

INFORMATION TO BE SENT TO NATIONAL OFFICE WITH NOTICE OF RECOGNITION
OF PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PEARLAND AREA, TEXAS

1. Date of Organization Meeting - February 24, 1970
2. Number of Paid members 55 (Attached list of names, addresses, zip codes)
3. Has Analysis of Community been made? Yes
4. Describe characteristics:

Location - Pearland and Brookside Village are located in the north end of Brazoria County, Texas with Clear Creek serving as the boundary between Harris and Brazoria Counties.

Population - Pearland Independent School District has an estimated 11,000 students. Pearland has an estimated 5,800 population and Brookside Village has an estimated population of 1,133.

Kind of Community - Pearland is in the midst of active oil fields. It was incorporated in 1959 and since that time has become a suburban town serving Houston and NASA. Brookside Village is a municipality consisting of about 1,280 acres and is mostly residential.

Proximity to Other Leagues - The only other League in Brazoria County is the Brazosport League, which encompasses the south end of Brazoria County. We are also within commuting distance to the Houston League and the Bay Area League.

5. Basis of Organization: Area - The following governmental jurisdictions are included: Pearland, Brookside Village and Manvel, Texas; Pearland Independent School District.

6. Names and addresses of President and Treasurer:

Mrs. Robert C. Bredehoeft, P. O. Box 632, Pearland, Texas 77581-President
Mrs. George W. Luther, 3512 E. Circle Dr., Pearland, Texas 77581-Treasurer

7. Congressional District - 14
8. Bylaws are attached.
9. Budget is attached.
10. Describe pattern of meetings for members; number and frequency of discussion units and general membership meetings, etc.

On the second Monday of each month our regular board meeting is held for the purpose of establishing policy and regulating the programs which are presented.

Our regular program meeting (night) is held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We also have a day meeting on the fourth Wednesday following the night meeting.

We have two membership meetings, both of these being of the social type meeting with a program following.

11. Brief statement of Board's plans for Program development--local, state, and national.

Since our first organizational meeting all of our programs have been presented as catch-up work. We have attempted to inform ourselves of the policy and the position the League has taken on issues already under study.

A copy of our calendar for the year is attached.

12. Voters Service activities which have been planned, if any.

Mr. Harmon Hoot, Democratic County Chairman for Brazoria County presented a program on the Role and Mechanics of the Precinct Convention. A program is to be presented in November on the Home Rule Charter vs. the General Rule Charter.

13. Has the payment required by Recognition Standards been paid? *yes*

14. Does the provisional Board understand and agree to adhere to the League policy of nonpartisanship? *yes*

15. Date recognized by state Board November 9, 1970

16. General comments:

Signed *Gene Bredehoeft*
President

(Mrs. Robert C. Bredehoeft)

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16. General Comments:

*former
A.O.V.P.*
The fact that such an extended period of time has elapsed between the date of organization and the date of recognition should not reflect on the efforts of the members of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Pearland Area. Rather, it is a reflection on the state Board in that it was unable to provide the proper leadership for the group throughout this period of time. *follow through*

mechanics towards recognition.
The members of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Pearland Area have shown a great deal of determination and initiative in making their desire for a League a reality, characteristics that should assure a successful League in the future.



cc: Winnick
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April 15, 1972

MAY 25 1972

To: Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth, Organizational Vice President

From: Mrs. Roland Johnson, Adviser

Re; Pearland Provisional League Application for Recognition

Pearland is going to make it--possibly with members to spare--over the forty required for recognition. I believe they were right in their judgement about local program being the key to membership in their community. The several new members have just appeared. In some cases I think they may have been considering joining for some time. Adopting a local program item may have been the difference. Some headway has been made in the Latin-American community and the membership chairman and board is aware of the possibilities there. Apparently the new membership chairman is well known in the community and, I gather, a longtime resident.

The effect of their Voters Service activities should not be underestimated either; they are pretty ambitious in Voters Service. The VS activity is helping Finance--understand they expect to go well over their modest goal for 1972-73. The Voters Guide for the city-school board election helped to get out the vote according to reported comments of old-time election judges.

I attended the organizational board meeting Wednesday. Anna Stock, president, amazes me that she is so good--organized, enthusiastic and able. She does her homework. She used the Local League Handbook and Primer for Board Members as tools to train and organize the newly elected board. They appointed a treasurer and one director to fill vacancies the nominating committee had not been able to fill. They plan to appoint at least two more to fill specific jobs, but seventeen board members is not their goal. They need a local program chairman, but I don't think it is from lack of interest in the item. The logical person for the job feels she is too tied down with little people to do the job justice. It was discussed and suggestions were made. Check with Anna Stock for late developments. The local program chairman will have excellent help from that especially interested member who is experienced and able. A local program committee won't be a problem. Plans were made to kick off the study with a local speaker at the May general membership meeting. Husbands and prospective members will be invited and it will also be a get acquainted time. Then the committee will work during the June-July break and meetings will resume about the time school starts. If there are questions about this please talk to Lois Braunagel about it. They are ready!!!

(in waco)
Note: I told Anna she could not have a meeting on her new local program item until after official recognition was received.
Elsie

I filled in some names on a sheet the president used to show how a board could be organized. The jobs indicated are firm--the places on the chart are not. They really didn't get that far. The president seems to have good judgement about how much to throw out at one time. I expect it will be June before the budget, bylaws and additional nominating committee members are appointed. The publications chairman will be ordering material for board members. The president recognizes the need for tools--this is progress. Tools had not been pushed before she took over.

At the board meeting there was an interesting discussion of the political participation policy for board members. They are liberal in their view on this. I suggested that the two rather active board members take portfolios that didn't put them in the limelight, but I didn't dare suggest the restriction that have been the policy of my own local league. Their understanding of the reasons for the policy is good. They simply feel their political activity can be kept separate from their League activities. They decided to listen carefully for any criticism and re-evaluate the policy at the first hint of a problem. They are aware of a possible change in the national policy and would be pleased if it is modified. I mentioned to the president that a Local Policy Sheet needs to be developed and printed. I know she will see that it is done soon after recognition.

I felt like being a wet blanket when they decided, Wednesday, to attempt a Local Voters Guide for the May Primaries. The idea had been approved earlier, but nothing had been done. It seems like such a short time to work in. I held myself to mentioning some of the problems involved and in promoting long range planning. Threw in a suggestion that Pearland and Brazosport could both benefit from a little cooperation. The Brazosport Voters Service Chairman is being helpful with material she used for Brazosport's Local Guide and they have some material from the State pool. They probably can't cover all offices, but with an offer of free printing and free paper I certainly understand their decision. They aren't new at Voters Guides. Of course they are distributing the State Voters Guide, and planning publicity for that. Their distribution method is effective. They ask members to distribute Guides door to door in their neighborhoods or certain areas. Some members pay youngsters to do the job, but it gets the Guides out. They are mailed to contributors and members receive one in the ~~VOTES~~. I suggested the Finance Chairman call the contributors and ask if they would like some delivered to be distributed to employees. She liked the idea.

I read a rough draft of the Application for Recognition Report and it looks good to me. Anna Stock will have copies and my letter for you in Waco. I hope the report is all right--I am sure Pearland Provisional is. All this couldn't go in a letter of transmittal with the Application for Recognition. I thought you needed to know how very well things are going. Mary Emma Bristow, TCR Chairman, will be with Anna Stock. I hope you will get to talk to both of them. Mary Emma is excited about TCR.

Is there a chance that Mrs. Braunagel can do their board training? I feel she would be exactly right for Pearland. I may have given them some sense of security in that somebody cares what happens but

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they need someone new for Board Training. They are going to need more direction with local program than I will be able to give, since I am not program oriented. I don't think there is any question about the potential in that community and they are off and running.

Expanding the League Area has been mentioned. I know that a change is quite involved. The idea of a North Brazoria County League (Pearland) and a South Brazoria County League (Brazosport) appeals to Pearland. I haven't mentioned it in Brazosport, although it was discussed when Brazosport took on Angleton. Such a change should not be considered if it would delay recognition at all. I think you should know the subject came up. Recognition NOW is vital to Pearland's high spirits.

Jim

Two extra copies enclosed



4050 Clarke Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas, 76197
May 12, 1972

Mrs. Darvin Winick, President
League of Women Voters of Texas
Dickinson Plaza Center
Dickinson, Texas

Dear Mrs. Winick:

I am pleased to add the endorsement of the Organization Committee and of the Texas state Board to the application for recognition of the Provisional League of Women Voters of the Pearland Area. It represents culmination of more than three years' work, the whole first year of which was spent as a Pre-provisional League. A word of explanation is in order concerning this.

A past state Board member who lived in Freeport was assigned to work with the group initially, who fully intended to continue as their adviser during the Provisional period. Evidently she did not mind attending meetings in the evening, for she did not demur when Board meetings were set during evening hours. This was necessary because many of the members were employed.

Not very long after these arrangements were made, the past state Board member moved away from the area, and for over a year it was not possible to secure an adviser on a regular basis. People in the area who ordinarily could have worked with them were not available for evening meetings, and others would have had to stay overnight, an impossibility since the community offers no motel facilities.

Meanwhile the initial group of members plugged away as best they could, and in October, 1970 were able finally to meet the requirements for recognition as a Provisional League, including a 55-member requirement which had been imposed by the state Board on all organizing groups. Although it did so with misgivings as to its ability to service the group in a satisfactory manner, the state Board extended the Pearland group recognition as a Provisional League at its October, 1970 meeting.

An excellent trainer was sent in for a successful Board training session, and a new adviser was assigned. Unfortunately this arrangement proved unsatisfactory after a short while, and no replacement could be found until April, 1971. Since that time their progress has been both steady and rapid. Their report reflects the many activities in which they have engaged.

Although Texas currently requires 55 members in order to apply for recognition as a local League, it was decided at the April, 1972 Board meeting to waive this in the case of Pearland, since the organizing process originally was begun at a time when 40 members was the required minimum, and it did not seem fair to change the rules in the middle of the game. Careful evaluation revealed great enthusiasm and dedication on the part of the current membership of 42, which would be lost unless study of a local item could be begun soon; it was decided this would be a satisfactory substitute for the numerical factor, in the hope that work on a local item might have a beneficial effect on their membership recruitment efforts.

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This group stands at the head of all Leagues in Texas so far as the ratio of members to the total population of the area served. Their image is improving as they become more involved in community affairs, and it appears that this will be further enhanced in the future.

They probably never will be in an extremely strong financial position, certainly not in the near future, since the area primarily is a "bedroom" community, without large businesses or major industry. However, the area is undergoing expansion, which is a plus, and since the League leadership seems adept at making do with what they have, no doubt as services to the community are gradually expanded, so, too, will their base of financial support.

I trust the national Board will see fit to recognize this group as the League of Women Voters of the Pearland Area at the earliest possible time, since they are so very eager to begin work on their local program item, which was adopted at their Annual Meeting pending such recognition.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. Jack W. Wackerbarth)
Organization Vice-President



332 Redwood
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566
April 17, 1972

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
Organizational Vice President
League of Women Voters of Texas
Dickinson Plaza Center
Dickinson, Texas 77539

Dear Mrs. Wackerbarth:

The Pearland Area Provisional League has overcome some difficulties with a number of changes in advisers, periods without an adviser and several changes on the board since being recognized as a provisional league in October, 1970. I began working with them in April, 1971. The assurance that the State Board cared what happened to the Pearland Provisional League was what they needed most.

During 1971-72 the interim report was made, Know Your City was finished and prepared for publication, a consensus process was completed, Voters Service activities were expanded, the February, 1972 Finance Drive went over a modest goal, and members were initiated to local program making. At the Annual Meeting in March, 1972, officers and directors were elected to finish the provisional period and to continue in a first term after recognition. A local program item was adopted.

Membership is improving and a broader representation of the community makeup is being realized. This will increase effectiveness in all League activities. A speakers Bureau is developing from the activities of an active Texas Constitutional Revision committee. The new president is enthusiastic, capable and is exercising good judgement in organizing the new board. Voters Service projects have grown from a "lemonade ladies" beginning to include candidates rallies, local voters guides, citizens inquires into issues, registration drives, etc. (Please see the Application for Recognition.) They are ready to begin work on the local program item which will involve almost all members.

All requirements for recognition, as I understand them, have been completed and I recommend the Pearland Area Provisional League be recognized as the League of Women Voters-Pearland Area.

Sincerely yours,

Adeline Johnson

Mrs. Roland Johnson
Adviser

RECOGNITION REPORT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PEARLAND AREA May 1972

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DATE AND BASIS OF ORGANIZATION

Date: On October 7, 1970, we were recognized as a provisional LWV.

Basis of organization: We are an area LWV that has included three communities-Pearland, Brookside, and Manville-and the unincorporated areas between them. Located in northeast Brazoria County, these three towns are similar only in that they are primarily suburban satellites serving Houston, NASA, and Alvin, Texas. Pearland, the largest of the three (pop. 6,440 in 1970) has a manager-council form of government, and it is a home rule charter city. It has some light industry and a little farming. Brookside, second in size (1200 in 1970) is incorporated as a village that governs itself by a mayor and six aldermen. It has several small businesses and no city owned utilities. These two towns are both within the Pearland Independent School District, but the third community, Manville (800 in 1970) has its own school district, 15 local businesses, and a mayor and a five member council form of government. There are three volunteer fire departments, 1 police department, one library and one developed park.

MEMBERSHIP

	10/70	5/72
Pearland (6,440)	54	37 38
Brookside(1,200)	1	3 4
Manville (800)	0	0 0
8,440	55	40 42

The lose in membership needs some comment. The initial 55 took us 17 months of full-time recruitment, and it reflects a false image of current local interest in LWV. Many joined to help us become provisional, but they were not able to participate. After their dues lapsed, twenty-five dropped, and for over a year, we have achieved some excellent things and seen a real growth in community awareness and interest in our League with the remaining thirty members. We recently had a successful membership drive that netted 13 new members, and we have firm hopes of further growth with the advent of local program. We hope, also, as soon as our local Pearland units are established to begin development of units in Manville and Brookside. We are small, but 40 interested and active members in 8,500 total population is really a respectable percentage, and we think we are a viable League with a valuable role to play in our towns. (See voter service.) We think recognition as a local LWV will help us be more successful and with more success comes more members. (Membership roster attached at back.)

MEETINGS

Our general membership meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the evening in the Community Room of the local bank. We have met monthly since September, 1970, when we began to organize with the assistance of the LWV-Texas. (We did not meet during the summer of 1971.) Our meetings are discussion programs which are led by either a local resource committee of two to four members or visiting leaguers (Betty Conners, LWV-Houston, and LWV-Brazosport) and city or county officials. We average 12-22 women, and the discussions are often lively. For three months we tried to develop a day unit that featured a repeat of the night program, but attendance was poor. The current board has expressed an interest in making a second attempt at organizing units (day and night or possibly Pearland and Brookside), but no plans will be made until Sept., 1972. Since we are small, we perhaps will be most effective meeting as a general membership, but we are open to experiment. Our local board meets the second Wednesday of each month except June and July. We limit ourselves to two hours of business, and attendance is good at our meetings.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER COMMITTEES

President: Anna Stock
 I Vice Presidents: Cathy Schiesser
 II Vice President: Pending
 Secretary: Fay Hicky
 Treasurer: Clara Osborne
 State Program Chairman
 and TCR Chairman: Mary Emma Bristow

Bulletin Editor: Priscilla Wise
 Voter Service: Hattie Reed
 Publicity: Camille Griffin
 Publications: Oleta Hawkins
 Membership: Carrie Mae Cogbill
 Speakers' Bureau: Mary Bristow
 Observers' Corps: Pending

OTHER COMMITTEES: Nominating: 5, Budget 4, Know Your City 25, Bylaws 3, Finance 3, Voter registration 4, Membership 2, Voters' Guides 3 and 7, Texas Constitution Reform 3, Program and resource committees will be given as their report is made.

VOTER SERVICE

In the last few months we have had a virtual explosion of interest and member activity in voter service projects. We began as mild mannered lemonade ladies who dispensed drinks, information, and LWV publications at a Public Information Booth at a local Chamber of Commerce Rally Day in 1970. But from these humble beginnings, we have come a long, long way.

We have since then published two local voters guides covering school board and Pearland and Brookside city elections. Last year we printed and distributed 2000; this year 3000 copies were circulated. Our printer is so pleased to have this service for the community that he donated his services and supplies, and our members have used door-to-door distribution. The new board which organized April 12 is so enthusiastic that it has begun the printing of a supplemental May 6 Primary Voters Guide. One member found another free printer, and the rest went quickly to work notifying candidates and preparing responses. Little time and little experience seem only challenges to overcome in the face of the intense community need for this guide! We expect to be in print by May 1, 1972.

We have also had two registration drives, and we plan to do another in October. In 1971 we had to BUY voter registration forms and we were limited to distribution only of 1000 forms. This year four members were certified as deputies who were able to set up a sub-station, and using county supplied forms, these four persons have thus far actually registered 250 persons. These same ladies also went to a Mexican-American Civic Club and registered 18 more voters there.

We have co-sponsored two Candidates Night Rallies. In 1971 we were listed as co-sponsors along with churches and civic clubs; in 1972 we became the sole co-sponsor with the Chamber of Commerce. We were on the program and we distributed voters guides and Voters Keys to the 160 persons who attended. (1000 voted in the election, so we reached almost twenty percent of the voters in one evening.)

We also sponsored a School Bond Inquiry in 1972 that had a panel of 3 citizens and 2 school board members who aired questions about bond proposals. Forty-seven persons attended, and the school board president remarked, "This was the best political program I have attended in the nine years I've been in Pearland."

We are also distributing free 1000 Voters Keys through registration drives, rallies, and the library.

Finally, we have distributed twice now state published voters guides, and we gave 2 pro and con amendment talks to clubs in Nov., 1971.

MEMBERSHIP

During our development we have had three membership chairmen who have each helped us to grow. We have had two coffees and two dessert

parties specifically devoted to membership. These included fun and food, but they always ended with a program about LWV and a firm invitation to join us and our program.

We have also solicited members by mailing the bulletin to their homes to inform them of our activities. These are followed by calls from the membership chairman who brings the prospective members to the program meetings.

We also gained members with our voter service activities. Three joined after our school bond inquiry, and three more joined after our last Pearland Candidates Night.

Finally, we used our last Annual Meeting as a membership event, and we had our first dinner meeting. Seven guests were present, and three of these have already joined.

New members are called on and given a new member kit, and then in small groups of two or three they are invited to informal orientation meetings at the home of our membership chairman.

PUBLICATIONS

The publications committee has primarily been providing program material and publications to assist board members and officers in carrying out their responsibilities. To familiarize league members with different types of publications and to encourage participation in subscription, we mailed several publications to all members. (We allocated \$25 for state and national items.) Publications have also been distributed to the community through voter registration and the finance drives. (We purchased 1000 Voters Keys and various Know your LWV publications for this.) We have also prepared new member kits with materials to acquaint them with the program and activities of the LWV. For our first subscription service we have ten participants. We had publications for sale or to be ordered at some program meetings.

BULLETINS

Our bulletin, the Voter's Voice, comes out once each month, usually the week immediately following our board meeting. We try to inform our members of any special items of community interest as well as LWV meetings and projects. We also send special mailouts of any publications which are of interest to our members. A large percentage of each voter is devoted to background information for the program meeting of the month. This material is furnished for the editor by the resource committee preparing the program.

FINANCE, BUDGETS FOR 70, 71, and 72 AND TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR 71 and 72.

FINANCE DRIVE (1971)

Goal	\$450.00	Number of Contributors (Members)	12
Contributions	\$180.39	Number of Contributors (Non-members)	21
		Number of Solicitors	7
		Number of Businesses, Professional People Contacted	120 Letters 45 Personal

The drive was conducted for two days during February. There had been publicity through the local news media and letters informing the area of our drive were sent to prospective contributors. Two training sessions were held prior to the drive with 18 in attendance. Lack of membership participation in the drive was considered the reason for not meeting our goal. However, those who did solicit were received graciously by our local people. This being our first finance drive with "green horn" Leaguers, our hope for future drives is much brighter!

FINANCE DRIVE (1972)

Goal	\$230.00	Number of Contributors (Members)	1
Contributions		Number of Contributors (Non-members)	28
to date	\$252.50	Number of Solicitors	8
		Number of Businesses, Professional People Contacted	130 Letters 59 Personal

The finance drive was conducted the full week of February 7th. There was publicity in the local newspaper and pre-drive letters were sent to each prospective contributor. Our members were well informed through the Voters Voice and a training session held for them prior to kick-off day. Of the 130 letters mailed, 59 personal contacts were made. Follow up is being done through mailing of Voters Guides and Voter Keys. We feel the drive was a success and great improvement over 1971, in that we exceeded our goal and took our story to many in the community. The general response and awareness of our program as Leaguers was well known by many we called on.....an encouraging sign over the response received last year. We expect greater returns for our efforts next year!

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PEARLAND
AREA

1970-71 budget

General Administration		\$230.00
President	\$25.00	
Board tools	40.00	
Supplies	75.00	
Committees	85.00	
Telephone & telegraph	5.00	
Programs and Activities		\$105.00
Programs	20.00	
Voters voice	30.00	
Postage	5.00	
Publications	50.00	
Community services		\$35.00
New equipment		30.00
State and national pledge		75.00
Total expenditures		<u>\$550.00</u>

Dues of \$10.00 per yr. x 55 members = \$550.00
Total income \$550.00

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PEARLAND AREA BUDGET

1971-1972

General administration		\$305.00
President	\$50.00	
Board tools	40.00	
Committees	115.00	
Supplies	100.00	

New equipment		30.00
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Delegates		75.00
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Program and activities		390.00
Publications	125.00	
Voter's voice	150.00	
Programs	20.00	
Community services	85.00	

State and national pledge		\$200.00
Total expenditures		<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Dues of \$10.00 per yr. x 55 members == \$550.00

Contributions

Member and nonmember	450.00
Total income	<u>\$1,000.00</u>



PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PEARLAND
AREA

1972-73 ~~proposed~~ budget

General Administration		\$115.00
President	-0-	
Board tools	\$15.00	
Supplies	50.00	
Committees	50.00	

Programs and Activities		230.00
Texas Constitution Reform	\$30.00	
Local programs	35.00	
Publications	50.00	
Voter's Voice	75.00	
Subscription service	20.00	

Community services		\$ 30.00
Candidate's night	-0-	
Local voter's guide	\$30.00	
State voter guide	-0-	
Amendments pro and con	-0-	

Delegates		\$ 50.00
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State and national pledge		\$225.00
Total expenditures		<u>\$650.00</u>

\$10.00 dues per yr. x 40 members =	\$400.00
Finance drive	230.00
Subscription service	20.00
Total income	<u>\$650.00</u>

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE PEARLAND AREA

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

March 30, 1971

Income(Feb. 1970 through March 1971)		\$743.65
Dues	\$610.00	
Contributions:member	8.00	
nonmember	121.85	
Publication sales and		
subscription service	13.80	
Money left from dessert party	1.00	
Expenditures		\$309.72
Supplies	141.02	
State & nat'l. pledge	75.00	
P. O. Box rental	2.90	
Sales tax	1.93	
Community services	15.90	
Delegate expense to conv.	37.50	
Postage	14.75	
Publications	22.45	
Bulletin	34.80	
Cash balance on hand March 30, 1971		\$433.93

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF THE PEARLAND AREA

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 28, 1972

Income(April 1, 1971 to March 10, 1972)		\$512.76
Dues	\$212.61	
Member contributions	47.44	
Non-member contributions	237.50	
Publication and subscription service	13.55	
Miscellaneous	11.66	
Expenditures		\$687.18
Supplies	\$152.52	
Pres. and Board	30.00	
Postage	90.82	
Delegates	37.50	
Publications	125.72	
Bulletins	41.87	
Miscellaneous	7.50	
Sales Tax	1.14	
State and National Pledge	200.00	
On hand April 1, 1971 (\$433.93) + income (\$512.76) = monies for year		\$946.79
Balance on hand March 15, 1972		\$259.61

HUMAN RESOURCES (2 members on resource committee)

The Human Resources Committee presented its program at two unit meetings in a discussion program with many outline charts prepared by the committee. Great interest was shown by the membership. Our bulletin included background facts from LWV publications for our members before the meeting, and a national publication was sent as a followup. At a third meeting, two leaguers from LWV-Houston gave us a report on LWV positions on housing and equal employment.

U. S. CONGRESS (2 members on resource committee)

Work began on Sept. 3, 1971, when the chairman traveled to Houston to hear Congressman Bill Archer and Bob Eckart speak on their roles. A report was published in the bulletin. Then began the fact-finding phase. In addition to all the league publications on congress, the resource committee purchased and studied MAKING CONGRESS MORE EFFECTIVE by the Committee for Economic Development. The committee also read CONGRESS NEEDS HELP by Donhan and Fahey, CONGRESS by Vinyard, and CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES by Morrow. The committee constructed several charts as aids for discussion including ones on performance criteria, the benefits and costs of the seniority system, pros and cons for the filibuster and executive committee sessions, the various roles Congressmen perform, the process for assigning bills to committee, and the organization structure of the houses of Congress. Several reports appeared in the bulletin to aid additional background for all members. In January we discussed developing criteria and the seniority system. In February we talked of the committee structure, powers of the chairman, the proposed office of ombudsman, and electronic voting. This was the first consensus we participated in, and our response is in our national office.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (4members on air, 4 on water 4 on solid waste)

Six vertical programs were presented on environmental quality. Two each were on air, water, and solid waste. In addition to material from national and state LWV, newspapers and pamphlets on environmental problems were used. Charts were presented and a glossary of pollution terms was made. Two members also attended a regional LWV workshop on water pollution in 1971 and a second one featuring Mrs. Donald Clusen. Also, two members attended an ILO program on Gulf Coast regional pollution control efforts.

A survey was conducted by committee on detergents and recycling in our area. Members aided a local drive for the collection of aluminum and throwaway glass. We studied disposal methods used by local merchants, residents, and cities.

Speakers consisted of Mr. Cox, a chemist from a local refinery who discussed industry's point of view; a Pearland Councilman who reported on his testimony before the House Conservation and Natural Resource Subcommittee, Washington, D.C.; and the local city administrator who discussed the problems and local concerns with the Texas Water Quality Board.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND VOTING RIGHTS (3 members)

This program included a summary report on the LWV position on self-government for Washington D.C. The committee also led a discussion on the electoral college and the various plans then being discussed in Congress for the replacement or modification of the electoral college.

FOREIGN POLICY (4 members)

This program was given by a panel of 4 members who presented reports and led a group discussion on the LWV positions on UN, China, foreign aid, and trade. The highlight of this program was the report on China since that member had done extensive research and had interviewed Chinese living and studying in Houston. Currently, the China news has caused us to reprint the LWV positions on China in our local Voter's Voice.

TEXAS ELECTION LAWS (3 members, one of who is an election judge)

At the first meeting on this topic, the committee led a discussion on the criteria for judging the balloting procedure in Texas. Since three of the Leaguers present were also serving as election officials, the discussion was very informative. The committee prepared a flip chart to give the members background information during the discussion.

At the second meeting to be held this month the committee has invited a local democratic and republican precinct chairman to discuss the best way to run a primary convention and the best way to select delegates to county conventions. The committee will also print the primary convention observer's form in the bulletin, and after the discussion of conventions they will encourage members to attend. The TCR chairman will also explain the introduction of resolutions supporting Constitution reform, and she too will urge attendance for support of passage of these resolutions. A facts and issues was sent to those on subscription.

MODERNIZING STATE GOVERNMENT (2 members)

Boards and Commissions: A committee of two prepared excellent charts on the alternatives to the present system of organization. The chairman of this committee also interviewed the chairman of the Texas Water Quality Board, and she presented his comments. The facts and issues published by LWV-Texas was mailed to all members as a follow-up.

Legislature: We had a guest leaguer from Brazosport who led us in a good discussion on the organization of our legislature and its many weaknesses. Members were eager to pursue this topic. The four members who had attended lobby school in Houston were helpful and contributed to our discussion useful information. Facts and issues on the legislature were sent to all members as background before the meeting.

TEXAS WATER PLAN

The material was repeated in the local bulletin because the night meeting was flooded out by the biggest rain of the fall. Five persons who attended the day unit which was then functioning heard the pros and cons to the proposed plan to import the Mississippi to water west Texas. Those present agreed wholly with the LWV consensus to further study and plan for the water needs of this state.

STATE-LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (1 member)

This is the one topic we have not covered. Our plans this summer are to present a summary of this program in our local bulletin and perhaps have a follow-up meeting next year to discuss the facts and the LWV position.

TEXAS CONSTITUTION REFORM (3 members at present; two more will be added this fall for the busy season.)

The TCR committee started to work after two members attended the workshop in Houston in November. Our first committee meeting consisted of formulating plans for our league until November. The committee is divided into two sections: visual aids and speaking.

Posters have been made and displayed in the key store in our area. The posters are changed monthly so that interest will be maintained. A poster is also used as a visual aid at the speeches and the functions we sponsor, such as bond inquiry, candidates' night, and our Annual Meeting. A large red poster is used with the heading "Ever Wonder Why?" and beneath it we have a copy of the U.S. Constitution and the Texas almanac opened to the Texas Constitution. Under the respective constitutions is written 26 amendments and 201 amendments. At rallies we stand beside the display and talk to people and distribute literature.

Speeches have been given to a local social sorority and to the ladies of the catholic church. The women showed much interest and enthusiasm about the information presented. The first week of April the chairman received two requests for speeches in May.

A dress and a hat of the 1876 era is worn as a visual aid. The chairman visited the Houston library and researched Gody's Lady Book and Peterson's Magazine of the 1880's. Styles of the period were noted and an outfit was made that will be worn as a visual aid to stress the age of our constitution whenever the chairman makes a talk.

We plan to do more as the November election approaches. We will contact each club and ask for a program before November. We have even offered to give substitution programs at the last minute if a club has a cancellation. Our local school will be contacted, and we hope to present a program to seniors and civic classes. We will also continue adding and changing poster in the key business in Pearland.

There is an annual Memorial Day parade and we hope to have a horse and buggy in the parade with the 1876 costume worn by one member and another member in hot pants and boots. The theme will be "Horse and buggy constitution in a jet age society."

A citizens committee is being formed to give wider support to our TCR drive. At each club we visit, we ask for volunteers to serve on the committee. Each precinct chairman of both parties will be contacted and asked to support amendment 4. We hope to have a LWV member at each convention to present the resolution. A self-addressed card will be left with each chairman for him to fill out the precinct number, party, and if the resolution was or was not adopted.

An item on TCR has been in our bulletin each month and it will continue to be. An announcement will be made at each meeting that TCR is important. Two meetings on TCR will be held in our League.

SURVEY: KNOW YOUR CITY

This was one of our most successful and member stimulating projects. In all 25 women participated. First, at least two persons volunteered as reporters for each of the 12 areas to be reported on. They received written instructions and turned in reports which were compiled and edited. We held one meeting devoted to Know Your Town reports and the women shared their findings in lively discussions including reports on police patrol riding, sewer plant inspections, and local drug and shot clinic visits. The remainder of the reports were given throughout the year at the beginning of the other program meetings, and so many ideas for local program evolved that we have a possible local agenda for at least the next 15 years! Currently, we are negotiating with Houston Natural Gas to provide \$650.00 for printing 3000 copies of an 8½-5½", 16 page, typeset booklet with maps and illustrations to be distributed free to interested persons. Our first recipients are our LWV members, our contributors, the school and public and county libraries, the city offices, and the four local newspapers. We hope this project will be completed by summer, 1972.

LOCAL PROGRAM

At the second Annual Meeting of provisional LWV-Pearland Area, March, 1972, the members acted like Leaguers of long experience, and they rejected the adoption of the board recommended local study item of a school survey and adopted instead an item on land use, zoning, and housing. One member who suggested the item prepared a very convincing presentation on the current need for immediate study on these items, and the membership agreed. The Human Resources Committee has taken the initial responsibility in planning our action and program. We are eager to get started because the Citizen's Committee on Land Use will hold its first public hearing in Pearland during Sept., 1972, and then it will present its findings to the City Council in the Spring of 1973. We hope to reach consensus in time to act. Current plans call for the Chairman of the Land Use Committee to speak at our general membership meeting in May.

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