25th in order that we may prepare a draft to present to the convention, which will be held May 16th and 17th in Minneapolis at the Curtis Hotel. There will be at the convention an opportunity for members to present from the floor items not appearing on the proposed program. They will require a two-thirds vote for consideration and the same for passage (By-laws Article X, Sec. 1, e). Your opinion is, therefore, more apt to be effective if expressed in time to influence the pre-convention preparation of the program.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION has been on our Current Agenda for four years. In 1948 we studied the report of the Constitutional Commission. This year we have continued that study with especial attention to local government. The restated item on the proposed agenda suggests that we continue emphasis on local government, a subject of interest to all Leagues and sufficiently explored by few of them, and add reapportionment and a smaller number of elective offices.

We have only begun our study of the STATE TAX STRUCTURE, but the beginning has been enthusiastic and many Leagues have shared their learning process with their communities by holding open meetings where tax specialists presented various aspects of the subject. Although we need continued general study, Leagues seem ready to concentrate on a specific problem in preparation for possible legislative action. Dedicated funds have been selected because of their importance in relation to tax policy and their effect on legislative initiative and citizen responsibility. Leagues have some familiarity with them through their work on constitutional revision and state aid to education.

The CIVIL RIGHTS item remains on the program in the same form. A few Leagues did not suggest that it be retained, two suggested that it be restated to provide for action on fair employment legislation, the majority indicated that it needed continued study.

Only thirteen of our forty-four Leagues sent suggestions to the Board on state program, yet we know from visits that all of you are thinking of program in terms of time, effort or importance. We need to know what you think, regardless of how it is stated, in order to draft the program from representative opinion.



Affiliated with the
League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MINNESOTA

84 South Tenth Street, Room 417 - - - - - Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

PROPOSED PROGRAM 1950-1951

The League of Women Voters is dedicated to work unremittingly to support and strengthen the form of government of the United States. The purpose of the League is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The League may take action on governmental issues. Action may include (1) providing information, (2) building public opinion, (3) supporting legislation.

League members are encouraged to work as individuals in the political party of their choice BUT THE ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE SHALL NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR CANDIDATE.

The Program is divided into two parts: (1) The Current Agenda and (2) The Platform. The Current Agenda consists of those governmental issues which the League convention chooses for concerted action during the coming year. The Platform consists of governmental issues and specific legislation to which the League has given sustained attention through the years. It is the responsibility of the State Board to provide the membership with basic information on items on the Current Agenda and to determine the specific time action shall be taken on items on both the Current Agenda and the Platform.

CURRENT AGENDA

The League will work for a new state Constitution or for Constitutional Revision with emphasis on: 1) local government, 2) reapportionment and 3) a smaller number of elective offices.

The League will study the state tax structure in relation to its effect on Minnesota's economy and with special consideration given to the possibility of supporting revision of dedicated tax funds.

The League will make a study of civil rights in Minnesota.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

The thirty-first annual convention of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota was held on May 16 and 17, 1950 at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. There were 254 in attendance: 143 Delegates, 96 Observers, 15 State Board Members; 34 local leagues were represented. The first session was called to order by the President, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, at 10 a.m., May 16. The following matters of business were transacted:

1. Mrs. Reuben Brustuen moved the acceptance of the convention rules as circulated with the following addition to Rule 5 "until each person who wishes to has spoken". Seconded, passed. (Attached Document #1)
2. Mrs. T. O. Everson moved that the convention accept the order of business on the printed program (attached Document #2) with such changes as the Chair finds necessary. Seconded, passed.
3. The President asked the convention to approve her appointment of Mrs. Allan Meinecke as parliamentarian. It was so moved, seconded and passed.
4. The President asked the convention to approve her appointments on the following committees:

Credentials Mesdames Dworak, McClellan, Regan

Elections Mesdames Dibble, McNamara, Dowell

It was so moved, seconded and passed.

The President's brief report was followed by the introduction of Board and Staff members.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. G. V. Chapin in Mrs. Robert Gambill's absence. (Attached Document #3)

The Auditor's report was presented by Mrs. Allan Meinecke. (On file at the state office)

It was moved, seconded and passed that the two reports be accepted.

Miss Hope Washburn, Organization Chairman, presented the Organization report. Mrs. Gordon Grunditz, College League adviser, the report on College League activities.

Mrs. R. F. Hedin, in Mrs. Robert Crounse's absence, presented the nominating committee report, the slate as printed on the program (Attached Document #2) There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved, seconded and passed that nominations be closed.

The convention then considered the proposed program for 1950-51. (See attached Document #2).

Thirty-First Annual Convention - 2

1. Mrs. Reuben Brustuen presented the Board's recommendation on the first item (Constitutional revision) and moved that it be placed on the current agenda. The motion was seconded.

2. Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder presented the Board's recommendation on the second item (economic item) and moved that it be placed on the current agenda. The motion was seconded. Miss Ruby Britts moved consideration of amending the item to read "The League will study the state tax structure and its effect on Minnesota's economy with a view to supporting legislative measures to eliminate statutorily dedicated funds." The motion was seconded and lost. (In favor 39, opposed 85; 2/3 vote required.)

(Mrs. Eugene Burgess explained that "with a view to support" gives the state Board the responsibility of securing the consensus of local leagues before taking action.)

Mrs. Gordon Grunditz, who had voted on the prevailing side on the previous motion moved that it be reconsidered. The motion was seconded and lost.

~~Mrs. Russell-Wilder moved that "this convention go on record as approving the passage of a state law requiring a controlled enrichment of white flour and bread in Minnesota as proposed by the Minnesota nutrition council and recommends active support of this legislation by individual members of the Minnesota League of Women Voters."--The motion was lost.~~

The session was recessed at 12 noon to meet again at 2:30 p.m.

The afternoon session was called to order by the President to consider the unfinished business from the morning agenda. Mrs. Irvine McQuarrie rose to a point of order re the enrichment resolution (lost at the morning session), the point of order being that "this convention does not have the prerogative to take definitive action on any matter not appearing on either the platform or agenda." The point of order was sustained, therefore the motion was out of order. Mrs. Helen Bundy moved that the motion be expunged from the record. The motion was seconded and passed.

The two remaining proposals for the current agenda were considered:

3. Mrs. Abbott Washburn presented the recommendations of the Board on the third item (civil rights) and moved its inclusion on the current agenda. The motion was seconded.

4. Mrs. T. O. Everson presented the fourth item (civil service) and moved its inclusion on the current agenda as recommended by the Board.

At this point Mrs. Lincoln Thomas took the chair and the scheduled afternoon program was begun.

Thirty-First Annual Convention - 3

Mrs. David Burlingame presented the proposed budget (attached Document #4) and moved its acceptance. Carried.

Mrs. Ray Lawson received the pledges of local leagues (attached Document #5).

Mrs. W. H. Alderman reviewed pros and cons of Minneapolis-St. Paul vs. other cities as meeting places for the convention. She moved "that the general policy of alternating the place of meeting between St. Paul and Minneapolis be continued". Seconded. Mrs. McQuarrie moved to amend the motion by adding "unless the Board in its wisdom decides to accept the invitation of an outlying local league". The motion was carried as amended.

Mrs. Chapin moved to reconsider the action taken at the morning session on item #2. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Chapin moved that this item be changed to read "The League will study the state tax structure and its effect on Minnesota's economy with special consideration of and with a view to support a revision of dedicated funds." The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The third session convened at 9:30 a.m., May 17, Mrs. Hargraves presiding.

The report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff in Mrs. R. F. Hedin's absence. Mrs. T. O. Everson moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the slate as proposed (see attached Document #2). The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Basil Young, in Mrs. Burlingame's absence, presented the budget revised to come within the amount pledged by local leagues (attached Document #6) and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and passed.

The convention then turned to final action on the agenda proposals presented the previous day (see attached Document #2).

Item #1. Mrs. M. G. Fredericks moved that this item be tabled until after disposition of Item #2. Motion seconded and passed.

Item #2. After a motion to close debate, the amended motion (as presented the day before by Mrs. Chapin) was passed. The parliamentarian ruled that this could be treated as a substitute motion for the original motion made by Mrs. Wallinder, if there were no protest. There being none it was so ordered.

Item #1 continued - Mrs. Maurice Buzzell moved that this item be taken from the table. Motion seconded and carried. Miss Britts moved that the item be amended by adding 4) dedicated funds. The motion was seconded and lost. The original motion as made the previous day by Mrs. Brustuen was carried.

Item #3. Mrs. Fredericks moved that the item be tabled. Mrs. Rosser Mattson rose to a point of order stating that since the Chair had called for a second to the motion it was out of order. The point of order was sustained, the motion ruled out. After a motion to close debate was carried by a two-thirds vote, the original motion, as made by Mrs. Washburn the previous day, was passed.

Thirty-First Annual Convention - 4

Item #4. The motion as made by Mrs. Everson the previous day was passed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the convention minutes be approved by the state Board.

After hearing the remainder of the morning program, the meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

Thirty-First Annual Convention - 5

The president called a brief meeting of the board at the close of the afternoon session. It was agreed to hold the first meeting of the new board on June 14.

The board unanimously approved of Mrs. Hargraves' appointments of Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff and Mrs. Reuben Brustuen as members.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. W. H. Alderman
Secretary

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MAGNETIC BOND

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
31st Annual Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 16 and 17, 1950

PROPOSED CONVENTION RULES

1. The sessions of the League convention shall begin promptly at the hour announced in the program. Admission to the convention floor shall be limited to those displaying badges.
2. When addressing the chair to gain the floor a member shall first state clearly her name and the name of her League.
3. Every member present may participate in discussion. Only delegates, however, may introduce motions or vote.
4. All main motions shall be presented in writing, signed by the mover and second. After motions have been presented, they shall be sent at once to the secretary on the platform.
5. A person moving consideration of a rejected item may make a brief statement, to be limited to three minutes, in explanation of her reason for asking for consideration. Discussion will be limited to one minute for each speaker, until each person who wishes to has spoken.

If a rejected item is voted consideration by the Convention, the official negative shall be presented by a member of the Board of Directors immediately following the proponent.
6. When a request is made from the floor of the convention for change in the proposed program, without previous consideration by the Board, at least twenty-four hours must elapse between the request and action upon it. No such change shall be considered unless the Convention shall order consideration by a two-thirds vote. A two-thirds vote is required for the adoption of any changes.

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
31st Annual Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 16 and 17, 1950

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

For period beginning April 1, 1949 and ending March 31, 1950

BALANCE AS OF APRIL 1, 1949 \$ 2,004.44

INCOME:

Local League Support	\$ 9,967.00
Members-at-Large	4.00
National Publications	952.06
State Publications	294.58
State Convention and Meetings	137.00
Bulletin	994.78
Interest - Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	34.78
Direct Contributions	661.00
College Dues	18.00
Miscellaneous	<u>116.57</u>

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,179.77	<u>13,179.77</u>
		\$15,184.21

EXPENDITURES:

<u>General Administration</u>		
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	\$ 752.58	
Insurance (Liability)	10.00	
Rent & Electricity	326.40	
Telephone & Telegraph	258.89	
Board Meeting Expenses	298.00	
President's Expenses	150.00	
Delegates' Expenses	200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>184.54</u>	\$ 2,180.41

Direct Service to Local Leagues

League Promotion Travel	291.89	
National Publications	1,030.99	
State Publications	205.63	
Bulletin	751.23	
College Leagues	<u>25.00</u>	2,304.74

Salaries & Salary Taxes

Executive Staff Salaries	4,108.29	
Clerical Staff Salaries	<u>28.41</u>	4,136.70

National Services

4,600.00

State Convention & Meetings

203.50

Special Project Fund

35.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 13,460.35	<u>13,460.35</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 1950

\$ 1,723.86

League of Women Voters of Minnesota
31st Annual Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
May 16 and 17, 1950

Document #4

PROPOSED BUDGET 1950-1951

	1949		1950
	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Local League Support	\$ 10,429.00	\$ 9,967.00	\$ 10,500.00
Members-at-Large	30.00	4.00	30.00
National Publications	1,080.00	952.06	1,000.00
State Publications	200.00	294.58	100.00
State Convention & Meetings	137.00	137.00	150.00
Bulletin	1,100.00	994.78	1,000.00
Interest - Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00	34.78	30.00
Direct Contributions	800.00	661.00	600.00
College Dues	21.00	18.00	21.00
Miscellaneous	125.00	116.57	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,952.00	\$ 13,179.77	\$ 13,456.00
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
<u>General Administration</u>			
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	\$ 740.00	\$ 752.58	\$ 500.00
Insurance			
Liability	10.00	10.00	10.00
Fire	5.00		5.00
Rent & Electricity	320.00	326.40	350.00
Telephone & Telegraph	275.00	258.89	275.00
Board Meeting Expenses	298.00	298.00	300.00
President's Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00
Delegates' Expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	130.00	184.54	25.00
<u>Direct Service to Local Leagues</u>			
League Promotion Travel	500.00	291.89	500.00
National Publications	1,175.00	1,030.99	1,100.00
State Publications	175.00	205.63	125.00
Publication Promotion	25.00		
Bulletin	800.00	751.23	741.00
College Leagues	25.00	25.00	
<u>Salaries & Salary Taxes</u>			
Executive Staff Salaries	4,240.00	4,108.29	4,360.00
Clerical Staff Salaries	39.00	28.41	
<u>National Services</u>			
State Convention & Meetings	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,700.00
Special Project Fund	215.00	203.50	85.00
	30.00	35.00	30.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,952.00	\$ 13,460.35	\$ 13,456.00

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SUPPORT OF NATIONAL AND STATE LEAGUE SERVICES

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>PLEDGE</u>
AFTON-LAKELAND	34	\$ 40.00
ANOKA	26	50.00
ATWATER	19	35.00
AUSTIN	156	315.00
BATTLE LAKE	14	25.00
BEMIDJI	92	100.00
BUFFALO	24	25.00
CASS LAKE	13	25.00
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS	21	50.00
DULUTH	276	600.00
EXCELSIOR	36	30.00
FERGUS FALLS	59	150.00
GOLDEN VALLEY	26	50.00
GRANITE FALLS	18	25.00
GROVE CITY	38	30.00
HIBBING	60	125.00
HUTCHINSON	51	80.00
JACKSON	18	40.00
KASSON	19	40.00
KNOLLWOOD PARK	20	35.00
LAKE CITY	24	35.00
MAHTOMEDI	35	35.00
MANKATO	51	200.00
MINNEAPOLIS	1106	4,300.00
MINNETONKA	58	125.00
MOUND	46	35.00
NEW PRAGUE	20	40.00
NEW RICHLAND	18	30.00
NEW ULM	19	50.00
NORTHFIELD	42	60.00
OLIVIA	19	27.50
OMATONNA	22	52.50
PARK RAPIDS	16	26.50
RED WING	79	140.00
ROCHESTER	250	475.00
ST. CLOUD	27	50.00
ST. PAUL	483	2,000.00
SOUTH ST. PAUL	69	157.50
TRACY	32	52.50
TWO HARBORS	27	35.00
WABASHA	17	35.00
WASECA	29	50.00
WHITE BEAR LAKE	40	60.00
WORTHINGTON	25	50.00

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1950 - 1951 BUDGET
 (As adopted at State Convention, May 1950)

I N C O M E

Local League Support	\$ 9,991.50
Members-at-Large	30.00
National Publications	1,000.00
State Publications	100.00
State Convention & Meetings	150.00
Bulletin (The Articulate Voter)	1,000.00
Int. Jane Grey Swisshelm Fund	30.00
Direct Contributions	600.00
College Dues	21.00
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 12,947.50

E X P E N D I T U R E S

<u>General Administration</u>		
Equipment, Supplies, Postage	\$ 500.00	\$
Insurance		
Liability	10.00	
Fire	5.00	
Rent & Electricity	350.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	275.00	
Board Meeting Expenses	100.00	
President's Expenses	75.00	
Delegate's Expenses	200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>	1,540.00
<u>Direct Service to Local Leagues</u>		
League Promotion Travel	301.50	
National Publications	1,100.00	
State Publications	125.00	
Bulletin	<u>741.00</u>	2,267.50
<u>Salaries & Salary Taxes</u>		4,360.00
<u>National Services</u>		4,700.00
<u>State Convention & Meetings</u>		50.00
<u>Special Project Fund</u>		<u>30.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 12,947.50

Proposed Program 1950-1951

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STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mrs. G. V. Chapin

Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff

Mrs. Gordon Grunditz

Mrs. Alfred Partridge

Mrs. Fallon Kelly

Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder

Mrs. Ray Lawson

Mrs. Abbott Washburn

Miss Hope Washburn

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate for the positions to be filled at the State Convention of 1950:

Second Vice-President... *MRS. DEWEY GRUENHAGEN*
St. Paul

Secretary... *MRS. W. H. ALDERMAN*
St. Paul

Director... *MRS. FRANK CHESLEY*
Red Wing

Director... *MRS. DONALD GUTHRIE*
White Bear Lake

Director... *MRS. ABBOTT WASHBURN*
Minneapolis

Chairman of 1951

Nominating Committee... *MRS. LINCOLN THOMAS*
Minneapolis

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Gambill

Mrs. R. F. Hedin

Mrs. C. A. Nickoloff

Mrs. Robert Crounse, Chairman.

31st ANNUAL CONVENTION

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA

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May 16-17, 1950

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Curtis Hotel • Minneapolis, Minnesota

"Democracy is the only political idea in all history whose fulfillment requires full initiative on the part of the individual."

MISS ANNA LORD STRAUSS

ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16th and 17th, 1950

COTIS HOTEL MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Tuesday, May 16th

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

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

Presiding: Mrs. MALCOLM HARGRAVES, *President*

Organization of the Convention—Approval of Rules

Report of the President.....	Mrs. MALCOLM HARGRAVES
Introduction of State Board Members.....	Mrs. MALCOLM HARGRAVES
Report of the Treasurer.....	Mrs. ROBERT GAMBILL
Report of the Auditor.....	Mrs. ALLAN MEINECKE
Organization Report.....	Miss HOPE WASHBURN
Report of the College League Adviser.....	Mrs. GORDON GRUNDITZ
Report of the Nominating Committee.....	Mrs. ROBERT CROUNSE

Presentation of Proposed Program

Constitutional Revision.....	Mrs. REUBEN BRUSTUEN
Discussion.....	
Taxes with Emphasis on Dedicated Funds.....	Mrs. GERTRUDE WALLINDER
Discussion.....	
Civil Rights in Minnesota.....	Mrs. ABBOTT WASHBURN
Discussion.....	
Civil Service.....	Mrs. T. O. EVERSON

Presentation from floor of items not on proposed current agenda

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

Presiding: Mrs. LINCOLN THOMAS, *Second Vice-President*

Presentation and Explanation of Proposed Budget..... Mrs. DAVID BURLINGAME

The March of Dames..... Mrs. RAY LAWSON AND LEAGUE MEMBERS
Announcement of Pledges

Radio Interview—The League Interviews Its Own Experts

Moderator.....	Mrs. FALLON KELLY
Veterans Preference in Civil Service.....	Mrs. T. O. EVERSON
Education.....	Mrs. ALFRED PARTRIDGE
Questions from the audience.....	

Place of Convention..... Mrs. W. H. ALDERMAN

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DINNER MEETING 6:30 p.m.

North Room

Presiding: Mrs. MALCOLM HARGRAVES, *President*

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZENS TO MINORITIES

Mr. ARNOLD ROSE, University of Minnesota

Reception—Meet your fellow-believers from all over the state

Wednesday, May 17th

Registration 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Presiding: Mrs. MALCOLM HARGRAVES, *President*

Election of Officers

Final Action on Budget

Program Discussion and Action

"I Never Saw the Boardwalk"—Report of National Convention

Interpreting/Forging the National Program..... Mrs. EUGENE BURGESS

Impressions of My First National Convention..... Mrs. C. A. NICKOLOFF

Group Discussion..... MEMBERS OF THE AUSTIN LEAGUE

A demonstration of leadership against the usual odds

LUNCHEON MEETING 1:00 p.m.

Wedgwood Room

Presiding: Mrs. ROY NELSON, *Voters Service Chairman*

Credentials Report..... Mrs. VINCENT C. DWORAK

"You Are the Government" Sales Award..... Mrs. ABBOTT WASHBURN

HOW TO COMBINE POLITICS WITH LEAGUE WORK.....	{ Mrs. C. EDWARD HOWARD Mrs. C. HAMILTON LUTHER Mrs. J. K. MOEN
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Adjournment..... Mrs. MALCOLM HARGRAVES

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MINNESOTA

84 South Tenth Street, Room 406 ----- Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

PROGRAM - 1950-1951
(As adopted at State Convention May 17, 1950)

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The League will work for an improved civil service system in Minnesota.

THE PLATFORM

The Platform consists of governmental issues and specific legislation to which the League has given sustained attention through the years. The League may resume support of any such issues or specific legislation whenever the State Board shall decide that active work is needed for (a) the preservation, improvement or enforcement of legislation previously enacted into law, or (b) the passage of any such legislation not previously enacted into law.

CHILD WELFARE:

Regulation of employment of children in street trades
Acceptance by legislature of Sheppard-Towner Maternity and Infancy Act
Increased maximum mother's allowance
Reimbursement of counties for 1/3 of their expenditures under Mother's Allowance Law
Raised marriageable age of girls from 15 to 16, except with approval of juvenile court judge
Appropriation of \$43,000 a year for infancy-maternity work, nearly compensating for withdrawal of federal aid
Prohibited theatrical employment of children under 10 years of age (The "Stage Child" Bill)
Ratified Child Labor Amendment
Included girls as well as boys up to age 21 under minimum wage law
Aid to Dependent Children

STATUS OF WOMEN:

Limited work week of women in industry to 54 hours
Made women eligible for jury service
Removed discrimination against employment of women in public services because of marital status, through:
(1) Opposition to amendment to Teacher Tenure Law proposing abolition of all married teachers
(2) Opposition to 2 bills and 2 resolutions making possible discharge of married women from public employment

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING GENERAL WELFARE:

Improved marriage laws - 5-day waiting period between application for a marriage license and its issuance
Adequate lay representation on Welfare Boards
Permissive Legislation to enable Minnesota to participate in the Federal Public Housing Program
Extension of Public Health Services, including:
(1) Larger Units of Public Health Services

SOCIAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING GENERAL WELFARE (Continued)

(2) The Public Health Nursing Bill
Merit provision in Minnesota Unemployment Compensation Act relating to administration, personnel

IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Minimum school year increased from 6 to 8 months
Enforced compulsory school attendance
Secured physical education in all schools
Revised State Aids to Schools
Secured Teacher Tenure Law for cities of first class
Reorganization of State Teachers' Retirement Fund
Reorganization of School Units
Secured survey for reorganization of School Districts in each County

INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT:

Appointed Interim Comm. on Reorganization of State Departments
Established a Legislative Research Committee
Provided equitable assessment of property through creation of office of Supervisor of Assessments or County Assessor for each County
A State Civil Service System
Ratification of "Lame Duck amendment" (Ratification by Minnesota of 20th amendment to Constitution of the United States)

Not Enacted

Constitutional Convention
Modified Veteran's Preference
under Civil Service

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1950

The Board again accepted Mrs. Hiram Livingston's kind invitation to share her home and garden and eat the delicious luncheon she provided. A full day's agenda was greatly expedited thereby.

The following were present: Mesdames Hargraves, Washburn, Gruenhagen, Chesley, Nickoloff, Guthrie, Brustuen, Lawson, Chapin, Leonard, Partridge, Livingston, Alderman, Newstrom and the Misses McKee, Washburn and Stuhler.

MINUTES

The Convention minutes were approved by the Board upon the recommendation of a reading committee appointed by the President.

FINANCE
REPORT

Formal presentation of the finance and budget reports were omitted in the absence of the treasurer. Mrs. Newstrom reported that the balance on hand plus the usual summer payments from the Minneapolis League would safely see us through the next few months.

APPOINTMENTS

The president introduced the new members of the Board and asked Board approval of the following appointments: Mrs. George Leonard, civil rights; Mrs. Alfred Partridge, education; Miss Frances McKee, economic items; Mrs. T. O. Everson, civil service. Mrs. Lawson moved that the above appointments be confirmed. Seconded, passed.

The president asked for suggestions for the nominating committee (The chairman is elected by the convention; two Board and 2 non-Board members chosen by the Board).

PROGRAM
RESPONSIBILITIES

Mrs. Hargraves introduced the next item on the agenda, planning the year's work, by outlining the general responsibilities of the Board and then asked for comments on their respective assignments of the program by the various chairmen.

I. National

a. Mrs. Guthrie, chairman of the item on administration of conservation programs, referred to materials being prepared at the national office and indicated the nature of the job this year on this new item to be largely exploratory.

b. Miss McKee will handle economic items at both the national and state levels; materials to supplement those of last year on the latter, will be addressed to the difficult subject of dedicated funds. By the time the legislature convenes it is hoped some consensus of opinion may be reached on this controversial item.

c. Mrs. Nickoloff, chairman of United Nations and World Trade, expressed her deep concern over the present "wave of confusion" and skepticism regarding the efficacy of the U.N. and the importance of reaffirming our loyalty to it through this very critical period.

Mrs. Hargraves suggested that materials be prepared bringing out specifically the effect of world trade on Minnesota industries.

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II. State

Mrs. Hargraves called attention to the mimeographed statements on the state items given by Board members when presenting the items at convention. She also announced that new materials would be sent local leagues in September.

a. Mrs. Brustuen, chairman on Constitutional Revision, reminded the Board that materials on this item had already been voluminous but that she planned to supplement with more information on reapportionment and fewer elective offices, and to revise her piece on "Road blocks to revision".

The state league is represented by the president on the governor's constitution revision committee.

b. See Ib.

c. Mrs. Leonard, Civil Rights chairman, suggested that in addition to the very good materials prepared last year additional information would be needed on FLP legislation in the several states where it has been enacted. Copies of these laws and their analyses will **help** in evaluating bills which may be introduced in the Minnesota legislature. An addition to the series of pamphlets prepared by the governor's interracial commission, on "The Indian in Minnesota", will soon be available.

d. Mrs. Everson was absent and there was no report on civil service.

e. Mrs. Partridge, chairman on education, asked for direction from the Board especially with regard to what position the League might take as questions involving public school administration arose in the next session of the legislature. Mrs. Hargraves pointed out that there are a number of such upon which local Leagues have enough background to act.

NON-PROGRAM RESPONSI BILITIES

1. Mrs. Chesley, the new chairman for Voters Service, discussed with the Board the various aspects of the job.

a. Three amendments to the constitution have been proposed, all having to do with tax allocations. Broad sides on these should be prepared in cooperation with the economic, legislative and public relations chairmen, by September 1 in order to allow two months to distribute to the voters before the November election.

b. Plans for congressional interviews will be worked out by Mrs. Chesley and the staff, and local Leagues notified of their assignments. A kit will be prepared for local Leagues with suggestions for organizing Voters Service work.

c. Legislative questionnaires will be prepared in the office. Resource chairmen were requested to send in appropriate questions.

2. Mrs. Livingston sought Board advice on the advisability of holding a legislative school. It was agreed that this be arranged, Mrs. Livingston to appoint a committee to assist her in making the arrangements and carrying on through the year.

3. There was considerable discussion on ways and means of improving attitudes and procedures of local Leagues in raising the funds to finance local, state and national leagues. In Minnesota 19 of the 44 local Leagues do not have a finance drive. Hope Washburn urged patience while consistently attempting to further the generally accepted policy of seeking support from the community.

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4. Hope Washburn reported on a meeting of the organization committee held the previous day at which nine committee members discussed Minnesota's particular organization problems and how to meet them.

Miss Washburn and Miss Stuhler will attend an area conference on Organization in Chicago, June 26, 27, 28.

5. There was no report on College League plans. Mrs. Fallon Kelly will be the 1950-51 chairman.

6. Mrs. Washburn indicated that she will carry on as usual with public relations, consulting with Board members, working on press and radio contacts, securing speakers for outside groups and editing the Articulate Voter. She stressed the need of each packet of material containing a sheet indicating ways in which the material should be taken to the community.

The Board adjourned at 3 p.m. holding August 21 as a tentative date for its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katharine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY? AUGUST 23, 1950

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Wednesday, August 23, 1950 at the home of Mrs. H. H. Livingston. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presided. Present were: Mesdames Brustuen, Burgess, Chapin, Everson, Hargraves, Kelly, Livingston, Partridge, Wright, Newstrom and the Misses Washburn and Stuhler.

MINUTES &
TREASURER'S
REPORT

In the absence of the Secretary and the Treasurer, Miss Stuhler read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report - balance on hand July 31, 1950, \$901.86.

The Board approved an increase of \$70 in Miss Stuhler's annual salary which the unexpected profit from the Convention will allow.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the appointments of the following to the Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Gertrude Wallinder, Duluth

Mrs. Ted Riebesehl, Worthington

Mrs. Fallon Kelly, Board

Mrs. Reuben Brustuen, Board

Mrs. Lincoln Thomas, Chairman, was elected to the position at the state convention last May.

The Board also approved the appointment of the following to the Budget Committee:

Mrs. Marryle Patton, Owatonna, Chairman

Mrs. M. H. Fifield, Mahtomedi

Mrs. Frederick King, Minneapolis

Mrs. Wright, Finance Chairman, and Mrs. Gambill, Treasurer, will serve as ex officio members of the Budget Committee.

Mrs. Partridge moved, Mrs. Everson seconded, the Board approved the motion that Miss Hope Washburn become 2nd Vice-President, position left vacant by Mrs. Dewey Gruenhagen's resignation.

NATIONAL
PROGRAM

Mrs. Hargraves' reply to Mrs. Lee's letter on the Korean situation was discussed. Most responses from local Leagues to Mrs. Hargraves' letter concurred with Board thinking.

It was announced that Mrs. Nickoloff had made arrangements for three kits on the United Nations to be sent to local Leagues from (1) the U.S. Mission to the UN, (2) National Citizens' Committee for the UN, (3) the State Department. Miss McKee has made arrangements for a kit on the Marshall Plan to be sent to local Leagues from the ECA office.

It was suggested that local Leagues cope with the changing international and national picture by summarizing current events at their meeting or by compiling up-to-date fact sheets on action within the UN and on standby controls and income tax raises. It was thought that this was a particularly good time for Leagues to do an educational job on the UN stressing the fact that 52 nations are now working together against aggression and for international peace.

Mrs. Burgess announced that the sixth annual UN rally will be held Nov. 17th at the Minneapolis Auditorium, 1:30 p.m. Madame Pandit-Nehru will speak. The Board agreed that an invitation from the UN Women's Committee should be sent to all local League Presidents with a letter urging the Leagues to publicize the meeting in their community.

Mrs. Hargraves announced that her letter to Congressmen on ECA had been published in the Congressional Record. A letter on D.C. Home Rule resulted in 2 more signatures on the petition to bring the home rule bill to the floor of the House. Seven of the 9 Minnesota representatives have now signed the petition.

STATE PROGRAM Economic Item. Miss Stuhler presented Miss McKee's material. It was suggested that the material show a comparison of Minnesota with states whose funds are dedicated and with states whose funds are not dedicated. There was also the suggestion that the material include more background facts on dedicated funds and information on which funds are dedicated constitutionally and which, statutorily. The material after revision will be sent to some authorities for comments.

Education. The material on education will be ready in October. This will pertain to bills which are likely to come up at the next legislative session indicating which bills the Board feels should be supported because they are in line with things we have supported before.

Constitutional Revision. Miss Stuhler presented Mrs. Brustuen's material which the Board decided should be sent out immediately to local Leagues.

Civil Rights. The Civil Rights material will be sent out to local Leagues as soon as publications from two other organizations are received.

Civil Service. Mrs. Everson said that August 31st was the date of the last meeting of the interim committee on Veterans' Preference and that the Civil Service material cannot be sent out until that report is received. Mrs. Everson asked that the Civil Service Board meetings be visited by a League individual. It was suggested that a member of the St. Paul League do this.

ORGANIZATION Miss Washburn reported that she had had several requests for new Leagues. A questionnaire, similar to one used by the Texas League, is to be sent to persons requesting a League. This will save the Organization Committee at least one trip to the community. The questionnaire had been used in Brainerd and the response to it was encouraging.

There will be a conference of Small Leagues held October 10th at the Nicollet Hotel. The conference will concentrate on organization and financial problems of the Leagues with memberships of 25 or less.

FINANCE Mrs. Wright reported that a letter will be sent to local Leagues encouraging them to have their Finance Drives in the fall. Suggestions were made that the Leagues be reminded to set up a follow-up system for contributors, use You Are the Government and that they be encouraged to use League materials when raising money through other means than a finance drive.

It was decided that the state League should build up their list of contributors and arrange some systematic method of giving them regular attention.

Finance Committee members are Wright, King, Lawson and H. Washburn.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP The Bi-annual Legislative Workshop will be held Wednesday, November 8. League members will be brought up to date on program and platform items in preparation for the Legislative session. Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Everson will arrange for a speaker on dedicated funds and a panel discussion on Civil Service.

VOTERS SERVICE Reports were made on interviews with the following gubernatorial candidates: ~~Ser~~amstad, Youngdahl and Haluska.

The Broadside on the three Constitutional Amendments to be voted on November 7th will be ready October 1. Mrs. Partridge asked that the League take a stand on the 2nd Amendment since it involves a new dedicated fund. The Board felt that local Leagues had not had enough study on this problem to take a stand and if the League did not support or oppose the amendments, the circulation of the broadsides would be wider.

COLLEGE
LEAGUES

Mrs. Kelly reported that nothing had been done with the College Leagues because we do not have the names of the presidents. This year the College League and the State Board will follow up requests for new College Leagues and an attempt will be made to organize at the Duluth branch of the University. Local Leagues in college towns will be asked to assist College Leagues.

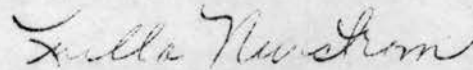
The Board decided not to accept the invitation of the University to office in the new State Organization Service building.

There will be a meeting of the Executive Board in September. The next regular Board meeting will be held Monday, October 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25.

The Board thanks Mrs. Livingston again for a very pleasant day and lunch at her most comfortable home.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. E. H. Newstrom
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1950

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Monday, October 9, 1950 in the office of the Minneapolis League. Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presided. Present were: Mrs. G.V. Chapin, Mrs. R. H. Lawson, Mrs. G.D. Leonard, Mrs. Frank Chesley, Mrs. D. R. Guthrie, Miss Frances McKee, Mrs. T. O. Everson, Mrs. H. H. Livingston, Miss Hope Washburn, Mrs. E. H. Newstrom, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Alderman, Mrs. Partridge.

MINUTES &
TREASURER'S
REPORT

The Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. In the absence of the treasurer, Mrs. Newstrom gave a summary of the financial status of the state League. (August 31st statement attached to file copy). The budget balance permits payment monthly of the contribution to national, in addition to meeting regular expenses.

BUDGET
REVISION

Due to an unexpected and welcome gift of \$300.00, it is now possible to consider a revision of the budget with more generous allocation to the budget items of league promotion and travel. The Board declared a small dividend to out-of-town members attending Board meetings. The usual formula based on distance and attendance will be applied in computing the amounts.

The President appointed Mrs. Alderman, Mrs. Livingston and Miss Washburn as a Board subcommittee to recommend budget revisions.

APPOINTMENTS

The President announced with appropriate remarks of appreciation and regret the resignation of Barbara Stuhler, executive secretary of the Minnesota League for the past two years. Miss Stuhler has accepted the position of assistant director of the World Affairs Center at the University of Minnesota. It was moved, seconded and passed that a letter of appreciation be transmitted from the Board to Miss Stuhler.

Mrs. Hargraves presented the recommendation of the Executive Committee, namely that the Board approve the appointment of Mrs. Luella Newstrom as executive secretary with a monthly salary increase of \$10.00. Mrs. Everson so moved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Hargraves reported informally on a number of persons who had been interviewed as prospects for the position which will now be designated as "field secretary". The position has been offered to one person, Mrs. Grace Wilson of Minneapolis who finds it impossible to accept at the present time. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to continue its explorations and implied its approval of their decisions.

Since Mrs. Leonard is moving out of the state it becomes necessary to secure a Civil Rights chairman. Fortunately the material has been prepared and circulated, but it is important to have a chairman ready to speak on the subject and work in the legislature. Mrs. Hargraves asked Mrs. Leonard's help in securing such a person.

Mrs. Leonard reported on a recent conference called by the Minnesota Fair Employment Council. Interested persons were asked to attend in

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the hope that compromises or agreement could be reached on controversial phases of a proposed FEPC bill. Various technical aspects were discussed and progress made in ironing out divergent points of view, (e.g. definition of an "employer", inclusion of fraternal groups, enforcement provisions, how to appoint a director, etc.).

The Board was asked for suggestions for an assistant to Mrs. Abbott Washburn, possibly someone who could relieve her of editing The Voter. No decision was reached.

STATE TAX MATERIAL

Miss McKee, chairman for the economic item, discussed in some detail the material as revised after the August suggestions of the Board. The Board agreed on the general set-up, subject to further reading by one or two "experts". The material promises to be in the mails shortly and copies will as usual go to Board members.

CONFERENCES

Miss Washburn outlined plans for the Conference on Oct. 10, of representatives of leagues consisting of 25 and less members. There are 19 such leagues in Minnesota, more than in any other state. Problems peculiar to small leagues will be emphasized.

Mrs. Livingston told the Board of the schedule for the Legislative Workshop to be held on November 8th. Registration 9:00-10:00 a.m., Discussion of FEPC, Constitutional revision and Education from 10-10:45; Senator Gerald Mullen on state tax structure 10:45-12:00. After luncheon Mrs. Everson will conduct a panel on Civil Service. A small fee will be charged for materials for registrants.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Kelly reported on a conference on October 2, with Twin City College League representatives, with a view to planning a get-together of representatives of all College Leagues on October 16th, at which plans for the year will be formulated. A Voters Service kit has been sent to each league.

The following leagues or prospective leagues have been visited this Fall by Mrs. Hargraves, Mrs. Nickoloff, Mrs. Burgess and/or Miss Washburn: Northfield, Rochester, Kasson, New Ulm, Mankato, Hibbing, Duluth, Red Wing, Anoka, Columbia Heights. St. James and Alexandria have formally requested help in organizing leagues and Brainerd and Circle Pines are in prospect.

MISCELLANEOUS

1- Mrs. Hargraves reminded the Board that she and Mrs. Lincoln Thomas are League representatives on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Constitutional Revision. She stated that the Committee needed a "neutral" address. Mrs. Livingston moved that approval be given to using the League's address and office space be donated when needed for the work of the committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

2- Since Miss Stuhler's resignation only the President and Treasurer are authorized to sign checks. Mrs. Alderman moved that the Board authorize Mrs. Luella Newstrom, as a third person, and that the Bank be so informed. The motion was seconded and passed.

3- Mrs. Hargraves read a letter from Mrs. Lee explaining that the national organization was sponsoring the visit of Miss Lore Adam of Berlin, Germany. Miss Adam will visit the U. S. as a participant in the exchange program for German Women Leaders. The State Department finances a

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per diem of \$10.00. Mrs. Lee hopefully suggested that Minnesota invite Miss Adam for two weeks in early November. Mrs. Hargraves expects to entertain Miss Adam in Rochester and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Leagues will be asked to share responsibility for the remainder of her visit. The Board indicated its approval and cordial support of the project.

4- The next Board meeting will be held on November 9. *Dec*

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
TREASURER'S STATEMENT
AUGUST 1950

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JULY 31, 1950

\$ 901.86

INCOME:

Local League support
State members

\$ 35.00
2.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 37.00

37.00

\$ 938.86

EXPENDITURES:

General Administration:

Equipment, Supplies, Postage
Rent and Electricity
Telephone and Telegraph
Miscellaneous

\$ 79.90
26.00
19.73
.54

\$ 126.17

Direct Service

League Promotion Travel
National Publications
Bulletin

\$ 50.00
44.86
73.98

168.84

Salaries and Salary Taxes

229.96

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 524.97

524.97

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 1950

\$ 413.89

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1950

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Minnesota met on Thursday, December 7, 1950 in the office of the Minneapolis League, Mrs. Malcolm Hargraves, President, presided. Present were: Mesdames Livingston, Guthrie, Chapin, Partridge, Kelly, Washburn, McMillan, Lush, Alderman, Newstrom, Max Seham, Allen More and Miss Nan Blanpied.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. (The November meeting was cancelled.) The president announced that Miss Adam's visit to the United States (see previous minutes) had been indefinitely postponed.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Mrs. Alderman reported for the Board committee which had been appointed to recommend mid-year adjustments to the budget. After considerable discussion the following changes in the 1950-51 budget were accepted: Equipment, Supplies & Postage from \$500 to \$635; Board Meeting Expenses from \$100 to \$150; President's Expenses from \$75 to \$125; League Promotion Travel from \$301.50 to \$351.50; State Convention & Meetings from \$50 to \$600.* The total increase in expense is \$835. Changes in income to balance this figure: State Publications from \$100 to \$175; State Convention & Meetings from \$150 to \$800; Interest on Swisshelm Fund from \$30 to \$40; Direct Contributions from \$600 to \$700. Mrs. Alderman moved that the above adjustments to the budget be accepted. Seconded, passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Hargraves announced the resignation of Mrs. Robert Gambill of Minnetonka as treasurer and appointed Mrs. G. V. Chapin of Kasson to this position. The Board approved this appointment as well as those of Mrs. K. K. McMillan of Austin as Finance Chairman and Mrs. Phillip Lush of Mound as Civil Rights Chairman.

STATE PROGRAM

Mrs. Partridge discussed legislative prospects in the field of education listing the possible amendments to existing law, as well as new legislation which may be introduced (attached to file copy). The Board discussed each item in the light of the position which the state League should take. It was agreed that (1) certain items could be supported because of League policy and history; (2) for various reasons precious League time should not be used for certain items; (3) new or controversial items should go to local Leagues for discussion, the Board to have the benefit of their decisions before reaching a conclusion; (4) decisions of support on certain items should be made later. The attached document has been marked to indicate these four categories.

Mrs. Everson reported on meetings with the Civil Service Council and with Mr. Robert Stover, Civil Service director, at which proposed Civil Service legislation was discussed. This legislation will probably concern salary raises, a Civil Service appeal board and modification of Veterans Preference. Other legislation will depend on the reports of the Efficiency in Government Commission and the Veterans Preference in Public Employment Commission.

Mrs. Lush said there had been no further developments on Civil Rights since her report at the Legislative Workshop. As soon as the FEP bill is written copies will be sent to the local Leagues.

In the absence of Mrs. Brustuen, Mrs. Hargraves brought the Board up to date on Constitution Revision. She reported the formation of a new citizens committee for a Constitutional Convention. The Board is represented on the Governor's Advisory Committee, which has limited its activities to trying to secure

* The increase in Convention expenses is a result of putting all income and expenditures thru the books.

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legislative approval of letting the people vote on whether they want a constitutional convention called. Since this is the first step, the consensus seemed to be that affiliation with the new citizens committee might be considered after the legislature adjourns, when the Governor's Committee (if successful) might disband.

A Call for Action will be sent to Local Leagues in districts whose legislators have not replied to the questionnaire asking for their position on calling a constitutional convention or those who have indicated that they oppose such. Local League members will undertake to convert such legislators before they come to the capitol.

ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Kelly reported on the Fall Conference of College Leagues at St. Olaf on December 2. Five schools were represented with 25 present. Mrs. Kelly spoke with some feeling and misgivings on the program of the College Leagues. Little interest has been shown in League agenda items - perhaps something more general such as "how women can be effective politically" would have more appeal. There were no pat answers to Mrs. Kelly's questions!

Mrs. Livingston moved that the Brainerd and Circle Pines groups be granted provisional League status with apportionments of \$12.50 and \$10 respectively. Seconded, passed.

Mrs. Hargraves announced that Minnesota has been asked to help organize a League in Fargo, N. D. Mrs. Robert Allison of Fergus Falls has been commissioned.

Visits this fall have been made by Nan Blanpied, Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Chesley, Mrs. Hedin and Mrs. Hargraves to one of the following: Lake City, Mound, New Prague, Owatonna, St. Cloud, Wabasha, Waseca, *New Richmond*. *Miss Washburn*

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) Mrs. Partridge moved that the new treasurer, Mrs. Chapin, be authorized to sign checks. Seconded, carried.
- 2) The next meetings of the Board were tentatively set for the fourth Wednesdays of January (24th), February (28th), March (28th).
- 3) The state convention will meet in St. Paul on May 16 - 17 or a near date agreeable to Dr. Louise Young if she accepts as a guest speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Katherine M. Alderman

Mrs. W. H. Alderman, Secretary

October 16, 1950

TENTATIVE SUMMARY OF

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 1951 LEGISLATURE

A. The following amendments are suggested to existing law:

* 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 120.01

Relates to membership of State Board of Education. Proposal that number of board members be changed from 5 to 7, and to stagger the term until eventually each member would have a seven year term.

* 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 120.05

Provides that the State Board of Education will determine the salary of the Commissioner of Education.

+ 3. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Chapter 122

This entire chapter is in the process of being revised by a former Assistant Attorney General. Certain amendments will be included in the revision.

* 4. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 124.08

Authorizing school districts to buy a superintendent's house and ratify purchases that have already been made.

* 5. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 127.05

no position
Relates to the tax on agricultural lands. The amendment will make the rate in section 1 on agricultural land one-half of that on nonagricultural land for all schools in the state. It will also add to the law personal property having taxable situs on farms. The law will apply only to secondary schools. Item 4 at 30 mills is changed to 50 mills.

6. Amendments to present state aid law by section and subdivision

* a. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 128.07, Subdivision 1

Relates to transportation of pupils in consolidated schools. Goes back to \$40 unless the law is amended to keep the \$47.50 per pupil per year, or some other amount.

* Subdivision 2.

Relates to nonresident secondary transportation. Present law reverts back to \$40 unless amended to continue the \$47.50 per pupil per year or some other amount.

* b. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 128.081, Subdivision 1

It is suggested that in paragraph 1 the pupil unit for kindergarten be increased from one-quarter pupil unit to one-half pupil unit.

* Subdivision 3.

Basic aid reverts back to \$50 unless the law is amended to \$56 or some other amount.

c. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 128.082

* Subdivision 1.

Equalization aid reverts back to a maximum of \$60 beginning at \$2,000 assessed valuation unless the law is amended to continue the maximum of \$72 with a \$2300 beginning of per pupil unit assessed valuation or some other amount.

X Subdivision 6.

Should be amended to clarify a provision in the law and to provide for capital outlay and debt service. In the nonresident secondary school tuition rate two proposals have been made:

- a. Authorize the school district furnishing the service to charge what it costs to educate the pupil for maintenance, capital outlay and debt service.
- b. Increase the present tuition rate of \$160 per pupil unit in average daily attendance exclusive of transportation by \$25 to take care of capital outlay and debt service.

It has been suggested that an additional \$25 be added on to the tuition rate for capital outlay and debt service.

* Subdivision 7.

Paragraph 3, which relates to the expenditure of 65% for teacher salaries should also be amended.

New legislation - See bills to be drafted.

+ 7. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 130.18

Amend teacher continuing contract law so that the board of education must notify teachers in writing before April 1st and state reason for termination.

* 8. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 131.01

Relates to classification of schools, and the words, "By the State Board of Education" are added, which means that the school shall be classified by the State Board of Education. Also to be added under secondary schools Four-Four organization and Junior College (name to be changed to community colleges)

* 9. Amend Section 131.09 which relates to special classes for the blind. Amend the first paragraph by inserting after the word children, "over four years of age." Add the same phrase in the third paragraph after the word, person.

No League 10. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 132.03

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Relates to attendance in high school in adjoining state. This law should be amended so that the state can pay tuition and transportation for these pupils the same as it does for other nonresident pupils.

11. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 132.05

Relates to the compulsory attendance law. The 8th grade is changed to 9th grade. If the amendment passes, pupils will have to complete the 9th grade before they can be excused, or they must be 16 years of age.

12. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 136.036, Subdivision 5

This law relates to in-service training of teachers, on or off campus courses for county superintendents and teachers in rural, village or city schools. The amendment would strike out Subd. 5 which makes the law expire January 1, 1951, thus continuing the present law.

13. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 141.01

Relates to private trade schools. The following words are deleted from the law: "Private schools engaged exclusively in the teaching of business subjects; schools engaged in teaching medical technology, and schools exclusively engaged in training physically handicapped persons for the State of Minnesota; schools engaged in giving instruction by correspondence." The purpose is to clarify the law and to bring under the law the schools teaching business subjects and schools engaged in training physically handicapped persons.

14. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 257.10 - 17

Relates to the transfer of private kindergarten and nursery schools now under the administration of the Director of Social Welfare so that these services come under the administration of the State Department of Education. (This amendment should only be made after consultation with the Director of Social Welfare.)

B. NEW LEGISLATION - BILLS TO BE DRAFTED

1. Amendment to powers and duties of school boards so that school boards can buy teacherages in all school districts except special school districts.

2. There will probably be a bill for school building aid.

3. State aid for junior college pupils at the same rate of secondary pupils.

4. There will probably be a bill which will authorize camping education proposed.

5. Professionalization of the county superintendent's office.

6. State aid law to be amended so as to provide tuition for resident pupils assigned to the Youth Commission attending the laboratory schools of Red Wing and Sauk Centre. Local district will be reimbursed the same as for nonresident high school tuition pupils.

This will not be presented.

KEY

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* - League-supported

/ - support decision to be made later

X - information to be sent Local Leagues for comments

Final decisions on support will be made on all legislation after the bill has been presented.