

Gainesville

PROPOSED BUDGET
1989-1990

JUN 5 1989

EXPENDITURES

Board Tools	48.00
Voter	125.00
Postage/P.O. Box	50.00
Voter Service	
Local Officials Guides	125.00
Voter's Guide (velox)	40.00
Forum	40.00
State Council Meeting	300.00
State Per Member Payment	300.00
National Per Member Payment	396.00
Supplies	20.00
Finance Drive	50.00
	<u>1,494.00</u>

INCOME

Membership Dues (24)	720.00
Contributions	300.00
Fund Raising	474.00
	<u>1,494.00</u>



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EXPENDITURES

A. <u>VOTER</u> (10 months)		
1. Postage (40 x 22 = 8.80 x 10 mos.)	88.00	
2. Supplies (stencils, paper)	<u>28.00</u>	116.00
		10.00
B. <u>Operating Costs</u>	10.00	
C. <u>Board Administration</u>		
1. <u>President</u>		
A. Post Office Box	26.00	
B. Telephone	25.00	
C. Training packets for Board	<u>10.00</u>	61.00
		14.00
2. <u>Secretary</u>		
Board notes, stamps	14.00	
3. <u>Treasurer</u>		
A. Dues notices	10.00	
B. "Money Matters" publication	<u>2.50</u>	12.50
4. <u>Board Tools</u>		
A. Duplicate Mailings	50.00	
B. Publications		
1. Advocacy Papers	<u>50.00</u>	
2. Action Briefs		
3. Texas Directory	<u>2.00</u>	102.00
		150.00
5. <u>Public Relations & Advertising</u>	150.00	
6. <u>Membership</u>		
Notes, notices, applications	10.00	10.00
7. <u>Finance Drive</u>		
Letters, mailing	50.00	50.00
8. <u>Miscellaneous</u>		
Office Supplies	25.00	25.00
D. <u>Delegate Travel</u> (3 delegates)		
1. <u>State Council</u>		
A. Mileage	100.00	
B. Motel	120.00	
C. Meals	<u>120.00</u>	340.00
2. <u>National Convention</u> (1 delegate)		
Denver - depending on finances	-0-	-0-
3. <u>Workshops</u> (out of town)		
	75.00	75.00
E. <u>Financial Support</u>		
1. Dues (to state) in fall of 1985		
A. 16 x 9.00	144.00	
* B. Extra paid to state/penalty for less than 28 members	<u>106.00</u>	250.00
2. Dues to LWV-US in fall of 1985		
16 x 13.00	208.00	208.00

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F. Educational

1. "Know Your Local Officials"

A. Invitations 8.80
B. Tea 10.00
C. Pamphlets 100.00

118.80

2. Candidates Forum

A. Invitations (80 x 22) 17.60
B. Refreshments 10.00

27.60

3. Voters Guide (velox 26 x 2) 52.00

52.00

4. Programs (speakers, meals, phone) 60.00

60.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 1,681.90

INCOME

A. Dues

Estimated membership for 1985-86, 25 members 625.00

B. Interest

Savings Account @ 5.25% on average of \$1,700.00 89.25

C. Finance Drive

967.65

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 1,681.90

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GAINESVILLE



OCT 27 1973

Bylaw Changes for Provisional Leagues

Until such time as the Provisional League of Women Voters of Gainesville, Texas is recognized as a local League by the board of the League of Women Voters of the United States, the following changes in the bylaws shall be in effect.

1. The word "Provisional" shall be inserted before the word "League" wherever the name "League of Women Voters of Gainesville " appears.
2. The two-year term of office as prescribed in Article IV, Sec.1 and Article V, Sec. 1 shall not take effect at the time of election of officers for the provisional period.
3. Article II, Sec.2 ,first sentence; Article VII,Sec. 2: and Article IX shall be inoperative.
4. The word "observer" shall be substituted for "delegate" in Article X.Sec. 1 and 2.



Bylaws

League of Women Voters of Gainesville

ARTICLE I

Name

Sec.1 Name The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters of Gainesville. 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 Gainesville,

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. Purpose The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec.2 Policy The League of Women Voters of Gainesville 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 or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec.1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a. Voting members shall be women citizens at least 18 years of age
- b. Associate members shall be all other members.

ARTICLE IV

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, six elected Directors and not more than (the same) appointed Directors. (One-half of elected Directors) shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessart to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall be one 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 this organization unless she is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville.

Sec. 3 Vacancies Any vacancy occuring 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. Three consecutive absences from a board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

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 regular meetings of the board of directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the board of director and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the board.

Sec. 6. Quorum A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Sec. 1 Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of ^{Third} Women Voters of Gainesville shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an annual meeting and take office immediately. The president, the first vice president, and the secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The second vice president and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Sec. 2 The President. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the board of directors. She may, in the absence or disability of the treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. She shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating committee. She shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the president and perform such other duties as may be designated by the board.

Sec. 3. The Vice presidents. The ~~two~~^{three} Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation, or death of the president, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the board of directors shall select on of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and board may designate.

Sec. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all meetings of the board of directors. She shall notify all officers and directors of their election. She shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.

Sec. 5. 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 the 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.

ARTICLE VI Financial Administration

Sec. 1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall commence on the first day of June each year.

Sec. 2 Dues. * ~~Annual dues of \$ 15 shall be payable June first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within six months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.~~

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 shall be appointed by the board of directors at least two months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the budget committee.

* Alternate ARTICLE VI, SEC. 2. for League choosing Anniversary Dues.

Sec. 2. Annual Dues of \$ 15.00 shall be payable on the first day of the anniversary month of the member's joining the League. Any member who fails to pay her dues within two months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four 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 1 and May 31, 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, members of the nominating committee.
- c) adopt an adequate budget, and
- d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at all business meetings of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the board of directors. The chairman and two 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.

Sec. 2. Report of 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 sent to all members one month before the date of the annual meeting. The report of Nominating Committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this 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 nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX

Program

Sec. 1. Authorization. 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 Gainesville shall consist of: a) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and b) those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Sec. 3. Action by the annual meeting. The annual meeting shall act upon the program using the following procedures:

- a) The board of directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b) The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting.
- c) A majority vote 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 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 majority vote.

e) Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two 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 a 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.

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention, and Council

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Gainesville under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Gainesville under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. State Council. The board of directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Gainesville 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 to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual meeting, provided that amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

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To the Editor:

The Gainesville League of Women Voters shares the concern of Cooke County Democratic Chairman Bill Sullivant as quoted in the Gainesville Daily Register for May 2 -that he is "disappointed that the voters will not have a say in the Democratic party nominee" for State Senator from District 30.

The State Democratic Chairman has asked that the county Democratic chairmen in State Senate District 30 meet on May 14 to select a candidate whose name will appear on the November general election ballot for State Senator. Such action could effectively nullify the effect of the special election which has been called for August 13, 1988 to fill former Senator Ray Farabee's unexpired term.

If the chairman of the thirty counties making up Senate District 30 select a nominee for senator of this district for the term 1989-1992 prior to the scheduled special election of August 13, 1988 (which has been called to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 1988), they will be doing so without knowledge of the people's choice of a candidate.

A chronology of events and projected events is as follows:

December 1987	Senator Ray Farabee filed for re-election to his Senate seat.
March 1988	Senator Ray Farabee resigned from his senate seat to accept another position; this left his senate seat vacant through 12/31/88. His name, however, remains on the November general election ballot.
April 1988	With a choice between May 7 and August 13, the Governor chose August 13 as the date for the special election. (The winner of this election will serve only until December 31, 1988; the person who serves from 1989 to 1992 must win the November general election.)

- August 13, 1988 A special election is scheduled to elect Senator Ray Farabee's replacement through 12/31/88; he plans to remove his name from the November ballot the following day.
- Sept. 9, 1988 The Democratic County Chairs and the Republican County Chairs must report their choices for their candidates in the November general election, including that of senator in District 30 for the period 1989-1992.
- Sept. 14, 1988 If none of the three announced candidates should win a majority in the special election of Aug. 13, 1988, a run-off for the interim senate seat for the period through Dec. 31, 1988 will be held on this date.
- November 8, 1988 General Election

If the county chairman of Senate District 30 do on May 14, 1988 name a candidate for the November general election ballot (an action which is not required until Sept. 9, 1988), the special election scheduled for Aug. 13, 1988 to elect a person to replace Senator Ray Farabee until Dec. 31, 1988 becomes somewhat moot. The Texas Senate is not in session between August 13 and December 31, 1988. In addition, the person who wins the special election, if different from the person selected by the county chiarmen on May 14, would have no opportunity to be considered in the general election of November 8. Finally, the person on the ballot on November 8 may not be the person whom the majority of the voters of Senate District 30 would have selected.

A May 14 decision on a Democratic candidate for the District 30 senatorial seat might be technically legal, but does it meet the "one person one vote" test? Thirty votes from thirty chairmen from counties ranging in population from 5,600 to 125,600 would provide skewed results as far as votes of individuals are concerned.

One of the criteria considered by the League of Women Voters of Texas in determining its position on voting rights is "the impartiality of treatment

for all voters." The local League of Women Voters sincerely hopes that the county chairmen of State Senate District 30 will delay until after August 13, 1988 to name a person for the senate seat on the November general election ballot, thereby respecting the individual voters' rights both technically and ethically.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Currie

Sandra Currie, President
Gainesville League of Women Voters





LEAGUE Of Women Voters, Gainesville

Gainesville, Texas 76240

JAN 11 1988

Dear League Member:

As we welcome in 1988 we look ahead to a very active spring! But first our League is taking an active part in Voter Registration this month. The Gainesville League of Women Voters is cooperating in a plan sanctioned by the League of Women Voters of the United States and Wal-Mart stores for a January 1988 voter registration campaign prior to the registration deadline for the Super Tuesday primary election. The highlight of the project is a voter registration drive January 22 & 23 at Wal-Mart locations across the South. Locally, we will be doing this registration from 10-8 p.m. on Friday the 22nd and from 10-6 on Saturday the 23rd, and we'll need your help. Call Sandy at 665-2006 if you can volunteer.

Some new faces have joined our Board. Jan Russell has accepted the position of Voter Editor and Valarie Knabe will be our new Treasurer. I look forward to working with them in the months ahead. Welcome aboard!

Our calendar for the coming months is highlighted here for your convenience and planning:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Friday, January 22 (10-8) Saturday, January 23 (10-6)	Voter Registration Drive at Wal-Mart
Saturday, February 6 10:00 a.m.	Election Judges School at Chamber of Commerce
Thursday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.	Voter Forum for County & District Elections, Chamber of Commerce
Tuesday, March 8	Super Tuesday Primary Election Day
Tuesday, April 12	Run-off Primary Election Day
Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.	Voter Forum for City, GISD, and local Board elections, Chamber of Commerce
Saturday, May 7	Local Election Day

I value each member's participation in our League's activities and hope that you'll gain something valuable by participating...this is what our League is all about.

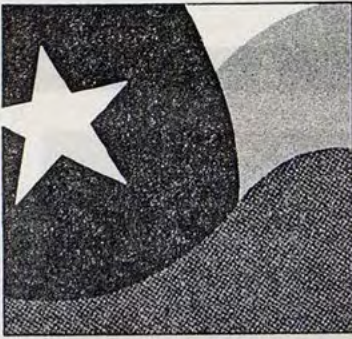
See 'ya...

Sandy Currie



JAN 8 1987

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MEMORANDUM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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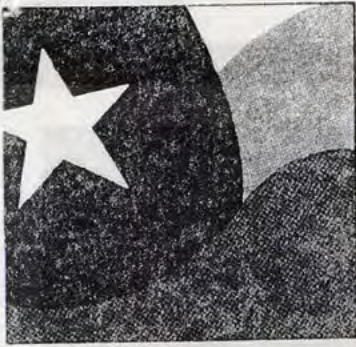
Jan. 6, 1987

To: Gail Enright; Marianne Pollak
From: Lois Carpenter, Pres. LWV-Texas
Re: LWV-Gainesville situation

Something I didn't get done before Christmas was to contact you with regard to the LWV-Gainesville, TX "horror story" about which we learned at the Dallas leadership conference. We were concerned of course, and I asked our Org. V-P Sondra Ferstl to check into it. She did, and sent me a prompt memo about it. At this point I am taking the easy way out and sending you both a copy of it rather than trying to re-explain it.

I agree with Sondra that at this point we should just let sleeping dogs lie. It would appear that there are indeed two sides to the story. Evidently there was poor communication on the part of the local League--which they are now aware of--and some misunderstanding by Mr. Brewer as a result. It was not a debate but merely a forum where several points of view were presented.





for your information

MEMORANDUM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

1212 Guadalupe, No. ¹⁰⁷ • Austin, Texas 78701 • Tel 512/472-1100

DEC 10 1986

December 5, 1986

TO: Lois Carpenter
President, LWV-Texas

FROM: Sondra Ferstl
Field Service Director

cc: State Office, Rachel Gooch (*Shore, Hockley*)

In response to your request for further information on the presentation Mel Brewer made to LWV-Gainesville, I phoned the local League president Sandra Currie on Wednesday, December 3. She was present at that particular meeting and gave me her account of the events.

Panelists for the program on liability insurance were contacted by phone. Remember that Mr. Brewer was a substitute for someone else who was to have appeared on the program; he was not contacted personally by the League. I have no way of knowing what information about the format and intent of the program was originally given to the panelists, since I have not spoken with the person responsible for making arrangements for the program. I don't know if the videotaping of the program was discussed at that time. I also did not check with Sandra about whether Brewer was introduced to her and to his "opponents" when he arrived for the program.

Sandra agreed that the format and arrangements for the program were not confirmed in writing and in retrospect it is certainly easy to see how this contributed to the difficult situation. Brewer had a slide presentation to give, and he was first on the program mainly because it was easier to have the equipment ready to go. He arrived early enough to set up his equipment and certainly saw the videocamera ready for action. Sandra does not believe that the lawyers were attacking his position. The program was not presented as a debate and the lawyers were not arguing with him; they were simply presenting other points of view.



Sandra says she sensed Brewer was miffed about something by the way he packed up his equipment at the end of the program: "I felt that he felt uncomfortable." She sensed also that Brewer had expected to give a program for little old ladies in tennis shoes, and though he didn't find that, it is interesting to note that there were only 25 people in attendance--not exactly a large turnout. I believe Sandra said that Brewer had some difficulty with his slide presentation--that he hadn't had time to do a run through on it and it showed. But such a situation may well have contributed to his sense of frustration (that plus the rainstorm that he had had to drive through to get there).

The Gainesville League usually shows the videotape of their programs twice on the local cable access channel--on Sunday evening and on Tuesdays. They had shown the tape for the first time on Sunday, and then Brewer's letter arrived on Monday, informing them that they did not have his permission to show it on any cable channel. Somewhat surprised by the letter, Sandra called the cable station manager on Tuesday morning and they agreed to pull the second viewing of the program.

My personal conclusion is that the Gainesville League may have failed to confirm the arrangements for the program in writing well in advance of the date but that it would have been difficult anyway with a substitute speaker. Still, speaker number one could have shared with speaker number two any written information he had received. Brewer appears to have overreacted and I do not believe the Gainesville League's actions were nearly as impolite as Gail Enright's memos to Marianne Pollak (of November 13 and 14) would make us think. It's unfortunate that Brewer is the president-elect of the Texas Association of Business, an organization who is the state League's opponent in a lawsuit and that he has a bad impression of the League because of this one occasion. At this point, my recommendation would be to let the national office know that there is another side to the story and to let sleeping dogs lie.

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October 28, 1986

Sandra Currie
LWV-Gainesville

Dear Sandy,

I saw your VOTER while I was in the office last week. Your series of citizen information meetings on liability look terrific. You've certainly assembled a notable list of speakers. I imagine there are a number of local Leagues interested in this topic (some probably frustrated because it's a state issue and one on which we have no position). I think one or more local Leagues are even considering recommending a state study on liability insurance. It would help me if you could keep me posted on what happens at your meetings: what do the speakers say, what kind of questions do the audience ask--anything that seems relevant. Don't turn this into a project; sending me newspaper clippings or scribbled notes would be very helpful to me and, I hope, not a burden to an already busy person!

Thanks,

Diane B. Sheridan
Program VP

cc: Marty Kissinger, FSR
bcc: Lois, SO

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SEP 6 1979

September 6, 1979

Sue Leonard, President
LWV of Gainesville

Dear Sue;

I understand that you have made inquiries regarding the possibility of state unit status for the Gainesville League. This letter is intended to explain that process in some detail.

Before a state unit can be organized, the local League must disband. A letter must go to each League member announcing a meeting for the purpose of deciding whether or not to disband. The letter should request that every member attend and must also state that failure to attend will be counted as a vote to disband. If the final vote is in favor of disbanding, there is no longer a League of Women Voters of Gainesville.

Should you then decide to become a unit of the LWVT, you will need to select a chair person, a secretary-treasurer, and other chairs as needed. The Guide to Organizing State Units that you have received contains additional information.

When a local League disbands, all local program studies and action positions are lost. A state unit is not involved in local program study; it studies state and national program and may take action on state and national positions.

I enjoyed our brief conversation in San Antonio, Sue, and I heartily commend you for hanging in. The dog days of summer are difficult times for all Leagues. It is my sincere hope that fall will bring a rejuvenated commitment by all the members of the Gainesville League.

Cordially,

Beth Brown, Organization Vice President

cc: Materka, SC. file



AUG 27 1979

August 24, 1979

Mr. Joann Lovelace
1212 Guadalupe, No. 109
Austin, Tx 78701

Joan Joann,

We are having some difficulty keeping our membership and will have to present some options to them soon. Barbara Maturka suggested that I get material on MALs and units-at-large. She thought this was in the State Board Handbook and that you might be able to send me copies of that information. I'm trying to "hang in".

Thank you for your help,

Lue Leonard

Aug. 27

TO: Beth, Martha, Barbara
FROM: Joann

I sent her a "Guide to Org. State Units," plus four MAL Guidelines and three State Unit Guidelines. Let me know if she needs anything else -- besides cheering up!

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MAR 14 1977

March 9, 1977

TO: HUNTER cc: SO

FROM: SHLIPAK

RE: REQUEST FROM GAINSVILLE FOR LL RECOGNITION

I have reviewed the Gainsville material and Marty'Kissinger's letter. From what I've read, it seems that they shouldk be granted recognition.

Unless you have information~~x~~ to the contrary, I would concur with Marty's recommendation for recognition.

C Have passed material~~x~~ on to Materka, who will then give ~~xx~~ it to Clark, and so on.

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Nov. 12, 1976

To: Kathy Leabo, cc: Hunter, Peterman, Anderson, SO
From: Headrick
Re: Gainesville training

NOV 17 1976

Kathy--First of all let me say once again how much I enjoyed working with you yesterday. (Now that I'm typing my handwriting--I've had Criminal Justice Conference and Safe Drinking Water Project!)

I called Marty the night we finished to report a little bit. She was like a "mommy" waiting for news of her wee one! Here are my thoughts on the following:

STATE PROGRAM--and "PROGRAM COORDINATOR"

Perhaps it was because the Pres. kept interrupting us, but I felt she really wasn't sure what was going on. She definitely needs another visit--with all the program people. Just doesn't even have the elementary of how to begin. Other members of the board said she was good at dispersing the material. Marty K. says Norma is her pick for next president. (I didn't see it--but then don't think I had adequate exposure to her.) She is an older person who remarked she plans to work in LWV but can't let it interfere with drop of the hat travel with her retired husband.

PUBLICITY & P.R.

This young mother--brand new to LWV--was one of tops in my book with tremendous potential. She is terribly frustrated with the lack of organization and lines of communication. After showing her the tools she needs and the basic elements of her job she seemed so relieved "that it is all there. If this group intends to keep her they'll have to get their act together. She shows great potential for program and action.

LOCAL PROGRAM

Older lady who heads the local survey task. She has journalism background and quite capable in editing. Her main concern is to finish up the survey and was not interested in training for local program. I assured her after the survey is completed, we'll be glad to return for special training. She needed just plain talk about the mechanics of finishing it. Both Kathy and I urged her to (with committee) immediately go over completed surveys, correct, edit and produce in rough draft for Marty to check over. (Kathy--can't remember where in the process does the total League look at it--thru VOTER--before or after Marty?) In meantime, she was urged to lean on her other committee members working on the final surveys to complete them quickly and follow same procedures as above. The group seems so determined to be recognized this spring--so we didn't mince words that they had to "get with it" on the survey.

PRESIDENT

My impressions: A very positive and delightful person and totally dedicated to the League. However, she might be one of the reasons this group has not gotten any further. She does not appear to have to have a shred of organizational ability. I heard from more than one that board meetings are nothing more than clusters of small groups visiting--with no one really taking charge.

OVERALL EVALUATION

This group has some tremendous raw talent and can really be a force in their small community. Kathy and I were discouraged at the beginning of the day--but by hard day's end felt buoyed. One day isn't going to do it--especially in program. I'll be willing, maybe with

another to go back up several times for special training. Be assured we were not demanding--in the sense that they are a small town League. We told them again and again we do not expect them to do everything. But we did lean on them to do some League procedures! This group is worth saving. It will take a lot of hard work on our part (both trainers and advisor). I personally would hate to see us approve this group if their membership doesn't improve a bit and they can't get the elementary organizational elements together.

GAINESVILLE SUGGESTS TO SE: Anytime we use initials (e.g. PTR) could we write it out in the first paragraph? They get so confused.

MY SUGGESTIONS FOR LETTER CONTENT TO GAINESVILLE--original to Pres., copies to each of three "coordinators".

1. First order of business--get notebooks in order!
2. Re-emphasize organizational chart and how important and gratifying League work will become if coordinators receive and disperse materials to appropriate chairs plus careful filing.
3. Importance of completing Local Survey immediately and go through mechanics again.
4. How important it is to increase their membership
5. The urging again of striving for two meetings a month.
6. Double check who is getting DPM's
7. Plus/and/or/ whatever you think, Kathy.

LETTER TO MARTY K.

1. Her first task is not to allow them to move until their notebooks (tools) are in order or "on order".
2. Ask her to begin to tactfully guide them into proper business meeting practices--parliamentary procedures--groups remaining quiet etc.
3. Have her double check if DPM's are coming to proper coordinators, and see if Pres. is dispersing her materials (or filing) that don't come on DPM
her
4. Have/continue our concerns that they need more than one luncheon meeting a month.
5. Plus/and/or--whatever you think Kathy.

Helen--Hope Kathy will tell you about our coup of the day-- How we got three "coordinators" (V.P.'s):

Am sending a letter to State Program chair--about lobby school. Also urging her to take a group to Denton or Sherman (with dated) to observe a AJ unit discussion meeting.



League of Women Voters
of the United States

1730 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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April 9, 1974

Mrs. Don Swindle, President
Provisional League of Women Voters of Gainesville

Dear Mrs. Swindle:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Provisional League of Women Voters of Gainesville. Word of your recognition has just reached us from Mrs. Darvin Winick. We know your state Board will be happy to give you help and guidance. The national Board and staff are here to serve you, too. We hope you will feel free to call on us.

Under separate cover we are sending you several items which we believe will be useful. First, the September and January issues of the National Board Report. Board Reports will help you keep up with voters service, publications, and most important, program. You will receive copies of the Publications Catalog; I urge you to read particularly the pages on subscriptions and to discuss with your advisor which services would best keep your program chairmen supplied with needed materials. The President's Packet (sent annually to all provisional and local Leagues) contains information on communications, a suggested list of publications for a local League Board, information on subscriptions services, per member payments, copyrighting, and some forms to be completed and returned to the national office as requested. Finally, copies of our latest VOTER are being sent to you for distribution to your members.

The Board has asked me to call to your attention the purpose of the Interim Report (sample enclosed), which provisional Leagues make when they are about half way through the provisional period. The provisional Board fills out the form under the guidance of its advisor, and sends it to the state Board which forwards it to us with comments. The national Board then makes suggestions to you on completing preparations for recognition as a local League. The purpose is to help new Leagues ready themselves for the privileges and responsibilities which accompany League status. I am enclosing the Convention material which has been mailed to Leagues. It includes a credential to send an observer to Convention. Although your League is very new, we do hope you will be represented. It is a great way to become acquainted with the League as a national organization.



April 9, 1974

We share the enthusiasm of your state Board for the advent of a League in Gainesville. As a provisional League, you have an important role to play, for your community thinks of you as the League of Women Voters, and it is partly through your activities that the people in Gainesville will form their opinion of our organization of more than 1,300 Leagues and 160,000 members.

Sincerely,

Lucy Wilson Benson
President

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MRS. DARVIN M. WINICK, PRESIDENT

October 25, 1973

Mrs. Carolyn Ulrickson

Re: Organizing Gainesville LWV
Organization Meeting, October 23

Dear Carolyn:

Well, we are organized! We made it by the skin of our teeth and 38 joined before the meeting was over. We covered several hurdles the week before--I did not get copies of the budget, bylaws, and nominating committee report until an hour before the meeting, and after doing some double checking and re-reading discovered that we do send national a per-member-payment from the beginning, so had to ask the budget committee to adjust it \$80.00 more! The nominating committee chairman had only one copy of her report, and one of the nominated board members wasn't at the meeting and had not paid dues, so we had a nomination from the floor. There was an open house at the high school the same night, so they are still expecting more to join and with good luck we may come out all right! Have reminded them to send State copies, minutes, money, etc., so am assuming no more is necessary from me.

By the way, how many reports and in what detail do you wish me to send? When they begin reporting regularly, do you still wish me to send anything?

An enclosing some notes on our phone calls; thought we may need them for future reference.

All in all in my opinion Gainesville has good possibilities. There is enthusiasm among the newer people, Shirley gave an excellent program which included several maps and posters on Gainesville history, and already there are 3 or 4 qualified people to consider for board appointments. I am having difficulty getting them to work in committees, but think they are beginning to understand the reasoning. It's still amazing to me how many people there are with no prior knowledge or experience in organizing for work, common sense time schedules, etc., but am learning to accept and work from there. I may learn more than I teach! Thanks for the opportunity.

Love,

CC: State office
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July 8, 1973

To: Winick, Anderson, Organization Core Committee
From: Ulrickson
Re: Gainesville Pre-provisional

Hi! Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote to the temporary chairman of Gainesville pre-Provisional after a very nasty phone call about 10:00 a.m. this morning. To say the least, I'm not prepared to defend myself at that hour on Sunday. The lady was very upset, made demands which the League cannot meet. I think I kept my cool fairly well. Rick was upset that I didn't hang up on her... and he was only hearing my attempts to be polite

Just thought you should be informed of the situation. I'm mailing this to State Office for them to mail out with the regular mailing. We leave for Houston in the a.m. to close the deal on our new house in Seabrook. Unless we run into unforeseen problems, the packers will be in on Monday the 16th and we should be settled (somewhat) by the next Friday. All correspondence to me will be safer sent to state office until you get notice that we're moved

Wish us luck. This is a new experience for us

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MRS. DARVIN M. WINICK, PRESIDENT

July 8, 1972

Mrs. Lorainne Sanders

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

This letter is in reference to your rather disturbing telephone call this morning. I feel compelled to say that I feel that most of your hostility was unjustified. It seemed impossible to establish some understanding between us. Your attitude was totally unexpected and I was not prepared to discuss the situation with you--in fact I was quite surprised at your attitude.

There are obviously several misunderstandings about the League. These must be my fault since I am the only person you have been involved with. The thing I want to emphasize most is that all workers in the League at all levels are volunteers. We are all women with families, vacations, and personal problems which must at times come before League.

I would like to trace the chronology of the development of the Gainesville League with you as my records and memory indicate. The initial contact regarding the formation of a LWV in Gainesville was a letter from Mrs. Davenport to Mrs. Wackerbarth who was then Organization Vice President on March 31, 1972. Mrs. Wackerbarth replied on April 5, 1972 enclosing "So You'd Like to Form A League - Organizing a LWV" (a copy of which I enclose). This outlines the procedures for organizing a League. On May 11, I wrote to Mrs. Davenport volunteering to come in any time during the rest of May or the first week in June to discuss the formation of a League. No response was received until I was contacted about coming to speak to the group at the country club on Sept. 13, 1972. I was most enthusiastic following that meeting. I think I made it very clear that state board approval of the community survey was necessary prior to achieving "pre-Provisional status". In my report to the state board following that trip, I said,

"They are planning to call a meeting of the 26 the week of Sept. 18th, to elect a temporary chairman, divide the work on the community analysis, and make plans for total community recruitment. They plan to have the analysis completed by the Nov. state board meeting so they can officially become pre-Provisional, and their goal is to be recognized as Provisional at the Jan. board meeting. With this group of go-getters I wouldn't be surprised if they make it! They were concerned that 26 wasn't enough for a temporary committee."

Considerable correspondence between state board members followed my report and is in my files. The board was willing to give the "go ahead" and hoped to remove some of the "red tape" in light of my enthusiastic report. You can imagine our disappointment when we had heard nothing from you by the November meeting--nor again by the January meeting. The situation was discussed at both meetings, and since we feel it is vital that the community generate its own enthusiasm and exert independent action, we felt that we must look at the situation with more reservations than we had had in September and October, and in fact assumed that all interest had died.

I received your community survey in February and took it to the next state board meeting which was during the state convention in April. We squeezed time into a very hectic and crowded agenda to give approval at that time.

When we made plans for the May 27th meeting, I informed you of Mrs. Heaberlin's assignment as your adviser and the fact that she would be unavailable until fall. This was discussed again at that meeting along with the fact that I or someone else would work with you in the interim. All seemed very agreeable.

Again following the May meeting, I filed a very enthusiastic report to the state board and even mentioned the potential I feel for your group to Mrs. Murphree of the national board during a long distance phone conversation.

The existing problem as I see it, must result from the fact that I was unable to complete my trip on the 17th of June. Unfortunately a fuel line ruptured on my car and if I had continued my journey the car would have burned. It is also unfortunate that I was uninformed of the meeting place and did not know where to reach you by phone. I was relieved to receive your call that morning.

If you will remember, during that conversation I volunteered to come on June 21 or 22 or the week of July 2nd, and you said that those were inconvenient dates for you. Today when you phoned, I volunteered to drive down this afternoon or to cancel my trip to Houston next week (a necessary personal business trip which could prove costly to us personally) and again you said that this would be inconvenient. I feel that you have made demands which are impossible for me to fill in the short time you gave me.

You asked that I send someone at the state level who will work with you permanently in sometime after the 15th of July--that you don't want to switch advisers in the fall. There are two qualified people in the area who will be available to work with you. However, neither of them are currently state board members nor are they available until fall. All of the state board members who live in the North Central Texas area are extremely busy with state board work in their individual portfolios; are working with local board training; and are trying to squeeze in some personal vacation time. However, if you reevaluate the situation and feel that you can find a temporary adviser acceptable, I will circulate a memo to them to see if any are available.

Will you please select three dates which will be convenient for you indicating 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices, and I will see who is available. If you are not willing to work with someone temporarily, the only choice seems to be to wait to proceed any further until Mrs. Heaberlin is available in September.

Two factors regarding your call disturb me. The first is your comment that "if this is the way League operates, we don't want it", and the second is your apparent unwillingness to cooperate with me personally. League has certain procedures which have evolved from 53 years of experience, and as an elected officer of the Texas League, I am obligated to work within those procedures until the membership votes to change them. Will you please evaluate the situation and inform me of your decision by mail no later than Saturday, July 14. It will be helpful if you send a carbon of your letter to the state office--LWV of Texas, Dickinson Plaza Center, Dickinson, Texas 77537.

I am mailing under separate cover my personal copies of suggested materials listed in "A Guide to Organizing Leagues". I do not currently have all the materials in my file. The League operates on a tight budget and I am sharing some materials with a state board member who is training the Odessa LWV on July 9th. As soon as I can receive copies, I will mail them to you.

I am truly sorry that this situation has arisen. I hope that you in Gainesville will decide that you are able to work within the established procedures and the scheduling flexibility necessary in a volunteer organization that is very demanding of its leaders' time.

I am sorry that you did not feel that you could proceed with the committee work as I had suggested on the phone. Perhaps correspondence will be more efficient than phone calls in the future. I am looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Ulrickson

Mrs. O. H. Ulrickson
Organization Vice President
LWV of Texas

enc: So You'd Like to Form a League of Women Voters

cc: Winick, Hunter, Jochim, Holmes, Peterman, Leabo, Anderson

Mailed under separate cover:

1	Guide to Organizing Leagues	1.25	5	Local League Budget Form	Free
1	Local League Handbook	1.00	5	Local League Budget - Item by Item	Free
1	The Art of Budget Building	.60	1	Checklist for Local Board Members	.06
1	And Now Action	1.00	1	Guide to Calendar Planning	.12
5	The Nominating Committee	1.00	20	Facts About the League of Women Voters	1.20
3	Standard Bylaws for Local Leagues	.30	20	You Belong in the League	1.00
	with changes for Provisional LWV's				

To follow later:

1	Local League Handbook	1.00
1	Know Your Community	.75
1	Bylaws LWV of Texas	.20
1	Bylaws LWV of US	.20
1	National Study and Action	.75
	Assorted Program Material	?

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[REDACTED]
August 29, 1973

Dear Carolyn:

Re: Organizing Gainesville LWV

Monday, August 27, Lorraine Sanders and I spoke on the phone, and everything had come to a halt because the nominating chairman had been unable to get more than 3 or 4 women to accept a nomination for a Board position! She reported that the girls who had been working were all utterly discouraged and weren't sure what, if anything, they should do next. She and I decided that we couldn't fully discuss it on the phone so she set up a meeting for today and invited some others.

Today I met with Juhree Davenport, Shirley Weems, and Lorraine at her home, and inasmuch as only one newspaper article has appeared, no personal contact has been made with community leaders, the Community Analysis was made mainly through info from the Chamber of Commerce, and only a small group of women have been involved, we plan to do some backtracking. It seemed clear to me that they needed a broader community basis from which to start, and they were very cooperative. All three of these women have talents that will be valuable in forming a new League, and I was particularly impressed with Lorraine's ability to organize facts, take notes, and plan.

The decisions we made today follow:

1. By September 15 a letter will be mailed to all civic organizations, churches, elected officials, etc. announcing what in reality will be a pre-organization meeting. We may not call it that in view of the fact that they have been "organizing" for a year.
2. Lorraine will set up appointments and she and I and maybe someone else from Gainesville will interview community leaders during the week of Sept 16-22.
3. We set a tentative date of October 2 for the pre-organization meeting and plan newspaper, radio, poster and telephoning publicity.
4. Depending on the response at the October 2 meeting, we will go ahead with an organization meeting. If we do decide to organize, the date will be set at this meeting (Oct. 16 or 23) and we will ask for volunteers for temporary committees. Since some of the temporary committee work has been done, it shouldn't take long to whip it all into shape.

August 29, 1973

These girls all seemed to feel that they would not have much trouble in getting the required number of members, but several people they were counting on for Board members have dropped out of circulation for one reason or another. We discussed alternatives if the pre-organization meeting doesn't bring forth some possibility of Board members, and this is a question that I need an answer for; Is there a chance they might become a unit of another League, possibly Denton? From the discussion among them, I'm convinced that a League there could be very helpful. They are thinking that their community problems will become even greater as the new Airport effects them more and more.

Sorry this letter is so long; there is much more to be said, but hope this gives you an idea of where we stand. I certainly enjoyed the day----it's fun to be back at "Leagueing".

Cordially,



Mrs. Charles L. Heaberlin

CC: State Office

Gainesville

MEMORANDUM FROM:

League of Women Voters of Texas

DICKINSON PLAZA CENTER • DICKINSON, TEXAS 77539

DEC 10 1973

December 6, 1973

To: Ulrickson, cc: State Office, National Office, Sanders
From: Mrs. Charles L. Heaberlin, State Adviser, Gainesville
Re: Ulrickson memo dated November 2, mailed December 1, received
December 3

The reason that Gainesville has not made formal application for recognition as a provisional League is that we do not have the forms. (These were requested in my letter of October 4, 1973 to the State Office.)

Inasmuch as the Board of Gainesville has not had an opportunity to read a Local League Handbook until last week, I do not believe they are quite ready to state that they understand the League's non-partisan political policy.

There are several dangling loose ends in our communication. If you do not have time to go over my letters I will write again after the first of the year. We are leaving town for the holidays.

January 31, 1974

Mrs. Lorraine Sanders
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Sanders:

According to your Bulletin and the correspondence I have read, It looks to me like Gainesville has really been the fastest moving group toward provisional recognition that we on the state board have dealt with.

I congratulate the members of the Gainesville League for their determination to have a League of Women Voters and commend you on the great amount of work already accomplished. It is hoped that you will now find it possible to move as rapidly with the same spirit and enthusiasm toward becoming a recognized League.

Cordially,

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Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, President
League of Women Voters of Texas

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The stability of leadership factor appears to be somewhat higher in Gainesville than in some areas, since those who are sponsoring the endeavor are citizens of long standing, and would, therefore, not be as subject to transfer as has been true in some areas. They also are community leaders in other fields.

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I'm not asking anyone to change her vote, but most of the answers received were qualified in one way or another because you did not have the facts upon which to base a decision, and I thought you might like the chance to express your opinion a second time. A qualified "Yes" or qualified "No" will count as half in determining whether or not there is a majority vote. If you didn't vote last time, I urge you to make your voice heard!

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The one really unknown factor is the willingness of the business community to lend its financial support. Often this remains an unknown until after completion of the first finance drive. Pearland seems to be proving that a provisional League which truly serves its community does not experience great difficulty in this respect.

I'm not asking anyone to change her vote, but most of the answers received were qualified in one way or another because you did not have the facts upon which to base a decision, and I thought you might like the chance to express your opinion a second time. A qualified "Yes" or qualified "No" will count as half in determining whether or not there is a majority vote. If you didn't vote last time, I urge you to make your voice heard!

☒ Yes, tell Gainesville to proceed with organization plans. _____ Qualified Yes
_____ No. _____ Qualified No.

If the above sounds more like Chinese than English, sorry about THAT!

Wacky

Kathy



This arrived in 3:00 mail delivery - OCT. 10 - Will try to get it off in time.

BOARD POLL -- URGENT Put reply in mail by Tuesday, Oct 10. // October 5, 1972

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RE: Organizing a Provisional League in Gainesville

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☒ Yes, tell Gainesville to go ahead ☐ No! Board needs to discuss this further.

if you feel it is best. N. Holmes

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*I think you and ***** Carolyn are doing a
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This group sounded interested from the first.

Betty Anderson

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth

BOARD POLL -- URGENT! ~~1972~~

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If you think it advisable, it's all right with me

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Not happy about size of population but in view

I am sending my copy of Organizing
Leagues & Supplement to Carolyn

3 pp are missing

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If you think it is all right send me

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Wesley

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of above & vicinity of other LWV's
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Barrett

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Wacky

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JUN 5 1990

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. League of Women Voters, Gainesville
May 31, 1990.

Place: Home of Juhree Davenport

Time: Noon

Present: Juhree Davenport, President; Betty Buttolph, 1st VP (Program);
Margaret Hays, 2nd VP (Publicity); Sue Leonard Vik, Secretary;
Paula Lewis, Treasurer; Sandra Currie; Valerie Knabe; Shirley
Lusk, Jane McLeroy; Dorothy Smith; Shirley Weems.

Nominations: Nominations for the slate of officers as given above
was present by Shirley Lusk, who made the motion, seconded
by Dorothy Smith, to elect the slate by acclamation, which
was done.

Committees: A discussion of the duties of the various committees
which need participants was held. The Observer Corps, on
which Shirley Lusk has served for the Planning and Zoning
Commission for a number of years, and the Publications
Committee, were discussed. Other committees are:
Betty Buttolph, Program and Voter Service
Shirley Lusk, Nominating

Program: The Candidates' Forum will be held again in the Spring.
There were plans for one this year, but due to floods,
it had to be cancelled. No decision was made as to a
local study. The membership expressed its wish to have
Ric Williamson, our representative, to come to speak at
a date to be decided in the future. Dates for the Can-
didates Forum must be decided and reservations made with
the Chamber of Commerce before long.

Membership: A discussion was held on ways to increase the member-
ship, as well as raise finances. It was suggested that a
Silver Tea would be a appropriate event.

Finances: Dues \$30.00 per year
Checking Account: \$471.00
Savings Account: \$600.00
Due to State for 1989 dues: \$300.00

Respectfully submitted.

Sue Leonard Vik

Sue Leonard Vik
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GAINESVILLE

BOARD MEETING

Oct. 2, 1989

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville met at noon on October 2, 1989 at Victoria's Tea Room, Gainesville, Texas. Present were President Juhree Davenport, Betty Buttolph, Margaret Hays, Valarie Knabe, and Sandra Currie.

The minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as printed and mailed.

Program: Betty Buttolph

Thursday, October 19, Program Meeting, Peter Potemkin from the Texas Municipal League (he is Director of Loss Prevention) will speak on Worker's Compensation and the State of Texas.

Ric Williamson, our State Representative responded to an invitation to attend - he will be in Austin most of the next few weeks, but may make our meeting.

Invitations to the meeting will be sent to all government agencies, hospital, college, GISD, and Gainesville companies such as Weber and Borden.

Thursday, November 16: Know Your Local Officials Tea will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. Assignments include:

Set-up: Betty Buttolph

Invitations: Sandra Currie, Shirley Lusk, Sue Leonard

Publicity: Margaret Hays

Refreshments: Jan Russell, Jane McLeroy

A velox has been ordered for the Voter's Guide to the Amendments which will appear on the November ballot. This we hope to have printed by the Gainesville Daily Register.

An Election Judges School will be held in the fall by the County Clerk's Office. Margaret Hays will contact Frank Scoggin, Clerk, to ask if our League may co-sponsor this event.

Twenty copies of the Texas Government Handbook, 2nd ed. will be ordered for our members.

Treasurer's Report: Valarie Knabe

Checking Account - \$ 230.79

Savings Account - 700.09

Publicity: Margaret Hays

Margaret will write an article for the Register to promote the League's Fall programs. She will follow up with an article discussing the Oct. 19 meeting on Worker's Compensation.

Meeting adjourned.

Sandra Currie, Acting Secretary

OCT 5 1989

2 copies sent

MINUTES

OCT 5 1989

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville met on Monday, September 18 at noon at the Holiday Inn. Present were President Juhree Davenport, Program Chairman Betty Buttolph and Voter Editor Sandra Currie.

Plans and dates for the coming year were discussed. The following schedule is planned:

October	19:	Program Meeting
November	16:	Know Your Local Officials Tea
February	15:	Program Meeting
March	1:	Primary Forum
April	26:	Local Forum
May	10:	Annual Meeting

As a fundraising project, it was decided to order two-year planning calendars to sell to friends locally. Betty Buttolph was to order these.

The Board will meet again in early October to discuss finances, membership, and publicity for upcoming events.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Currie

Sandra Currie
Acting Secretary for Sue Leonard-Vik



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

JUN 5 1989

Annual Meeting. May 18, 1989. Home of Sue Leonard. 12:00 noon.

Present: Sandra Currie, out-going President; Juhree Davenport, president elect; Valerie Knabe, Treasurer; Sue Leonard-Vik, Secretary.

Minutes: The previous Annual Board meeting and annual membership meeting minutes were read and approved.

Officers:	Juhree Davenport	President
	Betty Buttolph	1st Vice President and Program Chair
	Sue Leonard-Vik	Secretary
	Valerie Knabe	Treasurer
	Sandra Currie	Voter Editor
	Margaret Hays	Public Relations
	Shirley Lusk	Telephone and Ad Hoc Committee

The slate of officers was approved as presented.

Budget (See attached information)
Approved as proposed.

Treasurer's Report:	Expenses	\$265.91
	Income	\$ 75.00
	Owing	\$ 48.00
	Checking	\$269.79
	Savings	\$691.69

Convention: Juhree Davenport, who had represented Gainesville LWV at the State Convention. She reported that the State proposed program in on day care in one's own community.

Nothing was done about the minimum charge for Leagues.

Proposed local program: particularly for the public, "What do you like or not like about Gainesville?".

Program: Betty Buttolph was unable to attend. She had indicated that we continue our study of local problems and conditions. The League feels its most important service is to the voter and the Candidate Forums as well as local programs.

It was moved that formation of local program will be worked out during the summer. Voter Service will continue as before. The decision on local program was postponed until the Program Chairman returns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Leonard-Vik

Sue Leonard-Vik
Secretary

MINUTES. BOARD MEETING League of Women Voters, Gainesville, TX.
May 5, 1989. Holiday Inn. 12:00 noon.

MAY 12 1989

MAY 12 1989

Present: Sandra Currie, President, Valerie Knabe, Treasurer,
Sue Leonard-Vik, Secretary.

Minutes The minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved as
mailed. The previous meeting was in March

Treasurer: March 31, balance savings account \$1,091.61.
March 28, Balance, checking account \$ 327.40.
April 6 withdrawal of \$400.00 from savings to
be deposited into checking.
April 25 estimate in checking \$461.58, with all bills
paid.

One new member joined at the Voters' Forum.

We now have an ID number for tax [REDACTED]

The proposed budget will be mailed out to all members
before the Annual Meeting on May 18th.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be held May 18th at the
home of Sue Leonard-Vik at noon.
There will be election of officers, presentation of the
proposed budget; proposed program for the coming year;
and a report on the Convention held in Houston by
Juhree Davenport, incoming president.

Voters' Forum: Sandra Currie expressed appreciation to the Pro-
gram Chair, Betty Buttolph for organizing the programs
throughout the year, especially the Voters Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard-Vik

Sue Leonard-Vik
Secretary

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APR 12 1989

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, GAINESVILLE, TEXAS. BOARD MEETING, March 14, 1989
Home of Sandra Currie. 12:30 p.m.

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Sue Leonard-Vik, Secretary; Valerie Knabe, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: No change.

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes approved as printed and mailed by the secretary pro-tem.

Interview: Margaret Hays and Snadra Currie interviewed U.S. Representative Charles Stenholm on Feb. 16 at K-Bob's Restaraunt. Questions requested by the National League were asked and obligingly answered by Rep. Stenholm. He said that, although he does not always agree with the League, he gave answers and opinions to the questions asked.



State Representative Ric Williamson has not been interviewed as yet because he has been unavailable. Perhaps he can be reached by phone.

Local Officials Guides

Guides to the 71st Legislature have been passed out to libraries and interested persons.

"Know Your Local Officials" guides are now available and are being distributed. It was recommended that the Park and Recreation Board be included in the next printing. Also that all Federal elected officials in the Guide have complete addresses given.

Convention: Gainesville probably will not be represented.

Finance Drive: A suggestion was made to mail the Local Official Guide with a letter to persons in the community asking them to join or to contribute to the local League. This is to be done before April. A Finance Committee of Sandra Currie and Valerie Knabe was formed.

Programs: A Voter Forum will be held in April.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. It was followed by a meeting of the committee to select candidates for election to the local LWV Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard-Vik
Secretary



FEB 1 1989

BOARD MEETING LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, Gainesville
Wednesday, January 25, 1989, noon Holiday Inn

Present: Sandra Currie, Betty Buttolph, Margaret Hays, Valerie Knabe
Absent: Sue Leonard

Minutes: The minutes for the meeting of October 19, 1988 were approved.

Treasurer's report: Spent 10/7/88-1/89---\$395.83, including
\$300.00 LWV dues
Received--\$30.00
Balance: Checking---\$ 60.70
Savings----- 1078.98

The Board recommended that \$400.00 be transferred from Savings to the Checking account.

Brochure; Betty Buttolph reported that she had obtained an estimate of \$116-120 for the printing of 2,000 copies of the brochure, "Know Your Local Officials". The Board authorized the printing.

MEETINGS: Sandra Currie reported on the November 5 meeting of the LWV-Denton which she, Margaret Hays and Valerie Knabe attended, at which Diane Sheridan, President of LWV-Texas spoke.

She also mentioned that the Local League should send a representative to the State Convention in Houston on April 14-16.

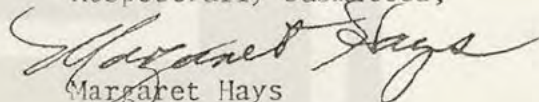
LEGISLATIVE Items: President Currie also reported that she had been asked to interview our State Representative, Ric Williamson, with regard to League interests, and that she had initiated communication with him.

She also pointed out to the group that the League's Legislative Newsletter is now being received in duplicate--one copy to the President and the other to the person in charge of publicity--Margaret Hays. Other copies could be obtained by subscription(\$15.00 from LWV-Texas, 1212 Guadalupe, #107, Austin, TX 78701).

Programs: The local League's schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

February 23	Talk by City Manager Lyle Dresher
March	Undetermined as yet
April 27	Candidates' Forum
May 6	Local elections
May 18	Annual Meeting

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Hays
Acting Secretary

OCT 27 1988

BOARD MEETING League of Women Voters, Gainesville
Wednesday, October 19, 1988. 12:00 noon Holiday Inn

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Valerie Knabe; Margaret Hays
Absent: Betty Buttolph; Sue Leonard

Minutes The minutes for the meeting of August 22, 1988 were approved following motion by Margaret Hays and second by Valerie Knabe.

Treasurer's Report Balance as of September 30, 1988:
Checking \$ 426.53
Savings 1,066.14

MEMBERSHIP The Treasurer reported that 12 members have paid dues in 1988 but that others will become due in December and January. Notices will be sent to those past due.

Program The League's next public program will be at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 pm, with Stephen Fanning, of Denton, speaking on "Economic Development--Planning." President Currie said that she would send special invitations to the City and the Chamber of Commerce. Publicity will be sent out as soon as available.

Communications

President Currie announced that LWV-Denton has invited LWV-Gainesville to attend their meeting Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 am, at which time Dianne Sheridan, President of LWV-Texas, will be present; and for Dutch Treat lunch immediately afterwards. Board members interested in attending should notify Sandra Currie by November 1.

President Currie called attention to an announcement regarding the Sherman League's fund drive consisting of selling T-shirts (for \$11.00) with the following imprint: "Do what only half the world dreams about doing--VOTE."

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Hays
Margaret Hays,
Acting Secretary

JUN 8 1988

ANNUAL MEETING. League of Women Voters, Gainesville. May 26, 1988.
Noon. Coachman Restaurant.

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Betty Buttolph; Valerie Knabe;
Margaret Hays; Sue Leonard; Juhree Davenport; Shirley Lusk;
Earl Russell; Nancy and P.K. Williams.

Budget (see attached material)

Valerie Knabe read the proposed budget for 1988-89 which is the same as last year's. Some money will be transferred from the savings account to the regular account. Also, a fund drive to bring in at least \$300.00 will be needed.

Juhree Davenport made the motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Margaret Hays. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Shirley Lusk, nominating chairperson, proposed the following slate of officers:

Sandra Currie, President
Betty Buttolph, 1st VP, in charge of Program
and also Director of Voting
Services
Sue Leonard, Secretary
Margaret Hays, 2nd VP, in charge of Publicity
Valerie Knabe, Treasurer

A motion made by Earl Russell, seconded by P.K. Williams, to accept the slate of officers as proposed was made. Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Council in Sherman

Sandra Currie, representative from Gainesville to the LWV State Council in Sherman, reported on the meeting. She said others were impressed by the number of programs and other activities the Gainesville League had carried out through the year with only 21 members.

She also reported that there did not seem to be a problem with having no VOTER. Gainesville has overcome this lack through letters Sandra sends out to the membership several times a year reporting on past events and giving future plans. The members liked this method and commended Sandy for her informative letters.

Program

A report from the Program Chair, Betty Buttolph, mentioned that the League had concentrated on Voter Service in par-

ticular the past year and will continue to do so.

Proposed Program

Oct 1: Meeting with John Bain from North Texas and a realtor as speakers.

Nov. 2: City Planner from the city of Denton

Voter Forums: one in the fall and two in the spring.

The League has a library of tapes made from our various programs and forums, as well as two copies of the Election Judges School. One of the latter has been used by an Election Judge who wished to know about proper procedures before the last election.

Membership

Mention was made of interest in League by several people outside of Gainesville. People in various communities will be contacted about the coming fall activities and asked to join.

New National Logo

Sandy show the new Logo chosen by the National Board of the LWV-US.

Depot Days Report

A report was made on the table manned by League members at the past Depot Days. Two posters were sold, depicting the Depot and featuring the League

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard

Sue Leonard
Secretary



PROPOSED

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BUDGET 1988-1989

JUN 8 1988

I. EXPENDITURES

A. VOTER

1. Postage and paper
(fall & spring issues) \$150.00

B. BOARD

1. President

- a. P. O. Box \$ 29.00
- b, Telephone \$ 25.00
- c. Board Training \$ 10.00

\$ 64.00

2. Secretary

- a. Board notes, postage
xeroxing \$ 30.00

\$ 30.00

3. Treasurer

- a. Dues Notices \$ 10.00

\$ 10.00

4. Board Tools

- a. Duplicate Mailing
VP \$25.00

\$ 25.00

5. Publications

- a. Phamphlets \$50.00

\$ 50.00

6. Programs

- a. Dinners for speakers \$30.00
- b. Video Tapes \$30.00
- c. Coffee - meetings \$24.00

\$ 84.00

7. Membership

- a. Stamps, notes \$25.00

\$ 25.00

8. State Meeting

\$300.00 \$300.00

9. Workshops

- a. Registrations \$20.00

\$ 20.00

C EDUCATIONAL

1. Know your local officials

- a. Invitations, refresh-
ments, printing \$160.00

\$160.00

2. Candidate's Forum

- a. Invitations, letters
coffee, video tapes &
candidate's cards, &
xeroxing. \$75.00

\$ 75.00

3. Voter's Guide			
	a. Veloxes (2 per year)	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
D. DUES TO LWV-TEXAS			
	a. 24 x 12.00	\$288.00	\$288.00
	b. Remainder to reach \$300.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
E. DUES TO LWV - US			
	a. 20 x 14.00	\$280.00	\$280.00
	b. 4 ($\frac{1}{2}$) Households	\$ 28.00	\$ 28.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,671.00</u>
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II. INCOME

A. DUES			
1. Estimated membership for 1987-88			
	a. 24 single x 30.00		\$720.00
	b. 4 ($\frac{1}{2}$) households) x \$15.00		\$ 60.00
	2. Interest on savings		\$ 60.00
	3. Donations/Fund Raising		331.00
	4. Transfer from Savings Account		<u>\$500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME			<u>\$1,671.00</u>



BOARD MEETING. League of Women Voters - Gainesville. May 17, 1988
Noon. Fried Pie Restaurant

JUN 8 1988

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Betty Buttolph; Valerie Knabe;
Margaret Hays; Sue Leonard

Budget The motion to accept the proposed budget (see attached) was
made by Sue Leonard, seconded by Margaret Hays. Motion
carried.

Treasurer's Report Valerie Knabe reported there is \$1,041.05 in savings
\$51.00 in checking

Spent to date: \$539.57

Annual Meeting The annual meeting will be held May 26th at the
Coachman Restaurant. Shirley Lusk will call members and
take care of reservations.

Program A discussion on the most important area was held. The Board
agreed it is Voter Information and Service. A Voter Forum
will be held in the Fall, with two others in the Spring.
Betty Buttolph, Program VP, suggested that a professor from
Denton, whom she has heard, be invited to speak at a meet-
ing on economic development sponsored by the League, with
certain groups as targets.

The Board commended her on the quality of programs she plan-
ned for the past year.

Publications Mention was made of a new publication "Fiscal Notes"
published by the State Comptroller. Those wishing to order
copies and obtain other information can write to:

Bob Bullock, State Comptroller
Economic Analysis Center

League members were urged to subscribe individually
to the Legislative Newsletter, published by the League
during the sessions of the State Legislature, containing
pertinent information for League members.

Depot Days League members will sell posters as a money making
project during Depot Days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Leonard
Sue Leonard
Secretary

APR 18 1988

BOARD MEETING. League of Women Voters, Gainesville. April 11, 1988.

PRESENT: Sandra Currie, Betty Buttolph, Margaret Hays, Valerie Knabe,
Sue Leonard

TREASURER'S REPORT: April 7, 1988 \$ 651.30 checking
1,041.05 savings

Sandra asked Valerie to itemize the expenses from September 1987 to April 1988.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sandra read a letter from Sondra Fuerstl who had served as Moderator for the Candidates' Forum in March.

A call from Tina Egge of Sherman, was received by Sandra. Tina, who is Voter Services Chair on the State Board, asked to represent Gainesville at the National Convention. This is possible because Gainesville does not plan to send a delegate and Sherman is in the same geographic area. The Board approved the decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The League of Women Voters State Council will meet Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17 in Sherman. Sandra plans to attend. Valerie hopes to be able to go.

The Annual meeting will be May 26th. Betty Buttolph will make reservations for a dutch treat luncheon at the Coachman. Shirley Lusk will call the members.

FORUM

The Voters' Forum for candidates for City Council, School Board, and Hospital Board will be held April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

The moderator will be Rev. Bill Havens. Ron Melugin will videotape the Forum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Leonard

Sue Leonard
Secretary



APR 21 1988

MINUTES, League of Women Voters,
Gainesville

Board Meeting

February 4, 1988
12 noon
First Presbyterian Church

Present: Sandra Currie, Valerie Knabe, Margaret Hays, Betty Buttolph,
Sue Leonard
Absent: Jan Russell

Minutes: The minutes for the meeting of January 12, 1988 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance January 12, 1988: Checking \$ 940.20
 Savings 1028.79
 Total \$1968.99

Presidential Debates: Sandra Currie announced that the debates could be
aired on CNN as follows:

Democrats--February 13 and March 6
Republicans--February 14 and March 5

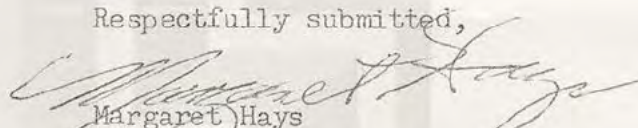
LWV State Council: Sandra Currie announced that the State Council will
meet this year in Sherman on April 16 and 17. The Gainesville
LWV will send two delegates and one or more observers.

Election School: Betty Buttolph reported that a representative from the
Office of the Secretary of State, Austin, will be present on
Saturday, February 6, to conduct an election school for judges,
clerks and any others who may wish to become familiar with the
appropriate procedure for holding an election.

Voter Forum: Betty Buttolph reported on plans for the Voter Forum to be
held on February 25 at the Chamber of Commerce. She also re-
ported that State Representative Ric Williamson is planning
to be present and that candidates for the State Board of
Education are being invited. Sondra Ferstl will be the
moderator.

Voters Guide: Betty Buttolph reported that the Voters Guide has been
ordered.

Respectfully submitted,


Margaret Hays
Acting Secretary

APR 21 1988

MINUTES, LWV-Gainesville

Board Meeting

January 12, 1988

12 noon

First Presbyterian Church

Present: Sandra Currie, Betty Buttolph, Valerie Knabe, Jan Russell,
Margaret Hays

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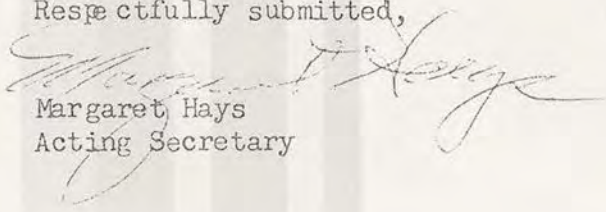
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Margaret Hays
Acting Secretary

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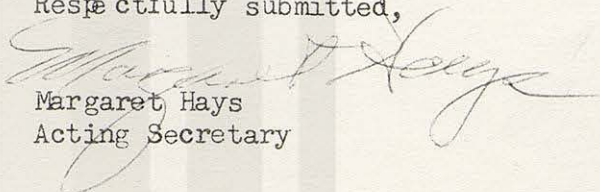
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Margaret Hays
Acting Secretary

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DEC 10 1987

MINUTES. LWV, Gainesville. Board Meeting. December 4, 1987
12:00 noon
Jarmarillo's Restaraunt

Present: Sandra Currie, Betty Buttolph, Margaret Hays, Sue Leonard

Resignation: Sandra Currie reported that the Treasurer, Paula Phillips, had resigned. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Nominating Committee: Names for Treasurer and Voter Editor need to be presented to the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

Membership: A definite count of members paid through the 31st of December needs to be made.

Voter Forum: A discussion with Betty Buttolph, the Program Chair, resulted in the following tentative schedule, to be held at the Chamber of Commerce:

Feb. 6, 1988	Election Judges/Workers School
Feb. 25, 1988	Forum, County Officiâls

<u>Voting Dates:</u> Primary	Tues. March 8, 1988
Runoff	Tues. April 12, 1988
Election, local	Sat. May 7, 1988

Voter Registration: A letter from Sondra Fuerstl was read which outlined the offer by WalMart Stores to have Voter Registration space available on Jan. 22nd and 23rd, 1988. Sandra Currie will contact the Manager of the local WalMart store by Dec. 4th and arrange for space and hours for LWV volunteers (tentatively 10:00 a.m. to one hour before closing time).

Letter: Sandra Currie will send a letter to the membership giving them information on what has been happening and plans for the coming year in lieu of a Voter.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard
Secretary



NOV 13 1987

MINUTES. LWV, Gainesville. Board Meeting. November 9, 1987
3:00 p.m.
House of Sandra Currie

Present: Sandra Currie, Betty Buttolph, Margaret Hays, Sue Leonard

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank Balance, Oct. 1987 Checking \$ 678.94
 Savings 1000.24

Sandra reported, in the absence of the treasurer, that the members due to renew now will be sent postal cards.

The Board recommended that for our taping of forums and general meetings only high quality tapes be purchased. Channel 14, which shows our videos requested that this be done because some tapes had been difficult to show.

CORRESPONDENCE

LWV Gainesville received a letter addressed to the President from Kit Carson of Valley View expressing appreciation for the Voters' Guides which had been enclosed in the Gainesville Daily Register before the election on Nov. 3rd.

A letter from Sandra Fuerstl was received asking why she had not received Board Meeting Minutes and "Voters". The secretary, Sue Leonard, said she had sent 3 copies of all Board Minutes to LWV-T in Austin, as well as other copies to other persons, as directed. At present there is no Voter because the editor had to resign.

PROGRAMS

The next program will be held Thursday, Nov. 19th, at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:00 p.m. The subject will be "Economic Development and the Role Utilities play in the Community." Speakers will be Alex Vaughn from Lone Star Gas Co. and Bill Lacey from Texas Utilities.

A new policy about questions from people attending forums, ect. was outlined. All questions will be written on cards with the names of the person to whom the questions are addressed written clearly on them.

VOTERS SERVICE

Extra Copies of Voters Guides were needed this year. Sandra picked some up from the Register to take to the Library and the Chamber of Commerce. They should be put in banks as well. A discussion was held on the best way to have extra copies printed, possibly by the Register as a public service, especially for the March election.

Pat Nuckels from the Texas Agency on Aging, part of Texoma Regional Planning Commission, wrote asking how it might be possible to register residents in nursing homes. A discussion was held on the feasibility for few are mentally competent to vote on their own without direction.

REQUEST

A letter was received from the LWV of Montgomery County, MD, which wants to recommend a study of world population growth at the next national meeting of the LWVUS. The consensus was that we would agree

that the Montgomery County League could present the recommendation but we would not recommend it for local program planning.

ELECTION. NOV. 3rd

Several complaints were received by various members of the League from citizens upset by noise and conversation carried on, particularly by election judges, at several polling places. There seemed to be nothing illegal but a number of voters were irritated by the uproar especially in view of the length and intricacy of the ballot.

A discussion was held on ways to educate the public and to write letters to the newspapers just before the next election. Plans were discussed as well for another election school emphasizing inclusion of all interested voters as well as election workers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard
Secretary

OCT 26 1987

MINUTES. LWV, Gainesville. Board Meeting. October 8, 1987.
Noon.
1st Presbyterian Church.

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Betty Buttolph; Margaret Hays;
Sue Leonard

RESIGNATION

Sandra Currie reported that, due to pressures from her law practice, Nancy Williams has had to resign as Voter Editor. She will remain on the Board, however. No Voter Editor has been found as yet.

PROGRAM

Betty Buttolph, Program Chair, reported that all arrangements had been made for the Forum on Tax legislation to be held October 15th. Mr. Dan Wilson, Assistant to the Director of State Property Tax Board, will speak. Sondra Ferstel, from the Denton LWV, will be moderator. A dinner will be held at the Holiday Inn at 6:00 p.m. before the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

She also reported that the Voters Guides had arrived and were distributed to the Gainesville Daily Register and the Cooke County Leader for inclusion.

The Secretary of State's office will be contacted to request someone to hold an Election School for Cooke County.

The program in November will be on the 19th at the Chamber of Commerce. Bill R. Lacy from TPL (now TU Electric) will be able to come but others contacted have not replied yet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Leonard
Secretary



MINUTES. LWV, Gainesville. Board Meeting. Aug. 27, 1987

Noon

1st Presbyterian Church

SEP 8 1987

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Betty Buttolph, Margaret Hays,
Sue Leonard, Nancy Williams

Absent: Paula Phillips; Janelle Haverkamp

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Deborah Sullivant, who had been elected Secretary for 1987-1988, tendered her resignation to Sandra Currie because of a full-time teaching position. Sue Leaoerd was appointed Secretary to fill the office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting had been mailed out in May. All approved them as received and read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Paula Phillips, Treasurer, Sandra Currie reported that there is \$ 678.94 in the checking account and \$1,000.24 in the savings account. Money had been transferred from the savings to the checking as approved at the May meeting. Paula will send out anniversayr date renewal notices. Annual dues are \$30.00.

COMMUNICATIONS

Sandra Currie read a notices from the United Way about the Kick-Off Luncheon, and a request from Rev. Rudy Herbrick, program chairman of the Kiwanis, requesting a program from the League sometime in September.

PROGRAM

Nancy Williams suggested LWV-G sponsor an informational program on the upcoming state election on Nov. 3rd. What is to be voted on, what it will mean, information so people can be informed. It must be held in October. Nancy suggested asking someone from the Comptroller's office who would be able to give a technical, non-partisan explanation; someone who is not involved or attached to this controversy. It was decided to have Margaret Hays and Betty Buttolph work on this and contact Ric Williamson's office. A discussion on the possibility of video-taping was held; also use of the new Community Center. It was suggested that Joyce Zwinggi, the present Tax Assessor-Collector and Bill Sherman, head appraiser of the CCTAB, be asked to come but not necessarily to be presenters. The Board decided that a criteria for evaluating written questions to be asked at the presentation be put together.

The Board emphasized that speakers at all League programs be appraised that the presentations and discussions would be video-taped. Betty Buttolph will ask P.K. Williams if he would be willing to do the taping.

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PROGRAM. con't.

Betty, as Program Chair, gave the following schedule:

Sept. 17th - Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m.

Discussion on what the City is doing for revitali-
zation. Panel: Charles Woolfolk, Mayor

Bill Gaither, City Manager

Carl Smith, Manager, Chamber of Com-
merce

October (date not set) Sat. a.m., Chamber of Commerce
School for Election Judges

Spring

Voter Forum - possibly two sessions

VOTER

Nancy Williams will be the Voter Editor. There will not be an issue every month. The Fall one will include a Calendar of Events; the names of members, etc. Nancy requested that information be given her as soon as possible, by Sept 14th at the latest, in order to have copies in the mail by the 10th. It was suggested that each chairperson write a short article outlining plans for the year and send it to Nancy.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard
Secretary

ADDENDUM, via phone call from Sandra Currie to Sue Leonard:

The Kiwanis program was filled, but Rev. Herbrick said he would let the new program chairman know that the League is willing to give a program whenever their schedule is open.

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JUN 15 1987

League of Women Voters, Gainesville. Annual Meeting. May 21, 1987.
Che's Restaraunt, 12:00 noon.

Present: Sandra Currie, President; Paula Phillips, Treasurer; Sue Leonard, Secretary, pro tem; Betty Buttolph; Deborah Sullivant; Earl Russell; Kenneth and Brenda Floyd; Shirley Lusk; Valerie Knabe; P.K. Williams.

Treasurer's Report: Savings \$1,600.00
Checking \$19.07

Budget: The budget was adopted as presented by the Treasurer. Because there was no finance drive this year, the amount of \$840.00 was transferred to checking from savings.

Dues: A change from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per person was adopted, ^{in 1986} with an amount of \$45.00 for a family membership. Dues are payable now.

Motion to adopt the budget was made by Valerie Knabe, seconded by Rusty Russell.

Program: Betty Buttolph, Vice President for Program, gave the tentative schedule for the program 1987-1988. The emphasis will be on local economic development.

September: A discussion with Carl Smith, Manager, Chamber of Commerce and Bill Gaither, Gainesville City Manager.

October: A school for election judges and workers.

November: Representatives from three utilities.

Spring: Two Voter Forums
Annual Meeting

There will be "Lunch with a Local Official" at various times through the year as well.

Motion to adopt the program was made by Shirley Lusk, seconded by Ken Floyd. Passed Unanimously.

Publication: Sandra Currie passed out copies of the new "Know Your Local officials" to members and gave more to be put in banks, the Libraries, and various businesses. A new section on voter information has been included.

Nominating Committee: Shirley Lusk, head of the Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of officers:

For two year term, in odd year

President: Sandra Currie
1st V.P., Program: Betty Buttolph
Secretary: Deborah Sullivant

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LWV
Annual Meeting
May 21, 1987

Continuation of a two year term, even year

2nd Vice Presidents, Public Relations
Video-Radio: Dr. Gerard Balsley
Print Media: Margaret Hays

3rd Vice President, Membership: Janelle Haverkamp
Treasurer: Paula Phillips

Directors, 2 year term, even year

Voter Information: Betty Buttolph
Voter Editor: Nancy Williams

The slate was elected unanimously.

The off board members of the Nominating Committee are

Shirley Lusk
Juhree Davenport
Margaret Hays

Sandra Currie spoke about a survey requested by LWVEF on local drinking water to be filled out by members and returned to the State office, LWV. She said there was a brochure on ground water in the President's file from State Secretary of Agriculture Jim Hightower if members wished further information.

Shirley Lusk thanked Sandra Currie for accepting the presidency again and presented her with a centerpiece of silk flowers arranged by Betty Buttolph.

The Annual meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Leonard
Secretary
Pro tem



Gainesville

MAR 17 1986

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 1986

The meeting was called to order at the home of the President, Sandra Currie at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were: S. Leonard, Phillips, Buttolph, Hays, Balsley and Williams.

The minutes of previous board meeting of January 28 were approved by Sue Leonard and Margaret Hays.

The treasurer's report showed no expenses from January 28, 1986 and income of \$25.00 for dues from Lucy Wall. The savings account still shows \$1,838.30

We received a letter from Marty Kissinger, our Field Representative thanking us for her visit.

S. Currie read a communication from State President who commended our League in Gainesville as we have had a 64% growth over last year. Board felt letter should be printed in the newspaper in Gainesville. Letter given to G. Balsley.

Call to Council: Meets every other year. S. Currie attended the last one in 1984 at Corpus Christic and felt it was most beneficial to her. Sue Leonard and Sandra Currie will go. The budget had allowed for \$340.00 which included meals, travel and motel. It will be April 19 and 20 at College Station, Texas.

Voluntary Action Center: Sent a letter and a form as they are looking for nominations for "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Election School: About 30 attended where Bill Walker of the Secretary of State's office spoke to the group and went over election policies and new rules. One of the new rules effective January, 1986 was that each polling place must have a private booth of type that is filled in on three sides and a certain height and width.

Voter Service: B. Buttolph is complying the list of candidates and will have the list as soon as all filing dates are met. A letter will be sent to all candidates reference their being invited to attend the "Candidate's Forum Night". Discussion took place reference how to do the letters. It was decided that B. Buttolph would compose the list of names, and address and get it to G. Balsley who would do they and the envelopes on the computer. We need to develop a set of questions for each office and are asking anyone to submit suggested questions. The board is to have some input on the final questions but that the final questions will be in the hands of only one person so that there is little chance of people knowing the questions ahead of time. Pat Ledbetter resigned as moderator due to conflict with N. Williams running for office. Discussion as to suggestions on who to ask pursued. Among the suggestions which seemed to bring most agreement was to ask the two editors of each newspaper in town. Betty B. stated that the Chamber charges us \$1.50 for each pot of coffee. She submitted a bill for coffee used for the election school in amount of \$3.00. Betty B. asked that all members be at the Candidate's Forum by 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27th at the Chamber of Commerce. Time Keeper will be S. Currie. Margaret Hays will handle name tags and the front table. Also we need numbers and bowl in order that candidates can draw for their order in which they will speak.

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Order of Groups will be set and it was felt that the opposed positions should go first. Place cards with the candidate's name on will be handled by Paula Phillips.

Voter: Need to have voter out by March 18th as we have the Candidate's Forum, March 27th and Mrs. Farabee speaking to us on April 10th.

Dues Notices: It was decided that we will send dues notices this year to all present members so that it will serve as a reminder.

There was discussion on the dues section of the by-laws and whether or not we will change them. This must be done so that it can go in the April voter before the Annual Meeting in May. The budget must also be prepared to go in the April Voter so it can be voted upon in May at the Annual Meeting.

Publicity: G. Balsley received the 50 booklets entitled, "Legal Choices for Bettered Women". We will have a stamp made that states, "Compliments of League of Women Voters - Gainesville. These booklets will be placed in strategic places in the city. (Emergency Room, Friends of the Family, Ministerial Alliance.

Mrs. Farabee: It was suggested, like before, the board have dinner with the speaker. Gerard Balsley will contact Mrs. Farabee's secretary for background material on her.

The velox for the primary will be in both the Register and the Cooke Ct. Leader. This was acceptable to the Register.

Membership: Susie Neil a new person to contact who has expressed interest in joining the League.

Finance Drive: The board members will be assigned names to personally contact after the letters have been sent. We will hold off sending the letters for at least a month stated S. Currie.

Annual Meeting: May 15th. This will just be a meeting with possibly a brown bag lunch to be held at T.P.L. Sue Leonard will check with T.P.L. Question raised whether the college is ready to have meetings and maybe we could meet there and have lunch at the cafeteria or brown bag it.

Respectfully submitted

Paula Phillips, Acting Secretary

Gainesville

FEB 6 1986

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER BOARD MEETING

January 28, 1986

The meeting was called to order at the home of S. Currie on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30. Following board members present: Betty B. Margaret H. Sue L. G. Balsley, P. Phillips and N. Williams.

A welcome was given to Marty Kissinger, our Field Representative from Dallas. She stated it was good to be back to Gainesville as she had been involved in the original forming of our Gainesville chapter.

The minutes were approved and the treasurer's report given. We presently have \$340.70 in the Gainesville National Checking account and \$1,838.30 in the First National Savings account. We earned \$99.71 YTD interest in 1985 on our Savings account.

President's Workshop This was held on January 18, 1986. Six surrounding League president's met to talk about their concerns reference their leagues in Denton. It seems we share many of the same problems and successes.

Communications- March 14th is the deadline to national on what we as a league want to see National study in 1986-87. It was decided that the board will discuss this at March 4th meeting. We would like to have input from the members if they want a certain topic.

Publications: S. Currie presented two publications that are being put out by the Department of Human Resources and the Texas Young Lawyers Association. One was the Legal Choice for Battered Women. G. Balsley felt that the emergency room at hospital, doctor's offices, and police department should have copies of this available. The board was not sure what the cost was on the above booklet. Discussion ensued as to whether Friends of the Family had these booklets. G. Balsley was going to check on how, where and the cost, if any, of these booklets. It was the feeling of the board that if there was a cost that this would be something the League could do. In the 1985-1986 budget, we budgeted \$52.00 for publications under Board Tools and \$150.00 under Public Relations and Advertising.

Appointment to Nominating Committee Chairman: Shirley Lusk
Shirley Weems - Off Board member
Juhree Davenport Off Board member
Paula Phillips - Board member
Sue Leonard - Board member

Vice-President Reports:

Program: Sue Leonard stated there was a correction to our last voter re the March program. It is not indigent care but rather the Candidate's Forum. Indigent care with Jerry Culwell will be on February 20th at the Chamber of Commerce. Voter Forum will be March 27th at the Chamber. Like last year, we will not send out the letter certified. The board felt this was an added expense that was not necessary.

Membership: One of our past members stated she would be happy to join the League but send her a bill. M. Hayes will send her one of the tear outs from a past Voter.

Voter Service: The Election Judge School is slated for March 1, 1986, Saturday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. Betty B. has been talking with Bill Walker of the Secretary of State's office. In the past the Sec of State's office has brought a Handbook for Election Clerks and Judges with them. They have been \$1.00 in the past. Betty stated she hopes that many community people will attend as this school is being held for the voters to learn what the election rules are in the state and what rights the voters have. It was decided that we would inform Sherman League of this program. G. Balsley will handle the publicity in the newspapers on this.

Voter: Nancy Williams has resigned from the Board but will continue as Voter Editor. The secretary's report should be to Nancy by February 8, 1986 as the next League meeting will be February 20th. Voter is scheduled to go out the 10th

Finance Drive:

Sandra Currie presented to the board a finance letter she had worked up basically telling people why we need their support and the programs the Gainesville league offers to the community. It was suggested that we not xerox them but rather have them printed by offset plus having printed envelopes. It was suggested that if we can get someone to underwrite the printing that this be noted at the bottom of the letter. S. Currie also suggested that individual people take several letters apiece and attach a special note to each letter before it is mailed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Phillips, Acting Secretary

The next board meeting is March 4th.

Gainesville

FEB 6 1986

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING December 3, 1985

The meeting was called to order by President, Sandra Currie at 7:15 p.m. at the home of the President. Board members present: Currie, Phillips, Hays, Leonard, and Williams.

The secretary's minutes were handed to each board member and approved.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance in the checking of \$334.70 with approximately \$1,830.00 in the Savings Account at First National Bank.

There was no State news.

Program: The December meeting will be December 12 at the Chamber with Barry Lebaron talking about redistricting. Gerald Balsley will meet with him and interview him for an article on the editorial page in Gainesville Register.

Publicity: G. Balsley stated the Cooke County Leader now has us on their calendar. He stated also we will tape Barry Lebaron for Cable 14.

Membership: 19 Members as of this date. Margaret Hays stated that after the last meeting, she sent to all the people at the meeting an application blank and a voter. (Visitors and non-members)

By-laws were discussed and it was decided they will not be updated until one month before the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for May 15th. Margaret Hays will be in charge of this.

Voter Service:

Betty reported to President that she has not heard from Austin re the election school we would like to have in in the spring before the election.

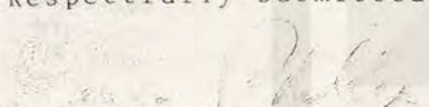
Old Business:

Finance Drive: Register has a list of all Chamber members i.e. business people. It was suggested that we rewrite the letter that the Denton LWV used putting into our letter basically what our League contributes to the community.

X-Mas Party: Will be December 17th at Sue Leonard's house. Spouses will be included. R.S.V.P. to Sue on what they will bring before Monday, December 16. Exchange of fun gifts not over \$5.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Phillips, Acting Secretary

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League of Women Voters of Texas

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MRS. DARVIN M. WINICK, PRESIDENT

Date: February 8, 1977
To: Helen Hunter, Organization Vice President, LWV/Texas
From: Martha E. Kissinger, Adviser, Gainesville Provisional LWV
Re: Application for Recognition as a Local League

I write in support of the application for recognition of the Provisional League of Women Voters of Gainesville, Texas.

I have worked with the Gainesville Provisional LWV for the past two years as their Adviser, and have become closely acquainted with both the women who serve on the board of directors and the organization they have formed. Although the Gainesville Provisional League got off to a slow start, they have worked hard for the past year and a half, have made good progress on the road toward becoming a "real" League, and have developed very good relations with the community. Their Voters Service activities have been outstanding. When they did not publish a Voters Guide for the 1976 General Election in the local newspaper, due to lack of funds to buy political advertising space, several local citizens called to say they had looked for the information, had missed it, and wanted to know why it had not appeared. I feel that when a local program item is adopted and the League can study, reach consensus, and take action, the membership will increase and the League will thrive. Certainly the community is already aware of the League's activities and is very supportive of them.

The membership list shows 34 members, and the February VOTER shows three more have joined; but LWV/Texas policy requires a minimum of 40 members before recognition may be granted. I believe that the membership list will pass 40 before the decision must be made. It would have been easy for this group to add names to the membership list, but they have not been "tombstoning." Each month a few members join, and the number is gradually rising to the magic 40. I have encouraged them to reach for 50, since some members will drop out even as others join.

Now that the community survey is complete, the members are excitedly getting ready for Annual Meeting, when they hope to drop the "Provisional" from their name and adopt local program for the first time. I have encouraged them to believe that this will happen. They have followed the suggestions of their state board trainers and have completed the "assignments" that were made last fall. I believe they are on the right track. I hope you, and others who read this recommendation, will share my optimism. I look forward, almost as much as they do, to their recognition as a local League.



Provisional League of Women Voters
Gainesville, Texas

1. The date our league was recognized as a Provisional League was April, 1974.
2. At this time we had 45 members. We now have ⁴¹~~34~~ members. The membership list is attached. The population of Gainesville, Texas is 13,830.
3. The Provisional League of Gainesville is a municipal league.
4. The regular board meetings are held each third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in a public meeting room. We have an average attendance of ten. We have had good attendance at our noon meetings following the board meetings. These noon meetings are mixed as unit and general meetings. Our general meetings average attendance is 25. The second unit meeting of the month is held in the home of a member. Our average attendance for unit meetings is 10. We have had evening unit meetings but because of a very low attendance we no longer conduct evening unit meetings.
5. The following chairman have one person as their committee:
 1. President
 2. Program-National
 3. Program- State
 4. Membership
 5. Finance
 6. Secretary
6. A list of our board members attached.
7. A copy of our by-laws attached.
8. Copies of our 1975-76 and 1976-77 budgets are attached. A summary of our three finance drives is attached.
9. Enclosed copies of treasurer's reports.

10. Each meeting is listed in the calendar of the local newspaper and in our monthly bulletin. We have been invited by several clubs and organizations to be their speakers. We always take our publications to these meetings and try to make the public aware of what we study and to let them know these publications are available to the public.

Local Survey

Three meetings have been held for the people working on the surveys. At these meetings training was given by our local survey chairman and copies of other city surveys were distributed. Three special meetings were held in connection with our survey. One go-see tour of the city hall, jail, fire station, water plant and sewer plant. We also toured our local museum. As a group we attended a city council meeting. We list our local city council, county commissioners and school board meeting time and date in our local bulletin.

State-

We have studied every state program item from the materials published by state. State subjects which we have studied are; Texas Water Plan, Financing State Government, TCR, Land Use, Voting Rights and The Administration of Justice.

National-

The following subjects have been studied on National program: Land Use, Federal Revenue Sharing, HUD, ERA, Presidential Powers, Financing the League, Energy, and United Nations.

After a unit meeting a report was written on the subject studied, giving the titles of the publications used, and this report was published in the local paper.

11. Voter service activities sheet attached.
12. Members have available copies of Facts & Issues and other publications. We do not have subscription service now but plans are to have it by next fall.

Several publications have been donated to the local public schools. We have had requests from the students at our local county college and college professors for our publications.

13. Community relations have been excellent during the provisional period. The local newspaper, radio station, and cable TV personnel have cooperated in every way. The Observer Corps was welcomed by the City Council and complimented for its interest and encouragement. Many expressions of gratitude from local residents were received after the two candidates forums. Recently one member was asked to serve on the local city charter revision committee.

11. Our voter service activities have been:

Non-election

Permission was requested and granted from the President of the Cooke County Fair Association to have a League of Women Voters booth at the Fair in August, 1975. The League was given space in the skating rink building for three nights. Two League members worked the booth each night from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. League material was handed out and people were urged to register to vote and to vote.

In August of 1976 our request was granted again to have a booth at the County Fair. This time we worked four nights with two members each night, and we handed out registration forms and urged people to vote. We feel this reaches a lot of people in the city and lets them know what League is doing in Gainesville, Texas.

Election

In 1974 we distributed 3,000 state Voters Guides. Also in 1975 we distributed 3,000 Voters Guides.

Our first local Voters Guide was published in our local newspaper March 29, 1975, at our cost. There was much interest in this and we have been asked to do this again.

Our first Candidates Forums were held in March and April of 1976. We had a lot of interest and very good attendance. Mrs. Beth Brown and Mrs. Bobette Higgins were our assistants. The candidates were very cooperative, and we felt this was the most important thing we had accomplished for public relations and voters service.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Gainesville, Texas

1977 - 1978

Board List

President	Mrs. Juhree Davenport
First Vice President.	Mrs. Loyce Henningsen
Second Vice President	Mrs. Sue Leonard
Third Vice President.	Mrs. Ona B. Reed
Secretary	Mrs. Claudean Allen
Treasurer	Mrs. Shirley Swindle
Voter Editor.	Mrs. Harriet Horton
National Program.	Mrs. Martha Stafford
State Program	Mrs. Mike Rigler
Local Program	Mrs. Barbara Byrd
Organization.	Mrs. Ona B. Reed
Membership.	Mrs. Sue Leonard
Publications.	Mrs. Karla Norman
Finance	Mrs. Betty Buttolph
Observer Corps.	Mrs. Loyce Henningsen
Voter Service	Mrs. Shirley Weems
Public Relations.	Mrs. Paula Lewis
Nominating Committee. . . Chairman.	Mrs. Priscilla Brown Mrs. Jeanie Foster Mrs. Mike Rigler



Privisonal League of Women Voters , Gainesville Texas

Membership List

Jan. 1977

1. Mrs. Caludean Allen
2. Mrs. Priscilla Brown
3. Mrs. Irene Bryant
4. Mrs. Betty Buttolph
5. Mrs. Barbara Byrd
6. Mrs. Connie Cypert
7. Mrs. Bobby Dabney
8. Mrs. Juhree Davenport
9. Mrs. Joan Formby
10. Mrs. Verita Hawkins
11. Mrs. Helen Horn
12. Miss Margaret Hays
13. Mrs. Loyce Henningsen
14. Mrs. Norma Henry
15. Mrs. Alice Hellman
16. Mrs. Harriet Horton
17. Mrs. Melba Johnson
18. Miss Ruth Jordan
19. Mrs. Eileen Leonard
20. Mrs. Sue Leonard
21. Mrs. Shirley Lusk
22. Miss Mary McCain
23. Mrs. Rebecca McClelland
24. Mrs. Deby Merriman
25. Mrs. Karla Norman
26. Mrs. Ruth Pruett
27. Mrs. Marna Ritcherson
28. Mrs. Ona B. Reed
29. Mrs. Martha Stafford
30. Mrs. Betty Sullivant
31. Mrs. Shirley Swindle
32. Mrs. Naomi Ware
33. Mrs. Shirley Weems
34. Mrs. Joyce Truitt
- *35. Mrs. Puala Lewis
- *36. Mrs. Sherley Riley
- *37. Mrs. J.W. Foster
- *38. Mrs. Ann Failing
- *39. Mrs. Elizabeth Howe
- *40. Mrs. Rose Trickland
- *41. Mrs. Nadine Hicks

* New Members Feb. 1977



PROVISIONAL LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Gainesville, Texas

Budget 1977 - 1978

EXPENDITURES

A.	Operating Costs	
1.	General Supplies	\$20.00
2.	Postage	20.00
3.	Telephone	10.00
4.	Capitol Exp.	20.00
		<u>\$70.00</u>
B.	Board & Administration	
1.	President	\$10.00
2.	Secretary	5.00
3.	Treasurer	5.00
4.	Board & Tools	55.00
5.	Finance	30.00
6.	Membership	10.00
7.	Public Relations	10.00
		<u>\$125.00</u>
C.	Delegates, Travel	
1.	State (or National)	\$300.00
2.	Workshop	10.00
		<u>\$310.00</u>
D.	Financial Support	
1.	State	\$300.00
2.	National	200.00
		<u>\$500.00</u>
E.	Bulletin	
1.	Supplies	\$150.00
2.	Postage	150.00
		<u>\$300.00</u>
F.	Educational Activities	
1.	Publications	\$100.00
2.	Production	30.00
3.	Program	20.00
4.	Voter Service	100.00
		<u>\$250.00</u>
G.	Program Support	.00

INCOME

A.	Dues	
	42 @ \$15.00	\$630.00
B.	Contributions	
1.	Members	\$ 50.00
2.	Non-Members	\$825.00
C.	Publications	\$ 50.00
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$1,555.00</u>

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Harriet Horton
Sue Leonard
Shirley Swindle
Juhree Davenport

TOTAL \$1,555.00

Provisional League of Women Voters
Gainesville, Texas

Budget 1976-1977

<u>Expenditures</u>	
A. Operating Costs:	
1. General Supplies	\$15.00
2. Postage	25.00
3. Telephone	15.00
4. Capitol Exp.	40.00
	<u>\$85.00</u>
B. Board & Adm Committee	
1. President	10.00
2. Secretary	10.00
3. Treasurer	5.00
4. Board Tools	30.00
5. Finance	30.00
6. Membership	5.00
7. Public Relations	5.00
	<u>\$95.00</u>
C. Delegates, Travel	
1. State Conventions	200.00
2. Workshops	10.00
	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
D. Financial Support	
1. State	300.00
2. National	200.00
	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
E. Bulletin	
1. Supplies	40.00
2. Postage	100.00
	<u>\$140.00</u>
F. Educational Activities	
1. Publications	100.00
2. Production	10.00
3. Program	50.00
4. Voter Service	100.00
	<u>\$ 260.00</u>
Total	\$1,290.00

<u>Income</u>	
A. Dues	\$510.00
B. Contributions	
1. Members	50.00
2. Non-members	700.00
C. Publications	30.00
	<u></u>
Total	\$1,290.00

Provisional League of Women Voters of Gainesville, Texas

Budget 1975-76

ExpendituresIncome

A. Operating Costs:

1. General Supplies	\$25.00
2. Postage	35.00
3. Telephone & Telegrams	15.00
4. Capitol Exp.	50.00
5. Bank Charges	5.00
6. Audit	10.00
	<u>\$140.00</u>

A. Dues 28@15.00 \$ 420.00

B. Contributions

1. Members	50.00
2. Non Members	720.00

C. Publications 50.00

D. Reserves 354.00

Total \$1,594.00

B. Board & Adm.
Committee

1. President	25.00
2. Secretary	20.00
3. Treasurer	5.00
4. Board Tools	100.00
5. Ad, Comm.	
a. Finance	30.00
b. Membership	15.00
c. Unit Organ.	5.00
d. Public Relation	5.00
e. Nominating	5.00
	<u>\$210.00</u>

C. Delegates Travel

1. State Conventions	250.00
2. Workshops	20.00
	<u>\$ 270.00</u>

D. Financial Support

1. State	300.00
2. National	119.00
	<u>\$419.00</u>

E. Bulletin

1. Supplies	45.00
2. Postage	130.00
	<u>\$175.00</u>

F. Educational Activities

1. Publications	
a. Purchase & Dist.	50.00
b. Production & Dist.	50.00
2. Program Committees	
a. National	10.00
b. State	10.00
c. Local	10.00
3. Voter Service	250.00
	<u>\$ 380.00</u>

Total \$1,594.00



Finance Drive

1974- Goal \$500.00

Member	0
Non-member	<u>\$797.50</u>
Total	\$797.50

Eight Solicitors

1975 Goal \$700.00

Member	\$ 35.00
Non-member	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$535.00

Seven solicitors

1976 Goal \$ 750.00

Members	\$ 42.00
Non-members	<u>660.00</u>
Total	\$ 702.00

12 solicitors

Provisional League of Women Voters

Gainesville, Texas

Statement as of Jan. 15, 1977

Bank Balance as of Dec. 27, 1976 \$ 685.25

Income :

Dues 15.00
15.00

Contributions 125.00
20.00

Total \$ 860.25

Expenses:

Stamps(Bulletin) 13.00

LWV of US (Pub.) 14.95

Stamps(Bulletin) 13.00

Total \$ 40.95

As of Jan. 15, 1977 Balance \$ 819.30

Savings Acct. \$ 281.09

Interest 2.84

Total \$ 283.93



Provisional League of Women Voters

Gainesville, Texas

Statement as Dec. 27, 1976

Bank Balance as of Dec. 13, 1976	\$561.06
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Income:

Dues	45.00
	30.00
Contributions	40.00
	55.00

Total	\$ 731.06
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Expenses:

Stamps (Bulletin)	26.00
Program	5.00
Dustins (Bulletin)	14.81

Total	\$ 45.81
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Balance	\$ 685.25
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Savings Account	281.09
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Provisional League of Women Voters of Gainesville

Budget Comparison Report

June 1, 1975 to June 1, 1976

<u>Title</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over</u>	<u>Under</u>
General Supplies	\$ 54.59	\$ 140.00		\$ 85.41
Board & Adm. Tools	249.11	210.00	39.11	
Delegates	105.27	270.00	-	164.73
Financail Support				
State	300.00	300.00	-	-
National	119.00	119.00	-	-
Bulletin	68.10	175.00	-	106.90
Publications	37.42	130.00	-	92.58
Voter Service	65.55	250.00	-	184.45
Total	\$ 999.04	\$1,594.00	\$ 39.11	\$ 634.07
Income:				
Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00	-	\$120.00
Contributions	520.00	770.00	-	250.00
Publications	5.60	50.00	-	44.40
Reserv Acct.	281.09	354.00	-	72.91
Total	\$ 1,106.69	\$ 1,594.00		\$ 487.31

BYLAWS

League of Women Voters of Gainesville, Texas

1977 - 1978

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be League of Women Voters of Gainesville. 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

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Section 2. Policy

The League of Women Voters of Gainesville 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 or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership

The membership of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

- a. Voting members shall be citizens at least 18 years of age.
- b. Associate members shall be all other members.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Section 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, six elected Directors and not more than six appointed Directors. Three elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected Board Members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Qualifications

No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an Officer or Director of this organization unless they are a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville.

Section 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. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any Member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 4. Power 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.

Section 5. Meetings

There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors upon the written request of five Members of the Board.

Section 6. Quorum

A majority of the Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers

The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Third Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, the First Vice President, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Second and Third Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years.

Section 2. The President

The President: shall preside at all meetings of the Organization and of the Board of Directors; may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes; shall be, ex-officio, a Member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee; shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the Office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. The Vice Presidents

The three Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability, resignation, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that Office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its Members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Section 4. The Secretary

The Secretary: shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election; shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her Office.

Section 5. The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due; shall be the custodian of these moneys; shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors; shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board; shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall commence on the first day of June each year.

Section 2. Dues

Annual dues of \$15.00 shall be due on the 1st day of June; any member who fails to pay dues within four months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Any member who joins the League or who renews a membership before June 1st will pay an additional pro rata fee based on \$1.25 per month preceding June until such renewal becomes uniform at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Section 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.

Section 4. Budget Committee

A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. Membership Meetings

There shall be at least four meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting shall be held between May 1 and May 31, 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, Members of the Nominating Committee
- c. Adopt an adequate budget, and
- d. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. Quorum

Ten members shall constitute a Quorum at all business meetings of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Members, two of whom shall be Members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two 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.

Section 2. Report of 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 sent to all Members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting Member provided the consent of the Nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. Elections

The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one Nominee for each Office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every Nominee. A majority vote of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX

Program

Section 1. Authorization

The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.



Section 2. Program

The Program of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall consist of:

- a. Action to protect the right to vote of every citizen, and
- b. Those local governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.

Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting Members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program.
- b. The proposed program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.
- c. A majority vote 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 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 majority vote.
- e. Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all Members at least two 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 a succeeding meeting.

Section 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.

ARTICLE X

National Convention, State Convention, and Council

Section 1. National Convention

The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the National Office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Gainesville under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Section 2. State Convention

The Board of Directors at a Meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Gainesville under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Section 3. State Council

The Board of Directors at a Meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the State Office shall select delegates to that Council in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Gainesville under the provisions of the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE XI

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting Members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided that amendments were submitted to the Membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Changes to Bylaws

Article III, Section 2

Substitute as follows: The Membership of the League of Women Voters of Gainesville shall be composed of citizens at least 18 years of age (formerly women citizens).

Article IV, Section 1

Change (the same) to 6 and fill the other blanks with appropriate number. (Filling in exact number).

Article VI, Section 2

Dues. (Change from anniversary dues to annual dues.)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GAINESVILLE

1977 - 1978

POLICY GUIDE

Non-Partisanship

"The League of Women Voters shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate." The League Board has the responsibility to be sure that the activities of their Board Members and the manner in which all League operations are carried out are such that the Community and League Members cannot infer that the League is not adhering to its non-partisanship policy.

Members

1. While the League of Women Voters may not support or oppose any political party or candidate, the League may take a position on local issues provided that such a position is established by a consensus after a program study has been initiated and presented.

2. Recognizing that the strength and effectiveness of the League rests in its unique non-partisan status, it is the responsibility of each individual League Member to guard carefully the League's reputation for non-partisanship. League Members are encouraged to work as individuals in the Party of their choice, to attend meetings of administrative and legislative bodies of governmental activities, to exercise their right to vote, and to make their opinions known to their governmental representatives. However, League leaders should not involve themselves in conspicuous activity that reflects a conflict of interest with League work or stated position. Individual situations should be discussed with the Board and decided on a case-to-case basis. If the Board feels that there is a conflict of interest, the Board may request the individual to resign her League position.

3. Any member who has paid dues elsewhere and wishes to transfer to the Gainesville League will be accepted without payment of dues until the next fiscal year (June 1st). Any member who joins the League or who renews a membership before June 1st will pay an additional pro rata share for months preceding June until such renewal becomes uniform at the beginning of the fiscal year.

4. A League Member attending a city, county, or school administrative meeting as a League Observer is there as a reporter only and in that capacity should confine activities to note-taking. Questions for clarification of statements may be asked.

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5. Discussion of all candidates must be avoided at all League meetings including unit meetings, except in connection with Voters Service activities. Likewise, no partisan material may be brought to any League function except a candidates rally, where candidates may bring their own materials. Material not to be brought to meetings includes pamphlets, buttons, tickets, or anything concerning candidates or issues the League is not studying.

Roster

The Roster of the Gainesville League of Women Voters is for the use and convenience of its Members in carrying out the work of the League. Its use by other organizations or groups must have Board approval.

Publications

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Board Members

1. The President may not participate in any partisan political activities. Other Board Members whose Board responsibilities are highly visible in the Community should be circumspect in their activities. If a situation seems to be in violation of the non-partisan policy of the League, the Board Member may be asked to resign her position. Individual cases should be decided on a case-to-case basis.

2. A Board Member must resign from the Board before announcing as a candidate for public office. A period of four months must pass before a candidate for public office may be nominated to a Board position or fill an unexpired term.

3. Only the President or designated representative may speak for the League. Delegated representatives of the League may not make binding commitments on major matters without the approval of the Board.

blue ribbon; Melissa Tain, snacks and beverages, blue ribbon, and Sherie Strain, breads and desserts, red ribbon.

and Mrs. Gary Hudgeons, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tam, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Strain, Daren Strain, Mrs. J. G. Jank and Mrs. Fred A. Wendel.

Feb 19, 1980

Voters League Formed in Port

Advocate News Service
PORT LAVACA — Mrs. Larry Baron was elected charter chairman of the Port Lavaca unit of the League of Women Voters Monday night.

Mrs. William Koons was elected secretary, Mrs. Paul Rothband, treasurer, Mrs. Walter Weber, chairman of the voters' service committee and Mrs. John Griffin, chairman of the membership committee. Other charter members who have paid \$20 annual membership dues include Mrs. B.B. Browning, Mrs. George Cole, Mrs. Ted Duncan, Mrs. Howard Hartzog, Mrs. Byron Olhausen, Mrs. Tom Navarro, Mrs. Rudy Rendon, and Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Having exceeded the minimum membership quota, the unit, made application for state unit status.

Following the election, Mrs. Helen Duckworth of Victoria, advisor, conducted a workshop on the unit's initial voter's guide. The guide will carry introductions to candidates subject to the May 5 primaries.

The workshop and election marked the sixth meeting of the unit. Helen Hunter and Beth Brown of Houston, organizational vice presidents, Mrs. Duckworth and Mrs. Baron, held an informational meeting on the format and objectives of the LWV last May 24. They explained that it was a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to encourage informal and ac-

tive participation of all citizens in government and politics. Also, members do a great deal of citizens informational work relative to government affairs. This, Mrs. Duckworth said, is accomplished by serving as observers at local governmental meetings and sponsoring political forums on both league and non-league governmental issues, along with teaching the basics of registration and voting procedures to new voters.

The league is organized at national, state and local levels. Mrs. Duckworth explained that now that the unit is eligible for state status, it is eligible for monies to be returned to the unit to fund local operations.

Continuing a brief resume of the unit, she noted that meetings were held in September, October, November and January. School district tax assessor-collector Keith Matlock was the guest speaker for the Oct. 24 luncheon meeting and explained the provisions of HB 1060, which provides that agricultural values be based on productivity, and homestead exemptions. He also explained SB 621, concerning establishment of county central appraisal offices, and HB 18, concerning truth in taxation measures. Such discussion on governmental actions will be typical of informational meetings to be scheduled by the unit.

Membership is open to persons 18 years and older and all are open to the public.

Legislators Observe Birthday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of the House of Representatives observed the Washington's Birthday holiday Monday like most other Americans — by not working.

It had been traditional for the House and Senate to hold a session on the holiday, if for no other reason than to hear a reading of George Washington's farewell address.

The Senate did hear the 45-minute address, but for the first time since 1929, the House chamber did not ring with the words of the first president.

House leaders, explaining the decision to ditch the custom, noted that the address is usually delivered to an empty chamber and that Washington himself never even gave the speech but only submitted it in writing.

U.S. Tops In Meats

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States remains by far the biggest meat producer in the world, despite some slippage in recent years.

The Soviet Union, in second place, has a long way to go before it catches up, according to a report last week by the Agriculture Department.

The report on production figures projects that U.S. meat output will rise in 1980 only slightly from last year's 17.1 million metric tons.

Port Agenda

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TUESDAY
8 a.m.-5 p.m. — Beef referendum voting, ASCS office.
11 a.m. — Ribbon cutting, Ben Comisky office, 420 E. Railroad.
Noon — Kiwanis, Shell Fish.
1:30 p.m. — Beef pasturage, county agriculture building.
2 p.m. — County Soil and Water Conservation district, First National Bank.
5 p.m. — Hospital board, hospital conference room; Chamber directors, Chamber of Commerce office; Pancake-sausage supper, Grace Parish hall.
6 p.m. — Housing bids awards, City Council, city hall annex; Booster club basketball supper, Calhoun cafeteria; Delta Kappa Gamma, CHS homemaking department.
7 p.m. — Evening Lions Club, Shell Fish.
7:30 p.m. — County Historical Committee.

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Fire Damages To Home Heavy

Advocate News Service

BEEVILLE — Fire heavily damaged a house here in the pre-dawn hours Monday, but no injuries were reported and the lone occupant of the residence escaped through a bedroom window.

Assistant Beeville Fire Chief Donnie Morris said Monday morning the blaze apparently started in the kitchen area of the residence at 1405 Retama St., but specific causes were not yet known.

Although Morris declined to place a value to the damage, he indicated the living room, kitchen, and car port had been heavily fire damaged and the remainder of the house heavily smoke damaged.

Michael Powell, age unknown, was the sole occupant of the house at the time of the 3:20 a.m. fire. Powell told firemen he escaped through a bedroom window after attempting to get through the front of the house. Morris said Powell told firemen he attempted to telephone for help, but the telephone was already inoperable.