

Hunt Co

October 4, 1968

Mrs. E. Lester Farmer  
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Dear Mrs. Farmer:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the application of the Hunt County group for provisional status as a League of Women Voters has been approved by the Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas. You are now the Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County.

I congratulate the Hunt County members for their enthusiasm and energy in achieving this status so rapidly. I hope you will find membership in the League a stimulating and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

Mrs. William E. Joor

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cc: Winick

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Wackerbarth

National Office

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Dear Peggy:

It is with great pleasure that I advise you and the members of your Board of Directors of the action of the State Board on September 23, 1968, when the Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County was accorded official recognition.

Congratulations! Your fine organization has the potential of becoming truly an effective force in the community, and it will be a pleasure to work with you as you do so.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth)

CC: Winick, SO

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October 12, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Farmer:

I would like to add my congratulations to those of Mrs. Joor and Mrs. Wackerbarth.

You and your Board did such a fine job on your Hunt County Community Analysis.

We know that the Provisional League of Hunt County will be a great asset to the League in Texas, and we are most anxious to be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Darvin M. Winick  
Organization Vice-President

cc: S. O. Wackerbarth, Brauangel

September 23, 1968

TO: State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas  
From: Wackerbarth  
Re: Pre-provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County

It gives me great pleasure to deliver to you the enclosed application for recognition as a Provisional League of Women Voters which is submitted by forty-three interested citizens of Hunt County.

The following visits have been made:

- May 20 - Investigation visit by Mrs. Albert Berstis of the State Board and Mrs. A. C. Donsbach of the Denton LWV
- June 18-19 - Pre-organization visit; Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Organization Secretary. Organization partly completed.
- August 5 - Membership tea, attended by Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth, newly assigned adviser; progress reports made on Area Survey.
- August 13 - Board meeting, to outline Board responsibilities and assist in making portfolio assignments; Wackerbarth.
- August 28-29 - Board training session; Braunagel and Wackerbarth.
- September 18 - Regular Board meeting, program workshop and discussion leader training; Wackerbarth.

This is an extremely interested and enthusiastic group. They are a good cross section of the community, both in age and ethnic background. They understand fully and are willing to abide by the non-partisanship policy of the League; the woman most directly responsible for organization felt that she has been too closely associated with one certain political group and therefore would not accept a Board position.

Some frustration was experienced in securing the last nine members needed to complete their recognition quota of forty; the fact that they continued their efforts and achieved the necessary number during the month of August, when many experienced Leagues close up shop entirely, is indicative of their tenacity. All were saddened by the sudden loss of the president's mother early in September, which deprived them of their leadership at the precise time when the Area Survey was being completed and their application for recognition made ready; both vice-presidents also were out of pocket at the time. However, other Board members stepped in and completed the work on time.

The whole group is delightful. They are so eager to learn and so appreciative of every effort which is made to help them that working with them is indeed a privilege. Mrs. Braunagel joins me in recommending their recognition as Texas' newest Provisional League. It is with great pleasure that we do so.

Sincerely,

*Edna Wackerbarth*  
(Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth)

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# Texas Constitutional Revision

March Annual Meeting

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April -- " " " " " : Welfare

Water

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## Windup of Know Your County Survey

March 17, 1970<sup>APR 2</sup>

**Board Members Present:**

Day, Doliana, Farmer, Fitzpatrick, LaRue, Myers, Reynolds, Stewart, Stowell

**Board Members Absent:**

Collins, Eller, Owens, Woodard

A Board meeting of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County was held on March 17, 1970 at the home of Mrs Joe Reynolds. Meeting was called to order by the President. There was no reading or approval of the previous minutes because the Secretary was absent and did not send minutes. Treasurer's reported a balance of \$985.30.

Mrs Odie LaRue and Mrs Charles Stewart were introduced as new Board members. Mrs Stewart will be our Voter Editor. Mrs LaRue is program chairman for Representative Gov't. and on membership committee. Resignation of our 1st V.P. Mrs Everett Gladding was accepted.

Ann Weeks was asked to order 100 copies of "A Citizens Handbook" which has recently been made available to Texas League members.

Betty LaRue gave a report on plans for the petition drive for Representative Gov't. for residents of Washington D.C.

A letter was received from the Greenville Chamber of Commerce asking that we send a representative to meeting in order to make plans for a community July 4th celebration. Helen Myers volunteered to attend as our representative.

A motion was made by Grace Lester to change our local policy sheet as follows: " New members joining after February 1st of each year are entitled to membership through March 31 of the following year for the \$10.00 annual dues." This sentence is to be added at end of paragraph one under heading of Members.

Finance Chairman Bobbie Day discussed our Annual Finance Drive. A meeting was scheduled for 10 A. M., Monday, March 30 at Bobbie's home. The drive is scheduled for ~~next~~ two weeks commencing March 30.

There was a short discussion on program items. The President will give a report on State Convention for unit meetings on April 27 and 30th.

The President asked if anyone would like to change portfolio for remainder of the Provisional period but everyone was satisfied with present arrangements.

Members were urged to finish and turn in their survey reports to Grace Lester.

Meeting was adjourned.

Mrs M. J. Myers  
Acting Secretary

## *League of Women Voters of Texas*



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MRS. WILLIAM E. JOOR, President

TO: National Board, League of Women Voters of the United States

FROM: State Board, League of Women Voters of Texas

RE: Interim Report, Provisional League of Women Voters of  
Hunt County, Texas

March 13, 1970

In evaluating progress from the reports on the Provisional League of Women Voters of Hunt County, our Board felt a great deal of concern in lack of membership growth for this group. The advisor and the local group are concerned about this problem and plans are underway to improve the situation.

There has been a large turnover on their Board since they were organized but indications are that the situation is much more stable now. Better use could be made of Board tools. Attention should be given to strengthening the committee system and more Program committees should be added.

Program coverage has been excellent and they tend to cover items in depth. Membership participation at meetings has been good. They have been slow with their local survey due to a change in chairmen but they have been presenting their findings to the membership as they go along.

Their report indicates lack of understanding of a local subscription service. This will be clarified for them. Distribution of material was poor in the beginning but they have improved to the point of delivering it by hand in order to get it to the membership in time for a meeting when a shipment arrived late.

The first finance drive was very successful for a new group in a conservative community and plans are underway for their second drive.

Attendance at state and regional meetings has been outstanding. We are disappointed that they failed to participate in first round Program making but nine members attended a Program Making Workshop in a nearby League.

Voters Service work has been excellent. Their VOTER is good and they are building a good image for the League in their area.

A member of the Organization committee will assist the advisor for spring Board training.

We feel that they are making excellent progress and that their advisor is doing a good job. Attention will be given to membership, local subscription service, and to building a better committee system.

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MRS. WILLIAM E. JOOR, President

TO: State Board

March 12, 1970

FROM: Ruth Joor

RE: Hunt County Provisional League (See memo from Wackerbarth 3-9-70  
re D.C. Petition)

I think the permission from the state Board must be in writing. I do not think that permission by silence is legal. There must be a record in state office. Therefore, I recommend that you write Eloise directly and that she in turn send your votes to the state office. The deadline must, therefore, be extended to next week, Monday, if you get this by Friday or Saturday, 13, 14, or Wednesday the 18th at the latest. Since this request is a total Board responsibility, everyone should respond.

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