M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
April 10, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 1978, at the home of Marge Sumrall. Mrs. Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, Judy Gloor, Ruth Manzke, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Bazar, Judy Woolf, Rita DePau, and Frances Marquis.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report showed a balance of $1,118.17 on March 1. Disbursements of $300 leaves a balance of $818.17 on March 31, 1978.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee consists of Mary Chase, Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, Betty McNamara, and Bee Lantz.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN: It was reported that Donna Bazar's committee plans to be finished with the Community Service Bulletin by the first of May.

GENERAL MEETING: A general meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 25, at Luby's Cafeteria. Mrs. Pearl West will speak, concerning the Friendship of Women Organization, which provides counseling for battered women.

BOARD ELECTION: Mr. Richard Leopold has requested assistance with the board elections at the City Health Clinic on April 29. Volunteering to serve were: Rosario Fuentes, Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, Bee Lantz, and Marge Sumrall.

STATE PRESIDENT VISITS: Mrs. Betty Anderson, State LWV president, visited with us on March 15. The visit included lunch with the members on Padre Island. Judy and Don Veach, who have a tour service, took us on a tour of the island.

NEXT MEETING: The next board meeting will be at the home of Judy Gloor on Monday, May 8.

ANNUAL MEETING: It was decided that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20. Details to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
February 3, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 1978, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Ruth Manzke, Judy Gloor, Dolores Beier, Frances Marquis, Marge Sumrall, Donna Bazar, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Rita DePau and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,067.17 on December 1. Receipts of $10 and disbursements of $29 for December and January, leave a balance of $1,048.17 on January 30, 1978.

GENERAL MEETING: It was announced that there will be a general meeting on Thursday, February 23, at the Bonanza Steak House, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bee Lantz will speak concerning her trip to the Coastal Zone Management Convention. Each committee will take a few minutes to explain what they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
January 10, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 1978, at the home of Marge Sumrall. Mrs. Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, Donna Bazar, Frances Marquis, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Ruth Manzke, Judy Gloor, Rita DePau, and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None given; treasurer absent.

PROGRAM: Donna Bazar verified a previous report whereby the Brownsville Herald has agreed to publish our community service bulletin when it is ready. They also mentioned the possibility of its being published in Spanish as well as in English.

MEETINGS: It was AGREED that we will have unit meetings only for this month. A general meeting will be held in February, enabling each committee to report concerning its progress. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 7.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Beth Brown, of the Board of Directors of the LWV of Texas, commending us on our Bulletin, and especially commending Frances Marquis on her statement to the School Board on September 20.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
December 6, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 1977, at the home of Ruth Manzke. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Judy Gloor, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, Judy Woolf, and Donna McCabe Bazar.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,248.43 on November 1, 1977. Receipts of $20 and disbursements of $201.26, leave a balance of $1,067.17 on November 30, 1977.

PROGRAM: In the absence of Donna Bazar (nee McCabe), Marge Sumrall reported that the Brownsville Herald has agreed to publish our community service bulletin when it is completed and even mentioned the possibility of updating it every three months.

CORRESPONDENCE: A note was read from Shirley Gleason, who expressed appreciation for our Bulletin.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Ruth Manzke reported that the Christmas party will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, at the home of Wanda Rogers. Each member is asked to bring a snack. Food, fun and games are planned for the afternoon.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, at the home of Judy Gloor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
Board meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 1977
7:30 p.m. at the home of Delores Beier

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the President Marge Sumrall. Members present were: Marge Sumrall, Donna McCabe, Frances Marquis, Delores Beier and Ruth Manzke. Absent were: Wanda Rogers, Rita DePau, Judy Gloor and Judy Woolf.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Marge Sumrall in the absence of Wanda Rogers, Secretary. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Membership Chairman, Ruth Manzke, reported a total of twenty-four members at the present time. Mrs. Rosario Fuentes is the latest member to join. Our Christmas Coffee will be held at the home of Caryl Atkins. She will confirm it later.

Voters Guides were distributed to the various locations by Rita DePau and members of the league.

Donna McCabe reported the emembers who will serve on the two committees. Community Services Bulletin committee are Gloria Hughes, Rosario Fuentes, Judith Gloor, Bee Lantz and Pat Garrison. The Administration of Justice Committee members are: Delores Beier, Rosario Fuentes, Ruth Manzke, Mary Chase, Marge Sumrall, Frances Marquis and Betty McNamara.

February is the tenetative time set for the program on the Resaca Study. January will be a luncheon meeting to discuss the progress on the Administration of Justice and Community Services Bulletin committees.

The Superintendent of the Brownsville Independent School District will go to Washington, D.C. for more funds for the legal aliens in the schools.

Jo McLean will compose a letter to the "60 Minutes" program about the legal aliens.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Manzke

Ruth Manzke,
Secretary, Pro tem

Marge

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
October 4, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 1977, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Ruth Manzke, Frances Marquis, Wanda Rogers, Dolores Beier, and Miss Donna McCabe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Rita DePau, Judy Gloor, and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 6 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None (treasurer absent).

CORRESPONDENCE: We were notified that ERA jewelry is now available.

Information was received from the committee on "Endangered Species"--including the final tabulation of questionnaires and activities.

A letter from Liz Davies, of San Antonio, expressing appreciation for our Bulletin.

A letter from Jan Coggeshall, Human Resources Chairman, also stating appreciation for the Bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Manzke reported that we now have 23 members. She also reported that Lucinda Flores (new member) and Judy Gloor have agreed to serve on the governing board for the City Health Clinic.

TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: It was reported that Bee Lantz, Ruth Manzke, and Dolores Beier will attend the Texas Coastal Management Program at the Fort Brown Motel on Tuesday, October 11.

BEACH TRIP: Ruth Manzke reported that Ms. Babett Higgins did not show up for the proposed tour of Padre Island. However, six of our members did join three Harlingen League members for a visit with the Turtle Lady, Ms. Ila Loetscher. This was followed by lunch and a short beach tour given by Don and Judy Veech.

MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD: Frances Marquis reported that ten League members appeared before the School Board on September 20 to present recommendations for the Department of Special Education. The recommendations were well received, and some of the things recommended have already been accomplished. (List of recommendations attached).

GARDEN THERAPY: Marge Sumrall reported that, as a result of our program on Special Education and our interest in the handicapped children in our community, the West Brownsville Garden Club is planning a "Garden Therapy" program at the Moody School in an effort to involve these children in gardening. President of the garden club is our own Pat Garrison.

PROGRAM: Donna McCabe reported that Jaimie Roark, of KGB-TV, is interested in doing a telecast on Public Law 94-142 sometime before Christmas. This would help educate the public concerning this law, and would also provide publicity for the League.

Hank Hollingsworth, of KBOR Radio, also is willing to give us some time concerning this law.

It was SUGGESTED that the League write a letter to Ruben Hinojosa, our District Representative on the State Board of Education, concerning our recommendations for a required six hours of Special Education training for all public school teachers. AGREED.

October 13 - A buffet supper meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, with Richard Leopold, Director of the City Health Department, as speaker.

November 3 - A luncheon meeting at the Bonanza. Bee Lantz will provide a program on Project 208, given by members of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 1, at the home of Dolores Beier.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
September 6, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, at the home of Wanda Rogers. Mrs. Marge Summrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Marge Summrall, Judy Gloor, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita DePau, Donna McCabe, and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 8 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,288.95 on August 1, 1977. Receipts of of $20, and disbursements of $19, leave a balance of $1,289.95 on August 31, 1977.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Ms. June Kachtik, director for the LWV Texas Coastal Management Project, requested that a member be chosen to serve on the Advisory Committee which meets in September. Bea Lantz agreed to serve in this capacity.

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Manske announced that we now have seventeen paid members. Also, that a membership coffee will be held at her home on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m.

LAND USE CHAIRMAN: Ms. Babett Higgins, Land Use Chairman, will be at Padre Island on Thursday, September 15, for a tour of the island. Members are encouraged to meet with her for this tour and to have lunch together afterward.

PROGRAM: Tentative program plans include the following:

September: Set up a meeting with the school board sometime this month concerning our recommendations for the Special Education Department in the Brownsville schools.

October: A possible buffet supper meeting, with our speaker being Mr. Richard Leopold, who is Director of our City Health Department.

December: A Christmas party for Saturday, December 10. Everyone bring "goodies" for an afternoon of food, fun, and games. The place to meet will be announced later.

NEW MEMBERS: A MOTION was made and SECONDED by Dolores Beier and Ruth Manzke, respectively, that we acquaint our new members with our various programs. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
August 8, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 1977 at the home of Frances Marquis. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Judy Gloor, Judy Woolf, Francis Marquis, Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Ruth Manzke, Donna McCabe, and Rita DePau.

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 13 board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,181.68 on July 1, 1977. Receipts of $160 for the month and disbursements of $52.73 leave a balance on July 31, 1977 of $1,288.98.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marge Sumrall read a letter of thanks and appreciation from Shirley Gleason, who met with us in July for our board training in action work.

Frances Marquis read a copy of her letter to Mr. Raul Besteiro (Superintendent of Schools) and to Mr. Milton Kirby (Director of Special Education) concerning our recommendations for the Department of Special Education, and mentioning that we will soon be requesting a time to meet with the school board. A copy of this letter was also sent to each of the school board members.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Wanda Rogers.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
June 13, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13 at the home of Wanda Rogers. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Judy Gloor, Rita DePau, Frances Marquis, Donna McCabe, Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, indicated a balance of $1,181.68 as of May 31.

BOARD TRAINING: It was announced that Marge Sumrall attended Board Training recently in Harlingen. It was suggested that we have our own Board Training soon and that someone come down to meet with us who has done action work. It was AGREED that Marge Sumrall make arrangements for this proposed Board Training for sometime in July.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: A MOTION was made by Donna McCabe that we take on a project whereby our booklet on the Administration of Justice be given out to adults who are working with youth. SECONDED by Judy Gloor. CARRIED.

GENERAL MEETING: It was AGREED that, at the next general meeting, we go before the school board with our recommendations concerning Special Education in the Brownsville public schools. Frances Marquis will write up a letter to be sent to Mr. Raul Besteiro, Superintendent of Schools, and to Mr. Milton Kirby, Director of Special Education. The date for this meeting is to be determined later.

YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: A MOTION was made by Ruth Manzke, and SECONDED by Donna McCabe, that we order 50 copies of the booklet, "You and Your National Government," the money to come from the Voters Service Budget. CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Ruth Manzke RECOMMENDED that two membership coffees be held--one on Wednesday morning, September 14, and another on Thursday evening, September 15. AGREED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Marge

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
May 21, 1977

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville was held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 1977, in the Resaca Room at Rancho Viejo Country Club. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Twenty-two were in attendance, including three guests: Mesdames Rosalie McAdams, Juanita Barton, and Gloria Hughes.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 1976 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report showed income of $1,166.00 and disbursements of $751.63. This leaves a balance of $1,181.34 in the checking account and $310 in the savings account.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAWS: The proposed change in by-laws, whereby the League membership dues be raised to $10, was read by Wanda Rogers, who then RECOMMENDED that the by-laws be changed as read. The recommendation was ACCEPTED.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977-78: The proposed budget for 1977-78 was read by Helen Marberry. Ruth Manzke RECOMMENDED that the budget be accepted. ACCEPTED.

SUPPORT OF ERA CAMPAIGN: A MOTION was made by Lenore Owens that we vote on whether or not to accept the proposal from National League whereby $10 per member be sent to the National League in support of their ERA campaign. SECONDED by Eleanor Kugal. CARRIED.

The League voted to ACCEPT the proposal.

A MOTION was made by Marge Sumrall that we take the $300 ($10 per 30 members) from the treasury. SECONDED by Ruth Anderson. CARRIED.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1977-78: Donna McCabe read the proposed local program for 1977-78 as recommended by the Board of Directors. She then made a MOTION that the recommendation be accepted. SECONDED by Dolores Beier. CARRIED.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR: It was announced that the March of Dimes is holding a ball on Saturday, June 11, at which time they will name the " Woman of the Year." We have nominated Jo McLain for this award.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Eleanor Kugel presented the proposed slate of officers for the coming year. There being no nominations from the floor, she then RECOMMENDED that they be accepted. The recommendation was ACCEPTED. The officers are as follows:

President: Marge Sumrall
1st Vice President: Donna McCabe
2nd Vice President: Judy Woolf
Secretary: Wanda Rogers
Treasurer: Judy Gloor
Directors: Dolores Beier
Rita DePau
Ruth Manzke
Frances Marquis
Nominating Chairman: Mary Chase.

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

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROPOSES SLATE

President: ..... Mrs. David Phillips

President-Elect: ..... Mrs. Royce Allison

Secretary: ..... Mrs. Tom Whitaker

Treasurer: ..... Miss Anna Belle Wilson

Directors: ..... Mrs. Robert Lackner

..... Mrs. Ernest Maness

1) Additional nominations can be made from the floor by any voting League member provided that person has given her consent.

2) Members of the Nominating Committee were Mrs. Hugh Biggs, Chairman; Mrs. James McKnight, and Mrs. Lorna Jones.

3) Mrs. Charles Brown is the chairman for the next year's Nominating Committee. Along with her will be Mrs. Sammy Ladabaum and Mrs. Hugh Biggs.

Annual Report

League of Women Voters of Brownsville

March 16, 1968

Board of Directors

President	Mrs. Robert H. Chase, Jr.	term expires 1969
1st Vice President		
Administrative	Mrs. W. P. Nickles	resigned
	Mrs. David Phillips, Jr.	term expires 1969
2nd Vice President		
Program	Vacant	
Secretary	Mrs. William Rimmer	term expires 1969
Treasurer	Mrs. Hugh Biggs	term expires 1968

Directors:

Membership	Mrs. W. P. Nickles	resigned
	Mrs. James McKnight	term expires 1968
Local Program	Mrs. David Phillips, Jr.	term expires 1969
Voters Service	Mrs. John Vilkaitis	resigned
Finance	Mrs. Charles Rotthoff	resigned
Bulletin Editor	Mrs. Ben Gabbert	resigned
	Mrs. Ford L. Lockett	term expires 1969
State item 1	Mrs. Robert H. Chase, Jr.	
State item 2	Mrs. Charles Rotthoff	
Publications	Mrs. A. A. Prince	term expires 1968
National Program	Mrs. David Mitchell	term expires 1969

Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Alfredo Barreda, Chairman
Mrs. George Price
Mrs. E. V. Todd
Mrs. David Phillips, Jr.
Mrs. A. A. Prince

REVISED TABLE OF BOARD ORGANIZATION - 1967

PRESIDENT
Mary Chase

- ADMINISTRATIVE V-P (Vacant)
  - FINANCE — Gail Rotthoff
  - LOCAL VOTER — Jackie Lockett
  - MEMBERSHIP — Dorothy McKnight
  - VOTERS SERVICE — Phyllis Vilkaitis
- SECRETARY — Lura Rimmer
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- TREASURER — Iola Biggs
- PROGRAM VICE-PRESIDENT — Barbara Phillips
  - NATIONAL PROGRAM — Edith Mitchell
    - PUBLICATIONS — Ellen Prince
  - STATE PROGRAM (Vacant)
  - LOCAL PROGRAM — Barbara Phillips

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eulalie Todd
Romana Barreda
Cleone Price

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Randa Ladabaum
Lorna Jones
Rose Ann Brown

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

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M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual L.W.V. meeting was held at the Holiday Inn on May 22nd, 1976 at 12:30 p.m. A buffet lunch was served. Ruth Manzke welcomed members and guests. The guests were Mrs. Lee Albert, Michele Ostrowski, Mary Jane McCarthy and Rhonda Garrison.

Minutes - Marge Sumrall read the minutes from last year's annual meeting, and the minutes were approved.

Ruth Manzke and Bea Lantz gave a report on the state council held in Galveston in 1976.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was given by Marge Sumrall, the balances being; $814.47 in the checking account and 306.56 in the savings account.

President's Message - Ruth Manzke congratulated the members and board for a very successful year. She felt that some of the highlights were the L.W.V. 25th anniversary celebration and our four new male members. Ruth also informed the league on National news. At the National convention the league vetoed a name change for the L.W.V. The league also voted an increase of $5.50 per member.

Proposed By-Law Amendments - Frances Marquis presented the proposed By-Laws amendments; which were approved by the state league. The members voted to accept them.

Proposed Local Program for 1976-1977 - Eleonar Kugel presented the program; The study of the facilities for the mental and physical care and education of children with emphasis on physical and psychological examination and counseling of children at all school levels.

Action in accordance with consensus reached on the Administration of Justice at the local level.

A proposal was made by Marge Sumrall that we keep working on the revision of the City Charter, also remain active in supporting Mr. Leapold, Environmental Director, in the local health program.

Lenore Owens seconded it, and the members approved.

Anne Palfy suggested that the league support Mr. Leapold in acquiring a Emergency Medical Program for Brownsville. Dolores Bier seconded it and the motion carried. Ruth Manzke asked Gloria Hughes if she would contact Mr. Leopold to ask him how the league could help.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

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Proposed 1976-1977 Budget - Marge Sumrall read the proposed budget. Bea Lantz motioned to accept it. Eleonar Kugel seconded it, and the motion carried.

Nominating Committe Report - Eleonar Kugel presented the proposed slate of officers:

President - Francis Marquis
First Vice-President -
Second Vice-President - Ruth Manzke
Secretary - Wanda Rogers
Treasurer - Helen Marberry
Directors - Mary Chase
Charlotte Sarassy
Marge Sumrall

The slate was voted by acclaimation.

Lenore Owens made a motion to write a note of thanks to Margaret Rendall for all her work and time she gave to the league this year. It was seconded by Delores Bier.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Garrison

Pat Garrison, secretary

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Boters Brownsville

The board meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Marberry. Those present were, Helen Marberry, Ruth Manzke, Marge Summrall, Eleanor Kugel, Francis Marquis, Dolores Bier and Pat Garrison. Absent: Mary Chase and Rita De Pau.

Minutes - The April minutes were read and approved.

Treasuer's Report - The treasuer's report was read and approved: the new balance being $805.97.

President's Report

1. Financing state Government consensus. The board feels that we can not report on this consensus.

2. A letter was received from the air control board requesting grass-root support. The board feels at this time we have not the time or information to lend tour support.

3. A letter was received form the Texans for E.R.A. asking how Ruben Torres feels about E.R.A. Ruth Manzke is going to contact Mr. Torres and ask him of his views on the subject.

4. A letter was received form Johney Snow, thanking the league for their help in registering voters.

5. A letter of thanks was received form the Brownsville J.C. for the leagues help in screening questions in a "Know Your Canditate Forem."

6. The league was informed of a program CEAC, an energy awarness program. The idea is to conserve our energy now, to buy time to get new energy. An impact time has been set from July 15 to August 15 in Brownsville.

Membership - No Report.

Finance - No Report.

Voter's Service - President Ruth Manzke congratulated Helen Marberry on her excellent Voter's Service job.

Bulletin - Mary Chase being absent asked Ruth to remind members to bring their April bulletins to our annual luncheon.

Program - Our program will be held on May 22nd at 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn a Buffet luncheon.

Health - Ruth Manzke reported a meeting was held on May 10 on Emergency Medical Program. Resolutions were asked for from concerned organizations to apply to H.E.W. The league is going to write a letter. A tentative meeting is being planned for May 14th at the Women's Center.

Annual Meeting Agenda - Eleanor Kugel is to present the slate of officers Francis Marquis is to present the By-Laws.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Garrison

Pat Garrison, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report May 10, 1976

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00		285.00
Finance Drive	$980.00		1026.50
Others 7.50 Adv. dues			77.59

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00	30.00	30.00
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00		41.12
Postage	$ 30.00		39.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00	.50	19.12
State Program	$ 10.00		23.56
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00	3.35	3.35
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00		10.02
Finance	$ 75.00		60.58
Publications	$ 50.00		
Board Tools	$ 50.00		43.47
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00	4.62	50.28
Convention	$200.00		206.32
Pledges			
State	$300.00		300.00
National	$200.00		73.00
Contingency	$ 50.00		16.70
TOTAL	$1280.00		$ 906.50

TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
844.44	38.45	0	805.97

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The board meeting was held on April 5, 1976 at 7:30 at the home of Helen Marberry. Board members present were: Mary Chase, Helen Marberry, Ruth Manzke, Marge Summrall, Francis Marquis, Eleanor Kugel, Pat Garrison, and Program Advisor, Margaret Rendall. Absent were: Dolores Beier and Rita De Pau.

Minutes - The March Minutes were read and approved.

Treasuer's Report - The Treasuer's report; read and approved; the new balance being $844.44 .

President's Report -

1. Bea Lantz and Ruth Manzke attended the Presidents Council, a full report will be given at the annual meeting.
2. A member of the Brazos County league asked to be our delegate at the national convention, if we are not sending a delegate - the request was denied.
3. Presidential Forum have you seen any? A question asked by Ruth Manzke. Those who have cable T.V. have. There will be a program on April 26 from Chicago on Channel 9 at 8 p.m.
4. The town meeting will be held on Saturday April 10th from 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. The league will act as hostesses.
5. Policy sheet reviewed the non-partison policies and guidlines. Anyone who runs for public office must resign from the league.
6. National By-Law changes, name of the league was asked to changed because of male members. Many suggestions for a name change were given.
7. Former members of the league running for legislature are as follows: Chris Brasker and Jo Coker along with Bette Harris, former president of the L.W.V. of Corpus Christi.
8. On July 4th 1976 there is giong to be a Bicentennial County Fair, where various organizations are asked to have booths for their organization. The league is going to participate with a booth, with information provided about the L.W.V. functions.
9. The L.W.V. of Stow, Ohio recommendation for a National Federal Finance stydy. The Brownsville L.W.V. voted against it.
10. Ruth Manzke asked permission to serve on the steering committee of the Governer's Energy Awareness Program. Permission was granted.

Membership - Rita De Pau absent, Ruth Manzke announced a new member: Ersel Lantz.

Finance - No Report.

Bulletin - Mary Chase will send out postcards instead of her usual bulletin in May - Pat Garrison made the motion. Helen seconded it. Motion carried.

April 5, 1976

Voter's Service - Helen Marberry reported at the Amigoland Mall; 200 were registered. Helen Marberry registered voters at the College. March 29-30 Mary Chase registered voters at Union Carbide. Mary will ask Union Carbide if they would like her to register voters at a later date.

Program - Eleanor Kugel announced our Go-See tours on April 12,13,14, at the Court House at 9 a.m. Sharp to observe.

Margaret Rendall asked permission to send a copy of the concensus on the admisistration of justice and present it to the Brownsville Herald and Times.

Margaret also felt that a copy should be sent to the Honerable Mayor and Commisoner as the recommendations require an increase in expenditures it should be sent before they make up their budget. The following are to receive copies: J.W. Sloss, City Manager; Ruben Garcia, Finance Officer; Andy Vega, Cheif of Police; Jack Gaulske, Director of Traffic; Harry Lewis, Judge Municipal Corporation Court. Helen Margerry motioned to accept the idea. Mary Chase seconded it; motion carried.

Ruth Gabbert will speak on the Administration of Justice she presented at the school level at our Annual May Meeting.

The date of the annual May luncheon meeting will be held on May 22nd. Our program was also discussed. Marge Summrall had a suggestion that we invite Robin Trigg from the Brownsville Herald newspaper and Maryellen Walker from the Brownsville Times to be our guests at the May luncheon. Helen Marberry motioned Eleoner Kugel seconded it. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10;26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison

Pat Garrison

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report April 5, 1976

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00		$ 285.00
Finance Drive	$980.00		1026.50
Others			70.09

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00		
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00	5.00	41.12
Postage	$ 30.00		29.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00	7.70	18.62
State Program	$ 10.00		23.56
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00		
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00		10.02
Finance	$ 75.00		60.58
Publications	$ 50.00		
Board Tools	$ 50.00		43.47
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00		45.66
Convention	$200.00	206.32	206.32
Pledges			
State	$300.00		300.00
National	$200.00		73.00
Contingency	$ 50.00	16.70	16.70
TOTAL	$1280.00		$ 868.05

TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
$ 1072.66	398.62	170.40	$ 844.44

GENERAL MEETING

League of Women Voters of Brownsville

A general meeting was held on March 17, 1976 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Brownsville.

Our honored guest for the evening was Judge Fileman Vela, and his wife Blanca

Present were many league members and their husbands, also guest of members, Elka Jarass, Mrs. Betancourt and Donna McCabe.

Judge Vela spoke on the various courts where justice is serverd.

The Judge also answered many questions form league members.

Program Chairman, Eleonor Kugel announced we will have go - see tours in April, instead of regular meetings.

President Ruth Manzke announced that she and Bea Lantz will attend the Presidents council in Galveston on March 30-31st.

All regular business being dispensed with the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison

Pat Garrison

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville

The Board meeting was held on March 1, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Delores Beier, Board members present: Mary Chase, Helen Marberry, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Marge Summrall, Pat Garrison, and program advisor, Margaret Rendall. Absent were Rita De Pau, Francis Marquis, and Eleonor Kugel.

Minutes - Were read and approved after the following corrections: The typewriter to be repaired is the leagues, being used by Mary Chase and the concensus was taken on the second unit meeting in February.

Treasuer's Report - Read and approved the new balance being 1,072.66: report enclosed.

Presidents Messages - Local league reports are due on the 15th of March.

The League council is to meet on March 30 -31st in Galveston, the program is "Issues not Images". Two delagates from the league are attending President Ruth Manzke and Bea Lantz.

Ruth Manzke sent a letter to the L.W.V.U.S. Bylaws Chairman objecting to the increase in L.W.V. dues.

A letter was received form Simon Rubinshy (School Board trustee) requesting permission to address the league, The request was denied because of league policies.

A mailgram was received form Mark White, Secretary of State asking for help form the league for voters services.

A resolution was received form the L.W.V. of Ohio. League members must deal with the fact that the league cannot cover all facets of government, the Ohio League is going to present this resoution to the L.W.V. at the convention in May.

Dinner Meeting is to be held March 17th. Reservations are required.

Bicentennial Town Meeting is being held on Saturday April 10th, 8:30 to 5:00 at the Elks Club. $25.00 per organization is being charged. League members are asked to help on Friday night to set up tables also to be hostesses on Saturday.

Membership - Rita De Pau was absent, therefore, no report.

Health - Delores Beier also ~~absent~~,no report.

Bulletin - Mary Chase reproted the leagues typewriter repaired. Mary Chase discussed plans for Public Relation for '76 Presidential Forum. L.W.V. educational fund is funding the program.

Voter's Service - Helen Marberry informed the league that on March 10th at 10 a.m. league members will be deputized at the Court house to enable them to register voters. We will also register voters at the Amgioland Mall March 19-20 at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in 2 hour shifts.

Several league members have gone to the Voter's office to stuff envelops. Call Barbara Campbell to see if needed.

Helen discussed material available on boting information. Mary Chase made a motion to pruchase some folders. Delores Beier seconded it.

Budget - Bea Lantz, being absent Marge Summrall presented the proposed budget. Dolores made the motion that we accept the proposal. Helen Marberry seconded it, approved by the board.

Program - Eleanor Kugel absent, Margaret Rendall suggested that instead of U.S. district court judge, Reynaldo Garza speaking at our April meeting we have go - see tours

The program committee proposed the study of mental and physical care o of all childern at all school levels.

Helen Marberry made th motion that we accept the program - Marge Summrall seconded it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Helen Marberry's.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison

Pat Garrison

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report March 1, 1976

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00		285.00
Finance Drive	$980.00		1026.50
Others	$64.46	- $1.87 =	62.59

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00		
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00		39.12 (3.09 transfer finance)
Postage	$ 30.00	13.00	29.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00	10.92	10.92
State Program	$ 10.00	3.64	23.56
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00		
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00		10.02
Finance	$ 75.00	11.67	60.58
Publications	$ 50.00		
Board Tools	$ 50.00	.45	43.47
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00	21.76	45.66
Convention	$200.00		
Pledges			
State	$300.00	75.00	300.00
National	$200.00		73.00
Contingency	$ 50.00		
TOTAL	$1280.00		$635.33

TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
$1203.47	138.31	7.50	$1072.66

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The Board meeting was held on February 2, 1976, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rita De Pau. Board Members present: Ruth Manzke, Francis Marquis, Marge Sumrall, Eleanor Kugel, Dolores Beier, Rita De Pau, Helen Marberry, Mary Chase, Pat Garrison and Margaret Rendall.

Minutes - The minutes of the January 5th meeting were read and approved.

Treasuer's Report - Marge Summrall reported a balance of $1,203.47, with the only expenditure of $3.64 for leaders guides (report enclosed)

President's Report - A personal contribution was taken for flowers for our late league member, Maria Rodriquez.

Calendar - A league calendar was prepared by Margaret Rendall compiled in accordance with by- law requirements.

The January National board meeting is being changed from Illinois to Cincinatte Ohio in 1976.

Local league annual report is due in January to National and State boards.

Proposed By-Laws - $8.00 to the L.W.V. members for National dues.

The board was asked to accept the resignations of Dolores Bier and Charlotte Sarossy from the nominating committee. Eleanor Kugel will take the position of Chairman of the nominating committee. Two replacements will be named for the nominating committee.

Membership - Rita De Pau reported 37 paid-up members, with Margaret Rendall a new member.

Health - Delores Beier had no report.

Program - Eleanor Kugel announced that the first week in February will be our last unit meeting. A concensus will be taken the 2nd week in Feb.

Eleanor received a letter form Mrs. Winthrap A. Clark, chairman of the State program, thanking Eleanor for her work on the local justice study. Mrs. Clark also asked permission to share the material with the state board and local leagues.

Instead of unit meetings, a gereral meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at the Holiday Inn at 7:00 p.m. Judge Vallia's wife will also be our guest at the dinner meeting.

A proposal of another general meeting for April was suggested with U.S. district court judge Reynaldo Garza.

Bulletin - Mary was congratulated on her excellent bulletin. Mary requested the names of any prospective members who might enjoy receiving a bulletin. She also reported she has a committee of Marge Grant to

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report Feb. 2, 1976

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00		377.50
Finance Drive	$980.00		1026.50
Others			64.46

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00		
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00		42.21
Postage	$ 30.00		16.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00	3.64	3.64
State Program	$ 10.00		16.28
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00		
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00		10.02
Finance	$ 75.00		45.82
Publications	$ 50.00		23.02
Board Tools	$ 50.00		20.00
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00		23.90
Convention	$200.00		
Pledges			
State	$300.00		225.00
National	$200.00		73.00
Contingency	$ 50.00		
TOTAL	$1280.00		$498.89

TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
$1182.11	3.64	25.00	$1203.47

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The board meeting was held at the home of Ruth Manzke, January 5, 1976. Those present were: Ruth Manzke, Eleanor Kugel, Helen Marberry, Marge Sumrall and Frances Marquis. Ruth asked Frances to record the minutes and to read those of the December Board meeting. Minutes were read and approved.

Treasuer - The treasurer reported that an additional $25.00 contribution had been received for our Finance Drive; two memberships were paid in December, Reverend James McKnight and Josephine McLean. The bank balance totaled $1,182.11.

Ruth then read a note of resignation as Finance Chairman from Janis Crowe which was accepted with regret by board members.

A budget committee was then selected. Treasurer Marge Sumrall, Frances Marquis, Margaret Rendall and Bea Lantz, who will act as chairman, were appointed and will present their findings at the March Board meeting.

Program - Eleanor Kugel then reported that the Program Committee is now interested in members' opinions of the Unit Meeting System. These opinions will be asked for during the next series of unit meetings.

Voter's Service - Helen Marberry presented several activities suitable for Voter's Service. She had received a call for help from Barbara Campbell at the Court House. Voter registration mailings will be sent out in late February and assistance in stuffing envelopes is needed. Help is also needed to work on the suspense list at the Court House.

Helen also recommended having a registration drive at Amigoland Mall around Fegruary 20 and 21. Discussion followed and board members agreed that the odd jobs at the Court House were an excellent opportunity for our members. Helen will present the information needed at the next series of unit meetings and will report on the registration drive at the next board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Marquis

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report Jan 5, 1976

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00	35 MEMBERS	277.50
Finance Drive	$980.00		1026.50
Others Adv. dues Springmow 7.50			64.46

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00		
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00		42.21
Postage	$ 30.00		16.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00		
State Program	$ 10.00		16.28
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00		
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00	7.02	10.02
Finance	$ 75.00		45.82
Publications	$ 50.00	23.02	23.02
Board Tools	$ 50.00		20.00
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00		23.90
Convention	$200.00		
Pledges			
State	$300.00	75.00	225.00
National	$200.00		73.00
Contingency	$ 50.00		
TOTAL	$1280.00		$495.25

Corrected

TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
$1257.15	105.04	30.00	$1182.11

4941
1541
6491

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville held its monthly board meeting Monday Dec. 1, 1975, in the home of Frances Marquis. Board members present were Ruth Manzke, Eleanor Kugel, Frances Marquis, Rita De Pau, Marge Sumrall, Helen Marberry, Janis Crowe, Delores Beier, Margaret Rendoll, and Mary Chase, Absent was Pat Garrison.

Minutes - Were read and approved.

Treasure's report - Marge Sumrall reported a balance of $1,257.15 in our checking account. A semi-annual treasurer's report was given.

President's report - Ruth Manzke read a note from Helen Hunter of Houston congratulating us on our successful finance drive.

A letter was read from the National Women's Education Fund. A meeting will be held in Arizona for women interested in running for public office or who are interested in working in political campaigns.

The Statesman Club from Brownsville Savings and Loan would like a speaker from the League to talk about the purpose of the League.

Finance - A state financial support questionnaire was given to Janis Crowe. The questionnaire deadline is Jan. 10. Janis will send the questionnaire to the State Office with a note of regret that we cannot meet the deadline.

Janis Crowe read the thank you note for board approval that is to be sent to our contributiors. The notes will be sent this week. Final Finance Drive figure is $1,001.50 from 79 contributors. Janis will draft a letter that will be sent immediately to potential contributors who want to budget their contribution to the league for the coming year.

Marge Sumrall reported that the pamphlets for prospective members have been received.

Voters Service - There was no Voters Service report.

Program - Eleanor Kugel reported that an interview had been held with the County Sheriff this month. There will be no morning meeting in December of January because of poor attendance.

Margaret Rendall has been asked by Ruth Gabbert, a league member and teacher, if she can simplify our unit meeting material and present it to the sixth grade classes at St. Mary's School. Permission was given for Ruth to do this.

With the December unit meetings we will finish our study of the Administration of justice on the local level. We can now look toward membership consensus for action to be taken in 1976.

Health Welfare - Delores Beier reported that the Brownsville Housing Authority had recently held a meeting to discuss new leased housing guidlines of HUD for 187 units. Funds of $373,080. will be avaibable in another month. Delores also announced that construction for renobation of homes in the Garden Park area has begun.

Margaret Rendall attended the Nov. 25, 1975 City Commission meeting. Of interest in our enviormental quality local item, she reported that authority has been given to the city manager to advertise for sealed competitive bids for the purchase of land cleaning machinery for the Health Department.

Also the La Coma subdivision annexation has been tabled for further study to the planning and engineering department.

A $30,000 grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Division has been received by the city for implamentation of a Police Cadet Recruiting Program.

Public Relations announced that a talk has been requested for a local Girl Scout unit.

Rita De Pau volunteered to put out the local bulletin for January during the Christmas holidays.

Frances Marquis announced that plans for our Christmas coffee are complete. It will be held Saturday, December 13, from 1-4p.m. It will be at the Women's Center and everyone is encouraged to bring guests.

All Board members reviewed their notebooks. Twelve handbooks, entitled "In League: Guidelines for League Boards", will be ordered. Also 12 copies of both our State and National By-Laws will be ordered.

Appointment of a Budget Committee was tabled until January.

The Nominating Committee was appointed from the general membership Eliza Cavazos and Charlotte Sarossy, from the board Rita De Pau and Eleanor Kugel. Delores Beier will serve as chairman.

The next Board Meeting will be January 5, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at Ruth Manzke's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Chase
Acting Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report Dec. 1, 1975

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00		$262.50
Finance Drive	$980.00		1001.50
Others			56.96

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00		
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00		30.00 (12.21)
Postage	$ 30.00		16.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00		
State Program	$ 10.00		10.00 (6.28)
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00		
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00		3.00
Finance	$ 75.00	13.00	45.82
Publications	$ 50.00		
Board Tools	$ 50.00		20.00
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00	12.00	23.90
Convention	$200.00		
Pledges			
State	$300.00		150.00
National	$200.00		73.00
Contingency	$ 50.00		18.49
TOTAL	$1280.00		$390.21

TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
$1243.15	25.00	39.00	$1257.15

Ruth

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The board of directors of L.W.V. of Brownsville met in the home of Pat Garrison at 7:30 p.m., on November 3, 1975.

Board members present: Ruth Manzke, Pat Garrison, Francis Marqius, Eleanor Kugel, Mary Chase, Helen Marberry, Marge Sumrall, Janis Crowe. Absent Rita De Pau. Also present, Delores Bier Nominating Committe Chairman, Margaret Rendall, Program Committe Consultant.

Minutes - Minutes of Oct. 6 corrected to read: Page 1 Presidents Report, line 1, A letter was received from Helen Hunter congratulating the Brownsville league of the victory of the Constitutional Amendments should read City Charter Amendments. On Page 2 on Finance line 2, They have received 102 mailins it should read $102.00 in mailins.
With the two corrections the minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's report read and approved. Marge Sumrall reported a balance of $1,243.15. Expenses, $10.00 state program $6.20 bulletin, $6.28 Contingency, total expenditures to date $365.21. (Report enclosed.)

Presidents Report - Ruth Manzke asked Francis Marquis to be chairman of the league's Christmas Coffee and Rita De Pau to be co-chairman.

T.W.Q.B. - Meeting Bea Lantz and Pat Garrison attended the meeting. Pat Garrison will write a report on the meeting and present it at our November unit meetings.

Name Change - A letter was received from Ruth Clusen about changing the name of the L.W.V. Suggestions are welcome and should be sent in by February 3, 1976.

Program Recommendations - A request for an opinion from our league on program recommendations was received. Comments on recommendations should be sent in by February 3, 1976.

Revenue Sharing Study - Ruth Manzke read a report on Revenue Sharing from Ruth Clusen.

Membership - We have 31 members - No report.

Health - Delores Bier - No report.

Program - Eleanor Kugel asked the board for permission to control the dates of the unit meetings. Delores Bier made the motion it was seconded by Marge Sumrall. Motion carried. Eleanor Kugel requested program material 2 copies of leaders guides and 2 Criminal Justice in Texas.

Voters Service - Voter's Registration of Brownsville. Barbara Campbell suggested to Helen Marberry that the league register voters in February in a mop-up campaign. League members attended a "Know your Candidate" meeting and screened questions for the candidates.

T.C.R. - Mary Chase reported: Texas Constitutional Revision:

1. Four 10 minute talks were given at our October unit meetings to acquaint new league members with our stand of support for all 8 propositions to the Texas Constitution.

2. "The Fact Sheet" from the Texas Constitution Revision kit from the state office was reproduced and passed out to league contributors on our Sept.-Oct. finance drive.

3. One newspaper article appeared on the society page. One letter to the editor appeared.

4. Bumper stickers passed out; one pamphlet on revision went into the October bulletin.

5. Appeared on Table Talk - KGBT channel in Harlingen; with a league member from Harlingen and McAllen.

6. Four league members attended a public meeting where Bill Clayton, Speaker of the House of Representatives in Austin, spoke on Constitutional revision.

7. One speech was given to the North Brownsville Rotary Club.

8. Calling committee of 16 league members telephoned registered voters in Brownsville Nov. 1st 2nd and 3rd encouraging them to vote "for" all 8 propositions.

Bulletin - Mary Chase requested that articles for the bulletin should have a deadline of the 20th of each month.

Finance - Janis Crowe's beautifully organized finance drive, was a success. Janis stated that our goal of $980.00 was surpassed. A total of $1,006.50 was collected. Mary Chase's team colleced $372.50. Francis Marquis $480.00 a final $11.00 from Delores Bier's husband, Max Bier.

Janis requested stationary and stamps for thank you notes for the contributors. Pat Garrison made the motion, Eleanor seconded it, motion carried. Janis also suggested to draft a letter to contributors who have budget allocations to consider the league in their budget. Eleanor Kugel motioned that Janis draft the letter. Pat Garrison seconded, motion carried.

Proposed By-Laws Amendments - Francis Marqius read the proposed by-laws amendments to the board. The board voted 6 in favor 1 apposed 2 abstained

REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 3, 1975

Art. III, Sec. 2 - Types of Membership:
(a) Regarding voting members, change "citizens of voting age" to "citizens at least 18 years of age" to conform to State and National By-Laws.

Art. IV Officers - Change number from "Article V".

Art. IV, Sec. 1 - Enumeration and Election of Officers:
Restore 2-year staggared terms except those of President and President-Elect and remove two consecutive term limitation so as to read: "The officers of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall be a President and President-Elect who shall be elected for a term of one year, a Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of two years in odd-numbered years, and Vice-President and Secretary who shall be elected for a term of two years in even-numbered years by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office immediately."

When the League becomes stronger, 2-year terms can easily be restored to the President and President-Elect in an odd-numbered year without changing the balance of the proposed amended section.

Art. IV, Sec. 3 - The President-Elect:
Delete "or she shall succeed to the Presidency the following year if so elected by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership" to avoid conflict with Art. V, Sec. 1 pertaining to election of officers and Art. VII, Sec. 3 pertaining to election of officers by majority vote.

Art. IV, Sec. 5 - The Secretary:
Substitute "General Membership" for "business" meetings.

Art. V - Board of Directors: Change from "Article IV"

Art. V, Sec. 1 - Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office:
Remove 8-Director requirement by amending to read: "not less than two nor more than six elected Directors, and not less than two nor more than six appointed Directors."

Art. IX, Sec. 1 - Authorization:
Change heading to "Principles" to conform to State and National By-Laws.

Art. IX, Sec. 2 - Program:
To conform amend to read: "The Program of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall consist of (a) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and (b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action."

Art. IX, Sec. 3 - Program Selection:
Same structure as wording in current Sec. 2 with only two minor changes and change of heading. (a) Amend last sentence by changing "might be" to "is" and (b) Concerning notice os proposed Program changes, change "has Been" to "is."

Art. IX, Sec. 4 - Member Action: Change from "Sec. 4."

Art. IX, Sec. 5 - Local League Action: Change from "Sec. 4" Delete "as stated in the Platform" and substitute "and the League of Women Voters of Texas."

Art. XI - Parliamentary Authority:
Amend to read "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised."

Further Business - Janis Crowe received questioare on finance to be filled out by February 1, 1976. Janis Finance Chairman will take action on it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Garrison, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report Nov. 3, 1975

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (40)	$300.00		$ 232.50
Finance Drive	$980.00		1001.50
Others			56.96

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$ 30.00		
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$ 30.00		30.00 (12.21)
Postage	$ 30.00		16.00
Telephone	$ 20.00		
Activities			
Local Program	$ 25.00		
State Program	$ 10.00	10.00	10.00 (6.28)
National Program	$ 10.00		
Voter's Service	$100.00		
Committees			
Membership	$ 25.00	3.00	3.00
Finance	$ 75.00		32.82
Publications	$ 50.00		
Board Tools	$ 50.00		20.00
Local Bulletin	$ 75.00	6.20	11.90
Convention	$200.00		
Pledges			
State	$300.00		150.00
National	$200.00	73.00	73.00
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TREASURY

Previous Balance	Checks	Deposits	New Balance
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M I N U T E S

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Respectfully submitted

Pat Garrison

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GENERAL MEETING

The L.W.V. of Brownsville held a general membership meeting on Saturday September 13th 1975, at 7:00 pm.

A dinner was held in honor of the L.W.V. of Brownsville 25th Anniversary.

The chamber of commerce hosted the cocktail hour with "Border Buttermilk."

There were 18 members present, also 35 husbands and guests.

Among the special guest, there were 2 charter members, Margaret Renoall and Lenore Owens. A representative from the L.W.V. of Harligen, Marianne Bowers attended.

A book of the Newly Revised Roberts Rules of Order was presented to the league by Marianne Bowers.

All regular business was dispensed with.

Our program consisted of a summary of the L.W.V. of Brownsville 25 years, presented by Mary Chase and Francis Marquis. (copies of program enclosed).

The league felt the meeting was well attended. The program decorations, and dinner were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Garrison Secretary

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The board of Directors of the L.W.V. of Brownsville met in the home of Mrs. Fred Manzke [redacted] on Sept. 2, 1975 at 7:30 P.M.

Board members present: Mrs. Ruth Manzke, Mrs. Victor Garrison, Mrs. Marge Sumrall, Mrs. Janis Crowe, Mrs Helen Marberry, Mrs. Francis Marquis, Mrs. Mary Chase, Mrs. Eleanor Kugel, Mrs. Rita De Pau excused absence. Also attending: Mrs. E.A. Rendall, Program committee consultant and Mrs. Dolores Beier, nominating Committe chairman.

Minutes - The minutes of the August 13th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report - Mrs. Sumrall reported a balance of $317.27. Expenditures of 24.00 for postage for the finance drive. Deposit of 91.50 of which $36.00 was for the anniversary dinner. (report enclosed).

Presidents Annoucements - Mrs. Manzke received a letter from L.W.V. of Texas on the T.C.R. and of November 4th election day.

Voters Service - Mrs. Helen Marberry reported that the Jaycees will contact her on plans for a "Know your Conditate Forum."

T.C.R. - Mrs. Mary Chase gave a current report on the T.C.R. also received kits for the campaign.

Public Relations: Mrs. Mary Chase gave her plans for the publicity for the 25th Anniversary Dinner. The plans include a summary of the accomplishments of the L.W.V. of Brownsville in an informal chat to be given by Mrs. Francis Marquis and Mrs. Mary Chase at the dinner. Also a full page of pictures in the Brownsville Herald of the 25 years of the L.W.V. in Brownsville.

Membership - Mrs. Rita De Pau in a phone conversation with Mrs. Ruth Manzke requested an extension on the By-Law "Article 6 section 2." Stating that members failing to pay dues for 3 months be dropped. Mrs. Rita De Pau felt that because of our late start this year it should be extended. Mrs. Eleanor Kugel made a motion to accept. Mrs. Janis Crowe seconded it. Effective for this year only.

The motion was voted on and approved. Mrs. Dolores Beier suggested a letter giving notice of non-payment.

Finance - Mrs. Janis Crowe stated that 174 letters were mailed to prospective contributors, 61 old contacts and 113 new. Contrubutors cards were given to the 2 team captains Mrs. Francis Marquis and Mrs. Mary Chase, who in turn will give them to members, all who are asked to help are expected to. The letters are to be mailed Sept. 17th. Mrs. Janis Crowe will hold a kick-off coffee on Sept. 18th for workers only where they will receive their kits.

Program - Mrs. Eleanor Kugel program chairmen stated that the committee has completed their research. On the local meetings Mrs. Eleanor Kugel requested 2 unit meeting for October and November and one for December.2

25th Anniversary Program - Mrs. Margaret Rendall, Mrs. Francis Marquis and Mrs. Mary Chase stated that their program plans are complete.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Garrison, Secretary

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met in the home of the president, Mrs. Fred Manzke, [redacted], Monday, August 13, 1975, at 7:30 P.M.

Board members present: Mrs. Manzke, Mrs. Victor C. Garrison, Mrs. Clinton H. Sumrall, Mrs. Juan F. De Pau and Mrs. Keith Crowe. Away on vacation: Mrs. Max Marquis, Jr., Mrs. James Kugel, Mrs. Richard Marberry and Mrs. Robert H. Chase, Jr. Also attending were Mrs. Max G. Beier, Nominating Committee Chairman, Mrs. E. A. Rendall, Program Committee Consultant, and Mrs. W. J. Hughes, 25th Anniversary Dinner Decorating Chairman.

Minutes - The minutes of the meeting of July 7 were read by Mrs. Garrison, Secretary, and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Sumrall reported a balance of $324.90 at the end of the last meeting, expenditures of $32.92 for stationary and $42.21 for invitations, leaving a balance at present of $249.77. She explained that the cost of the invitations were charged to the Contingency Fund, but that it was an in-and-out item since it will be replaced when the 25th Anniversary Dinner tickets are sold.

Announcements - Mrs. Manzke reported receipt of a note from Fumi Singhari from the state organization expressing her delight at being named consultant to the Brownsville League. Mrs. Manzke also reported a call from Hortense Dicker, Director of the Overseas Educational Fund of the League, a letter from and interview with members of the City Planning Department regarding the feasibility of a mass transit system in Brownsville, and a letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the League to participate in the Cotton Carnival program.

Membership - Mrs. De Pau reported 19 paid-up members, and, addition, a check just received for the dues of our first male member, Fred Manzke. The names of several prospective members were given to the chairman.

Voters Service - In the absence of Mrs. Marberry, Mrs. Manzke reported that work would soon be underway for the October City Candidates Meeting to be held with the cooperation of the Jaycees.

25th Anniversary Plans - Mrs. Hughes told of her plan for a large League seal to hang behind the head table, screens on which to display pages from old League scrapbooks, flowers and so forth.

Mrs. Manzke reported that invitations had been printed, envelopes addressed, and that the League had the tentative promise of the Chamber of Commerce to host the hospitality hours preceding the dinner with a "Border Buttermilk Party."

Program - On the absence of Mrs. Kugel, chairman, Mrs. Rendall reported that the research work on the local level of Administration of Justice was nearly complete. The directors or heads of the following had already been interviewed:

Civil Service Director
Police Department
Department of Traffic
Cameron County Juvenile Department
Department of Mental Health-Mental Retardation

The members of the committee attended and were allowed to participate in a 2-day Inter-Agency Workshop on Juvenile Delinquency and Delinquency Prevention where they learned a great deal.

Discussion material on Civil Service and the Police Department is already in final form for the September and October unit meetings. Discussion will be led at the first few meetings by members of the committee until good discussion leaders can be identified.

Very soon the committee plans to complete the interviews and discussion material on the subject at the local level for unit discussion in November and December. Then, using the Leaders Guide, to complete the material on the state level for January and February consideration, the members should be ready to reach consensus in March, 1976.

Since the members are not familiar with unit meetings efforts will be made to accomodate those expressing preferences. With Board approval, the first unit meetings will be held the third week in September: two on Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. for singles, Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. and Friday at 7:30 P.M. for couples.

Bulletin - In the absence of Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Manzke reported that all material for the September bulletin should be in the hands of the Bulletin Editor by August 25.

Finance - The Board having been polled by telephone Mrs. Manzke introduced Mrs. Crowe as the new Finance Chairman.

Mrs. Crowe submitted a letter to be sent to potential contributors. This was approved by the Board as was her suggestion that self-addressed stamped envelopes be sent only to the 25 contributors who mailed in their checks in 1974, and the names of the 2 League husbands be removed from the contributor list.

The following finance campaign schedule was approved:

Sept. 17 - Mail letters to contributors

Sept. 18 - Kick-Off Coffee to furnish instructions, cards and "talking points"

Sept. 22 - 23 Telephone contributors to make appointments

Sept. 24 - Finance drive begins

Oct. 8 - Finance Drive ends

Oct. 15 - Victory Party for finance workers only

To lend interest and enthusiasm to the campaign, Mrs. Crowe proposed that there be two teams captained by Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Marquis. The plan was approved as was the chairman's request for authority to order 200 Master and Solicitor Cards and to purchase receipt books.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison, Secretary

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE (BOARD MEETING)

The board meeting was held Monday, July 7, 1975 at the home of Ruth Manzke. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the President Ruth Manzke. Board members present were Ruth Manzke, Francis Marquis, Eleanor Kugel and Marge Sumrall. Directors present were Delores Beier, Rita DePau and Mary Chase and our League Program Advisor, Margaret Rendall.

The minutes of the May board meeting were read and approved with some corrections.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge Sumrall who showed 17 members with a collection of dues of $127.50. Balance on hand as of July 2 was $324.90.

Ruth Manzke, President and Mary Chase presented cost figures they had for the printing of envelopes, letterheads and invitations. Wording of the invitations for the 25th Anniversary Dinner was discussed and changed.

President Manzke asked if anyone was interested in taking on the job of Work Surveys, Parts 2 and 3 and it was voted that we not take part in this project. She also presented a letter telling that Bicentennial Flags were available. A 3'x5' flag would cost $20.00.

President Manzke is seeking a Finance Chairman and she will report at our next meeting who is to fill this job.

Rita DePau reported we have 17 paid up members.

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Eleanor Kugel spoke of plans for the 25th Anniversary Party at the Holiday Inn on Sept. 13th. There will be one speaker table and four long tables set up. We will have our own Hospitality Hour. Margaret Rendall suggested some ideas she had for the program other than just speakers. Something along a panel type program with people telling of the work the League has done over the past 25 years. Also it was suggested we get an editorial in the newspaper regarding the past 25 years of League work. Margaret Rendall said there are 23 charter members in the area that we will be able to send invitations. The 25th Anniversary Committee will meet at the home of Ruth Manzke on July 16th at 9 a.m.

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Francis Marquis reminded us that the Charter Ammendments were explained in detail at the membership meeting at Luby's and that we be sure to vote No on the No.8 Ammendment.

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A thank you note for the silver bowl was read from Ruth Manzke. This gift was presented to her by the membership in appreciation for her year as president for 1974.

The meeting was then adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Delores Beier(substitute)

MINUTES O F LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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A general membership meeting was held Thursday, June 19, 1975 at 1pm in Luby's Cafeteria. Following lunch the meeting was called to order at 1:50pm by the President Ruth Manzke who then read the Treasurer's report showing cash on hand of $298.90.

The proposed "Bare Bones Budget" was presented by Francis Marquis and she moved that it be adopted as presented. This motion was seconded by Rita DePau and motion was carried by the membership.

President Manzke announced that dues would be payable following the meeting to Rita DePau, and then read a section from a letter regarding ERA asking those who were interested to please donate $1.00 per person to this cause.

The new League program, Administration of Justice, was explained by Margaret Rendall who told us this will cover City, County, State and Federal programs.

Unit meetings were explained by Eleanor Kugel. These will be small discussion groups and LaVerne Trickey passed out cards for the members to sign as to when they would like to meet, mornings,afternoons or evenings. Also they were to mark if they would hold these meetings in their own homes.

The Charter Amendments were presented by Mary Chase and Frances Marquis and explained the eight items. These Amendments are to be voted on in a City Election on July 12, 1975. Amendment 1. Boundaries, 2. Term of Office, 3. Compensation, 4. City Manager, 5. Development Board, 6. Public Library, 7. Indigent Care and 8. Abolishment of Public Utilities Board. Mary Chase then explained how to vote by absentee ballot between June 23 and July 8. President Manzke then suggested that the League might care to take a stand on being for Amendments one through seven, since these were the original Charter changes, and be against Amendment number eight. This was discussed and Eleanor Krugle then moved that we make this a motion and it was seconded by LaVerne Trickey and so carried by the membership. A telephone committee will be formed to ask voters to get out to vote and told of the Leagues position on the Amendments. It was suggested that we announce our stand in the local newspapers and why we are taking this stand. President Manzke passed out some lists of regestered voters that need telephone numbers to be looked up so we can give these to our calling committee. She also passed out a few Bumper Stickers asking to vote Against Amendment 8.

An announcement was made by Eleanor Kugel of our Silver Anniversary Dinner to be held Saturday, September 13 at the Holiday Inn in Brownsville. Tickets will be $5.00 per person. All members are to bring husbands, friends, and anyone who might be interested in joining the League. Our League is now open to both men and women and it is hoped this celebration will interest both sexes in joining. President Manzke then asked for volunteers to serve on a committee for getting out invitations and these invitations printed for this Silver Anniversary Dinner. Mary Chase, Eleanor Kugel and Rita DePau volunteered.

President Manzke stated that we need five (5) members for our Nomination of Officers Committee, and Delores Beier had agreed to be chairman. Rita DePau Volunteered and then this was tabled until September for the other members to be selected. The Slate of officers will be presented in May. President Manzke asked it there was any other business and since none was voiced she made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Barbara Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE BOARD MEETING (corrected minutes) File copy

Meeting held May 28, 1975 at the home of Ruth Manzke at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President Ruth Manzke. Board members present were: Ruth Manzke, Fancis Marquis, Eleanor Kugel, Marge Sumrall and Pat Garrison. Directors present were: Helen Marberry, Rita DePau, Mary Chase and Margaret Rendall, League Program Advisor.
The League is purchasing one packet of publications of Administration of Justice in Dallas County for $2.00.

The Slate of officers for this year are: Pres. Ruth Manzke, Pres.-elect Francis Marquis, Vice-Pres. Eleanor Kugel, Secretary Pat Garrison and Tres. Marge Sumrall. Directors ~~PRESENTXWARX~~ Program, Eleanor Kugel, Membership Rita De Pau, Voter' s Service, Helen Marberry, Bulletin, Mary Chase, Public Relations, Mary Chase, Nominating, Delores Beier and Publications, Marge Sumrall. League Program Advisor is Margaret Rendall.

The League of Women Voters have requested a fee of one dollar ($1.00) from each league member for future E.R.A. efforts. The L. W.V. also has encouraged purchasing major publications such as "Know your Schools and Know Your Community" the cost is $6.00.

The Brownsville League books must be audited this year and we are hoping to have Kate Graydon audit this for us.

Our program for the year is: 1.Administration of Justice
2. Enviromental Quality
3. City Charter Revision

This is our 25th Anniversary of the Brownsville L.W.V. We plan to celebrate on September 13th, at a local restaurant for a dinner party for members and guests.

A budget committee consisting of Ruth Manzke, Francis Marquis, Marge Sumrall are meeting on May 29th to study our budget for the coming year.

Our first regular meeting will take place on June 19th at 1:00 p.m. if possible at Luby's cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison, Secretary

Johnnie Mae Chapman

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A Thank you note from Ruth Manzke was read for the silver bowl that was presented to her by the membership in appreciation of her year as president for 1974.
The meeting was then adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Delores Beier, substitute

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Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville

The Board meeting was held on March 1, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Delores Beier, Board members present: Mary Chase, Helen Marberry, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Marge Summrall, Pat Garrison, and program advisor, Margaret Rendall. Absent were Rita De Pau, Francis Marquis, and Eleonor Kugel.

Minutes - Were read and approved after the following corrections: The typewriter to be repaired is the leagues, being used by Mary Chase and the concensus was taken on the second unit meeting in February.

Treasuer's Report - Read and approved the new balance being 1,072.66: report enclosed.

Presidents Messages - Local league reports are due on the 15th of March.

The League council is to meet on March 30 -31st in Galveston, the program is "Issues not Images". Two delagates from the league are attending President Ruth Manzke and Bea Lantz.

Ruth Manzke sent a letter to the L.W.V.U.S. Bylaws Chairman objecting to the increase in L.W.V. dues.

A letter was received form Simon Rubinshy (School Board trustee) requesting permission to address the league, The request was denied because of league policies.

A mailgram was received form Mark Whit, Secretary of State asking for help form the league for voters services.

A resolution was received form the L.W.V. of Ohio. League members must deal with the fact that the league cannot cover all fac ets of government, the Ohio League is going to present this resoution to the L.W.V. at the convention in May.

Dinner Meeting is to be held March 17th. Reservations are required.

Bicentennial Town Meeting is being held on Saturday April 10th, 8:30 to 5:00 at the Elks Club. $25.00 per organization is being charged. League members are asked to help on Friday night to set up tables also to be hostesses on Saturday.

Membership - Rita De Pau was absent, therefore, no report.

Health - Delores Beier also absent,no report.

Bulletin - Mary Chase reproted the leagues typewriter repaired. Mary Chase discussed plans for Public Relation for '76 Presidential Forum. L.W.V. educational fund is funding the program.

Voter's Service - Helen Marberry informed the league that on March 10th at 10 a.m. league members will be deputized at the Court house to enable them to register voters. We will also register voters at the Amgioland Mall March 19-20 at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in 2 hour shifts.

Several league members have gone to the Voter's office to stuff envelops. Call Barbara Campbell to see if needed.

Helen discussed material available on boting information. Mary Chase made a motion to pruchase some folders. Delores Beier seconded it.

Budget - Bea Lantz, being absent Marge Summrall presented the proposed budget. Dolores made the motion that we accept the proposal. Helen Marberry seconded it, approved by the board.

Program - Eleanor Kugel absent, Margaret Rendall suggested that instead of U.S. district court judge, Reynaldo Garza speaking at our April meeting we have go - see tours

The program committee proposed the study of mental and physical care o of all childern at all school levels.

Helen Marberry made th motion that we accept the program - Marge Summrall seconded it.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Helen Marberry's.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison

GENERAL MEETING

League of Women Voters of Brownsville

A general meeting was held on March 17, 1976 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Brownsville.

Our honored guest for the evening was Judge Fileman Vela, and his wife Blanca

Present were many league members and their husbands, also guest of members, Elka Jarass, Mrs. Betancourt and Donna McCabe.

Judge Vela spoke on the various courts where justice is serverd.

The Judge also answered many questions form league members.

Program Chairman, Eleonor Kugel announced we will have go - see tours in April, instead of regular meetings.

President Ruth Manzke announced that she and Bea Lantz will attend the Presidents council in Galveston on March 30-31st.

All regular business being dispensed with the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The board meeting was held on April 5, 1976 at 7:30 at the home of Helen Marberry. Board members present were: Mary Chase, Helen Marberry, Ruth Manzke, Marge Summrall, Francis Marquis, Eleanor Kugel, Pat Garrison, and Program Advisor, Margaret Rendall. Absent were: Dolores Beier and Rita De Pau.

Minutes - The March Minutes were read and approved.

Treasuer's Report - The Treasuer's report; read and approved; the new balance being $844.44 .

President's Report -

1. Bea Lantz and Ruth Manzke attended the Presidents Council, a full report will be given at the annual meeting.
2. A member of the Brazos County league asked to be our delegate at the national convention, if we are not sending a delegate - the request was denied.
3. Presidential Forum have you seen any? A question asked by Ruth Manzke. Those who have cable T.V. have. There will be a program on April 26 from Chicago on Channel 9 at 8 p.m.
4. The town meeting will be held on Saturday April 10th from 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. The league will act as hostesses.
5. Policy sheet reviewed the non-partison policies and guidlines. Anyone who runs for public office must resign from the league.
6. National By-Law changes, name of the league was asked to changed because of male members. Many suggestions for a name change were given.
7. Former members of the league running for legislature are as follows: Chris Brasker and Jo Coker along with Bette Harris, former president of the L.W.V. of Corpus Christi.
8. On July 4th 1976 there is giong to be a Bicentennial County Fair, where various organizations are asked to have booths for their organization. The league is going to participate with a booth, with information provided about the L.W.V. functions.
9. The L.W.V. of Stow, Ohio recommendation for a National Federal Finance stydy. The Brownsville L.W.V. voted against it.
10. Ruth Manzke asked permission to serve on the steering committee of the Governer's Energy Awareness Program. Permission was granted.

Membership - Rita De Pau absent, Ruth Manzke announced a new member: Ersel Lantz.

Finance - No Report.

Bulletin - Mary Chase will send out postcards instead of her usual bulletin in May - Pat Garrison made the motion. Helen seconded it. Motion carried.

Voter's Service - Helen Marberry reported at the Amigoland Mall; 200 were registered. Helen Marberry registered voters at the College. March 29-30 Mary Chase registered voters at Union Carbide. Mary will ask Union Carbide if they would like her to register voters at a later date.

Program - Eleanor Kugel announced our Go-See tours on April 12,13,14, at the Court House at 9 a.m. Sharp to observe.

Margaret Rendall asked permission to send a copy of the concensus on the admisistration of justice and present it to the Brownsville Herald and Times.

Margaret also felt that a copy should be sent to the Honerable Mayor and Commisoner as the recommendations require an increase in expenditures it should be sent before they make up their budget. The following are to receive copies: J.W. Sloss, City Manager; Ruben Garcia, Finance Officer; Andy Vega, Cheif of Police; Jack Gaulske, Director of Traffic; Harry Lewis, Judge Municipal Corporation Court. Helen Margerry motioned to accept the idea. Mary Chase seconded it; motion carried.

Ruth Gabbert will speak on the Administration of Justice she presented at the school level at our Annual May Meeting.

The date of the annual May luncheon meeting will be held on May 22nd. Our program was also discussed. Marge Summrall had a suggestion that we invite Robin Trigg from the Brownsville Herald newspaper and Maryellen Walker from the Brownsville Times to be our guests at the May luncheon. Helen Marberry motioned Eleoner Kugel seconded it. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10;26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

PROPOSED '74-'75 BUDGET

President's account		50.00
Operating Expenses		
Supplies		40.00
Postage		30.00
Telephone & Telegraph		20.00
Sitting service		20.00
Activities		
Program		
Local		75.00
State		20.00
National		20.00
Voter Service		240.00
Committees		
Membership		40.00
Finance Drive		40.00
Publications		
Board Tools		75.00
Publications, members		75.00
Local Bulletin		80.00
Convention		300.00
State & National		
State		300.00
National		200.00*
Contingency		50.00
Total		$1,675.00
Income: Membership	(60)	$450.00
Finance drive		1,225.00
		$1,675.00

*Based on 40 members 1/'74

Budget Committee:
Mrs. Max (Frances) Marquis, Chairman
Mrs. George W. (Kate) Greydon
Mrs. Robert (Mary) Chase

Marge

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Pat. G.

LEAGUE CALENDAR

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BY-LAWS REQUIREMENTS

June - Board - Appoint 2 Board members to Nominating Comm. (Viii,1)
Appoint By-Laws Review Committee (Xii,2)
Appoint Policy Review Committee
Bulletin - New Board, new Budget (if amended), New Program, 1st Call for Dues
Treasurer - Have books audited (IV,6)

July - Board - Action on Policy Review Committee Report
Bulletin - 2nd Call for Dues

Aug. - Bulletin - 3rd and Final Call for Dues

Sept - Bulletin - List of Paidup Members
Treasurer - Mail list of dropped members
Quarterly Report to the Board

Oct. - Board - Consider By-Laws Changes, if any

Nov. - Board - Send proposed By-Laws Changes to State for approval

Dec. - Board - Appoint Budget Committee (VI,4)

Jan. - Bulletin - Call for Local Program Recommendations

Feb. -

Mar. - Board - Adopt Proposed Budget (VI,4)
Adopt Proposed Local Program (IX,2a)
Adopt By-Laws Changes, if corrected by State (XII,2)
Treasurer - Quarterly Report

Apr. - Bulletin - Nominations
Proposed Budget
Proposed Program
Proposed By-Laws Changes

May - Board - Clean up loose ends; prepare notebooks for transfer, etc.

Annual Meeting - Adopt By-Laws Changes
Adopt Program
Adopt Budget
Elect Officers

Board Organization Meeting - Appoint Directors
Assign Postfolios
Distribute Notebooks

ACTIVITIES AND DEADLINES FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June - Appoint 2 Board members to Nominating Committee (VIII,1)
Appoint 3 Board members to review Policy Sheet
Appoint By-Laws Committee (XII,2)
July - Action on Policy Committee Report
Oct. - Action on By-Laws Committee report
Nov. - Mail Proposed By-Laws Changes, if any, to State
Dec. - Appoint Budget Committee (VI,4)
Mar. - Adopt Proposed Budget
Adopt Local Program to propose to the membership
Adopt Proposed By-Laws Changes
Apr. - Publish all three proposals in the Bulletin
May - Organization Meeting - Appoint Directors
Assign Portfolios to Directors
Make preliminary plans for the new year

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dec. - Appointed by Board (VI,4)
Mar. - Submit Committee's proposal to the Board
May - Present to Annual Meeting and move adoption.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

June - Appointed by the Board (XII,2)
Oct. - Submit proposed changes to the Board, if any seem necessary
Apr. - Publish proposed changes in the Bulletin
May - Present changes to Annual Meeting and move adoption.

BULLETIN EDITOR

- All Bulletin material must be in the hands of the Editor no later than the 20th of the month preceeding.

June - New Board, with portfolios
New Budget, if amended at Annual Meeting
New Local Program
1st Call for Dues
July - 2nd Call for Dues
Aug. - 3rd and Final Call for Dues
Sept - List of Members
Jan. - Call for Local Program Recommendations

Bulletin Editor (Continued)

Apr. - Report of Nominating Committee
Proposed Budget
Proposed Local Program
Proposed By-Law Amendments, if any

Membership Chairman

June - Lst Call for Dues in Bulletin
July - 2nd Call for Dues in Bulletin
Aug. - 3rd Call for Dues
Sept - List of Paid up members in the Bulletin
Dec. - Christmas Party arrangements
May - Annual Meeting arrangements
All-the-time - Maintain card file on members
various times - Arrangements for General Meetings

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

June - Two Board members appointed to complete committee (VIII,1)
Mar. - Prepare proposed slate with consent of each nominee (VIII,2)
Apr. - Publish nominations in the Bulletin
May - Present slate to the Annual meeting and place in nomination. Chairman and two members elected to the committee.

PROGRAM MAKING COMMITTEE

Jan. - Call for recommendations in Bulletin (IX,2a)
Mar. - Submit committee recommendations to Board
Apr. - Publish Board's Proposed Program in Bulletin
May - Present Proposed Program to the Annual Meeting and move adoption.

SECRETARY

Assume position of By-Laws Guardian
Notify President one month before each item needs to be considered by the Board.

TREASURER

June - Have books audited (IV,6)
Sept - Quarterly Report to the Board
Mail list of dropped members to State
Dec. - Quarterly Report to the Board
Mar. - Quarterly Report to the Board
May - Annual Report to the Annual Meeting

PROPOSED BUDGET 1976-1977

INCOME		
Membership Dues	300.00	
Finance Drive	1,150.00	1,450.00
EXPENDITURES		
President's Account	30.00	
Operating Expenses		
Supplies	30.00	
Postage	30.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	10.00	
Activities		
Program - Local	25.00	
- State	15.00	
- National	10.00	
Voters Service	200.00	
Committees - Membership	25.00	
- Finance	65.00	
Publications - Board Tools	50.00	
- Members	30.00	
Local Bulletin	125.00	
Convention	250.00	
Stat & National Dues - State	300.00	
- National	200.00	
Contingency	10.00	1,450.00

Budget Committee

Bee Lantz, Chairman
Frances Marquis
Helen Marberry
Margaret Rendall
Marge Sumrall

FINANCIAL REPORT AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	Adopted Budget 1975-76	Actual Exp. 2-20-76	Proposed 1976-77 Budget Comm.	Board
INCOME				
Membership Dues (38)	300.00	285.00	300.00	.
Finance Drive	980.00	1,026.50	1,100.00	.
Other - Interest	.	11.67	.	.
- 25th Anniversary	.	47.59	.	.
	1,280.00	1,370.76	1,400.00	
EXPENDITURES				
President's Account	30.00	.	30.00	.
Operating Expenses				
Supplies	30.00	39.12	30.00	.
Postage	30.00	29.00	30.00	.
Telephone & Telegraph	20.00	.	10.00	.
Activities				
Program - Local	25.00	10.92	25.00	.
- State	10.00	23.56	15.00	.
- National	10.00	.	10.00	.
Voters Service	100.00	.	200.00	.
Committees				
Membership	25.00	10.02	25.00	.
Finance	75.00	60.58	65.00	.
Publications				
Board Tools	50.00	43.47	50.00	.
Membership	50.00	.	30.00	.
Public Relations	.	1.87	.	.
Local Bulletin	75.00	43.79	125.00	.
Convention	200.00	.	250.00	.
State & National Dues				
State	300.00	300.00	300.00	.
National	200.00	73.00	200.00	.
Contingency	50.00	.	5.00	.
	1,280.00	635.33	1,400.00	

RECONCILIATION

On Hand June 1, 1975		
In Bank	333.90	
In Savings	290.89	624.79
1975-76 Operation		
Receipts	1,370.76	
Expenditures	635.33	735.43
Prepaid 1976-77 Dues (2)		15.00
On Hand 2-20-76 - In Bank	1,072.66	
- In Savings	302.56	1,375.22

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville held its monthly board meeting Monday Dec. 1, 1975, in the home of Frances Marquis. Board members present were Ruth Manzke, Eleanor Kugel, Frances Marquis, Rita De Pau, Marge Sumrall, Helen Marberry, Janis Crowe, Delores Beier, Margaret Rendoll, and Mary Chase, absent was Pat Garrison.

Minutes - Were read and approved.

Treasure's report - Marge Sumrall reported a balance of $1,257.15 in our checking account. A semi-annual treasurer's report was given.

President's report - Ruth Manzke read a note form Helen Hunter of Houston congratulating us on our successful finance drive.

A letter was read from the National Women's Education Fund. A meeting will be held in Arizona for women interested in running for public office or who are interested in working in political campaings.

The Statesman Club from Brownsville Savings and Loan would like a speaker from the League to talk about the purpose of the League.

Finance - A State Financial support questionnaire was given to Janis Crowe. The questionnaire dedline is Jan. 10. Janis will send the questionnaire to the State Office with a note of reqret that we cannot meet the deadline.

Janis Crowe read the thank you note for board approval that is to be sent to our contributiors. The notes will be sent this week. Final Finance Drive figure is $1,001.50 from 79 contributors. Janis will draft a letter that will be sent immediately to potential contributors who want to budget their contribution to the League for the coming year.

Marge Sumrall reported that the pamphlets for prospective members have been received.

Voters Service - There was no Boters Service report.

Program - Eleanor Kugel reported that an interview had been held with the County Sheriff this month. There will be no morning meeting in December of January because fo poor attendance.

Margaret Rendall has been asked by Ruth Gabbert, a league member and teacher, if she can simplify our unit meeting material and present it to the sixth grade classes at St. Mary's School. Permission was given for Ruth to do this.

With the December unit meetings will finish our study of the Administration of Justice on the local level. We can now look toward membership consensus for action to be taken in 1976.

Health Welfare - Delores Beier reported that the Brownsville Housing Authority had recently held a meeting to discuss new leased housing

Health Welfare - Delores Beier reported that the Brownsville Housing Authority had recently held a meeting to discuss new leased housing guidlines of HUD for 187 units. Funds of $373,080. will be avaibable in another month. Delores also announced that construction for renobation of homes in the Garden Park area has begun.

Margaret Rendall attended the Nov. 25, 1975 City Commission meeting. Of interest in our enviormental quality local item, she reported that authority has been given to the city manager to advertise for sealed competitive bids for the purchase of land cleaning machinery for the Health Department.

Also the La Coma subdivision annexation has been tabled for further study to the planning and engineering department.

A $30,000 grant from the Texas Criminal Justice Division has been received by the city for implamentation of a Police Cadet Recruiting Program.

Public Relations announced that a talk has been requested for a local Girl Scout unit.

Rita De Pau volunteered to put out the local bulletin for January during the Christmas holidays.

Frances Marquis announced that plans for our Christmas coffee are complete. It will be held Saturday, December 13, from 1-4p.m. It will be at the Women's Center and everyone is encouraged to bring guests.

All Board members reviewed their notebooks. Twelve handbooks, entitled "In League: Guidelines for League Boards", will be ordered. Also 12 copies of both our State and National By-Laws will be ordered.

Appointment of a Budget Committee was tabled until January.

The Nominating Committee was appointed from the general membership Eliza Cavazos and Charlotte Sarossy, from the board Rita De Pau and Eleanor Kugel. Delores Beier will serve as chairman.

The next Board Meeting will be January 5, 1976 at 7:30 p.m. at Ruth Manzke's home.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Chase
Acting Secretary

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BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville held a Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday, July 11th, at the Holiday Inn at 9:30 a.m. Present were Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, Marge Sumrall and Pattye Evans.

Mary Chase, president, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Ruth Manzke moved that Ruth Allison be appointed th the Board to fill the vacancy of Secretary. Pattye Evans seconded the motion;it passed unanimously.

Kate Graydon reported that we have $334.72 in our chedking account and $752.41 in our savings account. Dues from 25 members have been received. A list of 18 previous members was given to Pattye Evans. Pattye will have a committee try to collect these dues by the end of July.

Under announcements, Mary Chase asked each Board member to keep a record of all her work and her committee's work during the year. In February, annual reports will be asked for and mailed to the State and National Offices and these records will come in handy.

Under Old Business it was reported that four League members: Ruth Allison, Josephine Dunkelberg, Gloria Hughes, and Mary Chase had attended the Constitution Revision Commission meeting in Mc Allen, June 8th.

Ruth Manzke gave a brief report of the Observer's Corps.

Marge Sumrall, program coordinator, read a report by Frances Marquis. Frances and her committee will present a program on City Charter Revision Thursday, July 19th, at 7:30 p.m. Because the meeting includes an ice cream social, invitations will be mailed instead of telephoning the members. Frances also reported that 8 League members were present June 14th when she spoke before the city commissioners meeting. Frances' request to the city commissioners was for total revision of the city charter. Two League members were asked by the mayor to serve on a nine member committee to be set up by the city commissioners on City Charter revision.

Marge read a report by Maureen Marconi. Maureen reported that 9 League members were present Monday morning, July 9, to hear her speak before the County Commissioners' Court. Maureen's request to the county commissioners was that if a new courthouse, annex, and/or jail facilities and juvenile facilities were to be brought before the voters of the county, that the League would stand ready to help inform the voters about the issues before election day. This could be handled several ways, such as: a Voter's Guide, or a public information meeting. After the morning county commissioners meeting, Maureen attended, as an observer, an afternoon session that included 7 architects presenting their plans and estimates of a new jail.

Marge also announced that our August meeting would be held on Tuesday the 14th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the courthouse. Josephine Dunkelberg is to take us on a tour of the courthouse and then we go to the Women's Center for a sack lunch. After lunch Maureen and her committee will present a program on the courthouse and/or jail site proposals.

Veta Winick, our State president, will be our local league trainer for this year. She has mailed our league request form as to when she is to come. Mary Chase has been in touch with the Edinburg-McAllen league and both leagues feel they would rather have Veta come to our towns and meet our members that come only for board training. It was discussed that we might even hold a reception for Veta to allow her to meet with our members, contributors, city and county government officials. Plans will be finalized at our August Board meeting. This meeting with Veta will be our September general membership meeting.

Because we did not hold our annual Finance Drive in April, the Board discussed xax whether or not to try and hold a finance drive before next April. It was decided that a letter of explanation andrequest for a donation be sent to our contributors. Then contributions by mail-in checks would tide us over until spring.

The possibility of an October meeting for members explaining the State Voter's Guides we will receive before the November election was discussed. The November meeting might be Mr. Moody, our Public Health Director speaking to us on the pollution problems in our resacas.

Our next Board meeting will be held August 8th in the home of Ruth Manzke.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Manzke,Secy. Pro-Tem

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BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The August board meeting was held August 8, 1973, at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Ruth Manzke. Present were Mary Chase, Pattye Evans, Marge Sumrall and Ruth Manzke.

Minutes of the previous board meeting had previously been read and approved at the July 19th membership meeting.

A balance of $151,77 was reported in the checking account. The first portion of our state pledge, $75.00, has been paid. The remaining $225.00 will be paid in two more payments. We will continue with our plans for a finance letter to be sent to each of our contributors. We are hoping the mail-in response will be sufficient to tide us over until our annual spring finance drive.

Under old business, a discussion was held as to whether or not we would renew our membership in the National Federation of Women's Club. It was decided we would present the pros and cons at our next membership meeting and the members could vote on it.

We have sent two copies of request to the State Office and one to Veta Winick asking that Veta come to Edingburg-McAllen, Harlingen and Brownsville for membership promotion rather than board training. We are hoping Veta's visit will be in September.

Marge Sumrall presented a report on our membership meeting held July 19th. A program on the need for City Charter revision was presented by Frances Marquis, Marian Warzecha, and Ruth Allison. There were 12 League members present and 8 guests. The backyard meeting was held at Mary Chase's and homemade ice cream was served after the program. At the meeting Ruth Manzke was elected by the membership to serve as one of our League representatives on the proposed nine-member committee for City Charter revision to be set up by the City Commission.

Marge also reported that she and Ruth Manzke had written a letter to the City Commission thanking them for their confidence in our organization in asking two of our members to serve on the revision committee and asking if we could also select an alternate.

Marge announced our next meeting would be held Tuesday, August 14th. We will meet at the Courthouse for a Go-See Tour conducted by District Clerk, Josephine Dunkelberg. Each member is to bring a sack lunch. We will go to the Women's Center for lunch and a program to be presented by Maureen Marconi and her committee on the ins and outs of building a new courthouse, annex, and/or jail and juvenile facilities.

A discussion was held on whether or not to purchase the new "Facts and Issues" on water for distribution to our members in our September bulletin. Because of the cost, there is a possibility we could Zerox copies of the newspaper release summary that accompanied the "facts and Issues".

Pattye Evans read a list of twenty former League members who she felt we should contact personally for dues. Each board member selected five names to contact.

August 15th is the deadline for ordering Voter's Guides from the State Office for the November 6th constitutional amendment election. Since there is a membership meeting before the deadline we will take this matter to the members. We need desperately to find a Voter Service chairman to help organize the distribution of these Guides.

The meeting was adjourned at 11a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Manzke
Acting Secretary

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BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville held a Board of Directors Meeting, Monday, October 1, 1973, at the Holiday Inn at 7:30 P.M. Present were Mary Chase, Marge Sumrall, Gloria Hughes, Pattye Evans, and Ruth Allison.

Mary Chase, president, called the meeting to order. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Mary then submitted Kate's treasurer's report. There was a total of $299.36 at the beginning of the month, $47.50 was deposited from membership , making the balance $346.86. We now have 36 members. There has been a total of 27 contributors bringing our finance drive up to $295.00 at this time.

Mary then gave us a run down on the President's Tea for our state president Veta Winick, held this past Friday, September 28 from 1-3P.M. at the home of Floyd Juneman, a personal friend of Veta's. There were 22 Brownsville League members, 4 Harlingen League members, Mayor Louis Lapeyre, City Commissioner Jim Mills, County Commissioner Mike Cortinas, and 8 guests. We are pleased to note that three of these guests joined on the spot: Lee Alexander, Sally Lawrence, Eleanor Kugel. Ten special invitations were sent to the mayor, City Commissioners, County judge, and County commissioners. Bertha Champion, a LWV member and florist from Art in Flowers, provided our centerpiece and a corsage for Veta and our hostess, Floyd. Publicity on this tea was very good.

Under old business, Mary informed us that as our representative in the Junior Service League's "Friendliest Face Contest" she had had her picture taken and was making plans to attend the Meet The Director party. We are grateful for the chance to cooperate with other groups in community service.

Ruth Manzke was unable to give her observer's corps report, but Mary said that Ruth had been singled out by both Mayor Lapeyre andCounty commissioner Cortinas for her attendance at their meetings, so we know her corps is doing a great job.

Pattye Evans has membership cards filled out and is mailing the new "You Are Intrigued By the League" phamplet.

Dorothy Carmichel has been appointed the Voter's Service Chairman. A workshop scheduled for next week will be held to sort and stamp the guides Gloria Hughes has ordered 3 stamps reading "Courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville" so each Voters Guide may be easily marked.

The League has been asked to speak to one service club so far, this will be October 17, to discuss the ammendments for the Self Culture Club.

Mary reported on the locations that will have Voter's Guides for distribution and asked the board members for additional places.

The board then discussed and prepared a calendar of all proposed league activities through December. We then went over the Policy Sheet and the By-laws. Mary brought to our attention the change in the State League's Calendarr causing the year to start in June; she asked that we consider the possibilities of our local league reorganizing in accordance with the state.

There was no further business; Mary adjourned at 9:56P.M.

Ruth Allison
Secretary

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The November board meeting was called to order by President Mary Chase, at the home of Mrs. Gloria Hughes. Present were Mary Chase, Marge Sumrall, Gloria Hughes, Pattye Evans, Ruth Manzke and Ruth Allison.

The treasurer's report was of a $186.36 total. The national payment of $4 per member has been paid in full. $225 has been paid to state leaving us a balance of $75. There were a total of 28 contributors for a total of $305.

Mary read Veta's personal note from the President's tea. She read thank-you notes from the Brownsville Jaycees and the Junior Service League for our cooperation in their activities this past month. She then read a letter from Lucy Benson concerning our responsibilities.

Mary informed of new TCR information and the news release accompaning it. She said we are to receive a tape for our next board meeting about the way we elect our national officials. This lead to a discussion of tomorrow's election for our city officials.

Dorothy Carmichael held a workshop Oct. 18. There were 6 present, these stamped and counted 3000English and 2000 Spanish guides. There were 400 Spanish extra. Guides were sent to contributors, members, and city and county officials. Spanish Extras given to Harlingen League.

Oct. 25 day and night meeting. There were 16 present at the day meeting and 5 at the night. The guides were distributed to the members and Mary explained the 9 ammendments. Laury Hughes, Gloria's daughter, made VOTE posters. We are still unsure of the results of our Spanish guides. Our league is lacking in the ability to work in Spanish. Under Voter's service also, one talk was given to the Self Culture Club. The Jaycees asked our help in providing a ~~steering~~ screening committee to help on the questions at the Meet Your Candidate meeting.

Ruth Manzke reported on the observer's corps, with her emphasis on last week's county commissioner's meeting.

Membership reported a total of 38 members. The corrections have been made on our new membership list. Mary reported on 5 or 6 prospective members.

The meeting for November was changed to Nov. 29 from the third Thursday of the month. There will be a Wednesday evening committee meeting to discuss the questions we want to as the panel concerning our charter revisions. Frances Eacho is to be asked to help at that meeting. A panel of commissioners or interested people from the community will be asked for this November meeting.

A Christmas party for December 8 is being planned. Nicki Phillips has offered her home. Pattye was given permission to order the invitations.

Mary then had us work on the by-laws and policy sheet. All revisions are due by Nov. 15.

We then watched the Edingurgh- McAllen League's T.V. presentation of the constitution ammendments for tomorrow's election.

Secretary,
Mrs Ruth Allison

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville held a Board Meeting, Monday, Dec. 3, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Pattye Evans. Present were Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, Gloria Hughes, Marge Sumrall, and Pattye Evans.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mary Chase. The minutes were read and approved.

Our bank account shows a balance of $102.09. We have had one more contribution bringing our Finance Mail-in Drive to $315.00 from 29 contributors.
Membership reported Mrs. Earl Pond as our newest member. This brings our membership to a total of 39.

OLD BUSINESS: The cassette on how to elect our national officers has not yet come in. Mary will write the state office for their extra copy if we have not received the tape by Christmas.

A meeting was held in Mc Allen November 29 by the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission to explain the new proposed Texas Constitution and answer questions by the public. However, this date conflicted with our local progran and no members were able to attend from Brownsville.

May 6-10 will be our National Convention in San Franscisco.

Information was read from a non-profit organization, Catalyst. They have contacted all local Leagues hoping that their members will be interested in including their names on a computerized list of women wishing to advance their career opportunities. Gloria will see if she can use the information in February's bulletin.

Annual Reports are in from the national office. Required by January 15 are the treasurer's report, finance and membership/organization reports.

It was suggested that one of our new members be asked to be corresponding secretary. Mary will ask Rita de Pau. Letters need to be sent out to our new mayor and city commissioners. Also , thank you notes need to be sent to Kirby Lilljedahl and O.B. Garcia for speaking to us on City Charter revision.

Ruth Manzke reported on her City Charter Revision committee meeting Thursday, Nov.15. All local members were invited to attend and the response was most gratifying. Approximately 15 members were present.

Marge Sumrall reported 12 members and 1 League husband had attended our Nov. 29 general membership meeting. This was an evening meeting held at the Pan Americal Bank Industrial Room. Kirby Lilljedahl, our city manager, and O.B. Garcia, city attorney, were guests and spoke on revising our city charter. League members asked questions that had been prepared at the committee meeting on Nov. 15.

NEW BUSINESS: Ruth Manzke reported on the Observor's Copps. The next City Commission meeting will be Dec. 13. The new mayor and city commissioners will be sworn in Dec. 17. A letter will be written informing our newly elected officials that the Brownsville LWV will continue to work for the betterment of Brownsville.

The Board decided that the policy that allows us to attend coffees for candidates is perhaps not so wise. Because of the heated mayoral race, it was decided that the Board would not attend any candidate coffees as it may be misconstrued as support for the candidate.

Pattye Evans discussed plans for our Christmas Party. It will be held at Nicki Phillips' home, Dec. 8 at 2:00 p.m.League members will supply the Christmas cookies or candies or sandwiches. The Cummins Junior High Vocational School printed our invitations for only the cost of the paper. Pattye paid them $2 extra. Total cost was only $5. We will play Dumb Bunny Bridge at the coffee and Mary will have 40 copies of the rules.

Additions were made to our calendar: (1) Board Meetings will be on the 4th Monday night of each month from now on. (2) Our January 17 meeting was decided to be a morning meeting with Jim Mills, mayor, and Jesse Sloss, city secretary, giving us advice on city charter revision. Marge Sumrall will contact these men and see if the Women's Center is available. (3) Board Meeting Jan. 28 (4) Feb. 21 Meeting will be a night meeting on our local water s study. Perhaps Mr. Moody our city health and sanitation director could speak. (5) Feb. 23 local bulletin to be in hands of members (6) Board Meeting Feb. 25 (7) March 23 Annual meeting . Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Manzke (Sec. Pro-tem)

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The January Board meeting was held Jan. 14, 1974, 7:30 p.m. in the home of Ruth Manzke. Present were Mary Chase, Marge Sumrall, Pattye Evans, Ruth Manzke, and Ruth Allison.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mary Chase. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved.

Mary read letters received from leagues throughout the country recommending national program items. She then read a letter by National president, Lucy Benson, discussing the impeachment process.

Mary went over the annual reports.

Maria Rodriguez is our newest member. She joined at the Christmas Coffee. Six guests were present and 19 members. Two of our active members- Sally Lawerence and Maureen Marconi - are moving.

Marge Sumrall reported on the program to be held at Pan American Bank at 9:30a.m. January 17. Mayor Jim Mills and City Secretary Jesse Sloss will be discussing and answering questions on the city chapter.

Ruth Manzke reported on the Observor's Corps. We were represented at the City Commissioner's meeting Dec. 13 and at the County Commissioner's meeting Dec. 10.

Rita dePau did accept the position of corresponding secretary and has sent out the thank you notes to various guest speakers.

The board voted to change the next board meeting from January 28 to February 4 and March 4 for the following month.

The board elected Mary Chase and ~~Frances Marquis~~ Ruth Manzke to represent the League on the committee set up by the city commission to revise the city charter. Frances Marquis as alternate.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Ruth Allison
Secretary

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Board 9:30a.m.

L.H.V. Brownsville met the morning of Feb. 5 at the Marquis home. ~~Seven~~ Eight members, Eleanor Kugel, Ruth Manske, Margaret Aziz, Eliza Cavazos, Helen Marberry, Pat Garrison & Frances M. were present.

The minutes were read and the treasurer reported a balance of $653.71. President asked the publications chairman to order several publications from State & National.

Ruth read an invitation to a meeting on the Bicentennial held Sun. Feb. 9 at 7:30pm. in the Friendship Garden.

Pat Garrison announced that Wanda Rogers had paid her dues.

Ruth then read a memo from National requesting concurrence on Energy by the Energy Task Force, ~~by~~ deadline April 1, 1975.

Eleanor suggested a file or booklet of clippings and other items concerning our Health Program to be compiled for future reference use in study and action.

The guest speaker at the ~~March~~ April 20 meeting will either be City Manager Jesse Sloss or Planner Mario Moreno, to be announced later.

(There was some discussion on nomina-

tions for offices but most should be kept off the record.)

Ruth urged us to attend the Feb. 20 meeting on the local environment with Richard Leopold. She wants a big turnout.

The meeting was then adjourned.

F. Marquis
Acting Secretary

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS 1974

The League of Women Voters held a Board Meeting, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Gloria Hughes. Present were: Marge Sumrall, Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, Gloria Hughes, Kate Graydon, and Ruth Allison.

The minutes of the Janurary board meeting were read and approved.

Kate reported that we had $28 in the checking account and that the state dues have been paid. Because no action was taken on September's approval to leave a balance of $400 in savings, it was voted to transfer $500 to cover expenses through the remainder of the year.

Mary Chase read the list of nominees for the national offices. We are not participating on the program for the $10,000 humanitarian grant to the state level.

The first City Charter Revision Committee meeting was held 2 weeks ago. Mary and Frances Marquis attended. The second meeting was set up for the 19th of Feb. Gloria Hughes was asked by Jim Mills to be on the Housing Authority Investigative Board.

Marian Warzecha will be our Finance Drive Chairman; Frances Marquis has volunteered to be her assistant. The finance drive will be held during April this year. Marian will attend our next board meeting to go over plans for the drive.

Carol Freeman asked Mary Chase to speak on "Our Government" for her Girl Scouts.

There were 12 members and 2 guests at the Jan. 17 meeting at the Pan Am Bank. Jim Mills and Jesse Sloss were the guest speakers. They answered questions on the city charter.

Due to tardy arrivals at meetings we will give a guest speaker the time of 8:00 and our members 7:30.

Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pan Am Industrial Room, Mr. Moody, R.S. , city sanitarian, will be presenting information concerning the sanitation problem in Brownsville and answering any questions. The Earth Care Organization will be invited to attend. It was decided to order 20 copies of the Facts and Issues of water pollutition for the meeting, and "the Water We Drink".

The budget committee report was given by Kate Graydon. The president's account was increased from $20 to $50. Membership was based on a potention 60 members because of the increase this past year. Voter's Service will be increased because we forsee work with T.C.R. Kate reported that we kept within $7 of last year's budget. This year we plan a $300 increase. The proposed budget was approved by the board.

Annual meeting will be March 23-Saturady. Arrangements still have not been completed. The board needs to discuss membership recommendations for the local program items.

We will recommend to the membership that we go off the provisional program. Gloria Hughes reported on the nominating committee's choices: Ruth Manzke- President; Lee Alexander- President Elect; Eleanor Kugel- Vice President; Marge Sumrall-Secretary; Frances Marquis- Treasurer; Directors for 2 years- Helen Marberry, Pat Garrison, Rita dePau; Directors for 1 year- Mary Chase , Gloria Hughes; Nominating Committee- Ruth Allison(Chairman), Eliza Cavazos, Emily Wood. The proposed slate was approved.

Ruth Manzke reported on her Obsevor's Corps. She attended the city commissioner's meeting of Jan. 24. She reported on the combined city-county meeting concerning the purchasing of property for a new bridge. She also reported that Judge Ramon asked for a joint Harlingen-Brownsville meeting of LWV to discuss the courthouse. (The board decided that this issue had already been settled.)

Ruth Manzke in preparation for her meeting on the City Charter asked the board's preference concerning positions of the ballot and if we prefered 3 or 4 year terms.

Next board meeting Mar. 4 at Ruth Manzke's.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The March board meeting was held March 8, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Ruth Manzke. Present were Ruth Manzke, Mary Chase, Eleanor Kugel, Marge Sumrall, and Ruth Allison.

The board voted to send a pot plant of flowering tulips to Gloria Hughes while she is in the hospital.

Mary Chase reported that she was contacted by Carol Freeman for support at the next city commission meeting for bike routes.

Gloria wrote for a booklet on the proposed Texas Constitution changes for members and contributors, but was informed that it is out of print.

Mary asked us to place an immediate order for Voters' Guides for the May primary-it was decided to order 3000 English Voters' Guides.

Mary informed us that Lee Alexander has moved to Minnessota so will not be our President-elect.

Mary gave Ruth Manzke the information on President's Council in Irving the 23-24 of April and the information on the convention at San Francisco. We hope to send a representative to Irving.

Mary reported on the information she has received recently on the Energy Crisis.

Annual meeting will be held March 23, Saturday, 12:00 at the Holiday Inn-$3.00 per plate.

Mary divided up the membership list for phone notification of the annual meeting.

The local program for this past year was city charter revision, resaca pollution, courthouse relocation and study of the juvenile facilities. The local program for this next year will keep city charter revision(Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, and Franced Marquis as alternate are working with the city commission on the charter revision committee). We will also work on environmental quality this comming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Allison, Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas met Saturday March 23, 1974 at the Holiday Inn for their 24th annual meeting. There were nineteen members and eight guests present.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting were read and approved. The 1973-1974 Board Members were introduced.

President Mary Chase compared this year's annual report with that of nine years ago, her first year in the league. The comparison showed our present organization to be a growing group. She discussed the programs we had worked on this past year, and emphasized that we have been right in the middle of the action in the study of the county courthouse and that things are looking up for our continued study concerning water pollution and related subjects. We have been very active in City Charter Revision, too

The budget was presented by Frances Marquis. The proposed 74-75 budget was approved as read.

Kate Graydon read the proposed by-laws changes. Frances Pinkerton moved the changes be approved, it was seconded and the motion carried.

Ruth Manzke read the board recommendations for local program- a study of solid waste disposal and environmental effects and the continued study of city charter revision. After alot of discussion, Ruth Allison moved that we approve the proposed program items. The motion was seconded and carried. There was further discussion concerning Mary Chase's idea to prepare an up-to-date Know Your City survey and a possible Know Your County Facilities. It was decided that if the approved local program items are not demanding enough or versitile enough to use the majority of the membership, we would then start the ground work on these survey studies.

Mary Chase as nomination committee chairman presented the proposed slate of officers and directors for the Brownsville League for 1974-75. The office of president-elect will remain open until June due to Lee Alexander's recent move to Minnesota. Mary Chase moved they be accepted by acclamation. Frances Pinkerton seconded and the motion carried.

Ruth Manzke asked for a vote on meeting times. The third Thursday of each month was chosen, with the meetings to be at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. As newly elected president, Ruth also asked each person to sign up for a study committee for local program. Our national program will coincide this year with the local program in the study of environmental quality.

Mary Chase informed us of the fact sheets provided by the city sanitarian, Mr. Moody, concerning water pollution and city sanitation problems.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Allison

Ruth Allison, secretary

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The April board meeting was held April 8, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Kate Graydon. Present were Gloria Hughes, Ruth Manzke, Kate Graydon, Marge Sumrall, Mary Chase, Marion Warzecha, and Ruth Allison.

The March minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Kate Graydon- a ballance of $380.00 now on hand.

Voter's Guides are in for this election, These will be included with the finance letter. We have also received 500 Voter'S Keys- full on informationand good for public relations.

Mary read a note from Lee Alexander expressing her regrets at not being able to serve as president-elect and requesting that her membership be moved to a Minnessota league.

Mary passed out fact sheets on the energy crisis, housing, and campaign practices.

The meeting was delayed momentarily while Hank Aaron made his historical home run.

Marian reported on the finance drive preparations. Frances, Mary Chase, and Marian met last Thursday and brought the contributor's file up to date and added a list of new prospects. They met again this morning to address envelopes for finance letters.

April 25 is the date set for the Kickoff Coffee. Members will pick up their folders at this time;the drive will be concluded by May3. Marian read the proposed letter to the old contributors and the one for the new contributors. Marian suggested we make a phamplet of our league's accomplishments and membership for next year's finance drive. She also requested approval to purchase 25 folders for the finance drive. Mary said she would check into ordering decals for the covers.

It was decided that we would send off two reservations for the state convention. Ruth Manzke, our in-comming president, has committed herself to go.

A week ago there was a meeting on city charter revision at Filemon Vela's office, but due to a death in the family it was cancelled.

Gloria reported that the housing committee has been disbanded, this is the city committee the mayor had asked her to serve on. It was suggested that the people with complaints go to the district or federal level. The city attorney ruled that the committee had no power to investigate.

Ruth Manzke reported for the Observors Corps.on the last county commissioner's meeting. There was a regular adjenda and an emergency meeting on an operational grant.Two commissioners left the meeting because they said they had not been informed of the emergency meeting.

Ruth then reported on the annual meeting of March 23. There were 19 members and 8 guests. Frances gave a finance report, offiders were elected and there was a discussion concerning the local program. It was decided that daytime meetings will be held at the Women's Center if permissible and that nighttime ones are to be in the home of Ruth Manzke unless otherwise stated.

Mary reported a call to the state office on the by-laws. Veta said that the by-laws change concerning the president-elect's vote needs to be presented to the general membership, to be voted on at the next annual meeting. A tenk rule was added to the board policy sheet- that three consecutive unexcused absences may be deemed a resignation from the board.

Next board meeting is set for May 6. Notebooks are to be cleaned and passed on to the new board.

We then discussed the possibility of a know your candidate forum for the May primary.

Kate requested an audit committee to look over the books. The committee will be made up of Mary Chase, Frances Marquis, and Ruth Allison.

The two appointed board members will be Mary Chase, to be in charge of the bulletin, and Gloria Hughes, in charge of publicity.

Respeetfully submitted by,

Ruth Allison

Ruth Allison, secretary

Gloria noted that the committee she served on was the committee to investigate the Housing Authority

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BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The May 6 board meeting was called to order by president Mary Chase at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Gloria Hughes. Present were Rita DePau, Marge Sumrall, Gloria Hughes, Frances Marques, Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, and Ruth Allison.

The Minutes of the April board meeting and the Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Mary reported that the national dues would possibly not go as high as we had budgeted for.

We signed a get well card for Helen Maurberry from the board.

Mary handed out personal ribbons to the board as a thanks for the year's work.

She read Dolph Briscoe's appology to the League for not having met their deadline for the Voter's Guide.

Mary read a letter of notification by the state office concerning a hearing of the Water Quality Board June 7 in the Pan American Bank Industrial Room concerning solid waste disposal and water pollution.

Mary also informed us that our cooperation was asked by the Blood Services. She reported on their meeting that she attended as our representative.

The board received information on the Energy Crisis to study.

Frances Marquis reported on the finance drive. So far 36 contributions have been made with a total of $422. Only four completed kits have been returned, so we were all urged to wrap up our part of the campaign.

On Voter's Service, it was reported that 3000 English Voter's Guides were used. Guides were sent to contributors, prospects, and members. They were also distributed in high school government classes in Brownsville and Port Isabel, and placed in places of business.

Ruth Manzke ordered 20 signs ofVOTE. These were set out by Ruth Manzke and Mary Chase; they were placed in strategic places throughout the city.

Ruth Manzke reported on her trip to the state convention at Irving. The mayor greeted them and emphasized that the energy crisis is real. She read Veta Winnick's speach telling us that it is <u>our</u> move. They were informed on how to get publicity for local league activities. They listened to instruction on how to put across the revised Texas Constitution. They had a problem solving study on problems common to all leagues

There will be regular meetings by the city charter revision committee. The chairman, Tom Sharpe, has selected Margret Randall as the Chairman of writing proposals. Since this change there have been weekly meetings. Last Thursday a committee studying city sanitation and under the leadership of Elenor Kugel, met with the city sanitarian- Mr. Moody. He solicited the help of the committee, and asked them to tell the city commission that they are interested in the sanitation problems of the city.

Ruth Manzke reporting on her observor's corps, reported that the city commission meeting of April 11 approved the reactivation of the Airport Board.

We discussed the program plans for the month of May. There will be a morning meeting on the 23rd, with a speaker on water in preparation for the June 7 Water Quality Board hearing here.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ruth Allison

Ruth Allison, secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 8, 1974
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7:30 P M

approved as corrected

MINUTES:

Board Members Present: Mmes. Ruth Manzke, Pat Garrison, Eleanor Kugel, Gloria Hughes, Rita DePau, Mary Chase, Marian Warzecha, Marge Sumrall and Frances Marquis.

New Board Members were introduced and portifolios were assigned.

Correspondence: Mrs. Manzke presented material on "Pitch In" from Keep America Beautiful. Since this material is expensive, it was thought that we might call on the School Vocational Dept. to help us if we want to pursue this idea in connection with our local program. Tabled for further study.

Following a discussion, it was decided that this year, Thank You notes to our contributors will be sent to their homes, where possible, to insure their receiving them.

Mrs. Marquis reported that $507.00 had been received, thus far, from our Finance Drive.

Mrs. Manzke then proceeded to set up a calendar for the coming year. Regular meeting days will be the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Womens Center. Board Meetings will be the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the homes of Board Members. Calendar dates and tentative programs, set thus far, are as follows:

June 20 - Informal coffee and rap-session to better aquaint the membership on programs for the coming year and to discuss this years Finance Drive. Also, the Board will recommend to the membership, that we appear before the City Commission to confirm our support of Mr. Moody, our City Sanitarian. Mrs. Manzke appointed: Mmes. Gloria Hughes, Mary Chase, and Eleanor Kugel ~~to represent the League before the Commission.~~ as a Committee to formulate our statement to the Commission.

July 18 - Mr. David Garza, Attorney, will speak on Texas Constitutional Revision. (Mr. Garza having been recommended to the League by Mrs. Laverne Trickey.)

August --- No Meeting

Sept. 5 - Membership Coffee (home of Mrs. Garrison)
" 10 - " " " " " "

" 16 - 20 - Registration Drive Week

" 19 - Mr. Johnny Snow, Tax Assessor Collector, will speak on Voters Registration. After which members will be sworn in, so that we can register voters for the coming election.

Oct. 17 - *During Oct. we will distribute Voters Guides, push Constitutional Revision and try to set up a Know Your Canidates Program with the JC's.

Nov. 5 - Election Day

Nov. 21 - Program undecided

Dec. 14 - Christmas Card Party (time and place to be decided later)

Programs after this date are still in the planning with the exception of May 17, which is Annual Meeting.

* During discussion on Voters Guides, it was decided that we will approach teachers, at the College and High School, who have, in the past, requested the Guides in great quanity, to ask that they pay for the amount that they require for class study. This will enable us to distribute more guides at less expense. Mrs Manzke asked Mrs. Garrison to talk to the teachers in question for us.

Mrs. Manzke reported that again we have been asked to join the National Federation of Womens Clubs. Mrs. DePau moved that we send a representative to the Federation's May 23 Luncheon, to report back to us on the feasibility of our again joining the organization. Mrs Warzecha seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Manzke then appointed Mrs. Chase to be our representative.

Meeting adjourned, 9:30 P M

Marge Sumrall

Marge Sumrall, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report May 7, 1975

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (60)	$450.00		277.50
Finance Drive	$1,225.00		825.50
Other			8.20
	Total Income $1,111.20		
EXPENSES	**Budgeted**	**Current**	**Total to Date**
President's Account	$50.00	50.00	50.00
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$40.00	–	25.00
Postage	$30.00	–	18.80
Telephone	$20.00	–	16.65
Sitter	$20.00	–	–
Activities			
Local Program	$75.00	–	–
State Program	$20.00	–	3.65
National Program	$20.00	–	–
Voters' Service	$240.00	–	99.92
Committees			
Membership	$40.00	–	–
Finance	$40.00	–	63.29
Publications	$75.00	–	35.91
Board Tools	$75.00	–	53.42
Local Bulletin	$80.00	–	52.34
Convention	$300.00	–	100.00
Pledges			
State	$300.00	50.00	350.00
National	$200.00	–	170.00
Contingency	$50.00	–	–

Total Expenses $1,038.98

League of Women Voters
Board of Directors Meeting
June 5, 1974
[redacted]
7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Board members present: Mmes. Ruth Manzke, Pat Garrison, Eleanor Kugel, Gloria Hughes, Rita De Pau, Mary Chase, Frances Marquis, Helen Marberry, and Ruth Allison.

The minutes of the May 6th meeting were corrected as follows and approved as corrected: Under calendar dates for June 20 last sentence should read: "Mrs. Manzke appointed: Gloria Hughes, Mary chase, and Eleanor Kugel as a Committee to formulate our statement to the Commission".

In reference to the minutes, Mrs. Manzke asked the Board Members for their preference in using their husbands' names with Mrs. or just using their own first names with their surnames. The preference was for the latter.

Mrs. Manzke distributed the following material to the members: list of Local League Presidents, list of State Board Officers, "Guide to Local League Calendar Planning for 1974-1975," and the State Board Report. After discussion it was decided that only two copies of the State Board Report would be ordered, one copy for the President's file and one copy to be used for distribution to Board Members--each Chairman receiving the section pertinent to her Committee.

Correspondence: Mrs. Manzke read material and questionnaire relative to Revenue Sharing Monitoring Program and volunteered to chair a committee on this subject.

Mrs. Manzke read correspondence on the Spanish Language program. After discussion this subject was tabled to be taken up at the next meeting.

Mrs. Manzke announced the Board Training which will be held June 12 and 13 by Mrs. Edith Coffy and set up a schedule as follows:

9:00 am. to 10:00 - Ruth Manzke (Observers Corps for Mrs. Warzecha)
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 - Helen Marberry (Voters Service)
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 - Gloria Hughes (Publicity)
11:30 a.m. to 12:00 - Rita De Pau (Correspondence)
12:00 N. to 1:00 - Lunch
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 - Eleanor Kugel (Program)
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 - Mary Chase (Bulletin and T.C.R.)
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 - Pat Garrison (Membership)
4:00 p.m. to 4:30 - Marge Sumrall (Secretary)
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 - Ruth Allison (Nominating)
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 - Dinner
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 - Frances Marquis (Treasurer)

It was agreed to meet again on Thursday, June 13, at 10:00 a.m. for coffee at the home of Mrs. Manzke, [redacted], for discussion and evaluation of

of the previous day's proceedings. Refreshments were graciously volunteered by Gloria Hughes, Pat Garrison and Frances Marquis with Ruth Manzke furnishing the coffee--and tea. The Board Members were to call Mrs. Manzke on Tueaday between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. to find out where Mrs. Coffy was staying.

Committee Reports

Program: Mrs. Kugel reported that the City Commissioners meeting was postponed from June 13 to July 11. It was decided to use the telephone committee to notify members of this cancellation. Mrs. Manzke suggested that the Program Committee be sure to check their facts thoroughly before the meeting so as to avoid embarrassment to our organization. A suggestion was made that we try to get on Connie Greene's radio program with the Committee preparing the questions to be asked. Mrs. Kugel asked that we try to get the City Health Budget from City Hall.

Membership: Pat Garrison reported that we have a new member--Mrs. Betty McNamara. Mrs. Manzke reminded the group of the June 20th meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Women's Center at which Mr. David Garza will speak. She asked that we invited as many people as we can to this meeting, including men.

Finance: Mrs. Marquis reported on the finance drive as follows:

34 cards (personal contact)	- received.....	$462.00
23 call-ins	- received.....	243.50
	Total	$705.50

Mrs. Chase reported that other Leagues were raising money through rummage sales, raffles, and cocktail parties. A suggestion was made that we ask the members for voluntary contributions. This was tabled until next month's meeting.

Publications: Mrs. Marquis had nothing to report. Mrs. Manzke suggested that the Voters Key should be passed out when we register voters. Mrs. Garrison reported that the High School would like 1000 copies of the Voters Guide, but could not pay for them; Texas Southmost wants 500 copies and can pay for them.

Voters Service: Mrs. Marberry reminded the Board that those members who are interested in registering voters will have to be deputized the first week in August.

Bulletin: Mrs. Chase will try to get a bulletin out in July. A motion was made by Mrs. Chase and seconded by Mrs. Hughes that Mrs. Manzke use her own discretion in accepting invitations to attend meetings of other organizations. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Rita De Pau

Rita De Pau, Acting Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
General Meeting
June 20, 1974
Womens Center
9:30 AM

The President, Mrs. Ruth Manzke, called the meeting to order. Twelve menbers and 7 guests were present. Guest were introduced as follows: Mrs. Laverne Tricky, Mrs. Renaldo Garza, Ms. Teresa Champion, Mrs. Margert Aziz, Ms. Cecila Ervin, Mrs. Harriet Jeffers, Mrs. Peter Bellinghausen, Mrs. Raul Guerra and Mrs. Margaret Rendell.

Minutes of the May Board Meeting were read and approved.

Voters Service Chairman, Mrs. Helen Marberry, asked for volunteers to register voters during voters Registration Week, Sept. 16 thru 20.

Membership Chairman, Mrs. Pat Garrison, announced two membership coffees to be held Sept. 5 and 10 at her home.

Vice President and Program Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Kugel, outlined the proposed line of action to be taken on programs for the coming year. Committees will be formed to work on each program and she asked that all members sign up to serve on one of these committees.

Mrs. Manzke read the Leagues recommendations for a new Texas Constitution before introducing our guest speaker, Mr. David Garza, whe served on the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission.

~~After~~ Mr. Garza's very informing speech was followed by a lively ~~answer~~ question and answer period.

The meeting was adjourned and a coffee and get aquainted period followed.

Marge Sumrall

Marge Sumrall
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
General Meeting
July 18, 1974
Women's Center
9:30 AM

The President, Mrs. Ruth Manzke, called the meeting to order. Eighteem members and 6 guests were present. Guest, as follows: Beatrice Moreno, Delores Beier, Cecila Ervin, Jackie Glowacki, Bee Lantz, and Margaret Rendell. Margaret Aziz and Theresa Champion were welcomed as new members.

The Treasurers report showed a balance of $893.57.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reported on the City Charter Revision Comm.

Betty McNanara has agreed to head up the Observers Corp. upon the resignation of Marian Warzecha.

The President asked for a volumteer to fill the vacant Legislative Chairmanship.

Voters Service Chairman announced that all members who will participate in Voters Registration are to go to the Court House following the meeting to be deputized.

The Vice President reported on the progress of the Local League programs.

The Membership Chairman announced again the dates and times of the the Sept. membership coffees.

The Finance Committee reported a total of $795.50 collected to date. Mary Chase, Marian Warzacha, and Francis Marquis will conduct the final Drive Mop-up.

The Vice President introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Warren Browning, City Manager.

Mr. Browning spoke on the problems facing the city of Brownsville and his plans to correct many of these problems. A question and answer period followed his talk.

Meeting adjourned,

Marge Samrall
Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
Board of Directors Meeting
August 7, 1974
[redacted]
7:30 P M

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mmes. Ruth Manzke, Margaret Aziz, Eleanor Kugel, Helen Marberry, Mary Chase, Frances Marquis, Marge Sumrall. Mrs. Aziz was welcomed to the Board as the new Legislative Chairman.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July Board Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasureer read the report attached here to.

CORRESPONDENCE

The President:read letters from the Ft. Brown Moter Hotel, Holiday Inn Motel and Gulf Point Associates. Called attention to ACTION - Memorandum - Election 74-76. Reported on November 13-14 Regional Woodshop for Local League Presidents and State Board Members from Texas and Okla.. Read copy of Veta Winick's press release sent to UPI and API on July 31, 1974.

REPORTS

President announced that Betty McNamara has taken over as head of the Observers Corp. due to the resignation of Marian Warzecha.

Mrs. Chase reported on the wrap up of the anual Finance Drive.

Program Chairman reported on the committee meeting with Mayor Mills and City Manager Browning. Affirmed the Sept. General Meeting with Johnny Snow as guest speaker.

Voters Service Chairman reported that League members will register voters Sept. 26-27-28 at Gulf Mart, Royal Mart, the High School, College and Amigoland Mall. A large Booth will be set up in the Mall and 20 members will register voters from 1-3 PM and 6-9 PM. Absentee Voting Forms will also be passed out at all locations.
Voters Guides will be ordered for the Nov. election and Oct. 10 is the day set for members to collect the guides for distribution.
Two new rubber stamps will be ordered for stamping Voters Guides, these to include local P.O. Box number.
Permanent Vote signs will be made for League use during elections.
Suggestion was made that we also pass out League Brochures during voters registration.

President reported on the resent activities of the City Charter Revision Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

President read the revised Policies Sheet of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville.
Mrs. Aziz moved that we accept the revised sheet as read. Mrs. Marquis seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Chase reported that a Bulletin will be put out the week of Sept. 12.

The next Board Meeting will be held Sept. 5 at 9 AM.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 PM

Marge Sumrall

Marge Sumrall, Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

Financial Report August 7, 1974

INCOME		Total to Date
Membership Dues (60)	$450.00	165.00 (22)
Finance Drive	$1,225.00	815.50
Other		8.20
Total	$1,675.00	$988.70

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	To Date
President's Account	$50.00	–	–
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$40.00	–	2.00
Telephone/Telegraph	$20.00	4.20	7.89
Postage	$30.00	8.00	18.80
Sitter	$20.00	–	–
Activities-Program			
Local	$75.00	–	–
State	$20.00	–	–
National	$20.00	–	–
Voters' Service	$ 240.00	–	16.20
Committees			
Membership	$40.00	–	–
Finance	$40.00	6.72	63.29
Publications			
Board Tools	$75.00	–	15.00
Publications	$75.00	–	17.91
Local Bulletin	$80.00	12.00	12.00
Convention	$300.00	–	100.00
Pledges			
State	$300.00	150.00	150.00
National	$200.00	170.00	170.00

Contingency	$50.00	—	—
Total	$1,675.00	$350.92	$573.09

Bank Balance July 3, 1974	$1,052.27
Current Income	105.00
Current Expenses	350.92
Balance August 1, 1974	$806.35

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 1974
[redacted]
9:00 AM

Members present: Manzke, Marguise, Chase, Marberry, Kugel, Aziz, Cavazos, Sumrall, Garrison.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurers report as attached hereto.

CORRESPONDENCE

The President read a letter of Thank You from the Rotary Club of Brownsville, pertaining to a resent program on the City Charter, presented by Ruth Manzke.

The President read a letter from the Ft. Brown Memorial Center Board asking for our help, and the help of other local organization, in manning the Friendship Gardens so that it can be open to the public afew hours each day.

Discussion followed concluding with agreement of all Board members, that the League could not participate in such a program.

The President read a letter from The League of Women Voters of Missouri offering Appointment Calendars for sale. The Board agreed that we will not order.

MEMBERSHIP

Reported that we have a new member, Mary Zarate.
Reaffirmed dates for Membership Coffees.

VOTERS SERVICE

Reported that the schedules for registering voters were being filled for registration days, Sept. 26 thru 28.

PROGRAM

Reported on the progress of the committees studing local programs.

Announced date and times for the Concensus on Enviormental Qualities, those being: Oct. 10 at 9:30 AM in the Women's Center and 7:30 PM at the home of Ruth Manzke.

October 17 is Voters Guide Workshop and distribution day.

October 17 at 9:30 AM in the Women's Center the League will have a program on Texas Water Plans given by Pat Garrison.

BULLETIN

Discussed articles for the next Bulletin and asked for all reports which are to be included.

LEGISLATION

Reported on the Constitutional Convention and Tax Reform.

Asked that her job be to concentrate on National Legislation, since others were covering State and Local Legislation. Mary Chase agreed to handle all State Leg. and Eleanor Kugel will handle Local.

OBSERVERS CORPS

Announced new times for City Commission Meetings.

Meeting adjourned 11:15AM

Marge Sumrall

Marge Sumrall, Secretary

BULLETIN

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report September 5, 1974

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (60)	$450.00		165.00
Finance Drive	$1,225.00		815.50
Other			
			Total $980.50

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$50.00	–	–
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$40.00	–	2.00
Postage	$30.00	–	18.80
Telephone	$20.00	–	7.89
Sitter	$20.00	–	–
Activities			
Local Program	$75.00	–	–
State Program	$20.00	–	–
National Program	$20.00	–	–
Voters' Service	$240.00	5.50	21.70
Committees			
Membership	$40.00	–	–
Finance	$40.00	–	63.29
Publications	$75.00	–	17.91
Board Tools	$75.00	2.42	17.42
Local Bulletin	$80.00	–	12.00
Convention	$300.00	–	100.00
Pledges			
State	$300.00	–	150.00
National	$200.00	–	170.00
Contingency	$50.00	–	–

over

Balance August 1, 1974	$806.35
Minus expenses	7.92
Balance Sept. 5, 1974	$798.43

BOARD MEETING

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

The September Board meeting was held September 10 in the home of Gloria Hughes. Present were Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, Marge Sumrall, Gloria Hughes, Kate Graydon, Pattye Evans, and Ruth Allison.

Minutes were read and approved from the last board meeting.

Kate Graydon presented the treasurer's report. Our Balance July 17 was $151.77, $45.00 was brought in by dues and $265.00 from the finance drive- less $162.41 for expenses leaving a balance of 299.36. It was noted that we still owe $225.00 on our state pledge, and 56.00 on National PMP. Kate was authorized to reduce the savings account to a $400.00 balance.

The board members updated their notebooks under Mary Chase's direction.

Mary reported that the general membership had voted to not join the National Federation of Women's Clubs.

Ruth Manzke, Pattye Evans and Mary Chase reported on their having attended a meeting on the Lower South Texas Constitutional Revision Commission Meeting.

Mary told of her attendance at a Corpuc Christi meeting on August 29,on problem solving in local leagues. There were nine in attendance from Brownsville, Edinburg, Corpus, and Victoria.

Gloria read the finance letter that has been sent to our contributors. There were eighty letters sent. It was suggested that the thank you notes be held until the Voters Guides are received so that one may be included.

Mary read an invitation for our League to present a name for the friendliest face contest for the Junior Service League Follies. Ruth Manzke was nominated by Mary Chase in view or her out standing service as vice-president, and Mary Chase was nominated by Ruth Manzke in view of her outstanding service as president.Mary was chosen to be our representative.

Ruth Manzke gave a report on the observer corps with special emphasis on todays County Commissioner's Court.

Marge Sumrall reported on the Go-See tour of the courthouse on August 14. There were 12 members,4 guests, and 4 Harlingen League members. Josephine Dunkelberg, District Clerk, and League member, was in charge of leading the tour. The group then ate a sack lunch and the Women's Center and listened to a report presented by Maureen Marconi on proposals for the courthouse. Marge also reported on the meeting the City Charter Revision Committee had September 5 at Amigo Land.

Mary Chase reported on the Voter's Guides ordered for the November constitutional amendment election on November 6. There were 3000 English guides and 2000 Spanish guides ordered. Mary then reported that the Harlingen league requested a few of the Spanish guides; this request was approved.

The October meeting will be a discussion of these Voter Guides,and they will then be distributed to the members to pass out.

Mary reported that Veta Winick will be here Friday 28 and plans were discussed for her reception.

Ruth Manzke suggested that a tentative calendar be set up for the remainder of the year. It was also decided that since we seem to be having monthly board meetings to schedule them for the first Monday of the month and to have the general membership meeting on the third Thursday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30p.m.

Ruth Allison,Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brownsville

A General Meeting was held in the Women's Center, at 9:30 AM on Sept. 19, 1974. Sixteen members and 3 guests were present, those being: Mrs. Margaret Ames, Mrs. Ozelle Jones and Mrs. Bea Lanty.

The president, Ruth Monghe called the meeting to order and Eleanor Kugel, program chairman, introduced Guest speaker, Mr. Johnny Snow, Tax assessor-Collector and Mrs. Barbara Campbell, his Voters Registration Assistant. Together, they informed the membership of it's duties in the up coming Voters Reg. Drive, Sept. 26-27-28.

Following the program the president called for the reading of the Minutes. The Secretary read the Minutes and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer reported that a final total of $825.50 had been collected in our annual Finance Drive.

Legislative Chairman announced that Mary Chase ~~had agreed to help her by~~ and Eleanor Kugel had agreed to help with State and Local Reg.

The president reported on our recent statement to the City Commission at their Sept. 2d Meeting.

The president read a copy of the letter she sent to the Civic Center Board concerning their request that we help man the Friendship Gardens during visiting hours.

Correspondence included ~~a request from the Leagues Publicity~~ State Public Relations

a letter from the Jefferson United Community Service and a letter from the Leagues State Public Relations Chairman, requesting the names of League ~~Members~~ Members who hold or are running for Municipal, County or State office. The name of Josephine Dunkelberg, District Clerk, will be submitted.

Membership Chairman announced two new Members, Mrs. Debra Beier and Mrs. Mary Garate.

Program Chairman asked the Membership for questions to ~~Submit~~ be submitted by letter to Mayor Mills and City Manager Browning. Announced an Oct. 10 Meeting for the purpose of filling out the Jaycee Questionaires and an Oct 17 Meeting to work on Voters Guides.

The President reported on the City Commission Meeting Concerning Revenue Sharing. She then reported on the progress ~~This~~ ~~President~~ The President of the City Charter Revision. The Commission is agreeable to staggered terms as set up by the Committee, but are not in favor of 4yr. terms for Commissioners. Our Committee members asked that they be permitted to support 3yr. terms if this is agreeable with ~~Com~~ the Commissioners. The Membership agreed to ~~Sup~~ go along with 3yr. terms.

Meeting Adjourned,
Marge Sumrall

Marge Sumrall

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE BOARD

October 2, 1974

On September 27, 1974, the Legislative Committee met with our President, Ruth Manzke, at the home of Margaret Aziz, to clearly define the responsibilities of our committee and the areas which each member will cover.

Since the Brownsville League never had a Legislative Committee to provide us with guidelines and we already have committees covering CITY and STATE affairs - such as our CITY Environmental Quality Committee and the four STATE PROGRAM COMMITTEES listed on page 4 of our July/August 1974 Bulletin, namely:

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT,
TEXAS WATER PLAN,
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, and
TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION,

it was important to chart a course of activities for the Legislative Committee that would not duplicate or conflict with the function of any of these committees and that would, instead, carry on where they leave off, that is, in the area of legislation.

To guide us, we had in our files a May 1974 LEGISLATIVE ACTION BULLETIN from the State Board in which they refer to a LEGISLATIVE HANDBOOK which outlines "the role of the legislative chairman, (gives) a job description and a legislative calendar."

Unfortunately, we do not have a copy of that LEGISLATIVE HANDBOOK, but in the bulletin they have excerpted key points which we present below in outline form to clarify them:

I. League work and study culminates in legislative action.

II. The foundation for the League's legislative program is provided by conclusions reached by local members after studying governmental issues adopted as LEAGUE PROGRAM at the State convention.

III. The LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE translates this program into action. This means:

A. Enthusiastically keeping the membership informed about State legislation. (We should add here NATIONAL and CITY LEGISLATION.)

B. Organizing membership response to TIMES FOR ACTION, the notice from local, state or national boards to go "all out" with letters, legislator contacts and with public information on pending legislation.

IV. The Legislative Chairman also arranges interviews with legislators and inspires members to know their legislators better so they will know, care and act on matters in which the League has an interest.

Report to Board
October 2, 1974

DUTIES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As it was agreed at our last Board meeting, the three members of the Legislative Committee will serve as coequal chairmen, each covering a different level of legislation, namely:

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN - Margaret Aziz
STATE CHAIRMAN - Mary Chase
CITY CHAIRMAN - Eleanor Kugel

Eleanor Kugel's duties as Program Coordinator dovetail nicely into her role as CITY CHAIRMAN of the Legislative Committee - and she will decide when the work of the CITY PROGRAM COMMITTEES reach the point where the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE takes over - and, of course, she will still be in charge but wearing a different hat.

Mary Chase's function as chairman of the TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE will be broadened to include all State legislation when she carries on her work as STATE CHAIRMAN of the Legislative Committee.

Since we do not have any comparable NATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEES, there will be no overlapping of committee work, and Margaret Aziz will cover NATIONAL LEGISLATION, concentrating on the areas of greatest concern and, of course, within the framework of LEAGUE directives and the approval of the Legislative Committee as a whole and of the Board.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was also decided that each Committee Chairman will be called on by the President to make her own report to the BOARD and the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. She will prepare five copies of each report, distributing a copy each to the:

President,
Recording Secretary, and the
Two other members of her committee.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee has decided to meet once a month with our President:

DATE - LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
TIME - 10:00 A. M.
PLACE- at Margaret Aziz's home
1091 W. Elizabeth Street

CHAIRMEN OF OBSERVER CORPS & OTHER COMMITTEES

It was also decided to invite Betty McNamara to attend our meetings as Chairman of the Observer Corps, if she wishes to, and, through this report, also extend an invitation to the chairman of any other committee to attend them, especially when any of her work reaches the point where the Legislative Committee takes over.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Margaret Aziz - National Chairman
Mary Chase - State Chairman
Eleanor Kugel - City Chairman

cc Ruth Manzke
Marge Sumrall

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
Board Meeting
October 2, 1974
[redacted]
7:30 P M

Members Present: Sumrall, Chase, Marberry, Cavozos, Marquise, Manzke, and Aziz.

MINUTES
Read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT
Attached hereto.

CORRESPONDENCE
President read the following correspondence: Registration form for Emerging Trends in Courthouse Planning, Design, Administration and Funding from The Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

A letter from League Vice President, Carol Toussaint, concerning forms for LWV of Texas Educational Fund for Contributions Deductible for Tax Purposes.

Copies of proposed Model for the Administration of Educations in Tex.

Letter from the Tex. Water Quality Board concerning the Commission Report.

Letter from the Governor, inviting us to an annual conference of Intergovernmental Relations and Regional Planning.

State Office request for a local League Coordinator for Election night at local Precinct #8. Helen Marberry was appointed Coordinator.

VOTERS SERVICE
Chairman, Marberry, reported on the success of Voters Reg. Sept. 26-28. Asked that letters of thank you be sent to the Managers who permitted us to Reg. voters at their locations.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Chairman, Aziz, reported on Legislative Committee Duties as agreed upon by members of this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
President reported: Gloria Hughes has asked to be relieved of her duties as Chairman of Local League Program.

Tex. Water Qualities Board Program Concensus will be held Nov. 18 at 8:00 PM at the Rodeway Inn, Mercedes, Texas.

General Meeting Oct. 10, 9:30AM, Womens Center for the purpose of filling out Jaycee Questionaires.

Next Board Meeting Nov. 6, 7:30 PM, at the home of Ruth Manzke.

Annual Christmas Membership Coffee, Saturday, Dec. 14. Time and place to be announced later.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board will ask the Membership their feelings about continuing the practice of having Refreshments at the General Meetings and about setting up a fund for paying for said refreshments. This fund, if set up, will also pay for Get Well card etc. that are sent by the membership during the year.

Aziz recommended, that the League get alittle publicity by setting up a committee to work on publicizing the new City Charter Revisions. Serving on this committee would be City Charter Revision Committee members, Ruth Manzke and Mary Chase.

Meeting Adjourned,

Marge Simrall

Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

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Pledges			
State	$300.00	–	150.00
National	$200.00	–	170.00
Contingency	$50.00	–	–

Oct. 2, 1974 Bank Balance - $867.93

A general membership meeting for the LWV was held Thurs., Oct. 10, 1974 at the Women's Center at 9:30 a.m. Twelve members were present. President, Ruth Manzke called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Bray was welcomed as a guest & Bea Kantz became a new member.

Margaret Aziz, legislative chairman, gave her report on the first legislative committee meeting. The next meeting will be the last Friday in October.

Charlotte Sarosky moved that we establish a Sunshine fund for having extra money to purchase cards for sick members, etc. Each member will be ~~charged~~ assessed $1 per year for her share of the fund. Motion passed.

Dec. 14th, Saturday, will be our annual Christmas Card Party at 1 p.m. If we cannot obtain the Women's Center, Gloria Hughes has offered her home.

Francis Marquis, treasurer, gave her report.
$787.93 in our checking account
32 paid memberships
$283.36 in savings account

Our program chairman, Eleanor Kugel, introduced Linton Stables and Steve Lewis who are from the city planning office. They helped instruct us on filling out the Jaycee questionnaire and gave us the statistics from the ~~150~~ 153 answered questionnaires received by their office so far. 700 questionnaires have been sent out.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m., at the Women's Center — a workshop for passing out voter guides.

Meeting adjourned.
Marg Chase
Acting Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
General Meeting
October 17, 1974
Womens Center
9:30 A M

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ruth Manzke. Ten members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

No Treasurers Report was given.

The President announced that the Annual Christmas Membership Coffee will be Dec. 14 at 1:00 PM in the Women's Center.

The President reported on the City Commission Meeting concerning City Charter Revision.

Legislative Chairman, Margaret Aziz, reported on Federal Campaign Reform Act.

Program Chairman, Eleanor Kugel, reported on progress of and proposed programs for Local study. Also, announced a planned tour of PUB.

Pat Garrison gave a report on the Texas Water Plan. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned to work on Voters Guides.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Samuel

Secretary

Marge Sumrall

REPORT TO GENERAL MEETING

October 17, 1974

RE: FEDERAL CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT

One of the major bills before the 93rd Congress for which the League worked hard and long was the Federal Campaign Reform Act which was signed by President Ford on October 15, 1974.

In the TIME FOR ACTION bulletin of July 17, 1974, the League had stressed that:

> We will be working hard to add public funding for Congressional elections to the bill. But top priority must be given to the amendment providing for an independent Federal Elections Commission. The chances for adoption of the latter are better; we also consider that an independent enforcement agency is absolutely essential in any bill that revises campaign financing practices.

The League guessed correctly. An independent federal elections commission was provided for to administer the legislation as follows:

> Two members would be appointed by the president, two by the House and two by the Senate and all would be subject to confirmation by the House and Senate.

But, unfortunately, the bill provides for public financing of only presidential campaigns, and not for House and Senate races which the League had supported with vigor.

In an article on page 38 in the October 21, 1974 issue of U. S. News & World Report under the heading of: PRESIDENTIAL RACES AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE, they point out that:

> (President Ford) had threatened to veto (the bill) if it provided federal financing for congressional as well as presidential campaigns, as the original Senate version had proposed.

While we will have to wait to see what the League's official reaction will be to the compromise bill which President Ford was willing to sign, it is my guess that it will echo Senator Edward Kennedy's comments quoted in an AP article on page 4D of the October 9, 1974 issue of the Corpus Christi Caller under the caption: CAMPAIGN-FINANCING MEASURE PASSED BY SENATE, 60-16:

> Senator Howard W. Cannon, D-Nev., floor manager of the bill, said the legislation, growing out of the Watergate scandals, was designed "to eliminate the problems so prevalent in the 1972 campaign."
>
> But Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said he supported the

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compromise with mixed feelings.

He said it set "a double standard of reform" by providing for use of tax funds to finance presidential campaigns but not Senate and House races, in which he said the need for public financing was probably greater.

Incidentally, I was pleased to note in the same article that Republican leader "Hugh Scott said he also regretted the lack of public financing of congressional races." (Senator Scott usually echos the position taken by the White House, right or wrong!)

This AP article also mentions that:

Common Cause, a self-styled citizens lobby, called the bill "the only major legislative response by the 93rd Congress to the Watergate scandals."

Margaret Aziz

Margaret Aziz, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN
Legislative Committee

cc Ruth Manzke, President
Marge Sumrall, Recording Secretary
Mary Chase - State Chairman, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Eleanor Kugel - City Chairman, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
November 6, 1974
Board Meeting
[redacted]
7:30 PM

Members Present: Manzke, Sumrall, Chase, Hughes, Kugel, Marquis, Marberry, Garrison, Aziz, Cavazos, DePau.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURERS REPORT attached hereto.

CORRESPONDENCE read by the President included--Letters from: The Amer. Cancer Society; The Mental Health and Retardation Center; State Pres., Vita Winick, concerning Anti-ERA Movement; Natl. Pres., Ruth Clusen, on Findings of the League Self-Study; International Relations Comm. Chairman, Ruth Hinerfield, concering Information Service on the United Nations (the board agreed to subscribe to this sevice); Public Relations Chairman, Carol Toussaint, concerning "Women in the 70's, Black Women and Equal Rights Ammendment." Invitations from: Valley Womens Political Caucus, concerning a one day Conference For and About Women, Nov. 16 @ Harlingen Industrial Air Park; The Institute for Enviormental Studies, concerning a symposium on Enviromental Legislation to be held Dec. 4 @ North Tex. State University.

The President noted ~~the~~ Brownsville's reconigation in League Public Relations for Oct. 1974.

The President reported on the resent purchase of a Ditto Machine from the Corpus.Christi League.

PROGRAM Chairman announced:the Nov. 18 Tex. Water Quality Concensus to be held in Edinburg; The Nov. 21 general meeting at the Women's Center to be a concurrence on State Election Authorities and discussion of State Program Recommendations.

LEGISLATIVE Chairman reported on Correspondence concerning the Legislative Handbook.

MEMBERSHIP Chairman reported two new members: Sylvia Vasquez and Bea Lantz.

VOTER SERVICE Chairman reported on Precinct #8 election night.

Meeting ajourned,

Marge Sumrall

Marge Sumrall, Sec.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report November 6, 1974

INCOME	Budgeted	Total to Date
Membership Dues (60)	$450.00	$247.50
Finance Drive	$1,225.00	825.50
Other		8.20

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$50.00	–	–
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$40.00	–	$10.00
Postage	$30.00	–	18.80
Telephone	$20.00	–	7.89
Sitter	$20.00	–	–
Activities			
Local Program	$75.00	–	–
State Program	$20.00	–	–
National Program	$20.00	–	–
Voters' Service	$240.00	7.50	29.20
Committees			
Membership	$40.00	–	–
Finance	$40.00	–	63.29
Publications	$75.00	–	17.91
Board Tools	$75.00	–	17.42
Local Bulletin	$80.00	10.00	22.00
Convention	$300.00	–	100.00
Pledges			
State	$300.00	$75.00	225.00
National	$200.00	–	170.00
Contingency	$50.00	–	–

Nov. 6, 1974 Bank Balance $795.43

League of Women Voters of Brownsville
General Meeting
November 21, 1974
Women's Center
9:30 AM

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Ruth Mamphe. Eleven Members were present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of $683.21.

Correspondance included a letter from the W. Brownsville Garden Club concerning landscaping of the new Porter High School. (We are unable to participate as a whole, but members are encouraged to do so on their own.) Also, we have been invited by the Brownsville Jaycee's to enter a float in the Annual Xmas parade. Mary Chase moved and Margert Ajzip seconded that we decline the invitation. Motion Carried

Vice President, Eleanor Kugel, introduced the program: Proposed Model for Administration of Election Laws. Conducting the program was Helen Markery assisted by Delores Bier, Frances Marquis and Mary Chase. Concurrence was taken after discussion.

It was decided that the Leg. committee will study propose recommendation for State Program for 1975-1977 and present their recommendations to the membership for vote in Dec.

No concensus was taken on the Texas Water Plan, as it was agreed on by those who attended the Edinburg meeting that further study was needed before concensus could be taken.

Meeting Adjourned,
Nyige Sumrall
Secretary

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report December 4, 1974

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (60)	$450.00		255.00
Finance Drive	$1,225.00		825.50
Other			8.20

Dec. 4, 1974 Bank Balance $669.22

EXPENSES	Budgeted	Current	Total to Date
President's Account	$50.00	–	–
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$40.00	$15.00	25.00
Postage	$30.00	–	18.80
Telephone	$20.00	–	7.89
Sitter	$20.00	–	–
Activities			
Local Program	$75.00	–	–
State Program	$20.00	3.65	3.65
National Program	$20.00	~~70.72~~	~~99.92~~
Voters' Service	$240.00	70.72	99.92
Committees			
Membership	$40.00	–	–
Finance	$40.00	–	63.29
Publications	$75.00	4.00	21.91
Board Tools	$75.00	15.00	32.42
Local Bulletin	$80.00	20.34	42.34
Convention	$300.00	–	100.00
Pledges			
State	$300.00	–	225.00
National	$200.00	–	170.00
Contingency	$50.00	–	–

PM 1:30 - March 5 1975?
Mulberry Home
LWV Board Meeting

Members Present: Monroe, Mulberry, Chase, Simrall, De Pau, Carroyas, Aziz, Kugel, Marquis, Allison, Garrison.

Treasurers Report attached hereto.

Correspondence: The President read a letter from H. C. Yantis, Jr., Exec. Director, Texas Water Quality Board concerning a Public Hearing at Stillman Faron Hall, April 1 - 10:00 AM.

Legislative Chairman, M. Aziz, reported on a ~~Legislative~~ committee meeting held ~~to~~ at her home.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Ruth Allison, reported on her committee meeting. No slate of officers at this time. Mary Chase, Committee Member, reported on ~~revised~~ suggested workload for new officers. Margert Aziz read a ~~letter of~~ Tribute and Pledge to ~~th~~ our President, Ruth Monroe. After discussion concerning ~~New Officers~~ the future of the League

here in Brownsville, Mary Chase, made motion that we contact State and get an Officer to come down ~~and let us know~~ to give us the alternatives that are available to the League now that we have no President. Mrs. Ruth Allison seconded. Motion Carried.

March 20 meeting will be with State Officer and entire Membership. All other League activities are postponed till after March 20 meet.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, corrected and approved.

The President read a letter to Mrs. Riddell Jones, Beautification Chairman of Brownsville. She then reported on a ~~Com~~ City Commission Public Hearing on the recommended Revised City Charter.

Meeting Adjourned. 9:45 PM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Financial Report March 5, 1975

INCOME	Budgeted		Total to Date
Membership Dues (60)	$450.00		255.00 (34)
Finance Drive	$1,225.00		825.50
Other			8.20
EXPENSES	**Budgeted**	**Current**	**Total to Date**
President's Account	$50.00	0	0
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	$40.00	0	25.00
Postage	$30.00	0	18.00
Telephone	$20.00	0	16.65
Sitter	$20.00	0	0
Activities			
Local Program	$75.00	0	0
State Program	$20.00	0	3.65
National Program	$20.00	0	0
Voters' Service	$240.00	0	99.92
Committees			
Membership	$40.00	0	0
Finance	$40.00	0	63.29
Publications	$75.00	14.00	35.91
Board Tools	$75.00	21.00	53.42
Local Bulletin	$80.00	10.00	52.34
Convention	$300.00	0	100.00
Pledges			
State	$300.00	0	300.00
National	$200.00	0	170.00
Contingency	$50.00	0	0

Balance March 5, 1975 $556.24

A TRIBUTE AND A PLEDGE
TO OUR
PRESIDENT RUTH MANZKE

Recording Secretary's Copy

We, the undersigned members of the Board of League of Women Voters of Brownsville, want, first, to acknowledge our great debt to you for your dedicated leadership and for the many services you have been rendering the League which have been beyond the call of duty.

We know that the work the League has accomplished thus far has made our community that much better, but, to reap the full benefit, there must be continuity for another year under your indispensable leadership.

In fact, all the time and effort already invested in the League's program will come to naught unless the League maintains an active presence in our community to see that, what has now become our major objective - namely, the enforcement of city ordinances - is successfully realized.

As our Vice President, Eleanor Kugel, stated in writing to our city officials on November 25, 1974:

> Our study (of the health and sanitation conditions in Brownsville) has revealed the existence of ordinances which would, if enforced, correct many conditions that are health hazards; so the overall problem seems to be in the area of enforcement.

There is actually no greater service that any civic group could render its community, for, if we follow through on the enforcement-of-the-law-issue, the health and the quality of life in Brownsville will be vastly improved.

We are fully aware of the heavy burden that has been placed on you by the massiveness of the mail you receive from the League's national and state offices, much of it calling for action of some kind.

Since it is a matter of survival, we can streamline the League's work and reduce it to its basic essentials - as covered in the attached suggested program. You will note it eliminates the most burdensome part of the work you have been shouldering and focuses on the enforcement of the law - which is our city's greatest need.

If you will consent to serve as our President for another year, we pledge to you our fullest cooperation and support. Only very urgent personal matters will keep us from attending all meetings. And, in such a case, you will be notified in advance when we are unable to attend.

Dated: March 5, 1975

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The General Meeting of the BLWV was held March 21 at 9:30 AM in the Women's Center. Ten ~~the M~~ Members and one Guest, Mrs. Lorene Fickey, were present.

The President, Ruth Moyhe called the meeting to order and turned the proceedings over to Barbara Phillips for a program on Financing State Government.

Following the program, the President announced a meeting of the Fx. Water Quality Board to be held April 1 at 10 AM in Stillman Hall.

The president then informed the membership that the Nominating Committee had failed to find officers for the coming year. It was agreed that Helen Hunter, State Reorganization Vice President, would be asked to attend the May Luncheon to explain the

Alternatives available for the Continuation of the Brownsville League.

Meeting Adjourned,

Marge Sumrall

Secretary

The April General Meeting of the LWV of Bronsville was called to order by the President, Ruth Monyke at 9:30 AM on the seventeenth at the Womens Center. Twelve members and 3 guests, Mrs. Laverne Fickey, Mrs. Janice Crow and Mrs. Vern Rezac, were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

No treasurer report available.

Membership Chairman, Pat Garrison reported on plans for the May luncheon to be held at the Holiday Inn on the seventeenth at 12:30 PM, cost $3.00. The President announced that Helen Hunter, State Reorganization Vice President, would be the guest speaker.

Leg. Chairman, Margert Ayin, reported on Current Leg. News and read a letter from Mr. Richard Leopold concerning questions asked during his program at our Feb. Meeting.

A discussion of the ERA followed.

Program Chairman, Elanor Kugel, introduced our speaker, Mr. Jesse Sloss, City Manager. Mr. Sloss gave a very interesting and informative speech followed by a question and answer period.

Next Board Meeting will be May 7 at 7:30 PM in the home of Pat Garrison.

Meeting Adjourned,

Mary Somell

Secretary

REPORT TO GENERAL MEETING

April 17, 1075

RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDEMENT ELECTION

On April 7 the Legislative Committee of the ASSOCIATION OF BROWNSVILLE EDUCATORS, VOTING SECTION, telephoned the League to invite us to attend their meeting on April 8 at the Sharpe Elementary School in the hope that we could work with them in support of the two amendments to be voted on on April 22:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 - SJR No. 3

Revising and sonsolidating provisions relating to state and local retirement systems and program and providing for a maximum state contribution to state systems of 10 percent of the aggregate compensation paid to inviduals.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 - HJR No. 6

Setting the salaries of members of the legislature at $600 per month and setting a per diem of $30 during legislative sessions and a mileage allowance at the same rate provided by law for state employees.

The League's Texas office sent our president a copy of the sample ballot and gave the background of each amendment with the ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST and added this statement:

> (THE LEAGUE) DOES NOT SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ANY OF THE FOUR(?) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION PRESENTED IN THIS VOTER's GUIDE.

Vewe Cavazos and I attended the meeting at which their chairman, Donna McCabe presided. We informed her about the position of the League and told her about the best we could do was to report on their meeting at our regular meeting.

All the teachers of Texas are supporting both amendments and have launched a publicity campaign to rally support for them.

(If there is time, read the pro's and con's)/

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RE: MR. RICHARD LEOPOLD

report on his telephone conversation of March 31 about the meat at Kroger's and the ordinances he is finding that have never been enforced - and my telling him about Eleanor's letter to Mr. Sharpe on the subject in which he expressed quite a bit of interest.

Read Mr. Leopold's April 4 letter - and state that it should be acknowledged by the League, etc. etc. (Also mention what encyclopedia says about PARATHION.)

~~re: constitutional~~ convention

According to this morning's Corpus Christi Caller, the proposed new consitution will be voted on on at a statewide election on November 4.

RE: EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

While the debate in Austin is getting hotter and more hysterical, we should consider the Caller's editorial of April 13 which gives a sober analysis. (read it, if there is time.)

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1730 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

April, 1975

This is not going on DPM

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE BOARD MEETING (corrected minutes)

Meeting held May 28, 1975 at the home of Ruth Manzke at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President Ruth Manzke. Board members present were: Ruth Manzke, Fancis Marquis, Eleanor Kugel, Marge Sumrall and Pat Garrison. Directors present were: Helen Marberry, Rita DePau, Mary Chase and Margaret Rendall, League Program Advisor.
The League is purchasing one packet of publications of Administration of Justice in Dallas County for $2.00.

The slate of officers for this year are: Pres. Ruth Manzke, Pres.-elect Francis Marquis, Vice-Pres. Eleanor Kugel, Secretary Pat Garrison and Tres. Marge Sumrall. Directors ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Program, Eleanor Kugel, Membership Rita De Pau, Voter' s Service, Helen Marberry, Bulletin, Mary Chase, Public Relations, Mary Chase, Nominating, Delores Beier and Publications, Marge Sumrall. League Program Advisor is Margaret Rendall.

The League of Women Voters have requested a fee of one dollar ($1.00) from each league member for future E.R.A. efforts. The L. W.V. also has encouraged purchasing major publications such as "Know your Schools and Know Your Community" the cost is $6.00.

The Brownsville League books must be audited this year and we are hoping to have Kate Graydon audit this for us.

Our program for the year is: 1.Administration of Justice
2. Enviromental Quality
3. City Charter Revision

This is our 25th Anniversary of the Brownsville L.W.V. We plan to celebrate on September 13th, at a local restaurant for a dinner party for members and guests.

A budget committee consisting of Ruth Manzke, Francis Marquis, Marge Sumrall are meeting on May 29th to study our budget for the coming year.

Our first regular meeting will take place on June 19th at 1:00 p.m. if possible at Luby's cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Garrison, Secretary

MINUTES O F LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

A general membership meeting was held Thursday, June 19, 1975 at 1pm in Luby's Cafeteria. Following lunch the meeting was called to order at 1:50pm by the President Ruth Manzke who then read the Treasurer's report showing cash on hand of $298.90.

The proposed "Bare Bones Budget" was presented by Francis Marquis and she moved that it be adopted as presented. This motion was seconded by Rita DePau and motion was carried by the membership.

President Manzke announced that dues would be payable following the meeting to Rita DePau, and then read a section from a letter regarding ERA asking those who were interested to please donate $1.00 per person to this cause.

The new League program, Administration of Justice, was explained by Margaret Rendall who told us this will cover City, County, State and Federal programs.

Unit meetings were explained by Eleanor Kugel. These will be small discussion groups and LaVerne Trickey passed out cards for the members to sign as to when they would like to meet, mornings,afternoons or evenings. Also they were to mark if they would hold these meetings in their own homes.

The Charter Amendments were presented by Mary Chase and Frances Marquis and explained the eight items. These Amendments are to be voted on in a City Election on July 12, 1975. Amendment 1. Boundaries, 2. Term of Office, 3. Compensation, 4. City Manager, 5. Development Board, 6. Public Library, 7. Indigent Care and 8. Abolishment of Public Utilities Board. Mary Chase then explained how to vote by absentee ballot between June 23 and July 8. President Manzke then suggested that the League might care to take a stand on being for Amendments one through seven, since these were the original Charter changes, and be against Amendment number eight. This was discussed and Eleanor Krugle then moved that we make this a motion and it was seconded by LaVerne Trickey and so carried by the membership. A telephone committee will be formed to ask voters to get out to vote and told of the Leagues position on the Amendments. It was suggested that we announce our stand in the local newspapers and why we are taking this stand. President Manzke passed out some lists of regestered voters that need telephone numbers to be looked up so we can give these to our calling committee. She also passed out a few Bumper Stickers asking to vote Against Amendment 8.

An announcement was made by Eleanor Kugel of our Silver Anniversary Dinner to be held Saturday, September 13 at the Holiday Inn in Brownsville. Tickets will be $5.00 per person. All members are to bring husbands, friends, and anyone who might be interested in joining the League. Our League is now open to both men and women and it is hoped this celebration will interest both sexes in joining. President Manzke then asked for volunteers to serve on a committee for getting out invitations and these invitations printed for this Silver Anniversary Dinner. Mary Chase, Eleanor Kugel and Rita DePau volunteered.

President Manzke stated that we need five (5) members for our Nomination of Officers Committee, and Delores Beier had agreed to be chairman. Rita DePau Volunteered and then this was tabled until September for the other members to be selected. The Slate of officers will be presented in May. President Manzke asked it there was any other business and since none was voiced she made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Barbara Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores Beier (substitute)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE (BOARD MEETING)

The board meeting was held Monday, July 7, 1975 at the home of Ruth Manzke. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the President Ruth Manzke. Board members present were Ruth Manzke, Francis Marquis, Eleanor Kugel and Marge Sumrall. Directors present were Delores Beier, Rita DePau and Mary Chase and our League Program Advisor, Margaret Rendall.

The minutes of the May board meeting were read and approved with some corrections.

The Treasurer's report was given by Marge Sumrall who showed 17 members with a collection of dues of $127.50. Balance on hand as of July 2 was $324.90.

Ruth Manzke, President and Mary Chase presented cost figures they had for the printing of envelopes, letterheads and invitations. Wording of the invitations for the 25th Anniversary Dinner was discussed and changed.

President Manzke asked if anyone was interested in taking on the job of Work Surveys, Parts 2 and 3 and it was voted that we not take part in this project. She also presented a letter telling that Bicentennial Flags were available. A 3'x5' flag would cost $20.00.

President Manzke is seeking a Finance Chairman and she will report at our next meeting who is to fill this job.

Rita DePau reported we have 17 paid up members.

Mary Chase reported that there will be an election on Nov. 4, 1975 for a revision to the Texas State Constitution. We will consider at the September board meeting if we will have an open forum on this with a public official as the speaker.

Eleanor Kugel spoke of plans for the 25th Anniversary Party at the Holiday Inn on Sept. 13th. There will be one speaker table and four long tables set up. We will have our own Hospitality Hour. Margaret Rendall suggested some ideas she had for the program other than just speakers. Something along a panel type program with people telling of the work the League has done over the past 25 years. Also it was suggested we get an editorial in the newspaper regarding the past 25 years of League work. Margaret Rendall said there are 23 charter members in the area that we will be able to send invitations. The 25th Anniversary Committee will meet at the home of Ruth Manzke on July 16th at 9 a.m.

There will be a meeting Tuesday, July 8th at 1 p.m. at the home of Ruth Manzke for the calling committee to hand out polling lists with phone numbers to call to get out the vote for the city election July 12th.

Francis Marquis reminded us that the Charter Ammendments were explained in detail at the membership meeting at Luby's and that we be sure to vote No on the No.8 Ammendment.

Program Director, Eleanor Kugel stated we have seven hostesses for the Unit meetings. So far they have planned Unit meetings on Wednesday mornings Tuesday afternoons, Tuesday evenings for singles and Friday evenings for couples.

A thank you note for the silver bowl was read from Ruth Manzke. This gift was presented to her by the membership in appreciation for her year as president for 1974.

The meeting was then adjourned at 10:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Delores Beier (substitute)

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
July 11, 1979

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Wednesday, July 11, 1979, at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Holiday Inn Motel for a meeting, luncheon, and workshop. Special guests were Fumi Sugihara, outgoing state field representative, and Evelyn Lord, the new state field representative. Mrs. Rachel Perelman, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Perelman, Jo McLean, Frances Marquis, Eliza Cavazos, Lenore Owen, and Wanda Rogers. Also present were Betty Bay (outgoing president), Sally Arroya (legislative assistant to State Representative Hector Uribe), and our special guests, Fumi Sugihara and Evelyn Lord.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Harriet Wiss, Ofelia Rios, Pat Garrison, Pat Cook, Bee Lantz, and Margaret Aziz.

MINUTES: Minutes for the April 10, 1979, Board of Directors meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. None given, as treasurer was not present.

PRESIDENT'S MAILINGS: A MOTION was made by Lenore Owen, SECONDED by Jo McLean, that we subscribe to two duplicate president's mailings (one for each vice president). CARRIED.

COMMITTEES: Rachel Perelman RECOMMENDED that a committee be set up representing each of our projects, so that each member is included on at least one committee. AGREED.

STATE FIELD REPRESENTATIVES: Under the direction of Fumi Sugihara and Evelyn Lord, the workshop continued with discussions concerning our League in general. Included were possibilities for improvement in all fields (program, membership, finance, new projects, etc.).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

N.R.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
April 10, 1979

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Tuesday, April 10, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Lenore Owen. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Bay, Frances Marquis, Judy Gloor, Pat Garrison, and Wanda Rogers. Also present were Lenore Owen and Nena Rios.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Chase, Charlotte Sarossy, Betty McNamara, Bee Lantz, and Rita DePau.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

FINANCE REPORT: Frances Marquis reported that we have 46 contributors so far, with a total of $672.50. We are still hoping for an eventual total of $800. Thank-you notes are now being written.

PROPOSED BUDGET: Lenore Owen presented the Proposed Budget for 1979-80. A MOTION was made by Pat Garrison and SECONDED by Frances Marquis, that we gratefully accept and present to the membership the Proposed Budget as corrected. CARRIED. (Copy attached.)

BROWNSVILLE-MATAMORAS CONFERENCE: Betty Bay announced that a letter has been received from Texas Southmost College president, Albert Besteiro, expressing interest in the planning and sponsoring of a joint Brownsville-Matamoras conference on growth of the two cities.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers,
Secretary

Approved 7/11/79

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville

invites you to its

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 13, 1975
at the Holiday Inn, Brownsville

Hospitality hour: 7:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.
Dinner: 8:00 p. m.

$ 6.00 per person
Reservations required

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

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PLEASE REPLY BY SEPTEMBER 4, 1975

.....Yes, I will attend. Check enclosed.

.....No, I am unable to attend.

Mr. and/or Mrs. .....

PROPOSED LWV - BROWNSVILLE BUDGET FOR 1979-80

(As Prepared by the Budget Committee)

INCOME				
A. Dues (Present dues are $10 for 50 members)	$500.00		(Recommended dues at $18)	$900.00
B. Contributions	$1,000.00			$1,000.00
~~C. OTHER Sources~~	~~$3.00~~			~~$3.00~~
D. Checking Account	$ 270.00			$ 270.00
INCOME TOTAL	$ 1,770.00			$ 2,170.00

EXPENDITURES:		
A. Operating costs		
1. Maintenance of equipment	$ 30.00	
2. General Supplies	50.00	
3. Postage	15.00	
4. Telephone & Telegragh	25.00	
		$ 120.00
B. Board and Administrative Committees		
1. President's Expenses	$ 50.00	
2. Board Tools	65.00	
3. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance	100.00	
b. Membership	30.00	
c. Public Relations	10.00	
		$ 255.00
C. Delegates, Travel, Affiliations		
1. State ~~Convention~~ Council	$ 250.00	
2. National ~~Council~~ Convention	250.00	
3. Workshops/Regional Meetings	100.00	
		$ 600.00
D Financial Support for the League		
1. PMP	$ 250.00	
2. PMP - National	300.00	
		$ 550.00
E. Bulletin		
1. Paper, printing, postage	$ 200.00	
		$ 200.00
F. Educational Ac tivities		
1. Program Committees		
a. National	$ 10.00	
b. State	10.00	
c. Local	25.00	
2. Voters Service/Citizens info.	50.00	
		$ 95.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		$ 1,820.00

CONTINGENCY RESERVE $ 350.00

M.L.

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
May 19, 1979

The annual general meeting and luncheon of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville was held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 19, 1979, in the Aztec Room of the Fort Brown Motor Hotel. Mrs. Betty Bay, president, presided.

LUNCHEON: The business meeting was preceded by a luncheon, and hostesses were Ruth Manzke, Delores Beier, Ginny Reich, and Connie Saenz. The invocation was given by Lenore Owen.

ATTENDANCE: Twenty-four attended, including twenty-three members and one visitor, Ms. Sylvia Crixell.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 1978 annual general meeting were read and approved.

VOTERS SERVICE: It was reported that 2,000 Voters Guides were distributed this year--in banks, high schools, the library, the college, etc. Appreciation was expressed to all who assisted.

PROGRAM: Betty McNamara summarized the various programs of the year. Some of these included:

(1) A meeting of candidates for Commissioner of the Brownsville Navigation District in which each candidate addressed the League and its guests.

(2) A presentation on ground water, by Pat Cook.

(3) A talk by Judge Filemon Vela, who spoke on Juvenile Justice and the particular situation common to our area. A consensus was taken.

(4) A tour of the new Hall of Justice.

(5) A Christmas party at Leonardo's Restaurant. Guest speaker was Senator Raul Longoria.

(6) A consensus on the Urban Crisis program, by Jerry Corcoran.

(7) An informal talk by our new city manager, Mr. Neil Harmon.

(8) A seminar, exchanging ideas and information relative to planning in the rapidly-growing Brownsville/Matamoras area. Speakers included Graciana DePena, administrative assistant to Cameron County Judge Ray Ramon; Al Cisneros, Port Director and Brownsville Navigation District General Manager; Florencio Pena, City Planner; Robert Roundtree, PUB General Manager; and Hoy Richardson, consultant at the Port of Brownsville.

(9) A program on Water in the State of Texas. Speakers were Bee Lantz and her husband, Ersel Lantz, who is Director of Industrial Planning for the Port of Brownsville and is a member of the advisory board for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Also assisting was Mr. Ephrain Spencer, from Houston, who is a consultant on navigation district matters.

MEMBERSHIP: Charlotte Sarossy reported that a membership coffee was given this year, whereby approximately 50 people attended; our League won an award for having the largest membership increase of any city its size in the State of Texas; and we now have 40 paid members.

FINANCE: Mary Chase reported that we had 46 contributors this year. The total amount received to date is $687.50. She stressed the need for next year of getting contributors to give more.

BULLETIN: Frances Marquis, editor of the Bulletin, mentioned that much praise has been received this year concerning the quality of the Bulletin. Appreciation was expressed to Bee and Ersel Lantz, who have run off the copies.

TREASURER: Judy Gloor reported that the books have been audited this year by Long & Chilton. Also, it was recommended that a permanent ledger be purchased (about $25) and used instead of the work sheets that are presently being used.

A MOTION was made by Frances Pinkerton and SECONDED by Eliza Cavazos that a ledger be purchased, as recommended. CARRIED.

PRESIDENT: Betty Bay reflected briefly concerning our work this year.

BY-LAWS CHANGES: Pat Cook presented the proposed By-Laws changes (copy attached). A MOTION was made and SECONDED by Delores Beier and Harriet Wiss, respectively, that the proposed by-laws changes be accepted. CARRIED.

LOCAL PROGRAM: Betty McNamara recommended that the proposed local program for next year be the same as this year. A MOTION was made and SECONDED by Margaret Aziz and Frances Pinkerton, respectively, that the program be adopted as proposed. CARRIED. (Copy attached).

DUES INCREASE: Charlotte Sarossy read a recommendation by the board whereby membership dues be raised from $10 to $18. She then made a MOTION that this recommendation be accepted. SECONDED by Connie Saenz. A MOTION TO AMEND was then made by Frances Pinkerton, SECONDED by Gloria Hughes, that the membership dues be raised from $10 to $20. With 17 in favor and 3 opposing, the motion to amend CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET: Lenore Owen presented the proposed budget for 1979-80, making a MOTION that the proposed budget be adopted. SECONDED by Delores Beier, the motion CARRIED. (Copy attached.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: Delores Beier announced the following proposed slate of officers and directors for next year:

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President - Rachel Perlman
1st Vice President - Jo McLean
2nd Vice President - Harriet Wiss
Treasurer - Ofelia Rios
Secretary - Wanda Rogers
Membership Chairman - Pat Garrison
Bulletin Editor - Frances Marquis
Board Member - Pat Cook
Nominating Committee - Bee Lantz, Chairman
Margaret Aziz
Eliza Cavazos
Finance Chairman - Lenore Owen

There being no nominations from the floor, a MOTION was made by Delores Beier that the proposed slate of officers be accepted and that we accept them by acclamation. SECONDED by Charlotte Sarossy. CARRIED.

PAST PRESIDENTS: Frances Marquis, Mary Chase, and Betty Bay were recognized as past presidents of the League who were present.

CHARTER MEMBERS: Lenore Owen was recognized as the only charter member present.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION to adjourn was made by Harriet Wiss and SECONDED by Judy Gloor. The meeting was then adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

PROPOSED REVISED BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS
--Submitted January 29, 1979
Committee: Pat Cook, Chair
Lenore Owen
Frances Pinkerton
Betty McNamara
Charlotte Saroosy

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OF THE

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Adopted May 16, 1950

Amended March 20, 1951
Amended March 15, 1952
Amended March 19, 1955
Amended March 16, 1957
Amended March 13, 1965
Amended March 18, 1967
Amended March 16, 1968
Amended March 16, 1974
Amended 1977

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Amended 1979

ARTICLE I
NAME

Sec. 1. Name. The Name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE AND POLICY

Sec. 1. Purpose. The Purpose of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec. 2. Policy. The League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support nor oppose any political party nor any candidate.

Article III
MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Eligibility. The membership of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

(a) Voting members shall be citizens at least 18 years of age
(b) Associate members shall be all other members.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Bromsville, Texas, shall be a President and First Vice-President who shall be elected for a term of one year, a Treasurer who shall be elected for a term of two years in odd-numbered years, and a Second Vice-President and Secretary who shall be elected for a term of two years in even-numbered years by the general membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office immediately.

Sec. 2. The President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. She The President may in the absence or disability of the Treasurer sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. She The President shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

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Sec. 3. The First Vice-President. The First Vice-President shall serve as administrative vice-president and shall in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the President possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the Presidency.

Sec. 4. The Second Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the President and First Vice-President possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the Presidency. In the event that none of these three (3) persons shall be able to serve in this capacity the Board of Directors shall appoint someone to fill the Presidency.

Sec. 5. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all General Membership meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. She The Secretary shall notify all Officers and Directors of election. She The Secretary shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be incident to her the office.

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Sec. 6. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She The Treasurer shall be the custodian of those moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse same only upon order of the Board. She The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually. The Treasurer shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee.

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ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and not less than two nor more than six elected Directors and not less than two nor more than six appointed Directors, the number of appointed Directors shall not exceed the number of elected Directors. One half of the elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a period of two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The Board shall appoint such additional Directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one (1) year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of the organization unless ~~she~~ that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A Majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the League of Women Voters of Huntsville, Texas, shall commence on the first day of June of each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues ~~of $4.50~~ shall be payable June first.

4 Any member who fails to pay ~~her~~ dues within three (3) months

5 after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Those joining during the last three (3) months and paying ~~$4.50~~ annual dues will be admitted to full membership and credited with payment of dues for the League year following.

Sec. 3. Budget. A Budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, of at least three (3) persons from the general membership and two (2) Board members, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least five (5) months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The Chairmen shall be chosen from the general membership. The Treasurer

6 shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Sec. 1. General Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between May 1st and May 31st, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall

(a) Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year.
(b) Elect officers and directors and members of the nominating committee.
(c) Adopt an adequate budget.
(d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Fifteen (15) percent, or not less than eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas.

ARTICLE VIII
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two (2) members, who shall not b be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

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Sec. 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for each office, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy-voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX
PROGRAM

Sec. 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall consist of

~~(a) Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen;~~ and

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(a) Action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States, and

(b) Those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. Program Selection. The Annual Meeting shall select the governmental issues for concerted study and action using the following procedures:

(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed Program.

(b) The proposed Program shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting. (The printing of the proposed Program in the Bulletin is considered sufficient notice.)

(c) A majority of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

(d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

(e) Changes in the Program, in case of altered conditions, may be made provided that (1) information concerning the proposed changes is sent to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at the succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. Local League Action. The League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE X
NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting preceding the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the National office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number alloted the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, under the provision of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting preceding the dates on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in accordance with the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. State Council. The Board, preceding the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the state office, shall elect delegates to that Council in the number alloted the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII
BYLAWS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Bylaws Committee. A Bylaws Committee of at least three (3) persons from the general membership and two (2) Board members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors ~~at least five (5) months prior to the Annual Meeting~~ immediately following the Annual Meeting to discuss possible Bylaws changes for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall be chosen from the general membership. The proposed Bylaw changes shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM 1979-80

Your Board of Directors has voted to recommend as Local Program for 1979-80 the same Local Program as for the present year on the basis that: 1.) these are issues large in scope on which we still have much to do; 2.) they are forefront issues within the community; 3.) they represent issues in which the majority of members at the beginning of the present League year indicated the greatest personal interest.

1. STUDY and EVALUATION of water resources and management, including resacas and coastal waters in the Brownsville area.

2. INITIAL SURVEY of planning and zoning policies, procedures and practices in Brownsville.

3. INITIAL SURVEY of county government, focusing on the county Commissioners Court.

4. ACTION for adequate Special Education in the Brownsville Independent School District.

5. ACTION for Administration of Justice in Cameron County.

6. SUPPORT of complete City Charter revision.

7. SUPPORT of measures toward improvement of environmental quality and health conditions in the local area.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

Proposed Budget 1979-80

INCOME

A. Dues* (Present dues are $10)	$500.00	(Recommended $18 dues)	$900.00
B. Contributions	$1,000.00		$1,000.00
C. Checking Account	270.00		270.00
INCOME TOTAL	$1,770.00		$2,170.00

EXPENDITURES

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1. President's Expenses	$ 50.00	
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a. Finance	100.00	
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		$ 255.00
C. Delegates, Travel, Affiliations		
1. State Council 1980 and Presidents' Workshop	$ 250.00	
2. National Convention 1980	250.00	
3. Workshops/Regional Meetings	100.00	
		$ 600.00
D. Financial Support for the League		
1. State PMP (7.50 per member)	250.00	
2. National PMP (10.00)	300.00	
		$ 550.00
E. Bulletin		
1. Paper, printing, postage	$ 200.00	
		$ 200.00
F. Educational Activities		
1. Program Committees		
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		$ 95.00
EXPENDITURE TOTAL		$1,820.00

CONTINGENCY RESERVE (Savings Account) $ 350.00

* Based on 50 members

N.R.

M I N U T E S

General Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
April 3, 1979

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville met for its regular general meeting in the conference room of the Pan American Bank Building on Tuesday, April 3, 1979, at 8:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Twenty-two were in attendance, including four visitors.

PROGRAM: The program was entitled "Water in the State of Texas." Speakers included Bee Lantz, and her husband, Ersel Lantz, who is director of industrial planning for the Port of Brownsville. He is also on the advisory board for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. Also present and assisting in the question/answer session that followed was Mr. Ephrain Spencer, from Houston, who is a consultant on navigation district matters.

BUSINESS MEETING: A business meeting followed, in which Betty Bay, president, presided.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 6 general meeting were read and approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Delores Beier announced that we still need a president, a first vice president, and a second vice president to add to our proposed slate of officers for next year.

MEMBERSHIP: Betty Bay announced that the Brownsville League has won an award for having the largest membership increase of any city its size in the State of Texas. The award is a leather-covered scrapbook with the honor inscribed on the front in gold lettering.

STATE CONVENTION: A brief report was given by Betty Bay on the state convention in San Antonio (March 30 - April 1) for which she and Connie Saenz were delegates from Brownsville. A more complete report (by Connie Saenz) will be included in the May issue of the Bulletin.

ANNUAL MEETING: Ruth Manzke announced that our annual meeting and luncheon will be held in the Aztec Room of the Fort Brown Restaurant on Saturday, May 19, at 12:00 noon. Total cost per person is $4.50.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

W.R.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
March 20, 1979

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Tuesday, March 20, 1979, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Rita DePau. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Bay, Charlotte Sarossy, Frances Marquis, Mary Chase, Bee Lantz, Judy Gloor, Pat Garrison, and Wanda Rogers. Also present were Lenore Owen and Helen Marberry, members of the Budget Committee. and Rita DePau.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty McNamara, ~~and Jo McLean.~~

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 23 board meeting were read and approved.

FINANCE DRIVE: Mary Chase reported that receipts from the finance drive to date are $587.50. She estimates a total of $800 by the end of the drive.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Gloor reported that, with all bills paid, and including the money received from the finance drive, we now have a balance of $350.13.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN DUES: A MOTION was made by Pat Garrison that we recommend to the general membership that our annual dues be raised from $10 to $18. SECONDED by Judy Gloor. CARRIED.

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR: A MOTION by Pat Garrison, SECONDED by Frances Marquis, stated that we propose to the general membership, at the annual meeting, a continuation of the same program that we have been following this year. CARRIED.

MEETING DATES: The next general meeting will be Tuesday, April 3, in the conference room of the Pan American Bank Building. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, in the home of Lenore Owen.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved - 4/10/79 W. Rogers

W.R.

M I N U T E S

General Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
March 6, 1979

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville met for its regular meeting in the conference room of the Pan American Bank Building on Tuesday, March 6, 1979, at 8:00 p.m. Betty Bay, president, presided.

PROGRAM: Geraldine Corcoran conducted a consensus on the Urban Crisis program. The general consensus was that revenue sharing should be reduced selectively, depending upon the status of the state at the time. Also, that all subsidies should be limited where possible.

Brownsville's new city manager, Mr. Neil Hamon, spoke informally to the group, outlining the manner in which cities are able to obtain grants from the government.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 4/3/79
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General Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
February 6, 1979

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville met for its regular meeting in the conference room of the Pan American Bank Building on Tuesday, February 6, 1979, at 8:00 p.m. Betty Bay, president, presided.

ATTENDANCE: A full house--all seats taken.

SPEAKERS: Speakers included Graciana DePena, administrative assistant to Cameron County Judge Ray Ramon; Al Cisneros, Port Director and Brownsville Navigation District General Manager; Florencio Pena, City Planner. Others present who also addressed the group were: Robert Roundtree, Public Utilities Board General Manager; Hoy Richardson, consultant at the Port of Brownsville.

PROGRAM: The program was a seminar devoted to an exchange of ideas and information relating to the role of planning in a rapidly growing metropolitan area--Brownsville and Matamoras. The need for international planning was stressed. Each speaker addressed the group and then answered questions and comments from the audience. A lively question and answer discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m., although discussions continued for quite some time.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

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International Planning Needed On Development

By DAN McCLANAHAN

Persons involved in long-range planning for orderly development of the Lower Rio Grande Valley should begin thinking of the Brownsville-Matamoros area as "an international city of 800,000 people," according to Port Director and Brownsville Navigation District general manager Al Cisneros.

"Many of our problems are caused or affected by what goes on on the other side of the river," Cisneros said. "That's the reality we're faced with."

The remarks came during a seminar Tuesday night in the Pan American Bank conference room, sponsored by the Brownsville League of Women Voters and devoted to an exchange of ideas and information relating to the role of planning in a rapidly growing metropolitan area.

Cisneros, whose remarks followed brief presentations by Florencio Pena, city director of Planning and Community Development, and Graciana de Pena, administrative assistant to County Judge Ray Ramon, pointed to a "large gap in the quality of life between Brownsville and Matamoros" as a situation to be dealt with in long-range area planning.

"We have to help them (in Matamoros) raise their standard of living at a faster rate than we do our own," he said.

In his address, Cisneros touched on the lack of adequate housing, the low levels of personal income locally and the rapid growth of student population in local schools. He pointed out that Matamoros now is experiencing a population growth rate of 6½ percent — double that of Mexico as a whole.

Projected population estimated for Brownsville-Matamoros by the year 2000, Cisneros said, is about 800,000 people — 200,000 on the U.S. side and 600,000 on the Mexican side.

"We're going to need four bridges in town and one at the port," he said. "That's five bridges — we only have 1½."

He noted that seven highway and two railroad bridges now span the Colorado River in Austin, a city whose population approximates that projected for Brownsville in 20 years.

A major consideration in area planning, Cisneros said, is preparation for the arrival here of "big industry." He noted that Brownsville so far has failed to derive any direct benefit from industrial growth at the port in the form of tax revenues. Industries there are not subject to city taxes and pay school taxes only to the Port Isabel School District, since they are located within its boundaries.

Cisneros suggested that petrochemical and other "energy-related" industrial development eventually will extend along the gulf coast from Louisiana to near Yucatan, with Brownsville at the center. "We can't escape that—it's coming."

The need for bi-national planning also was mentioned by city planner Pena, who cited Mexico's emerging petrochemical industry, area population growth and industrial growth at the port as factors to be dealt with in long-range planning.

"We have a large number of competing needs to be met with limited resources," Pena said, explaining that planning basically is the system whereby the city determines how to apply those resources to best address the needs.

Pena used the Community Development block grant program as an illustration of the planning process. Under that program, federal funds are allocated for approved projects which are conceived and designed with constant input from a 15-member citizens' panel.

In order to adequately plan for meeting future needs, he said, "we are going to need a well-informed citizenry. I can't emphasize that enough."

Ms. de Pena told the group that the county's new planning department now is engaged in the "development of a comprehensive plan which would integrate all planning functions into one framework." She said the department, which now consists of a planner and an assistant planner, is seeking to determine present conditions in the smaller communities and in rural areas throughout the county. Afterward, the department will be able to "look into programs to alleviate the problems and meet the needs," she said, adding that the county already is at work on a CD grant application of its own.

Although the county has no ordinance-making power as does the city, Ms. de Pena said, it does have some authority in the area of flood control.

Of prime concern to the county planning department, she explained, is the protection of agricultural lands and natural resources.

Other comments came from Public Utilities Board general manager Robert Roundtree, who told the group, "To fail to plan is to plan to fail — and we at PUB are a perfect example of that."

Roundtree spoke of the possibility of grant allocations to establish a de-salinization plant at the port as a means of meeting future water needs.

Regarding electric power, he said it is "extremely unlikely that Brownsville will ever again construct a generating plant unilaterally." He said the "key" to Brownsville's future energy supply, whether it be from coal, gas or nuclear generation, is transmission.

Following a question-and-answer session, League of Women Voters president Betty Bay asked Pena, Cisneros and Ms. de Pena to list what they see as the three "biggest planning problems" confronting Brownsville during the next 10 to 15 years.

Pena listed poverty and its effects, the need for a new international bridge and the inadequacy of present city ordinances, many of which are outdated.

Ms. de Pena said she viewed inadequate housing, need for public services and the need for more school facilities as the more pressing problems.

Cisneros' list consisted of: transportation, including needs for a bridge and relocation of the railroads; insensitivity of the federal government "to our problems;" and the lack of "social conscience" of many people who are making a great deal of money here without making corresponding contributions to the local economy.

Roundtree, when invited to list his top three problems, replied, "Talking to PUB about problems is like talking to Noah about the flood."

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M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
January 23, 1979

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Tuesday, January 23, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Bay. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Bay, Betty McNamara, Charlotte Sarossy, Joe McLean, Rita DePau, Frances Marquis, Mary Chase, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bee Lantz, Judy Veach, Judy Gloor.

MINUTES: Minutes of the December 12 Board of Directors meeting were read and approved.

BOARD MEMBER: Betty Bay announced that Judy Veach will no longer be a board member, as she has moved away from Brownsville.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Jo McLean reported on an interview held Saturday with Mr. Hector Uribe, State Representative, concerning his stand on some of the major issues that are now before the legislature.

LEGISLATIVE DAY IN AUSTIN: A MOTION was made by Wanda Rogers, SECONDED by Rita DePau, that Betty Bay and Jo McLean represent us (expenses paid) on February 28 at the Legislative Day in Austin. CARRIED.

LETTERS TO OUR CONGRESSMEN: It was SUGGESTED that Jo McLean write a letter to Senator John Tower, to Senator Lloyd Bentson, and to U. S. Congressman Kika De la Garza, mentioning that we, of the Brownsville League, are interested in all that they are doing at the national level, and that we would like to have our name placed on their list for news letters, etc. AGREED.

BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE: The Board of Directors nominated the following to serve on the By-Laws Review Committee: Pat Cook, chairman; Frances Pinkerton; Lenore Owen; Betty McNamara; and Charlotte Sarossy. The names will be presented to the membership at the next general meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mary Chase announced that 144 letters have been mailed out in Brownsville concerning our finance drive (82 to previous contributors, and 62 to new prospects). Enclosed with each letter was a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued):

Finance kits will be given out at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, in the Conference Room of the Pan American Bank Building, preceding the general meeting which begins at 8:00 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING: The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, in the Conference Room of the Pan American Bank Building. Speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Gracie DePena, who is assistant to Cameron County Judge Ray Ramon. It was AGREED that we invite the Harlingen League to attend this meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING: It was AGREED that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19, with details to be decided by the committee in charge.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION: It was AGREED that two delegates be chosen at the February meeting to represent us at the State Convention in San Antonio from March 30 - April 1.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 3/20/79 M.R.

N.R.

M I N U T E S

General Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
January 9, 1979

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville met for its regular meeting in the Conference Room of the First National Bank on Tuesday, January 9, 1979, at 8:00 p.m. Betty Bay, president, presided.

ATTENDANCE: A total of eighteen attended, including fourteen members and four visitors.

COMMITTEES: Volunteers were recruited from those present for the various committees, including: Special Education; Action in accordance with consensus reached on the Administration of Justice; the City Charter revision; Improvement of Environmental Health Qualities; Water Resources and Management; Planning and Zoning Policies; and Survey of County Government (County Commissioners Court).

STATE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS: The group participated in coming to an agreement on, and filling out, the form on "State Program Recommendations: 1979-81".

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

M.R.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
December 12, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Tuesday, December 12, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Judy Gloor. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Gloor, Charlotte Sarossy, Betty McNamara, Mary Chase, Betty Bay, Frances Marquis, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pat Garrison, Bee Lantz, Rita DePau, and Judy Veach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Forty-one attended the Christmas party/meeting at Leonardo's.

Fumi Sugahara has been contacted. She cannot come to Brownsville in January, but will make plans to come before the end of the League year.

The Pan American Conference Room has been reserved for our general meeting for the entire year of 1979.

Bee Lantz is in charge of the program for our next meeting. The program will pertain to State Water Resources.

Letters concerning our Finance Drive will be mailed during the second week of January. Finance kits will be given out in February.

Membership now consists of 32 paid members, including the two newest - Virginia Reich and Sally Fleming.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 1/23/79 M.R.

N.R.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
November 21, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Tuesday, November 21, 1978, at the home of Betty McNamara. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Bay, Betty McNamara, Bee Lantz, Pat Garrison, Charlotte Sarossy, Mary Chase, Frances Marquis, Judy Gloor, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita DePau, Judy Veach.

TOUR OF HALL OF JUSTICE: Charlotte Sarossy reported that about twelve people attended the tour of the Hall of Justice. Escorted by Josephine Dunkleburg, they also visited in Judge Gonzalez's court where, during a break, the judge spoke with the group.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Betty McNamara reminded everyone of the Christmas party to be held at Leonardo's on December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited. It was AGREED that Senator Raul Longoria and Representative Hector Uribe be invited to speak, focusingtheir talks on what the issues will be in the upcoming legislature, with questions and answers to follow.

MEMBERSHIP COFFEE: It was decided that a membership coffee will be held in February, the exact date to be decided.

ELECTION NIGHT REPORT: Wanda Rogers reported that she and Rita DePau phoned in the key precinct election results to the ABC-TV election center on election night as planned.

VOTERS GUIDES: Mary Chase reported that 90 letters, with Voters Guides enclosed, were sent to our contributors. A special thanks to Pat Cook and Harriet Wiss for assisting.

FINANCE DRIVE: Mary Chase reported that definite plans concerning the finance drive will be presented at the December board meeting.

BULLETIN: Frances Marquis suggested that the bulletin not be printed again until after the December 12 board meeting. AGREED.

CORRESPONDENCE: A note from Mr. Steven C. Oakes, the Secretary of State of Texas, expressing appreciation for our help in registering voters.

A letter from Jan Coggeshell expressing appreciation for the Bulletin.

ANNUAL REPORT: It was announced that the deadline for the Annual Report of our Brownsville League is March 15.

HUD: It was AGREED that we bring up at the December general meeting the subject of not supporting HUD, and the possibility of writing a letter to the national president of LWV to this effect.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will held at the home of Judy Gloor on December 12 at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 7 meeting were read and approved.

GENERAL MEETINGS: It was AGREED that Charlotte Sarossy should make arrangements with the Pan American Bank to reserve the conference room for our general meetings for the coming year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Minutes
Board of Directors
LWV of Brownsville
October 17, 1978

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville was held October 17, 1978, at the home of Rita De Pau. Members present were; Betty Bay, Betty McNamara, Rita DePau, Pat Garrison, Frances Pinkerton, Mary Chase and Frances Marquis.

Due to the absence of the secretary, no minutes of the previous board meeting were read and Frances Marquis was asked to record the minutes of the current meeting.

President Betty Bay read notes from Helen Hunter, Beth Brown and Fumi Sugihara, all of the LWV-T, complimenting the Brownsville League on the good work of the past few months and its interesting Bulletin.
Also, from Bill Reed, candidate for the Brownsville Navigation District Commission, a thank you note to the League for holding the forum on the Navigation District election and the ensuing publicity generated by it.

Betty McNamara reported on the October 3 meeting (general) at which State Judge Filemon Vela spoke on Juvenile Justice and the particular situation common to our area. Following Judge Vela's talk were a question and answer period and consensus by those members present.

A discussion on the idea of rotating the times and places for general meetings was opened. Rotating, that is, having a general meeting at night one month and in the afternoon the next, and so on, was the preferred method by the majority of board members present. This idea will be presented to the membership at the next general meeting.

The November general meeting was changed from Nov. 7 to Nov. 6, due to the 7th being Election Day. If the date cannot be changed with Pan American Bank, Frances Pinkerton offered us a room at the Cameron County Hall of Justice. She also volunteered fro a hostess position that evening; Charlotte Sarossy will find additional hostesses, if needed. The program will be on the conditions of the local water supply. Pat Garrison, local chairperson on water suggested that we try to find out more about the water problems of the Cameron Park area. Betty Bay suggested asking Robert Roundtree, manager at the Public Utilities Board, to speak to us. Also suggested was hearing from someone in the planning department of the City on the Resaca Study made a couple of years back. We were reminded, however, that we had held a meeting with representatives from the City Planning Dept. in 1977 and that we had yet to hear anything specific ~~mxxxx~~ about the City's water sources and supplies, plus the quality of our city water. Pat Garrison moved that we invite Mr. Roundtree to speak on water quality and availability fro the Brownsville area. Frances Pinkerton seconded the motion. It carried. We will allow the speker 30 mintes, to be followed by questions.

Membership: Betty Bay stated that we must increase our membership. Each member should really try to bring in one new member this year. She announced an "honor roll" of current members to be published in the November Bulletin, listing those members who have brought in one or more new members since the Annual Meeting.

Voter Service: Rita DePau reported that our voter registration drive held in September was very successful. The publicity and cooperation by members was excellent.
Rita announced that she and Wanda Rogers will be our "election night

reporters", phoning precinct results in to the ABC-TV election center. VOTER'S GUIDES will be placed in the Courthouse, Hall of Justice, Library, the high schools, government classes at TSC, THE Statesman"s Club, at Union Carbide, givin to civic groups and other spots around town. Frances Pinkerton suggested we place Guides for prospective jurors for Judge Harry Lewis' court. She will contact the HERALD about a photo. Mary Chase will get a committee to mail Guides to our past contributors, and of course, Guides will be mailed to members. Betty Bay said she would write a letter to the Editor advertising that we have Guides available.

Betty Bay announced that Juan Durant of the Secretary of States office called her to ask the League to be "election Inspectors", going to the precincts on Election Day to oversee proceedings. We would be provided with instructions and the election laws handbook. The Board agreed that we should investigate the feasibility of doing this.

Christmas Party: Discussionon whether to have a strictly social affair or combine a business/program meeting with a little "fun", i.e,, a dinner or luncheon. Betty McNamara will check out several possible locations. The preferred dates are December 5 or 9.

The January 9 general meeting will include Fumi Sugihara (if available) as a discussion leader on our status as a League. Provisions will be made for her to mmet with the Board prior to the general meeting. Judy Veach will also present a program on the National Natural Resources item--Water Quality.

Board members then turned in their reports for publication in the Bulletin. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p,m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Marquis, Secretary Pro-Tem

Approved 11/21/78 H.R.

N.R.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
September 19, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Tuesday, September 19, 1978, at the home of Pat Garrison. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Bay, Pat Garrison, Betty McNamara, Bee Lantz, Judy Veach, Charlotte Sarossy, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Chase, Rita DePau, Judy Gloor, and Frances Marquis.

CANDIDATES MEETING: Betty Bay expressed appreciation for the work done in causing the candidates meeting (the September general meeting) to be such a huge success. A very nice write-up appeared in the Brownsville Herald, and we have received numerous comments (all favorable) pertaining to the meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The next general meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on October 3 at the Pan American Conference Room. The next board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 17 at the home of Judy Gloor.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Arrangements for voter registration have been made as follows:

On September 21, booths will be set up at the Student Union at Texas Southmost College from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.; at Leece-Neville, Inc. from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and at the City Hall at 4:00 p.m. The Secretary of State plans to be with us at this time, along with the mayor, Mr. Ruben Edelstein, and Mr. Hugh Riley, County Tax Assessor & Collector.

The week of September 25 - 29 at Pace High School, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and September 25 at Porter High School and Hanna High School from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

October 6 and 7 at Amigoland Mall, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

INVITATION TO FUMI SUGIHARA: It was AGREED that Fumi Sugihara, our field service representative from College Station, be invited to visit with us in either November or January, the exact date to be determined. A dinner-type meeting with the board has been suggested.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE: Betty Bay reported that she had attended a meeting of the City Council in which the future of Emergency Medical Care in Brownsville was discussed. The overall thinking seemed to be that it would be contracted out to the American Ambulance Service in an effort to reduce costs. However, the commissioners adjourned without taking final action.

THE BULLETIN: It was announced that, in order to get the Bulletin published two days following the board meeting, it is necessary that information for the Bulletin be turned in to Frances Marquis not later than the day after each board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

W.R.

M I N U T E S

General Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
September 12, 1978

A general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 1978, at the Las Palmas Apartments. Mrs. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A total of 43 were in attendance, including 18 members and 25 guests.

CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER OF BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT: All five candidates in the election for commissioner of the Brownsville Navigation District were present, and each was given five minutes to address the League and its guests. Each mentioned his qualifications for the job and his plans should he be elected.

GROUND WATER DISCUSSED: A presentation on ground water was given by Pat Cook. It was suggested that a consensus on ground water be postponed until the next general meeting, October 3. AGREED.

NEW MEMBERS: New members included Jerry Corcoran and Harriet Wiss.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Members were urged to meet at the Court House on September 21 at 10:00 a.m. to be deputized. This is required in order to register voters.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

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M I N U T E S

Board of Directors
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
September 5, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 1978, at the home of Frances Marquis. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Bay, Frances Marquis, Charlotte Sarossy, Rita DePau, Pat Garrison, Judy Gloor, Mary Chase, Judy Veach, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty McNamara and Bee Lantz.

MINUTES: Minutes were read and approved for the Board of Directors meetings of May 8, May 31, and June 8, and for the General meeting of June 27, 1978.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read from our State president, Betty Anderson, from Shirley Gleason, and from Carole Shlipak, expressing appreciation for our June Bulletin.

GENERAL MEETINGS: It was announced that all general meetings, beginning in October, will be held at the Pan American Bank.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING: It was AGREED that all five candidates in the October 3 election of a commissioner of the Brownsville Navigation District be extended an invitation to address the League at its general meeting on Tuesday, September 12. Plans also include a presentation on Ground Water Management in Texas, with a consensus to follow.

VOTER SERVICE: Plans for voter registration include a meeting on Thursday, September 21, at Southmost College, with Mr. Steven C. Oakes, the Secretary of State of Texas. Voters will be registered at this time before reporters and cameras in cooperation with a voters awareness drive by the office of the Secretary of State.

Voter registration is also planned for October 6 and 7 in the Amigoland Mall. Rita DePau, assisted by Charlotte Sarossy, are making plans to be announced at a later date.

Two thousand copies of the Voters Guides have been ordered, with delivery expected about October 4.

ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

N.R.

M I N U T E S

General Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
June 27, 1978

A general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 1978, at the home of Betty Bay. Mrs. Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Twenty members were in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICERS and DIRECTORS: It was AGREED that the completed list of proposed officers and directors for 1978-79 be accepted.

REPORT FROM NATIONAL: A report from National was summarized by Jo McLean, as follows:

> Revenue Ruling 78-160, of the Internal Revenue Service, states that Leagues will not be considered for tax exemptions on the Voters Guides.

As the Voters Guide is not political, but is, instead, an educational tool, it was AGREED that each League member contact a senator or representative concerning our opposition, stressing also that the League will be hurt should the ruling not be changed immediately.

It was also AGREED that Jo McLean send a Mailgram on behalf of the Brownsville League expressing opposition to this ruling.

VOTERS GUIDES: A MOTION was made by Bee Lantz that Voters Guides be purchased from State this year for distribution prior to the fall elections. SECONDED by Gloria Hughes. CARRIED.

PROGRAM: The proposed program for 1978-79 was presented by Betty McNamara. A MOTION was made by Frances Pinkerton that we add to Item #7, of the Local Program:

> "A specific study of the Commissioners Court, whereby observers from the League are present at each session."

SECONDED by Jo McLean. CARRIED.

A MOTION was then made by Jo McLean and SECONDED by Betty McNamara, that the program be accepted, as revised. CARRIED.

TOUR OF NEW HALL OF JUSTICE: A motion was made by Gloria Hughes that we make a tour of the new Hall of Justice within the next month; that we meet somewhere and ride together on a city bus, thereby also observing the city buses in operation. SECONDED by Pat Cook. CARRIED.

MEETING DATES CHANGED: A MOTION by Delores Beier, SECONDED by Gloria Hughes, stated that the Board of Directors change its meeting date to the third Tuesday evening of each month, and that the general meeting be held on the first Tuesday evening. CARRIED.

PROPOSED BUDGET: The proposed budget for 1978-79 was presented by Judy Gloor who then made a MOTION that the budget be accepted. SECONDED by Betty McNamara. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved
9/5/78
N.R.

Wanda

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
June 8, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 1978, in the Conference Room of the City Library. Betty Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Chase, Betty McNamara, Bee Lantz, Pat Garrison, Frances Marquis, Betty Bay, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Gloor, Charlotte Sarossy, Judy Veach, and Rita DePau.

DATES FOR BOARD MEETING: It was AGREED that Board meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month.

BUDGET: The Board of Directors, acting as Budget Committee, prepared a proposed budget for next year. A copy is attached.

GENERAL MEETINGS: The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, at the home of Betty Bay. At this time, the proposed program and the proposed budget will be presented. Also, a decision should be made concerning dates for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 9/5/78 W.R.

PROPOSED

LWV-BROWNSVILLE BUDGET FOR 1978-79

(As prepared by Board of Directors acting as Budget Committee)

EXPENDITURES:

A. Operating costs		
1. Maintenance of equipment (Typewriter overhaul) (--Bulletin Editor)	$ 30.00	
2. General supplies (Paper, etc.)	65.00	
3. Postage	30.00	
4. Telephone & Telegraph	25.00	
Sub-total		$ 150.00
B. Board and administrative committees		
1. President's Expenses	30.00	
2. Board Tools (copies of In-League, State Mailings, etc.)	65.00	
3. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance	100.00	
b. Membership	30.00	
c. Public Relations	10.00	
Sub-total		235.00
C. Delegates, travel, affiliations		
1. State Convention/Council (Allowed for 2 delegates)	250.00	
2. National Council	250.00	
3. Workshops/ Regional meetings	100.00	
Sub-total		600.00
D. Financial support for the League		
1. Per Member Payment (State-$7)	364.00	
2. Per Member Payment (National-$9) (Figured at 52 members	468.00	
Sub-total		832.00
E. Bulletin		
1. Paper for printing, postage, etc.	350.00	
Sub-total		350.00
F. Educational activities		
1. Program committees		
a. National	10.00	
b. State	10.00	
c. Local	25.00	
2. Voters Service/Citizen Information	80.00	
Sub-total		125.00
EXPENDITURE GRAND TOTAL		$2,292.00
G. Contingency Reserves		
1. Present (carried from 77-78)	310.00	
2. To be added 78-79	81.00	
Sub-total		391.00
EXPENDITURES PLUS CONTINGENCY		$2,683.00

INCOME:

A. Dues (52 @ $10)	$ 520.00
B. Contributions	
1. Non-member	1,400.00
C. Other sources	
1. Interest	3.00
D. Checking Account	450.00
INCOME GRAND TOTAL	$2,373.00

CONTINGENCY RESERVE

A. 77-78 Unused Contingency	310.00
INCOME PLUS UNUSED CONTINGENCY	$2,683.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

OFFICERS 1975-1976

President.....Ruth Manzke.....[redacted]

President-elect.....Frances Marquis.....[redacted]

Vice-president.....Eleanor Kugel.....[redacted]

Secretary.....Pat Garrison.....[redacted]

Treasurer.....Marge Sumrall.....[redacted]

CHAIRMEN

Program.....Eleanor Kugel.....[redacted]

Membership.....Rita De Pau.....[redacted]

Voter's Service.....Helen Marberry.....[redacted]

Bulletin.....Mary Chase.....[redacted]

Public Relations.....Mary Chase.....[redacted]

Nominating.....Delores Beier.....[redacted]

Publications.....Marge Sumrall.....[redacted]

Finance.....Janis Crowe.....[redacted]

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League Program Advisor.....Margaret Rendall.....[redacted]

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

Slate of Officers 1974 - 1975

President.....Ruth Manzke (Mrs. Fred).....[redacted]

President-Elect.....

Vice-President.....Eleanor Kugel (Mrs. James).....[redacted]
Program Coordinator

Secretary.....Marge Sumrall (Mrs. Clinton).....[redacted]

Treasurer.....Frances Marquis (Mrs. Max, Jr.).....[redacted]
Publications

Directors:

2 years...Helen Marberry (Mrs. Richard).....[redacted]
Voters Service

Pat Garrison (Mrs. Victor).....[redacted]
Membership

Rita De Pau (Mrs. Juan).....[redacted]
Corresponding Secretary

1 year....Mary Chase (Mrs. Robert).....[redacted]
Bulletin and TCR Chairman

Gloria Hughes (Mrs. William).....[redacted]
Publicity and Press Releases

Marian Warzecha (Mrs. David).....[redacted]
Observers Corps

Nominating Committee:

Chairman...Ruth Allison (Mrs. Royce).....[redacted]
Emily Wood (Mrs. Jean).....[redacted]
Eliza Cavazos (Mrs. Raul).....[redacted]

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS - 1974 - 75

President.....Mrs. Fred O. Manzke

President-elect.....Mrs. Robert Alexander

Vice President.....Mrs. James Kugel

Secretary.....Mrs. C. H. Sumrall

Treasurer.....Mrs. Max Marquis, Jr.

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2 years; Mrs. Richard Marberry

Mrs. Victor Garrison

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1 year; Mrs. Robert Chase

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Submitted by 1973-74 Nominating Committee

Mrs. Frank Marconi, Chairman

Mrs. C. H. Sumrall

Mrs. William J. Hughes

BROWNSVILLE LOCAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1970-71

I. Study and support measures towards improvement of the City Charter of Brownsville, Texas.

II. Local Government Service: County guides for the election.

III. Support of measures and policies to improve city health conditions with emphasis on T. B. and rabies in Brownsville.

IV. Know Your County Survey.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1970-71

President - - - - - - - - - -Mrs. David M. Phillips

President-Elect - - - - - -Mrs. Tom Whitaker

Vice-President - - - - - -Mrs. Charles Brown

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- - - - - - - - - -Mrs. Max Marquis

Nominating Committee - - -Chairman, Mrs. Frank Milan

- - -Mrs. Jack Carinhas, Jr.

- - -Mrs. Douglas Whitaker

Submitted by: Mrs. Charles Brown, Chairman

Mrs. Robert Chase,

Mrs. Tom Whitaker,

Mrs. Hugh Biggs

Wanda

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
May 31, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 1978, at the home of Betty Bay. Mrs. Bay, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rita DePau, Frances Marquis, Mary Chase, Judy Gloor, Betty McNamara, Charlotte Sarossy, Pat Garrison, Betty Bay, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

PROGRAM: It was AGREED that program for the year (National, State, Local) will be as shown on the attached sheet.

COMPLETION OF BOARD: Additions were made to the Board. The final, complete list of officers and directors for the 1978-79 year is attached.

CONVENTION: A MOTION was made by Pat Garrison and SECONDED by Betty McNamara that Betty Bay be permitted to attend the June President's Work Shop in Houston on Wednesday, June 7. CARRIED.

DUPLICATE PRESIDENT'S MAILING: A MOTION by Betty McNamara stated that we order one duplicate president's mailing and three standing orders. SECONDED by Rita DePau. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 9/5/78 N.R.

LWV-BROWNSVILLE PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM '78-'79

(As proposed by Board of Directors functioning as Program Committee and using as a guide Poll of Individual Members re Program Interests)

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PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO LOCAL PROGRAM

5. STUDY and evaluation of water resources and management, including resacas and coastal waters in the Brownsville area.

6. INITIAL SURVEY of planning and zoning policies, procedures and practices in Brownsville

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LWV-BROWNSVILLE PROPOSED FOCUS ON NATIONAL PROGRAM 1978-79

1. EVALUATE urban policy options, with emphasis on fiscal policy (National Consensus Decision due May 1, 1979) — MUST

2. REVIEW background for National Position (preparatory to action) on Natural Resources
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LWV-BROWNSVILLE PROPOSED FOCUS ON STATE PROGRAM-1978-79(Cont'd)

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-WATER-

"Support of water planning and development being the responsibility of the state government

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M I N U T E S

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
May 18, 1978

The League of Women Voters of Brownsville met in a Special General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 1978, at the home of Ruth Manzke. The purpose of the meeting was to continue a discussion of whether or not to continue the Brownsville League, and to elect a slate of officers if it is decided to continue the League. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, past president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fourteen members were present, including: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Frances Marquis, Ruth Manzke, Rita DePau, Dolores Beier, Judy Gloor, Mary Chase, Betty McNamara, Bee Lantz, Pat Garrison, Charlotte Sarossy, Wanda Rogers, Lenora Owen (a past member), and Betty Bay (a new member).

AGREE TO CONTINUE: It was mentioned that, with fourteen members in attendance, we must want to continue the League. AGREED.

OFFICERS ELECTED: The following nominations were made, seconded, accepted, and elected:

President: Betty Bay
1st Vice President: Betty McNamara
2nd Vice President: Charlotte Sarossy
Secretary: Wanda Rogers
Treasurer: Judy Gloor (continuing a 2-year term)
Directors: Pat Garrison
Rita DePau
Mary Chase
Frances Marquis
Nominating Chairman: Dolores Beier

NEXT MEETING: Betty Bay announced that she will call a meeting of the Board of Directors very soon to discuss program ideas for next year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

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M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
May 13, 1978

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville was held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 1978, in the Red Room at Valley International Country Club. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Twenty were in attendance, including four guests: Mesdames Pat Cook, Jerry ~~Cockeran~~, Betty Bay, and our guest speaker, Beth ~~Davis~~ Brown Corcoran, field services director, LWV of Texas.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 1977 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report showed income of $280 and disbursements of $972.59. This leaves a balance of $488.75 in the checking account, with approximately $310 in the savings account.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1978-79: None was made, as we have no slate of officers for next year.

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Manzke reported that we have only 26 members this year, including our two new members: Lucinda Flores and Rosario Fuentes.

PROGRAM: Donna Bazar reported that we did do some action this year, including the following:

1. A talk by Richard Leopold, who was then Health Inspector for Brownsville. Results included two of our women being appointed to the Board. And only last week, several of our women assisted in the Board elections for the City Health Clinic.

2. Bee Lantz set up two different speakers. One, from the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Development Board, talked about the Coastal Management Program. Another program included a film, shown by Ersel Lantz, concerning Coastal Growth.

3. Judy Veach and ~~another lady~~ Mary Lou Campbell, from South Padre Island, talked concerning some of the things going on at the Island.

4. A speaker for the Friendship of Women. Action on this includes a contribution from the League, although the amount has not yet been decided.

5. The Community Services Bulletin is about ready to be submitted to the Brownsville Herald for publication. It includes over 50 non-profit community organizations and agencies. The idea is to update the bulletin every three to six months.

VOTER SERVICE: Rita DePau reported that two issues of the Voters Guide were distributed. Many people called concerning these Guides. Also, voter registration was done this year at Pace High School.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mary Chase reported that the Nominating Committee met but was unable to come up with a slate of officers for next year.

GUEST SPEAKER: Guest speaker was Beth Brown, of Houston, who is Field Services Director of the League of Women Voters of Texas. She spoke concerning possibilities for solving our leadership and membership problems.

Following a discussion of whether or not to continue the Brownsville League, it was AGREED that we meet again at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, in the home of Ruth Manzke, to continue the discussion, and to elect a slate of officers if it is decided to continue the League.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved as corrected
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M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
May 8, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 1978, at the home of Judy Gloor. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, Judy Gloor, Ruth Manzke, Rita DePau, Donna Bazar, Frances Marquis, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed the same balance as last month ($818.17), there being no receipts nor disbursements.

FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN ORGANIZATION: A MOTION was made by Ruth Manzke, and SECONDED by Donna Bazar, that a contribution be made to the Friendship of Women Organization, the exact amount to be decided at the annual meeting. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was read from the following:

Betty Anderson, State LWV president, expressing enjoyment of her visit with us on March 15.

Evelyn M. Lord, president of the LWV of Beaumont, requesting ideas for their project, Goals for Beaumont.

Fumi Sugehara, field representative to our League, indicating that she wants to arrange a day to visit with the Leagues in the Valley. Also requested was a copy of the Voter.

VOTERS SERVICE: Rita DePau reported that the Voters Guides were distributed as planned. Response was good, although numerous comments indicated a desire for the Voters Guide to include candidates for Cameron County, as well as state candidates.

CITY CLINIC BOARD ELECTIONS: The League participated in the board elections for the City Health Clinic on May 6 (instead of April 29 as previously planned). Participating were: Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, and Marge Sumrall.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN: Donna Bazar reported that the Community Service Bulletin committee has the rough draft about ready to be inspected by Mr. Bill Salter, of the Brownsville Herald. Following approval by the Herald editor, Rosario Fuentes will translate it into Spanish; it will then be typed by Wanda Rogers' typing classes at Pace High School. Hopefully, everything should be in print by the end of May.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Frances Marquis reported that the nominating committee has been unable to present a slate of officers for next year. This will be discussed further at the annual meeting on May 13.

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON: Ruth Manzke reported that the Annual Meeting will consist of a luncheon in the "Red Room" of the Valley International Country Club, Saturday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon will be a soup and salad buffet, the cost being approximately $5.50.

Guest speaker will be Beth Brown, of Houston, who is Field Service Director of the LWV of Texas. It is hoped that she can help us to solve some of our leadership and membership problems.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 9/5/78

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

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M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual L.W.V. meeting was held at the Holiday Inn on May 22nd, 1976 at 12:30 p.m. A buffet lunch was served. Ruth Manzke welcomed members and guests. The guests were Mrs. Lee Albert, Michele Ostrowski, Mary Jane McCarthy and Rhonda Garrison.

Minutes - Marge Sumrall read the minutes from last year's annual meeting, and the minutes were approved.

Ruth Manzke and Bea Lantz gave a report on the state council held in Galveston in 1976.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was given by Marge Sumrall, the balances being; $814.47 in the checking account and 306.56 in the savings account.

President's Message - Ruth Manzke congratulated the members and board for a very successful year. She felt that some of the highlights were the L.W.V. 25th anniversary celebration and our four new male members. Ruth also informed the league on National news. At the National convention the league vetoed a name change for the L.W.V. The league also voted an increase of $5.50 per member.

Proposed By-Law Amendments - Frances Marquis presented the proposed By-Laws amendments; which were approved by the state league. The members voted to accept them.

Proposed Local Program for 1976-1977 - Eleonar Kugel presented the program; The study of the facilities for the mental and physical care and education of children with emphasis on physical and psychological examination and counseling of children at all school levels.

Action in accordance with consensus reached on the Administration of Justice at the local level.

A proposal was made by Marge Sumrall that we keep working on the revision of the City Charter, also remain active in supporting Mr. Leapold, Environmental Director, in the local health program.

Lenore Owens seconded it, and the members approved.

Anne Palfy suggested that the league support Mr. Leapold in acquiring a Emergency Medical Program for Brownsville. Dolores Bier seconded it and the motion carried. Ruth Manzke asked Gloria Hughes if she would contact Mr. Leopold to ask him how the league could help.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

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Proposed 1976-1977 Budget - Marge Sumrall read the proposed budget. Bea Lantz motioned to accept it. Eleonar Kugel seconded it, and the motion carried.

Nominating Committe Report - Eleonar Kugel presented the proposed slate of officers:

President - Francis Marquis
First Vice-President -
Second Vice-President - Ruth Manzke
Secretary - Wanda Rogers
Treasurer - Helen Marberry
Directors - Mary Chase
Charlotte Sarassy
Marge Sumrall

The slate was voted by acclaimation.

Lenore Owens made a motion to write a note of thanks to Margaret Rendall for all her work and time she gave to the league this year. It was seconded by Delores Bier.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Garrison

Pat Garrison, secretary

Schedule LWV Local Program 1976-77

1:30 PM

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

✓ October 5, 1976 (Tuesday) Milton Kirby, Director BISD Special Education. Overview of special education in U. S., Texas, and Brownsville. Also, George Jesse, Ass.. School Psychologist, to give needs of district and view of testing.

October 20, 1976 (Wednesday) "L/LD Program" (Language & Learning Disabilities) Ruth Clark, BISD Supervisor of the program.

✓ November 4, 1976 (Thursday) "EMR-TMR" (Educable and Trainable Mentally Retarded) Tony Martinez, Supervisor of BIDD's program.

November 16, 1976 (Tuesday) "Deaf Education" Lou Ann Starck, Vocational Coordinator for the Regional School For the Deaf.

* December 1, 1976 (Wednesday) "Orthopedically Handicapped" Jo McLean, Supervisor of BISD program..

✓ ~~January 10, 1977~~ (Monday) "Speech Therapy-Visually Handicapped" BISD Speech therapists and Gloria Villarreal, teacher for the blind.

1/10/77 ~~January 25, 1977~~ (Tuesday) "Emotionally Disturbed" Eunice McCoy, teacher for the E.D. unit and Donna McCabe, counselor.
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✓ February 8, 1977 Tuesday) "Public School Counselors" Margaret Etchison, Supervisor of BISD counselors.

(✓) Held at La Plaza Club House (*) Moody Clinic

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met Monday, June 7, 1976, at the home of Frances Marquis at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Frances Marquis, Delores Beier, Mary Chase, Pat Garrison, and Charlotte Sarossy.

Minutes were read and approved.

Frances announced Donna McCabe has accepted the position of local program director.

The two appointed board members for the Nominating Committee are Ruth Manzke and Delores Beier. Our off-board members are Eleanor Kugel, Pat Garrison, and Rita De Pau.

Margaret Rendall will work with three board members, Frances Marquis, Charlotte Sarossy, and Mary Chase, on the Policy Review Committee.

Bee Lantz has volunteered to be bulletin distributor. Ersel Lantz will provide free copies from the Port of Brownsville office.

It was decided that we get one Standing Order from State Office, but no Duplicate President's Mailings.

Barbara Nobles of San Antonio is our Board Training Consultant. At this time we decided not to have board training.

Frances read the resolution presented by Gloria Hughes to Richard Leopold, city environmental director, for the League. The resolution put the League on record as supporting the improvements of the present inadequate emergency medical facilities in Brownsville.

Mr. Leopold has written a letter to the League asking our financial support for purchasing an ambulance from Harlingen. Our local policy does not allow us to provide this type of financial support. We will write a letter to Mr. Leopold to this effect.

Our next league general membership meeting will be Thursday evening, June 10, at Delores Beier's home at 7:30 p.m. Ruth Gabbert will present a report on the program she initiated at the 6th grade level at St. Mary's School this spring, using league material on our administration of justice study.

Delores Beier, Finance Chairman, announced that Ruth Manzke, Margaret Rendall, and she will begin soon to review previously-worked finance cards.

Charlotte Sarossy, Voter Service Chairman, is looking into registering voters in September.

Next Board Meeting will be Monday, August 9, at Frances' home.

We have two new members: Mrs. John Albert (Lee) and Miss Mary Jane McCarthy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Chase
Acting Secretary

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M.R.

M I N U T E S

GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
June 10, 1976

The League of Women Voters held a general meeting at the home of Dolores Beier on Thursday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Frances Marquis welcomed all the members and our new member, Mrs. Lee Albert.

Donna McCabe has consented to be our program chairman this year. She is a special education teacher in Brownsville.

Frances read the resolution written by Gloria Hughes to Mr. Leopold, giving our support of the better emergency program.

Mr. Leopold thanked the League for their support, and requested financial help. The Board voted against the request.

There will be a meeting June 14 regarding the emergency program for those members wishing to attend.

Mrs. Ruth Gabbert gave a program that she had taught to the 6th grade children at St. Mary's School, based on the LWV of Brownsville material pertaining to the Administration of Justice.

Ruth Gabbert stated that she felt that the League had done a beautiful job in compiling the facts. She also said the school and law enforcement agencies were very cooperative.

Mrs. Manzke who, among other members, went to the Courthouse to observe court cases, gave a talk on her experience in court.

Ruth Manzke, a member of the Citizens Energy Action Committee, asked members to telephone residents of Brownsville concerning a questionaire on energy-saving tips July 15 to August 15. The calling to be done at the end of August or early September. The committee needs a sample of 500 cases to report to the Governor's Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Pat Garrison (by M. Rogers)
Pat Garrison
Secretary

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
August 9, 1976

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 1976, at the home of Frances Marquis. Mrs. Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Donna McCabe, Dolores Beier, Charlotte Sarossy, Marge Sumrall, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, and Helen Marberry.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 7, 1976, meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's report, read by Frances Marquis, indicated a balance (in bank) of $816.22, including receipts of $67.50 and disbursements of $118.25 since the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: A bill for $3 has been received from Ersel Lantz, for payment of paper being used to provide the otherwise-free copies of our bulletin.

A letter from Valley Transit Company, offering buses if we want them.

League of Women Voters of Missouri is selling appointment calendars.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association asks that we participate in the Jerry Lewis Telethon during the Labor Day weekend.

A letter from Beth Brown, of the State Office, concerning Voters Service. It was AGREED that we will continue with our usual voter registration.

A thank-you note from Johney Snow, Cameron County Tax Assessor, thanking the League members for their work at the Court House, in sending out new voter registration cards, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Five League members - Frances Marquis, Charlotte Sarossy, Ruth Manzke, Mary Chase, and Wanda Rogers - attended Board Training in Harlingen on July 21, 1976. Mrs. Liz Davies, from San Antonio, was assigned to this area.

STATE PROGRAM: It was AGREED that Lee Albert be given the material for "Administration of Justice" on the state level.

CITIZENS ENERGY AWARENESS PROGRAM: Ruth Manzke, member of the local committee, will be asked to write up a report for the next bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP: Marge Sumrall reported that we now have 21 paid members. She suggested that we dispense with the membership drive until after the November election. AGREED.

VOTERS SERVICE: Charlotte Sarossy reported that September 17 and 18 will be set aside for Voters Registration. Exact locations for booths will be announced later.

It was AGREED that we order 300 copies each of "Register and Vote in Texas" and "Pick a Candidate" - 200 of each to be distributed at the Voter Registration booths, and 100 of each to be used in the Finance Drive.

DEBATE: A MOTION was made by Dolores Beier, seconded by Donna McCabe, that we present to the general membership the question of whether to conduct a campaign to collect signatures on a petition asking for a public debate between the two candidates. CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: A proposed letter, to be sent out asking for contributions, was read by Dolores Beier for the Board's approval. A MOTION was made by Marge Sumrall, seconded by Charlotte Sarossy, that the letter be accepted. CARRIED.

Dolores Beier MOVED that the finance drive letters be mailed around September 27, that the kick-off party be held October 1, and that the drive extend to October 15. Seconded by Marge Sumrall. CARRIED.

PROGRAM: Donna McCabe gave a brief outline concerning tentative plans for this year's program, which is a study of the facilities in Brownsville for mental and physical care of children of all ages. She mentioned possible speakers and/or activities. The Board asked that she go ahead with these plans, making definite arrangements concerning speakers, dates for meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

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M I N U T E S

GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
September 8, 1976

The General Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on September 8, 1976, at the home of Frances Marquis. Mrs. Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nineteen were in attendance, including 17 members and 2 guests. The guests were Mrs. Barbara Campbell, of the Registrar's Office at the Courthouse, and Mrs. Judy Gloor.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June 10, 1976, General Meeting were read and approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Marge Sumrall suggested that, during slow periods while registering voters at the Amigoland Mall, we could distribute brochures in an effort to get new members. A list can be made of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of those people who show interest in the League. A membership coffee will follow, to which the people listed can be invited.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE: Ruth Manzke announced that a fund drive at Amigoland Mall will be held on November 12 and 13 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We will need volunteers for two-hour shifts. A slide program will be set up calling attention to the drive.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dolores Beier reported that about 96 letters have been prepared and are ready to go out during the week of September 25. Seven different letters will go out, but to companies that are on a budget, and will request that we be placed in their budget for next year. Each letter will include two pieces of literature--"Register and Vote in Texas" and "Pick a Candidate." A self-addressed envelope will also be included so that contributions can be mailed to us.

Captains for the drive are Ruth Manzke and Mary Chase, with Helen Marberry assisting if needed. Members will be asked to visit some of the people to whom letters have been mailed.

The kick-off date is Friday, October 1. The victory party will be October 15.

VOTERS SERVICE: Charlotte Sarossy introduced Barbara Campbell, from the office of the Registrar, who talked concerning instructions on how to register voters. Mrs. Campbell also thanked the members for their help at the Courthouse in May and June.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
September 13, 1976

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 1976, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Helen Marberry, Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, Wanda Rogers, Dolores Beier, and Marge Summrall.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna McCabe and Charlotte Sarossy.

MINUTES: Minutes of the August 9, 1976, meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER: The treasurer's report, by Helen Marberry, indicated a previous balance (in July) of $866.97. Receipts of $126, and disbursements of $172.09, leave a balance of $820.88.

MEMBERSHIP: Marge Summrall reported that we now have 28 paid members. Plans are being made to have a membership coffee on September 28 at 10:30 a.m., at the home of Ruth Manzke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Frances Marquis will speak to the Brownsville Self-Culture Club at a luncheon meeting on October 20. Her topic will be "The History of the League."

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the South Cameron County unit of the Cancer Society, indicating that films are available concerning cancer detection, if we would like to use them.

A letter from Ruth Clusen (National President), concerning debates and the financing of them. She indicated that funds will be solicited from members and the general public. A campaign will be conducted.

VOTERS SERVICE: Ruth Manzke SUGGESTED that Ward Walker, of the Brownsville Times, be contacted concerning the printing of information about candidates, the information being obtained as a courtesy of the League of Women Voters. Also, that we inquire as to whether there would be a charge for this service, and if so, how much. AGREED.

Dolores Beier made a MOTION that we order 1,000 copies of "Pick a President" to be distributed, and especially to our contributors. SECONDED. CARRIED.

It was AGREED that Helen Marberry would assist Charlotte Sarossy with the ABC Election Night Report. (This activity consists of going to Precinct 8, the most representative precinct in this area, finding out how they voted, and then calling New York to report the results.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dolores Beier reported that everything is ready for the kick-off party at her home on Friday, October 1, at 10:30 a.m., and the victory party on Friday, October 15, at 10:30 a.m. Competition for the finance drive will be on the basis of percentage of contributors, rather than the amount of contributions.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE: Ruth Manzke SUGGESTED that we investigate the possibility (rule-wise) of our being able to contribute to the Presidential Debate Fund. And, should the investigation prove favorable, that a recommendation be made to the general membership that we contribute $150 for this purpose. AGREED.

STATE PROGRAM: It was AGREED that 30 booklets, "We Support," be ordered, to be given out to the League members.

LOCAL PROGRAM: Final plans have been made for the year's program--speakers, dates, etc., as follows:

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDY

October 5, 1976 Tuesday	Milton Kirby, Director BISD Special Education: Overview of special education in the U.S., Texas, Brownsville. Also, George Jesse, Associate School Psychologist, to give needs of this district and view of testing. To be held at the La Plaza Apartments Club House on FM802 between the Expressway and Old Alice Road at 7:30 p.m.
October 20, 1976 Wednesday	"L/LD Program" (Language and Learning Disabilities); Ruth Clark, BISD Supervisor of the program. Meet at Luby's Cafeteria no later than 6:30 p.m. for dinner; or come to the reserved dining room by 7:00 p.m. for the program.
November 4, 1976 Thursday	"EMR-TMR" (Educable and Trainable Mentally Retarded). Tony Martinez, Supervisor of BISD program. La Plaza Apartments Club House at 7:30 p.m.
November 16, 1976 Tuesday	"Deaf Education". Lou Ann Starck, Vocational Coordinator for the Regional School for the Deaf. To be held at the Brownsville Statesman's Club, Downtown Elizabeth and 7th Streets at 7:30 p.m.
December 1, 1976 Wednesday	"Orthopedically Handicapped" by Jo McLean, Supervisor of BISD program. Will be at the Moody Clinic. No definite time has been set, but will be announced later.

PUBLICITY: Mary Chase reported that a picture has been made of two football players being registered to vote at Pace High School. Another picture will be made at our membership coffee in late September. Each of these two pictures, accompanied by an article, will appear in the Brownsville Herald.

BULLETIN: Appreciation was expressed to Bee and Ersel Lantz for their efforts in printing the bulletin. The next bulletin should be printed about September 20.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved

M I N U T E S

GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
October 5, 1976

The general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on October 5, 1976, at the La Plaza Apartments Club House. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eighteen were in attendance, including two new members and four guests. New members were Mesdames Ruth Anderson and Judith Gloor. Visitors included Mesdames Diane Magnuson and Caryl Atkins, and our guest speakers, Messrs. Milton Kirby and George Jesse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next general meeting will be held at Luby's Cafeteria on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Ruth Clark, who is Supervisor of the Language and Learning Disabilities Program for the Brownsville Independent School District.

The State office of the League of Women Voters is sponsoring some "lobby learn-in's", which are workshops to inform League members about lobbying. The one for our area will be held in Harlingen on November 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the location to be announced later.

PROGRAM: Donna McCabe introduced Mr. Milton Kirby, Director of Special Education for the Brownsville Independent School District, who gave an overview of special education in the United States, Texas, and Brownsville.

Mr. Kirby pointed out that special education in Brownsville includes students from ages 3 through 21, with each student being programmed according to his needs. Film strips were shown, giving further information on students, classrooms, special education programs, etc.

Mr. Kirby then brought us up to date by mentioning the new programs, buildings, and other facilities that have been added since the making of the film strips. Questions and answers followed.

Donna then introduced Mr. George Jesse, Associate School Psychologist, who spoke concerning the needs of this district and, as he stated it, "The Situation a Psychologist Deals With." A few of the interesting statements made concerning mental retardation in both Mexico and the United States are as follows:

1. Of 2,000,000 births in Mexico City, 350,000 die as infants; and 200,000 have permanent and serious birth defects.

2. Ninety per cent of Mexicans are dental cripples.

3. Ninety per cent of all children in Mexico City between 6 and 14 years of age suffer from serious amoebic dysentery and/or other amoebic disorders.

4. From 10% to 30% of the children in underpriviledged areas of the United States are mentally retarded.

5. From 1% to 2% of the children in priviledged areasof the United States are mentally retarded.

Mr. Jesse stressed that malnutrition is a major factor in mental retardation.

An interesting question and answer session followed, with both Mr. Jesse and Mr. Kirby taking part. Refreshments were served as questions and answers continued.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 11/8/76 N.R.

M.R.

M I N U T E S

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
BOARD MEETING
October 4, 1976

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frances Marquis, Helen Marberry, Delores Beier, Ruth Manzke, Charlotte Sarossy, Marge Sumrall and Mary Chase.

MINUTES: No minutes were read due to the absence of the secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report showed total disbursements of $53.78 and a balance of $767.10.

The president reported that according to a letter to all Leagues, from Ruth Clusen, National President, we will be unable to send $150 from our treasury (as previously voted on) to support the presidential debates.

The president briefed the members present on the dates and times for local meetings and the League-supported presidential debates.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from the Montessouri School concerning a program they offer local clubs and organizations. The letter will be filed away for future use in this year's program on Special Education.

The Board agreed to activate the By-laws committee to review our local by-laws. Frances Marquis and Wanda Rogers will be the Board members on this committee. Other members will be contacted by the president.

State consensus deadline on the Administration of Justice program is January 15, 1977. The December 1 meeting will be changed to meet this deadline.

Following a discussion concerning our local Administration of Justice program, Ruth Manzke MOVED that we prepare our Administration of Justice program material for presentation to the Brownsville Independent School District for use in our local schools. Mary Chase SECONDED the motion. CARRIED.

Ruth Manzke agreed to prepare the program material for the presentation and to arrange for a meeting with the school board.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Marge Sumrall, Chairman, reported that 2 new members have been added and 15 prospective members, due to a successful membership drive and membership coffee held during September.

VOTERS SERVICE: Charlotte Sarossy, chairman, reported that 300 voters were registered during our September registration drive.

Jewel Spilman, of the Harlingen League, contacted us in regards to a Lobby Education Program to be given by Barbara Nables and Liz Davies on November 12, 1976. The membership will be informed of this program so that any interested member may attend.

Ruth Manzke gave a summary of the final report of the Citizens Energy Action Committee.

FINANCE: Delores Beier, chairman, reported on the progress of the Finance Drive. Letters have been mailed to local contributors, and a kick-off coffee for members was held October 15.

PUBLICITY: Mary Chase, chairman, reported that Mildred Frayd had contacted the League to give a program for the Eta Beta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International on November 8. Mary Chase and Frances Marquis will prepare and present the program.

Ruth Manzke reported on the progress of getting Voters Guides printed. After discussion, it was agreed that, due to the cost, we will not have the guides printed.

Meeting adjourned.

Marge Sumrall (A.L.)

Marge Sumrall
Acting Secretary

Approved 11/8/76 A.L.

N.R.

M I N U T E S

GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
October 20, 1976

The general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on October 20, 1976, at Luby's Cafeteria. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Twenty-five were in attendance, including one new member and five visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next general meeting will be held Thursday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the La Plaza Apartments Club House. Guest speaker will be Mrs Tony Martinez, who is Supervisor of the Educable and Trainable Mentally Retarded Program for the Brownsville Independent School District.

A reminder that Tuesday, November 2, is election day. Please vote!

PROGRAM: Donna McCabe introduced Mrs. Ruth Clark, Supervisor of the Language and Learning Disabilities Program for the Brownsville Independent School District.

In explaining the LLD Program, Mrs. Clark pointed out that students in this program are unable to learn despite their apparent ability to learn; that they have a difference in learning style, rather than inability to learn; that 80-85% of these students are boys; and that it frequently runs in families. These students come from all income levels; and most are above average in intelligence, although their school work does not show it.

Donna then introduced Mrs. Corrine Armendariz, a diagnostician in the LLD Program, who explained some of the things that they do for the children. This included the various ways of assessing the child to determine how to effectively handle the problem.

Both ladies were very interesting in their presentations, encouraging response by way of questions and answers.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 11/8/76
N.R.

MR.

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
November 8, 1976

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 1976, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Helen Marberry, Charlotte Sarossy, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Donna McCabe, Mary Chase, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the October 4 board meeting, and the October 5 and October 20 general meetings were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen Marberry reported a previous balance of $767.10. With receipts of $770 and disbursements of $15.96, the new balance is $1,521.14.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chamber of Commerce is asking that we support the City of Brownsville in the construction of a bridge connecting Brownsville and Matamoras. It was AGREED that the Chamber of Commerce be informed that, before we can do anything of this nature, we must first have a study and then reach a consensus.

A letter from Mr. Johney Snow, thanking us for our support at the Courthouse.

A letter from Valley Community Hospital indicating that they have available programs offered by the American Heart Association. It was AGREED that we cannot take advantage of the offer this year but would appreciate their keeping us in mind for another time.

A letter from the Tarrant County League asking that we recommend to the State that the Juvenile Justice in Texas be entitled "Children's Laws." A MOTION was made by Dolores Beier, and SECONDED by Ruth Manzke, that we support the item entitled "Children's Laws," which is recommended by Tarrant County. CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be a consensus meeting on Administration of Justice at the State Level on Wednesday, December 1, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Frances Marquis.

Annual reports are due on March 15, 1977.

A state-wide conference on "Children and the Judicial System in Texas" will be held on December 6 and 7 at North Park in Dallas.

Frances Marquis recently was guest speaker for the Self Culture Club, her topic being "The History of the League." Mary Chase spoke to the International Sorority, and her topic was "Caring About the United States."

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued): A lobby learn-in will be held at the Sheraton-Inn in Harlingen on Friday, November 12.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Frances Marquis reported that nothing has been done yet. However, an increase in dues is being considered. It was AGREED that the dues be raised to $10.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dolores Beier reported that $810 has been received, including a total of 68 contributors. Ruth Manzke's group had 37 contributors, totaling $425; Mary Chase's group had 31 contributors, totaling $385. Thank-you letters have already been mailed.

A vote of thanks was given to Dolores Beier for doing such a thorough job as chairman of the Finance Committee.

VOTERS SERVICE: Charlotte Sarossy reported that she and Helen Marberry had called in the Election Night Report to ABC, as planned.

PROGRAM: Donna McCabe reported that the meeting for December 1 will have to be re-scheduled, the date to be announced.

The next meeting, November 16, will be at the Statesman's Club at 7:00 p.m., instead of 7:30 p.m.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE: Ruth Manzke stated that a slide presentation will be set up in the Amigoland Mall on Friday and Saturday, November ~~13~~ 12 and ~~14~~ 13, at which time the League will solicit contributions.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: A Christmas party is being planned for the evening of December 11 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight at the LaPlaza Club House. Details to follow.

ADJORNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

N.R.

M I N U T E S

GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
November 16, 1976

The general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 1976 at the Statesman Club. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ten were in attendance, including six members and four visitors.

PROGRAM: Ms. Lou Ann Starck, who is Vocational Coordinator for the Regional School for the Deaf, was introduced.

Ms. Starck gave a very fascinating talk, with slide presentation, concerning her work with the deaf. Questions and answers followed, and refreshments were served.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers,
Secretary

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
December 6, 1976

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met on Monday, December 6, 1976, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Dolores Beier, Ruth Manzke, Marge Sumrall, Helen Marberry, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen Marberry reported a previous balance of $1,521.14. With receipts of $140, and disbursements of $21.74, the new balance is $1,639.40.

A MOTION was made by Ruth Manske that a check for $310 be sent to State in payment of our total pledge for the year. SECONDED by Dolores Beier. CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dolores Beier reported that contributions now total $905.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE: Ruth Manzke reported that receipts at Amigoland Mall totaled $287.45.

BROWNSVILLE URBAN WATERWAYS STUDY: Messers Dick Waldman and Larry Brown, representing the City Planning Department, gave a program, including slides, etc., concerning the city's resacas. They asked for our support on this Brownsville Urban Waterways Study.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 1/3/77

W.R.

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
January 3, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 1977, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Dolores Beier, Marge Sumrall, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 6 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report, given by Frances Marquis, indicated a previous balance of $1,639.40. Receipts of $40, and disbursements of $335.52, leave a new balance of $1,343.88.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Barbara Campbell, Deputy Registrar at the Cameron County Court House, thanking the League members for their help during the past year.

A letter from State, indicating that the 16th State Convention will be held in Fort Worth from April 19-21 at the Tarrant County Convention Center.

SYMPATHY: It was AGREED that a card be mailed to Ruth Manzke, expressing sympathy in the death of her father-in-law.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Everyone declared the Christmas party a success, and a note of thanks was expressed to Marge Sumrall, whose efforts made it so.

PROGRAM: The program regularly scheduled for January 10 has been temporarily postponed, and the program concerning the "Emotionally Disturbed" will be held instead. It will be held at the Skinner Elementary School at four o'clock in the afternoon.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Copies of Annual Report, Section II were given out, to be discussed at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 2/7/77 W.R.

M I N U T E S

GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
January 25, 1977

The general meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:00 p.m. on January 25, 1977, at the Statesman Club. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thirteen were in attendance.

BROWNSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL: It was AGREED that Ruth Manzke and Marge Summrall represent us at the Brownsville Youth Council, to be held at the Elks Club next week.

PROGRAM: Eunice McCoy, who is a teacher for the Emotionally Disturbed unit, and Donna McCabe, counselor, were introduced who, in turn, explained their program and how it works. Questions and answers followed, and refreshments were served.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

M.R.

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
February 7, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 1977, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, Marge Summrall, Dolores Beier, Helen Marberry, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Helen Marberry, indicated a previous balance of $1,343.88. As there were no receipts or disbursements, the balance remains the same.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: A Budget Committee was appointed and asked to meet before our next board meeting. These include Helen Marberry, Judy Gloor, and Mary Chase. It was AGREED that two others be appointed by Helen Marberry to serve on this committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: A card from the Manzke family was read, expressing appreciation for our card of sympathy.

ANNUAL REPORT: Ruth Manzke will send a report on Energy.

BROWNSVILLE YOUTH COUNCIL: Ruth Manzke gave a report concerning the meeting of the Brownsville Youth Council.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nominees for next year's officers are:
President - Marge Summrall
1st Vice President - Donna McCabe
2nd Vice President - Judy Wolfe

Treasurer - Judy Gloor
Secretary - Wanda Rogers

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved as Corrected
3/14/77
M.R.

M.R.

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
March 14, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 1977, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Marge Summrall, Ruth Manzke, Helen Marberry, Dolores Beier, Donna McCabe, Mary Chase, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved following corrections (corrections included the addition of board members to the list of nominees for next year's officers: Rita De Pau, Dolores Beier, Frances Marquis, Ruth Manzke, and Mary Chase).

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Helen Marberry, indicated a previous balance of $1,343.86 (including a $ .02 subtraction error that has been corrected). Disbursements of $98.75, and no receipts, leave a new balance of $1,245.11.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Helen Marberry reported that the Budget Committee met and adopted two new proposed budgets for next year--one proposed budget based on dues of $7.50, and the other on dues of $10. (Copy is attached).

A MOTION was made and SECONDED by Ruth Manzke and Donna McCabe, respectively, that the two proposed budgets be presented for approval at the annual meeting. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read indicating that our <u>League Action Service</u> subscription is about to expire. It was AGREED that the subscription should be dropped.

A letter from State included some free pamphlets entitled, "A Guide to the 65th Legislature."

Another pamphlet, entitled "Citizenship Rights of Felons and Ex-Felons in Texas", was also received from State. A MOTION was made by Marge Summrall, and SECONDED by Ruth Manzke, that 1,000 copies be ordered, to be used in an educational way. CARRIED.

MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE: A MOTION was made by Donna McCabe that we sell our mimeograph machine. SECONDED by Mary Chase. CARRIED.

ANNUAL MEETING: Marge Summrall suggested that our annual meeting be a luncheon and business type affair, to be held on Saturday, May 21. AGREED.

LOCAL PROGRAM: It was announced that a congensus membership meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ruth Manzke. The object is to discuss what we have done with this year's program and how we feel about it.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 4/5/77 M.R.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-1978

INCOME	76-77	Based on $7.50 Dues	Based on $10.00 Dues
Membership Dues	300.00	262.50	350.00
Finance Drive	1,150.00	300.00	300.00
Cash On Hand		727.50	640.00
	1,450.00	1,290.00	1,290.00
EXPENDUTURES			
President's Account	30.00	30.00	30.00
Operating Expenses			
Supplies	30.00	50.00	50.00
Postage	30.00	30.00	30.00
Telephone & Telegraph	10.00	10.00	10.00
Activities			
Program - Local	25.00	25.00	25.00
- State	15.00	10.00	10.00
- National	10.00	10.00	10.00
Voters Service	200.00	50.00	50.00
Committees - Membership	25.00	25.00	25.00
- Finance	65.00	50.00	50.00
Publications - Board Tools	50.00	50.00	50.00
- Members	30.00	30.00	30.00
Local Bulletin	160.00	160.00	160.00
Convention	250.00	250.00	250.00
State & Natl Dues - State	310.00	300.00	300.00
- Natl	200.00	200.00	200.00
Contingency	10.00	10.00	10.00
	1,450.00	1,290.00	1,290.00

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GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
April 26, 1977

The General Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on April 26, 1977, at the Statesman's Club. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Twelve were in attendance.

ANNUAL MEETING: Annual Meeting will be held on May 21 at 12:30 p.m. at the Rancho Viejo Country Club.

PROGRAM: An interesting program was given by Mr. Larry Brown, Associate Planner with the City Planning Department, and three of his assistants. The program consisted of a film and slide presentation with narrative concerning Brownsville's resaca system. They were asking for support in having something done to preserve and/or improve these waterways.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

N.R.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met Tuesday, May 3, 1977, in the home of Frances Marquis. Present were Marge Sumrall, Ruth Manzke, Donna McCabe, Delores Beier, Charlotte Sarossy, Frances Marquis, and Mary Chase. Absent were Wanda Rogers and Helen Marberry.

$1245.11 was reported in the treasury.

Frances read three pieces of correspondence:

(1) An announcement about the Texas Women's Meeting to be held June 24-26 in Austin;

(2) A report from the Governor's Energy Advisory Council;

(3) And a report from the LWV State Convention held in Fort Worth, April, 1977. Beginning in 1978 League members will pay $7.00 a piece for their per member payment to the LWV of Texas instead of the present support formula.

Gubernatorial debates are being urged for 1978.

Additional study has been recommended for the state Administration of Justice program , with focus on corrections; and to the Natural Resources program, with focus on groundwater management and protection.

LWV of Texas State Program for 1977-78 is:

I. Administration of Justice
II. Human Resources
III. Natural Resources
IV. Government

Frances distributed and discussed the agenda for Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, May 21, at Rancho Viejo Country Club. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the Resaca Room for $4.50.

Marge announced that ~~she~~ Ruth Manzke has been approached by Connie Greene to be on her show on KBOR.

Tuesday, June 7, we will have our Board meeting at Wanda Rogers. The 1976 Board will be invited, also, to pass their portfolios on to the new Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Chase

Mary Chase
Acting Secretary

Approved
N.R.

N.R.

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
May 21, 1977

The Annual General Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville was held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 1977, in the Resaca Room at Rancho Viejo Country Club. Mrs. Frances Marquis, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Twenty-two were in attendance, including three guests: Mesdames Rosalie McAdams, Juanita Barton, and Gloria Hughes.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 1976 Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report showed income of $1,166.00 and disbursements of $751.63. This leaves a balance of $1,181.34 in the checking account and $310 in the savings account.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAWS: The proposed change in by-laws, whereby the League membership dues be raised to $10, was read by Wanda Rogers, who then RECOMMENDED that the by-laws be changed as read. The recommendation was ACCEPTED.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977-78: The proposed budget for 1977-78 was read by Helen Marberry. Ruth Manzke RECOMMENDED that the budget be accepted. ACCEPTED.

SUPPORT OF ERA CAMPAIGN: A MOTION was made by Lenore Owens that we vote on whether or not to accept the proposal from National League whereby $10 per member be sent to the National League in support of their ERA campaign. SECONDED by Eleanor Kugal. CARRIED.

The League voted to ACCEPT the proposal.

A MOTION was made by Marge Sumrall that we take the $300 ($10 per 30 members) from the treasury. SECONDED by Ruth Anderson. CARRIED.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1977-78: Donna McCabe read the proposed local program for 1977-78 as recommended by the Board of Directors. She then made a MOTION that the recommendation be accepted. SECONDED by Dolores Beier. CARRIED.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR: It was announced that the March of Dimes is holding a ball on Saturday, June 11, at which time they will name the " Woman of the Year." We have nominated Jo McLain for this award.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Eleanor Kugel presented the proposed slate of officers for the coming year. There being no nominations from the floor, she then RECOMMENDED that they be accepted. The recommendation was ACCEPTED. The officers are as follows:

President: Marge Sumrall
1st Vice President: Donna McCabe
2nd Vice President: Judy Woolf
Secretary: Wanda Rogers
Treasurer: Judy Gloor
Directors: Dolores Beier
Rita DePau
Ruth Manzke
Frances Marquis
Nominating Chairman: Mary Chase.

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

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
June 13, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 13 at the home of Wanda Rogers. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Judy Gloor, Rita DePau, Frances Marquis, Donna McCabe, Mary Chase, Ruth Manzke, and Wanda Rogers.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, indicated a balance of $1,181.68 as of May 31.

BOARD TRAINING: It was announced that Marge Sumrall attended Board Training recently in Harlingen. It was suggested that we have our own Board Training soon and that someone come down to meet with us who has done action work. It was AGREED that Marge Sumrall make arrangements for this proposed Board Training for sometime in July.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE: A MOTION was made by Donna McCabe that we take on a project whereby our booklet on the Administration of Justice be given out to adults who are working with youth. SECONDED by Judy Gloor. CARRIED.

GENERAL MEETING: It was AGREED that, at the next general meeting, we go before the school board with our recommendations concerning Special Education in the Brownsville public schools. Frances Marquis will write up a letter to be sent to Mr. Raul Besteiro, Superintendent of Schools, and to Mr. Milton Kirby, Director of Special Education. The date for this meeting is to be determined later.

YOU AND YOUR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT: A MOTION was made by Ruth Manzke, and SECONDED by Donna McCabe, that we order 50 copies of the booklet, "You and Your National Government," the money to come from the Voters Service Budget. CARRIED.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Ruth Manzke RECOMMENDED that two membership coffees be held--one on Wednesday morning, September 14, and another on Thursday evening, September 15. AGREED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved

M.R.

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
August 8, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 1977 at the home of Frances Marquis. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Judy Gloor, Judy Woolf, Francis Marquis, Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Ruth Manzke, Donna McCabe, and Rita DePau.

MINUTES: Minutes from the June 13 board meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,181.68 on July 1, 1977. Receipts of $160 for the month and disbursements of $52.73 leave a balance on July 31, 1977 of $1,288.98.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marge Sumrall read a letter of thanks and appreciation from Shirley Gleason, who met with us in July for our board training in action work.

Frances Marquis read a copy of her letter to Mr. Raul Besteiro (Superintendent of Schools) and to Mr. Milton Kirby (Director of Special Education) concerning our recommendations for the Department of Special Education, and mentioning that we will soon be requesting a time to meet with the school board. A copy of this letter was also sent to each of the school board members.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Wanda Rogers.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 8/6/77 M.R.

M.R.

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
September 6, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, at the home of Wanda Rogers. Mrs. Marge Summrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Marge Summrall, Judy Gloor, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita DePau, Donna McCabe, and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes from the August 8 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,288.95 on August 1, 1977. Receipts of of $20, and disbursements of $19, leave a balance of $1,289.95 on August 31, 1977.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from Ms. June Kachtik, director for the LWV Texas Coastal Management Project, requested that a member be chosen to serve on the Advisory Committee which meets in September. Bea Lantz agreed to serve in this capacity.

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Manske announced that we now have seventeen paid members. Also, that a membership coffee will be held at her home on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m.

LAND USE CHAIRMAN: Ms. Babett Higgins, Land Use Chairman, will be at Padre Island on Thursday, September 15, for a tour of the island. Members are encouraged to meet with her for this tour and to have lunch together afterward.

PROGRAM: Tentative program plans include the following:

September: Set up a meeting with the school board sometime this month concerning our recommendations for the Special Education Department in the Brownsville schools.

October: A possible buffet supper meeting, with our speaker being Mr. Richard Leopold, who is Director of our City Health Department.

December: A Christmas party for Saturday, December 10. Everyone bring "goodies" for an afternoon of food, fun, and games. The place to meet will be announced later.

NEW MEMBERS: A MOTION was made and SECONDED by Dolores Beier and Ruth Manzke, respectively, that we acquaint our new members with our various programs. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

M.R.

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
October 4, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 1977, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Ruth Manzke, Frances Marquis, Wanda Rogers, Dolores Beier, and Miss Donna McCabe.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Rita DePau, Judy Gloor, and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 6 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None (treasurer absent).

CORRESPONDENCE: We were notified that ERA jewelry is now available.

Information was received from the committee on "Endangered Species"--including the final tabulation of questionnaires and activities.

A letter from Liz Davies, of San Antonio, expressing appreciation for our Bulletin.

A letter from Jan Coggeshall, Human Resources Chairman, also stating appreciation for the Bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Manzke reported that we now have 23 members. She also reported that Lucinda Flores (new member) and Judy Gloor have agreed to serve on the governing board for the City Health Clinic.

TEXAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: It was reported that Bee Lantz, Ruth Manzke, and Dolores Beier will attend the Texas Coastal Management Program at the Fort Brown Motel on Tuesday, October 11.

BEACH TRIP: Ruth Manzke reported that Ms. Babett Higgins did not show up for the proposed tour of Padre Island. However, six of our members did join three Harlingen League members for a visit with the Turtle Lady, Ms. Ila Loetscher. This was followed by lunch and a short beach tour given by Don and Judy Veech.

MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD: Frances Marquis reported that ten League members appeared before the School Board on September 20 to present recommendations for the Department of Special Education. The recommendations were well received, and some of the things recommended have already been accomplished. (List of recommendations attached).

GARDEN THERAPY: Marge Sumrall reported that, as a result of our program on Special Education and our interest in the handicapped children in our community, the West Brownsville Garden Club is planning a "Garden Therapy" program at the Moody School in an effort to involve these children in gardening. President of the garden club is our own Pat Garrison.

PROGRAM: Donna McCabe reported that Jaimie Roark, of KGB-TV, is interested in doing a telecast on Public Law 94-142 sometime before Christmas. This would help educate the public concerning this law, and would also provide publicity for the League.

Hank Hollingsworth, of KBOR Radio, also is willing to give us some time concerning this law.

It was SUGGESTED that the League write a letter to Ruben Hinojosa, our District Representative on the State Board of Education, concerning our recommendations for a required six hours of Special Education training for all public school teachers. AGREED.

October 13 - A buffet supper meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, with Richard Leopold, Director of the City Health Department, as speaker.

November 3 - A luncheon meeting at the Bonanza. Bee Lantz will provide a program on Project 208, given by members of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 1, at the home of Dolores Beier.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Meeting With School Board 9/20/77 for file

Mr. Besteiro, Mr. Rodriguez, School Board members; at the end of June a letter containing a list of recommemdations concerning the Special Education programs in the BISD was sent to you from the League of Women Voters of Brownsville. I am here tonight to reiterate the League's position in the hope that our feelings on this subject are clarified for you and the public.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization whose purpose is to encourage citizens to participate actively in government and politics, locally, in their State and at the national level. The League takes stands on issues only after careful study and a consensus of its members.

In October of 1976, the LWV of Brownsville began a study of the physical and psychological care, examinations, and counseling services available to children in the BISD. With the cooperation of Mr. Milton Kirby, Director of Special Education, and supervisors, teachers, therapists, counselors in each department, we were presented with a wealth of information. Some of the presentations surprised and delighted us, while others showed us some of the difficulties met in realizing good quality services for special children. We do not profess to have all the answers. We are not here to chide you. The problems this school board faces, such as procuring State funding, a large school-age population, the legal alien problem and , at times, lack of public support; these have been made most apparent to us.

I would now like to take each area of Special Education that we covered and give our recommendations and a brief explanation where it applies--

I. SPECIAL EDUCATION LAWS

1. Recommend that legislation be introduced to fund the building of special education facilities. Public Law 94-142 states that every child, no matter his handicap, be given an education geared to his needs. The children are numerous, as you know, but buildings are too few or inadequate in their design. We suggest that you, through your associations with other school boards, educators and legislators recommend and lobby for favorable legislation.

2. Recommend that all certified teachers in Texas be requiredto have six hours in special education courses.
Under Plan A, which calls for education of all children in the "least restrictive environment" all teachers need to know how how to deal with these students. The League plans a letter-writing campaign on this matter with letters going out to Mr. Ruben Hinojosa, our area representative to the State School Brd.

II. MENTALLY RETARDED PROGRAM (E.M.R. - T.M.R.)

1. Assurance from the local distric that there will be an E.M.R. classroom on every campus that needs it.

2. Help in establishing a community sheltered workshop. After spending so much money on these young people from age 3 to 21, it is a waste to send them home to vegetate.

III. LANGUAGE AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES (L/LD)

1. Recommend the establishment of one or more self-contained L/LD classrooms for severe L/LD students.
The overall L/LD Program is excellent, but for severe cases More intensive work is needed--one hour a day is not enough.

IV. DEAF EDUCATION

1. Remove the program from the third foor of the present building. Because of the ages of the children involved and sometimes their additional physical handicaps, this is self-explanatory.

2. Recommend mainstreaming these handicapped students whenever possible.

3. Recommend the use of itenerant teachers to help those hard-of-hearing students who are on regular campuses.

V. VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

1. Recommend the funding another teacher for this program. This is to insure that future needs will be met.
This program is ~~excellent~~ very adequate.

VI. SPEECH THERAPY

1. Recommend purchasing and using speechmobiles to give therapists a better environment to work in.

2. Recommend the hiring of more speech therapists. If this is not possible, then we recommend the training and use of speech therapy aides.

VII. COUNSELING

1. We support the newly adopted guidance program which will be uniform for the whole district.

2. Recommend the use of elementary school counselors. The League feels very strongly on this matter as a result from a study we did in 1975 on our local law enforcement and justice systems. Again and again we heard from thos dealing with juvenile offenders that by the ages of 11, 12, or 13 yrs. a youngster is too far gone for anything but the most intensive methods of counseling and rehabilitation. Children with learning problems often exhibit anti-social behavior. We feel that a counseling program in the elem. schools could help toward preventing much grief later in life.

VII. PROGRAM FOR THE EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED

1. Recommend more units be put into operation in the future; and that a program on the secondary level be initiated. The present unit you have is excellent.

IX. GIFTED CHILDREN

1. Recommend the establishment of a program to supplement the education of our very bright children.

Concerning the facilities for the orthopedically handicapped and other health-impaired youngsters, we applaud you for the foresight of implementing such a thorough program in the new Moody Annex facilities! We toured them and were very impressed!

Thank you for allowing us to appear before you this evening. You have the support of the LWV of Brownsville in all special education programs. The Brownsville Independent School District has come a long way in offering care, instruction and guidance to our youngest citizens who, being first of all children, and secondly, handicapped in one way or another, need all the help and encouragement possible.

Frances Marquis

N.R.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
Board meeting, Tuesday, November 1, 1977
7:30 p.m. at the home of Delores Beier

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the President Marge Sumrall. Members present were: Marge Sumrall, Donna McCabe, Frances Marquis, Delores Beier and Ruth Manzke. Absent were: Wanda Rogers, Rita DePau, Judy Gloor and Judy Woolf.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Marge Sumrall in the absence of Wanda Rogers, Secretary. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Membership Chairman, Ruth Manzke, reported a total of twenty-four members at the present time. Mrs. Rosario Fuentes is the latest member to join. Our Christmas Coffee will be held at the home of Caryl Atkins. She will confirm it later.

Voters Guides were distributed to the various locations by Rita DePau and members of the league.

Donna McCabe reported the emembers who will serve on the two committees. Community Services Bulletin committee are Gloria Hughes, Rosario Fuentes, Judith Gloor, Bee Lantz and Pat Garrison. The Administration of Justice Committee members are: Delores Beier, Rosario Fuentes, Ruth Manzke, Mary Chase, Marge Sumrall, Frances Marquis and Betty McNamara.

February is the tenetative time set for the program on the Resaca Study. January will be a luncheon meeting to discuss the progress on the Administration of Justice and Community Services Bulletin committees.

The Superintendent of the Brownsville Independent School District will go to Washington, D.C. for more funds for the legal aliens in the schools.

Jo McLean will compose a letter to the "60 Minutes" program about the legal aliens.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Manzke

Ruth Manzke,
Secretary, Pro tem

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
December 6, 1977

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 1977, at the home of Ruth Manzke. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Ruth Manzke, Dolores Beier, Judy Gloor, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, Judy Woolf, and Donna McCabe Bazar.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,248.43 on November 1, 1977. Receipts of $20 and disbursements of $201.26, leave a balance of $1,067.17 on November 30, 1977.

PROGRAM: In the absence of Donna Bazar (nee McCabe), Marge Sumrall reported that the Brownsville Herald has agreed to publish our community service bulletin when it is completed and even mentioned the possibility of updating it every three months.

CORRESPONDENCE: A note was read from Shirley Gleason, who expressed appreciation for our Bulletin.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Ruth Manzke reported that the Christmas party will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10, at the home of Wanda Rogers. Each member is asked to bring a snack. Food, fun and games are planned for the afternoon.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, at the home of Judy Gloor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 1/10/78

WR.

M I N U T E S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
January 10, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 1978, at the home of Marge Sumrall. Mrs. Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, Donna Bazar, Frances Marquis, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Ruth Manzke, Judy Gloor, Rita DePau, and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None given; treasurer absent.

PROGRAM: Donna Bazar verified a previous report whereby the Brownsville Herald has agreed to publish our community service bulletin when it is ready. They also mentioned the possibility of its being published in Spanish as well as in English.

MEETINGS: It was AGREED that we will have unit meetings only for this month. A general meeting will be held in February, enabling each committee to report concerning its progress. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, February 7.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Beth Brown, of the Board of Directors of the LWV of Texas, commending us on our Bulletin, and especially commending Frances Marquis on her statement to the School Board on September 20.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Wanda Rogers
Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 2/13/78 W.R.

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
February 3, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 1978, at the home of Dolores Beier. Mrs. Marge Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Ruth Manzke, Judy Gloor, Dolores Beier, Frances Marquis, Marge Sumrall, Donna Bazar, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mesdames Rita DePau and Judy Woolf.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report, by Judy Gloor, showed a balance of $1,067.17 on December 1. Receipts of $10 and disbursements of $29 for December and January, leave a balance of $1,048.17 on January 30, 1978.

GENERAL MEETING: It was announced that there will be a general meeting on Thursday, February 23, at the Bonanza Steak House, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bee Lantz will speak concerning her trip to the Coastal Zone Management Convention. Each committee will take a few minutes to explain what they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved 4/10/78

M I N U T E S

Board of Directors Meeting
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
April 10, 1978

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville met at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 1978, at the home of Marge Sumrall. Mrs. Sumrall, president, presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mesdames Marge Sumrall, Dolores Beier, Judy Gloor, Ruth Manzke, and Wanda Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Bazar, Judy Woolf, Rita DePau, and Frances Marquis.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report showed a balance of $1,118.17 on March 1. Disbursements of $300 leaves a balance of $818.17 on March 31, 1978.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee consists of Mary Chase, Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, Betty McNamara, and Bee Lantz.

COMMUNITY SERVICE BULLETIN: It was reported that Donna Bazar's committee plans to be finished with the Community Service Bulletin by the first of May.

GENERAL MEETING: A general meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 25, at Luby's Cafeteria. Mrs. Pearl West will speak, concerning the Friendship of Women Organization, which provides counseling for battered women.

BOARD ELECTION: Mr. Richard Leopold has requested assistance with the board elections at the City Health Clinic on April 29. Volunteering to serve were: Rosario Fuentes, Frances Marquis, Rita DePau, Bee Lantz, and Marge Sumrall.

STATE PRESIDENT VISITS: Mrs. Betty Anderson, State LWV president, visited with us on March 15. The visit included lunch with the members ~~on~~ and a tour of Padre Island. Judy and Don Veach, who have a tour service, took us on a tour of the island.

NEXT MEETING: The next board meeting will be at the home of Judy Gloor on Monday, May 8.

ANNUAL MEETING: It was decided that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20. Details to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Wanda Rogers

Wanda Rogers
Secretary

Approved as corrected - 5/8/78 W.R.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**BROWNSVILLE
LOCAL PROGRAM 1977-78

I. ACTION in accordance with the consensus on Special Education in the Brownsville Independent School District.

SPECIFICALLY, the LWV-BR:

I. Special Education LAW P.L. 91-142:
   1. RECOMMEND that legislation be introduced to fund the building of Special Education facilities.
   2. All certified teachers in Texas BE REQUIRED to have six hours of Special Education courses.
   3. Help to disseminate information to the public concerning this law.
   4. Research PL 91-142 as to how this law is going to be funded.

II. Areas of interest in Special Education
   1. Mentally Retarded (E.M.R.-T.M.R.).
      1. ASSURANCE from the local district that there will be an E.M.R. classroom on every campus that needs it.
      2. HELP in establishing a community sheltered-workshop.

III. Language and/or Learning Disabilities (L/LD)
   1. RECOMMEND the establishment of one or more self-contained L/LD classrooms for severe L/LD students

IV. Deaf Education.
   1. Remove from the third floor of present building.
   2. RECOMMEND mainstreaming these handicapped students whenever possible.
   3. RECOMMEND the use of itenerant teachers to help those who are on regular campuses.

V. Visually Handicapped
   1. RECOMMEND funding another teacher for this program.

VI. Speech Therapy.
   1. RECOMMEND purchasing and using speech mobiles to give speech therapists a better environment to work in.
   2. RECOMMEND the hiring of more speech therapists. If this is not possible, RECOMMEND the hiring of more speech therapy aides.

VII. Counseling
   1. SUPPORT the newly adopted guidance program which will be uniform for the whole district.
   2. RECOMMEND the use of elementary school counselors.

VIII. Emptionally Disturbed
   1. RECOMMEND more units be put into operation.

IX. Orthopedic.
   1. COMMEND the present superintendent and school board for the new orthopedic facilities that are in use and for the foresight of implementing such a thorough program.

X. Gifted
   1. RECOMMEND the establishment of a program to supplement the education of our very bright children.

ACTION 1977-78

1. Letter containing LWV-Br consensus and recommendations on Special Education was sent to: 1. Milton Kirby, Special Education Director. 2. Raul Besteiro, BISD Superintendent 3. The 7 School Board Trustees.
2. LWV-Br appeared before School Board to re-state position.

Wanda

MEMBERSHIP LIST
League of Women Voters of Brownsville
February 1, 1979

Arroyo, Sally (Mrs. Richard C.)
[redacted]

Atkins, Caryl (Mrs. Robert)
[redacted]

Aziz, Margaret (Mrs. T.)
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Bay, Betty (Mrs. Michael, Jr.)
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Beier, Delores (Mrs. Max)
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Cavazos, Eliza (Mrs. Raul)
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Chase, Mary (Mrs. Robert)
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Cook, Pat
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Corcoran, Geraldine
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DePau, Rita (Mrs. Juan)
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Dierlam, Marjorie (Mrs. Manning)
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Dunkelberg, Josephine (Mrs. Edward)
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Fleming, Sally (Mrs. Tom)
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Flores, Lucinda (Mrs. Antonio)
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Garrison, Pat (Mrs. Victor)
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Gloor, Judith (Mrs. Wilburn)
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Hughes, Gloria (Mrs. William)
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Lantz, Bee (Mrs. Ersel)
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Manske, Ruth (Mrs. Fred)
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Marberry, Helen
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Membership--Revised February 1, 1979

Marquis, Frances (Mrs. Max)
[redacted]

McLean, Jo (Mrs. Charles)
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McNamara, Betty Mae
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Morales, Frances (Mrs. Frank)
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Owen, Lenore (Mrs. M. E.)
[redacted]

Palfy, Anne (Mrs. David)
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Pinkerton, Frances
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Rauen, Florence N. (Mrs. M. J.)
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Reich, Virginia (Mrs. Art)
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Rogers, Wanda (Mrs. Raymond E.)
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Sainz, Connie D.
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Saroosy, Charlotte (Mrs. Steven)
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Vaughn, Frances
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Veach, Judy (Mrs. Don)
[redacted]

Wiss, Harriet
[redacted]

Wooldridge, Mrs. Ruby A.
[redacted]

Membership List
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE
December, 1978

Atkins, Caryl (Mrs. Robert)
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Secretary

PROPOSED
LWV-BROWNSVILLE BUDGET FOR 1978-79
(As prepared by Board of Directors acting as Budget Committee)

EXPENDITURES:

A. Operating costs		
1. Maintenance of equipment (Typewriter overhaul) (---Bulletin Editor)	$ 30.00	
2. General supplies (Paper, etc.)	65.00	
3. Postage	30.00	
4. Telephone & Telegraph	25.00	
Sub-total		$ 150.00
B. Board and administrative committees		
1. President's Expenses	30.00	
2. Board Tools (copies of In-League, State Mailings, etc.)	65.00	
3. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance	100.00	
b. Membership	30.00	
c. Public Relations	10.00	
Sub-total		235.00
C. Delegates, travel, affiliations		
1. State Convention/Council (Allowed for 2 delegates)	250.00	
2. National Council	250.00	
3. Workshops/ Regional meetings	100.00	
Sub-total		600.00
D. Financial support for the League		
1. Per Member Payment (State-$7)	364.00	
2. Per Member Payment (National-$9)	468.00	
(Figured at 52 members		
Sub-total		832.00
E. Bulletin		
1. Paper for printing, postage, etc.	350.00	
Sub-total		350.00
F. Educational activities		
1. Program committees		
a. National	10.00	
b. State	10.00	
c. Local	25.00	
2. Voters Service/Citizen Information	80.00	
Sub-total		125.00
EXPENDITURE GRAND TOTAL		$2,292.00
G. Contingency Reserves		
1. Present (carried from 77-78	310.00	
2. To be added 78-79	81.00	
Sub-total		391.00
EXPENDITURES PLUS CONTINGENCY		$2,683.00

INCOME:

A. Dues (52 @ $10)	$ 520.00
B. Contributions	
1. Non-member	1,400.00
C. Other sources	
1. Interest	3.00
D. Checking Account	450.00
INCOME GRAND TOTAL	$2,373.00

CONTINGENCY RESERVE	
A. 77-78 Unused Contingency	310.00
INCOME PLUS UNUSED CONTINGENCY	$2,683.00

League of Women Voters--Brownsville

ANNUAL FINANCIAL Report: May 19, 1979

INCOME	BUDGETED	TOTAL
A. Dues	$ 520.00	$ 410.00
B. Contributions	1400.00	587.50
C. Other	3.00	47.05
D. Checking Account	450.00	444.97
TOTAL		1489.52
EXPENDITURES		
A. Operating Costs	~~30.00~~	
1. Maintenance of equipment	30.00	29.27
2. General Supplies	65.00	0.00
3. Postage	30.00	36.80
4. Telephone	25.00	0.00
B. Board and Administrative committees		
1. President's espenses	30.00	30.00
2. Board Tools	65.00	63.05
3. Administrative committees		
a. Finance	100.00	54.35
b/ Membership	30.00	00
c. Public Relations	10.00	5.00
C. Delegates, Travel, Affiliations		
1. State convention	250.00	298.98
2. National Council	250.00	0.00
3 . Workshops-Regional Meetions	100.00	100.00
D. Financil Support for the League		
1. PMP (Per Member Payment) State	364.00	250.00
2 . PMP-National	468.00	234.00
E. Bulletin		
1. Paper, printing, postage	350.00	203.30
F. Educational Activities		
1. Program committee		
a. National	10.00	7.50
b. State	10.00	0.00
c. Local	25.00	8.11
2. Voters Service/Citizen Info.	80.00	86.80
	Total	1407.16
NEW BALANCE		82.36
Savings Account		358.85

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Wanda Dear —

Please keep with your files as Committee Report.

B.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS, BROOKSVILLE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

NOTE: Numbers here keyed to red numbers in left margin of attached revision draft.

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5. Eliminate amount of annual dues from By-Laws, a policy recommended by LWV-T on the basis that the amount of annual dues is not properly included in League By-Laws. Also including amount of annual dues in By-Laws makes changes in annual dues amount a more complicated procedure than necessary.

6. Insures that Treasurer's knowledge and records will be utilized in budget making.

7. Corrects typographical error in present By-Laws

8. Makes Program Statement comply with LWV-US Program Statement, as is required.

9. Provides By-Laws Committee more time for review and action to comply with need to submit proposed changes to LWV-T in January.

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BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Pat Cook, Chair---General Membership
Lenore Owen ---General Membership
Frances Pinkerton-General Membership
Betty McNamara----Board Member
Charlotte Sarossy---Board Member

PROPOSED REVISED BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

--Submitted January 29, 1979

Committee: Pat Cook, Chair
Lenore Owen
Frances Pinkerton
Betty McNamara
Charlotte Sarossy

BY LAWS

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Amended 1977 - Helen - was done, haven't found specific date yet

1. Amended 1979

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BYLAWS 2A

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3 Budget Committee.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and not less than two nor more than six elected Directors and not less than two nor more than six appointed Directors, the number of appointed Directors shall not exceed the number of elected Directors. One half of the elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a period of two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The Board shall appoint such additional Directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one (1) year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of the organization unless ~~she~~ that person is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas.

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Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem nedessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A Majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall commence on the first day of June of each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues ~~of $7.50~~ shall be payable June first.

4 Any member who fails to pay ~~her~~ ANNUAL dues within three (3) months

5 after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Those joining during the last three (3) months and paying ~~$7.50~~ annual dues will be admitted to full membership and credited with payment of dues for the League year following.

Sec. 3. Budget. A Budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, of at least three (3) persons from the general membership and two (2) Board members, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least five (5) months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall be chosen from the general membership. The Treasurer

6 shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Sec. 1. General Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between May 1st and May 31st, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall

(a) Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year.
(b) Elect officers and directors and members of the nominating committee.
(¢) Adopt an adequate budget.
(d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Fifteen (15) percent, or not less than eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas.

ARTICLE VIII
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two (2) members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

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Sec. 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for each office, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy-voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX
PROGRAM

Sec. 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall consist of

~~(a)--Action to protest the right to vote of every citizen, and~~

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(a) Action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States, and

(b) Those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. Program Selection. The Annual Meeting shall select the governmental issues for concerted study and action using the following procedures:

(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed Program.

(b) The proposed Program shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting. (The printing of the proposed Program in the Bulletin is considered sufficient notice.)

(c) A majority of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

(d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

(e) Changes in the Program, in case of altered conditions, may be made provided that (1) information concerning the proposed changes is sent to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at the succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. Local League Action. The League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE X
NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting preceding the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the National office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number alloted the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, under the provision of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting preceding the dates on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in accordance with the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. State Council. The Board, preceding the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the state office, shall elect delegates to that Council in the number alloted the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are appliciable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII
BYLAWS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Bylaws Committee. A Bylaws Committee of at least three (3) persons from the general membership and two (2) Board members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors ~~at least five (5) months prior to the Annual Meeting~~ immediately following the Annual Meeting to discuss possible Bylaws changes for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall be chosen from the general membership. The proposed Bylaw changes shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

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PROPOSED CHANGES IN BROWNSVILLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS--------submission by Betty Bay, President

note: All eliminations marked through by ----------
All additions marked () and underlined.

I. Eliminate amount of dues from By-Laws // Recommended by LWV-T

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Page 4

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II. Designate Treasurer as Ex-Officio Member of Budget Committee //Recommendd by LWV-T

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Page 4

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III. Change Program Statement to comply with LWV-US statement //Recommended by LWV-T

ARTICLE IX PROGRAM Page 5

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall consist of
(a) ~~Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and~~
(a) (Action to implement the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States, and)

IV. Change appointment time for By-Laws Committee to Immediately Following Annual Meeting //Recommended by LWV- T

ARTICLE XII BYLAWS Page 7

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V. Correct spelling error in By-Laws

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINETIONS AND ELECTIONS (NOMINATIONS) AND ELECTIONS Page 5

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee.....see last sentence
Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be be send (sent) to this Committee by any voting member.

VI. Eliminate any reference to She, since t is is an organization open to women AND men. Page 2 and 3

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VII. Eliminate any reference to Chairman....to make Chairperson or Chair??????????

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B Y L A W S

OF THE

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Sec. 3. The First Vice-President. The First Vice-President shall serve as administrative vice-president and shall in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the President possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the Presidency.

Sec. 4. The Second Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall in the event of the absence, disability, or death of the President and First Vice-President possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the Presidency. In the event that none of these three (3) persons shall be able to serve in this capacity the Board of Directors shall appoint someone to fill the Presidency.

Sec. 5. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all General Membership meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors. She shall notify all Officers and Directors of election. She shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other duties and functions as may be incident to her office.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse same only upon order of the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and not less than two nor more than six elected Directors and not less than two nor more than six appointed Directors, the number of appointed Directors shall not exceed the number of elected Directors. One half of the elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a period of two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The Board shall appoint such additional Directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one (1) year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of the organization unless she is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five (5) members of the Board.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A Majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall commence on the first day of June of each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues of $7.50 shall be payable June first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within three (3) months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Those joining during the last three (3) months and paying $7.50 will be admitted to full membership and credited with payment of dues for the League year following.

Sec. 3. Budget. A Budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee, of at least three (3) persons from the general membership and two (2) Board members, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least five (5) months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall be chosen from the general membership. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

Sec. 1. General Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four (4) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held between May 1st and May 31st, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall

(a) Adopt a local Program for the ensuing year.
(b) Elect officers and directors and members of the nominating committee.
(c) Adopt an adequate budget.
(d) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Fifteen (15) percent, or not less than eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum of all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas.

ARTICLE VIII
NOMINZTIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two (2) members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be send to this Committee by any voting member.

Sec. 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of the report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one (1) nominee for each office, the Secretary shall be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy-voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX
PROGRAM

Sec. 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, shall consist of

(a) Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and

(b) Those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. Program Selection. The Annual Meeting shall select the governmental issues for concerted study and action using the following procedures:

(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed Program.

(b) The proposed Program shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting. (The printing of the proposed Program in the Bulletin is considered sufficient notice).

(c) A majority of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

(d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting, but not recommended by the Board of Directors, may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

(e) Changes in the Program, in case of altered conditions, may be made provided that (1) information concerning the proposed changes is sent to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at the succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

Sec. 5. Local League Action. The League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the League of Women Voters of the United States and the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE X
NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND COUNCIL

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting preceding the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the National office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in the number alloted the League of Women Voters of Brownsville, Texas, under the provision of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors, at a meeting preceding the dates on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall elect delegates to that Convention in accordance with the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. State Council. The Board, preceding the date on which the names of the delegates must be sent to the state office, shall elect delegates to that Council in the number alloted the League of Women Voters of Browmsville, Texas, under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases in which they are appliciable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII
BYLAWS

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members of the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one (1) month in advance of the meeting.

Sec. 2. Bylaws Committee. A Bylaws Committee of at least three (3) persons from the general membership and two (2) Board members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least five (5) months prior to the Annual Meeting to discuss possible Bylaws changes for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall be chosen from the general membership. The proposed Bylaw changes shall be sent to all members one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.