MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas
April 30, 1987

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Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Director.

ABSENT: Franci Moses.

PLENARY SESSION

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to roder at 5:06 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 1987.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 16-18, 1987 meeting were approved with the following corrections: page 3, item 7, State Debate on Health Care--change reaction people to response panel members; page 3, item 8, State League Projects--change areas to facilities.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported the CD at Franklin Savings had been renewed for another year. Two more CD's mature in June and July, and thought should be given to the most advantageous means of reinvesting these monies.

Reported there is $6,723.59 in the Capital Fund. A payment of $5000, plus interest, could be made on the loan, bringing the amount owed down to $67,000.

R. Gooch MOVED paying of $5000, plus interest, on the loan. SECONDED AND PASSED.

M. McMahan reported receipt of two contributions (see Development Report) that will allow TEF to tranfer to T some of the monies owed.

3. EDUCATION FUND PROJECTS

The following Local League Projects were approved: Irving--$273 for YEO, S. Ferstl supervisor; Plano/Collin County--$450 for YEO, S. Ferstl, supervisor; San Antonio Area--$240 for VG, R. Rodgers,

supervisor.

A project request from LWV-Waco Area was denied because they still had not completed the paperwork on a similar project approved December, 1986. M. McMahan will discuss the denial with the LL president who will be attending Convention.

Projects completed: Arlington--YEO, Corpus Christi--VG, San Antonio--VG, Tarrant County--County Government Booklet.

Projects still pending: Lubbock--$864.96 for County Government Booklet, Waco--$250, YEO.

4. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Brudner reported the following contributions:

Direct Mail	$1,263	(net)
Tracor	400	
Tandy Corp.	1,700	
Texas Utilities Electric Co.	1,500	
Wills & Co.	750	(in-kind/auditing)

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Voters Service: R. Rodgers reported the LWV-Montgomery Co. VG was sponsored by local attorneys. General sense of the Board this sponsorship did not conflict with the non-partisanship of the League as long as the statement prepared by the LWV of... was clearly evident on the VG.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:35 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 1987.

Doris Watson,
Secretary

The LWV-Tarrant County made the Board feel very welcome to Fort Worth by hosting a dinner for them following the meeting.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

LWV-Houston Office, Houston, Texas
November 14-15, 1986

MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Franci Moses, Rowena Rodgers, and Doris Watson.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary, and Reggie Turetzky, Associate Director, Social Policy/Human Resources.

ABSENT: Sondra Ferstl and Mateele Rittgers.

PLENARY SESSION

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m., Friday, November 14, 1986.

1. MINUTES
The minutes of the September 12-14, 1986 meeting were approved with the following corrections:
Page 1, item 2, last sentence: Subtotal D $7125.00
Page 2, second paragraph: change P2A to P4D.
Page 3, under Gubernatorial Debate: change KTPX to KPRC.
Page 3, item 4-2: change Rigtters to Rittgers.
Page 4, under State Health Care Debate: delete Several of the same organizations would be involved as this is misleading.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported fund raising in TEF is better than last year at this time, but still needs improvement.

Reported that $14,137 had been raised by the Capital Fund general membership solicitation letter.

Reported under Income B1 will be short about $2000 due to decrease in the size of the money market deposit and decrease in interest rates.

Reported that fund raising by the LLs is also down--$12,000 in Ed Fund monies vs $20,000 last year.

E. Bonavita reported on a request for funding of the Rivers Symposium. General sense of the Board that we are unable to meet this request.

Carpenter reported it may be possible to sublet the vacant office if we are willing to lower the rent significantly. General sense of the board to proceed with renting the office in the $300-$200 range.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Development--M. Brudner reported a special fund raiser is still needed. She has been working on several ideas. May try developing direct mail list for middle size companies.

Capital Fund Drive--M. Brudner MOVED giving per mission to B. Anderson to solicit the following contributors for the Capital Fund Drive: Tracor, Newberry foundation, Moody Foundation, Mirza Trust, Fuller Foundation, Rachael and Ben Vaughn Foundation, Fisher Foundation, Inc., Haggerty Foundation, Southland Foundation, Hobby Foundation, Vaughn Foundation Fund, American Income Life Insurance and the Lack Family Foundation. She is not to solicit the Kempner Fund nor the Leland Fikes Foundation. SECONDED AND PASSED

Gubernatorial Debate: M. Brudner reported that both candidates felt the debate was a success. Lubbock Cable TV repeated the show. The debate was also picked up by CNN for delayed broadcast although it was shown live in all Texas television markets.

VS/CI--R. Rodgers reported that several LLs had problems conducting local debates-- handling write-in candidates and behavior of candidates seemed to cause most of the difficulties.

4. TEF PROJECTS

State Projects: The Texas Government Handbook is still pending.

Local League Projects:

The following LL project was approved: Arlington--$565 for YEO. M. McMahan, supervisor.

The following projects have been completed: Corpus Christi--VG; Tarrant County--YEO.

Projects still pending: Lubbock--County Government Booklet. Anticipated completion date now January 1987.

M. McMahan MOVED the LVW-Edinburg/McAllen project request be cancelled without a fee charge. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m., Friday, November 14, 1986.
The meeting resumed at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, November 15, 1986.
D. Sheridan, Program Vice-President joined the meeting.

5. ROSALIE GOODMAN INTERNSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

S. Coughlin MOVED the following Texas League members' applications for the Rosalie Goodman Experience-in-Washington Internship be approved and recommended: Sue Barham, President, LWV-Tyler,

Janet Cason, Board Member, LWV-Amarillo, and Frances McIntyre, state board member, LWV-Austin Area. SECONDED AND PASSED.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

D. Sheridan MOVED LWV-TEF co-sponsor a conference on Risk Communication with the Texas Chemical Council, Sierra Club, TDH, and the Texas Press Assn. The conference would be held in early May. The League would participate in the planning--no monies would be required. D. Sheridan would be the League representative to the conference. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Special Districts Program--L. Cummins reported that the program on special districts will be video taped on December 1. Jody Richardson, Austin atty., will take the pro side; Frank Newton, Dean of Texas Tech Law School, will take the con. Betty Anderson will moderate. L. Cummins will write guide to be used with tape. The video will be shown at convention.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 12:45 p.m., Saturday, November 15, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Quality Inn South, Austin, Texas
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ABSENT: Louise Cummins and Franci Moses.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Director; Karen Miller Associate Director, Public School Finance; and Debbie Stine, Associate Director, Container Deposit, Energy Conservation and Solar Energy Issues.

Chair L. Carpenter called the Trustees together as a committee of the whole at 1:30 p.m., Friday, September 12, 1986 to discuss the following Voters Service issue:

The Libertarian Party is very upset their candidate for governer was not issued an invitation to the gubernatorial debate. A letter was sent explaining the criteria used to invite candidates. Roger Gary, Libertarian candidate for state representative, District 115, would like to appear before the Trustees to express his concerns about this issue. General sense of the Trustees to allow Mr. Gary to appear before this Board meeting.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Chair Carpenter called to order at 3:45 p.m., Saturday, September 13, 1986.

1. MINUTES

   The minutes of the May 31-June 1, 1986 meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

   M. McMahan presented the balance sheet for the 1985-86 fiscal year ending May 31, 1986. The Operating Fund balance was reduced from $23,699.80 on June 1, 1985 to $5,753.95 on May 31, 1986. Reported the primary Gubernatorial Debate charge from the TV station came to $4,109.09.

   M. McMahan MOVED following changes to the 1986-87 budget:
   Under INCOME D2: $4525 to $2775
   Under INCOME TOTAL: $181447 to $179697.
   Under EXPENSES P4A and P4C: to $0.00
   Under SUB-TOTAL P: $5525 to $3775 (Budget), $1306.97 to $14.45 (Actual)

Under TOTAL EXPENSES: $181447 to 179697.
PASSED.

The Program Core MOVED adjusting Expenses P2 to $1300 and adding P2A for $200 to cover the State Health Care Debate. The Core feels a line item is necessary to track actual expenses. PASSED.

3. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

Development: M. Brudner reported receipt of the following contributions:

CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT	SHARE
Dresser Foundation	$1000	$200--Dallas
Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack	$1500	$420--Tarrant County
The Barber Foundation	$ 300	$100--Abilene
The Southland Corp.	$5711	restricted--When You Go To Austin
Cooper Industries Foundation	$ 250	$ 50--Houston
Texas Utilities Elect. Co.	$1500	$150--Tarrant Co. $150--Dallas
Anonymous	$2500	$500--Dallas

Politechs: Follow up phone calls have been made. Contributions have not exceeded expenses. Some gifts from contributors had been shared with a LL in the past.
PR Core MOVED not to share these contributions with the LLs, since the monies were raised through direct mail solicitation. PASSED.

Reported Texas Eastern is the only former TEF contributor who has not given this year. Will be contacting them regarding the debates/funding for publishing the Texas Government Handbook. She will also be approaching Shell Oil with a joint proposal from LWV-Houston for funding an update and printing of the Handbook.

General sense of the Board that funding for the printing of the Texas Government Handbook be sought.

Reported on sharing problem arising from the merger of companies in the Dallas-Tarrant County area. The new company, Texas Utilities, contributed to LWV-TEF as had the indivdual companies before. The Policy Guide needs to address how the sharing formula will be calculated when such cases arise.

Capital Fund Drive solicitation letters were mailed September 10.

VS/CI: R. Rodgers reported the Voters Guides will be to the printer September 16. Shipping date is September 29. 43,000 printed copies and 17 veloxes have been ordered.

She reported LWV-Amarillo is co-sponsoring a debate and the gubernatorial candidates have been invited.
General sense of the Board to send out memo to LL's reminding them of policy on clearing with SO before inviting state-wide candidates, such as the gubernatorial candidates, to participate in local debates.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Gubernatorial Debate: M. Brudner reported the debate will be held October 6, on KTPX, Channel 2, Houston. A conference with the candidates' aides is scheduled Monday, September 15 to settle final details. LWV-TEF must pay the satellite uplink and radio connection costs. All Board members and spouses are invited.

Presented a request from Engery Security Policy Incorporation a group of small to medium size oil companies, to hold a debate between experts pro and con on oil import tariffs.
E. Bonavita MOVED that M. Brudner pursue planning for such a debate.A fee for the services of the League will be charged. SECONDED AND PASSED.

4. TEF PROJECTS

State Projects:

(1) HCMI--grant monies were used to print the initial 5000 copies of the F&I. The Program Core MOVED reprinting 1000 copies of F&I and marketing them at $.75 for members, $1.25 for non members. PASSED.

The Texas Journal of Rural Health, published by Texas Tech, will reproduce the HCMI F&I in an upcoming edition.

(2) Domestic Violence--M. Rigtters is continuing to seek funding for a Spanish edition of the F&I.

(3). Keystone Project--is continuing. Still have funds in budget.

Local League Projects:

The following LL projects were approved: Corpus Christi--$1000 for Voters Guides. R. Rodgers, supervisor. Corpus Christi--$356.52 for HCMI luncheon. S. Coughlin, supervisor. Tarrant County-- $760 for YEO. M. McMahan, supervisor.

The following projects have been completed: Abilene--Citizen's Guide; Arlington--YEO; Corpus Christi--Voters Guides; Corpus Christi--HCMI luncheon; Tarrant County--YEO; Tarrant County--County Government Handbook; Waco--YEO's (combined two requests.)

Projects still pending: Lubbock--County Government Booklet. General sense of the Board to consider Edinburg/McAllen request to be cancelled since no action has been taken on it since request of 1983.

The first plenary session adjourned at 9:45 p.m., Saturday, September 13, 1986.

The **SECOND PLENARY SESSION** was called to order to 9:00 a.m., Sunday, September 14, 1986.

5.PROGRAM CORE REPORT

State Health Care Debate: S. Coughlin reported that she and B. McCormick had attended two meeting with TDH to plan a State Health Care Debate, similiar to the National Health Debate. Several of the same organizations would be involved. The League would help with planning but have no fiscal responsibilities. A "white paper" would probably be published as a lobby tool on: "Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Pays".
B. McCormick MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that the League participate in the State Health Care Debate. PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED Program Core recommendation that League co-sponsor the Wilderness PowWow. PASSED.

E. Bonavita MOVED League participate in conference on revenue options, if it proves feasible to hold such a conference. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Public School Finance: K. Miller reported publication will not be done at this time due to uncertainty of tax situation.

Ground Water: Focus on Ground Water will be written by C. Perrine.

Special Districts: L. Cummins will make a video tape on Special Districts. The inital tape will cost $75. Additional copies will be $15.

The Program Core MOVED the Focus on Ground Water and the video tape on Special Districts be marketed and sold. PASSED.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 14, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Quality Inn South, Austin, Texas
May 30-June 1, 1986

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Quality Inn South, Austin, Texas

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PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Doris Watson.

ABSENT: Sondra Ferstl, Barbara McCormick, Franci Smith.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Director; Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance; and Debbie Stine, Associate Director, Container Deposit, Energy Conservation and Solar Energy Issues.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p. m., Saturday, May 31, 1986.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

L. Cummins MOVED election of Lois Carpenter as chair; Modelle Brudner as vice-chair; Doris Watson as secretary; and Myrtle McMahan as treasurer. SECONDED AND PASSED.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 1986 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

under #1--change spellling to spelling.
under #5--VS--correct spelling of copyrite to copyright and thier to their
under #6--change LWV-T to LWV-TEF.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported that LWV-TEF will end the year with a deficit. The TV station has not yet been reimbursed for the gubernatorial debate. The Voters Guide exceeded the budget by a great deal. Discussion followed on increasing cost of veloxes, decreasing typesetting costs, decreasing number of Guides supplied to SU and MALs.

S. Carver MOVED to send 500 copies of VG to each SU and 10 copies of VG to each MAL. SECONDED AND PASSED.

M. McMahan MOVED the officers be given permission to set up a six month CD at Franklin Savings Association, Austin, in the amount of the contribution from Southland Corporation, due to arrive in early July. SECONDED AND PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF 1986-87 BUDGET

M. McMahan MOVED adoption of the TEF proposed budget for 1986-87 with the following amendments: Income, Line D-2, decrease from $2,500 to $00; Subtotal D, decrease $11,375 to $8,875; and TOTAL INCOME, decrease from $183,908 to $181,408. Expenses, Line O-3, decrease from $2,500 to $00; Sub-total O, decrease from $7,050 to $4,550 and TOTAL EXPENSES, decrease from $183,908 to $181,408. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

M. McMahan reported receipt of $500 for Capital Fund Drive.

J. Lovelace reported the all member solicitation letter is being drafted and will be reviewed by M. McMahan and Diana Clark.

6. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

Voters Service: Barbara Hudson, president LWV-Austin Area, and Barbara Ellis, former VS chair, LWV-Austin Area, appeared before the Board requesting clarification on role of the State Board and LL when problems arise with the printing of state VG in the local newspapers. LWV-Austin Area felt their working arrangement with a local newspaper to publish both the local and state VGs had been jeopordized when the state League sent a letter to the publisher expressing its concern and displeasure over the deletion of some of the questions.

General sense of the Board: The LL will be notified, by a written communication, of any action to be taken prior to initiating such action. If it is determined it would be more appropriate for the LL to initiate the action, the LL will be allowed to do so within a reasonable amount of time.

LWV-Austin Area will follow-up on this current problem with the local newspaper and notify the state board, by letter, of the outcome.

Voters Guide: The PR core recommends that LWV-TEF not attempt to sell Voter Guides as this could cause conflict with the LLs. General sense of the Board to explore the possibility of selling Guides to the utility companies, foundations, etc. To be reviewed by Development committee.

Regarding question at Council from a LL about the state board assigning only one LL to gather information for VG when there are overlapping districts--general sense of the Board is it is not appropriate for the state board to do this. A letter will be sent to the LLs explaining our position and also to see if there are any problems with this policy.

Voters Guide for General Election: R. Rodgers reported there will be three constitutional amendments on the ballot. Pros and cons on them will be in the VG.

L. Cummins MOVED the approval of the VG candidate's questions as follows: questions will remain the same as in the primary VG except for the Governor and Lt. Governor races. Question #1 will be the same. The follwing question will be substitued for 2 & 3: Texas is facing a severe financial crisis. Taking into account declining revenues, cash flow, dedicated funds and the current tax strucure, what change, if any, should be made to meet the state's financial needs? SECONDED AND PASSED.

Development: M. Brudner reported the receipt of the following contributions: $200--Murray Manres/Jo Hardin Originals, Inc.
$500--Harris and Eliza Kempner Fund
$400--Tracor, Inc.
$2500--RGK Foundation for HCMI F&I
Reported she had attended a workshop in San Antonio on fund raising.
Reported another letter will be sent to Manor Health Care requesting contributions for HCMI.

Politechs fund raiser: reported that $2105 had been raised and expenses still have not been met. Karol Phelan sent a written contract stating she would again contact 250-500 people June 13-19 and then do follow-up calls for one month. Letters will also be sent and a progress report provided to us. No extra costs for this second solicitation effort.

M. Brudner MOVED acceptance of the new Politechs proposal for continued follow-up. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Gubernatorial Debates: M. Brudner reported the final cost for AT&T installation and satellite hook-up for the primary debates was $3464.88.

Reported the receipt of a call from Mary Porter with the Texas Society of CPA's. This organization might be able to put up $15,000 toward debates. Will explore this possibility in more depth.

M. Brudner MOVED PR Core recommendation to hold gubernatorial debates in the fall. Invitations will be issued, funding sought, and the debates will be a top priority. PASSED.

General sense of the Board not to restrict candidates to KHOU debate only.

Regarding minor party candidates--S. Coughlin MOVED that only candidates chosen by a primary election would be invited to debate. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The first plenary session adjourned at 4:15 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 1986.

The **SECOND PLENARY SESSION** was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, June 1, 1986.

7. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Amicus Curiae Brief: D. Sheridan reported that the court case of Texas Association of Business vs the Texas Air Control Board is now considered landmark case. The law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, and Smiley is eager to take the case pro bono for the League. There is a choice to file a substantive amicus brief or to intervene which would make us a more active party. The League would testify in the suit. The case will be carried to the Texas Supreme Court. The League would incur expenses for copying documents, travelling expenses to testify, and could also be liable for fees if the case is decided in favor of the Texas Association of Business. It would take approximately two years for the whole process. Considering the League's financial difficulties and length of time the suit will take:

E. Bonavita MOVED the final decision on whether the League decided to file a substantive amicus brief or to intervene in the case of the Texas Association of Business vs the Texas Air Control Board should be made by an executive committee of Lois Carpenter, Diane Sheridan, and Evelyn Bonavita, based on the financial ramifications and considerations as outlined by the board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

HCMI: S. Coughlin reported the F&I was in its second draft and would be ready for final editing in two weeks. E. Bonavita MOVED S. Coughlin have the F&I typeset in San Antonio and printed in Austin or San Antonio in accordance with policy guide. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The Leader's Guide will be printed in the SO and sent out in the July mailing.

Special Districts Update: L. Cummins reported that an opportunity had arisen to do a video program on special districts. The LL's could use a guide along with the video. More information could be provided at less cost than doing a publication. The program would be produced in Lubbock.

L. Cummins MOVED that she explore the possibility of doing a video program on special districts. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Public School Finance: K. Miller reported that she had recently attended symposium conducted by a coalition of education groups. A new publication on public school finance is definitely needed for both the public and legislators. Richard Hooker, professor, U. of Houston, would be willing to work on such a publication.
General sense of the Board to do such a publication with the help of Prof. Hooker, if funding can be found.

Financing State Government: L. Cummins reported that a five part series on financing state government had appeared in the Austin American Statesman. She felt it was time to approach the subject through a video, town hall meeting format. K. Miller feels the public TV station in Austin might be interested in such a program.

E. Bonavita MOVED League participation in a TV program with Tom Spencer, KLRU, Austin, on financing state government. SECONDED AND PASSED.
L. Cummins and K. Miller will be the committee working on it. LLs will be informed of dates and possibility of obtaining tapes of the show.

D. Sheridan MOVED rejoining Texas Council on Family Violence. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED Program Core recommendation to rejoin Texas Enviromental Coalition. PASSED.

The Program Core recommends deferring a decision on co-sponsoring the Widerness POW WOW next April since it make conflict with proposed fun run.

8. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

The following LL Projects were approved: Arlington--$500 for YEO. M. McMahan, supervisor. Waco--$260 for "A Guide for Citizens". E. Bonavita, supervisor.

The following projects have been completed: Corpus Christi--"They Represent You"; Kerrville--"Meet the Candidates"; San Antonio Area--Speakers Bureau Brochure; San Antonio Area--Voters Guide.

Projects still pending: Abilene--Citizen's Guide; Arlington--YEO; Corpus Christi--Voters Guide; Edinburg-McAllen--Research on Water

Issues; Lubbock--County Government Booklet; Tarrant County--County Government Booklet; Waco--1985 Citizen's Guide; LWV-Texas--Domestic Violence Booklet; LWV-Texas--F&I, HCMI.

D. Sheridan MOVED approval of travel expenses for K. Jacobs, Associate Director, Air, incurred when invited to testify before Texas Air Control Board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:45 a. m., Sunday, June 1, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Hilton Inn, College Station, Texas
April 18, 1986

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Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary, Ethel Sturgis, Nominating Committee Chair, Ruth Lauer, Nominating Committee member, and Diana Clark, Nominating Committee member and Associate Director.

PLENARY SESSION

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., April 18, 1986.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17-19, 1986 Board Meeting were approved with the following corrections/additions:

Treasurer's Report: Period after word "item" line 3.
Development Report: correct spelling of Phelen to Phelan.
HCMI: correct spelling Book to Brock. Add Susanne Rupp, San Antonio, to committee membership.
Gubernatorial Primary Debates: correct spellling of Rebuplican to Republican.
Page four: correct spellings shoud and consistant to should and consistent

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported $8000.00 had been paid on the loan.
Operating fund is actually $9,875.45.
Cash flow problems continue to exist. LL Projects pending add up to over $10,000 and could deplete funds if all need to be paid.

General sense of the Board to address reinvestment of the maturing CD at May 30 Board meeting.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reported that LWV-Tyler had received a grant from LWVUS to hold a congressional debate for the fall election. It will cover two congressional districts.

Reported that the Public Subscription Service was becoming very difficult. The number of publications from national have

declined so it is hard to justify the $25.00 fee charged to the the subscribers. The time required to fill the orders by the SO is not practical for so few publications. Discussion followed on the PR generated by the service.

R. Gooch MOVED to reduce the Public Subscription Service to $20.00 and continue it for another year. SECONDED. MOTION FAILED.

D. Sheridan MOVED cancellation of the Public Subscription Service for one year. SECONDED AND PASSED.

4. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

D. Sheridan MOVED approval of LWV-TEF project proposal for $16,000 for publication on Domestic Violence in both English and Spanish. M. Rittgers--project director. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED approval of LWV-TEF project proposal for publication of Facts and Issures on Health Care for the Medically Indigent. $165.00 from TEF, $4670 from sponsors. S. Coughlin--project director. SECONDED AND PASSED.

General sense of the Board to focus on the above projects before approving to seek funding for updating and printing Texas Government Handbook.

D. Sheridan presented a proposal on filing an amicus curiae brief in behalf of the Texas Air Control Board. It is being sued by the Texas Association of Business for assessing administrative penalties. The League was a major force in raising the issue of administrative fines and getting provisions for such into legislation. LWV-TEF would need to find a lawyer to do the work pro bono. Discussion on the pros and cons of such a project were thoroughly covered.

D. Sheridan MOVED approval of filing amicus curiae brief in behalf of Texas Air Control Board providing ~~funds~~ funds/pro bono work can be found. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The plenary session recessed at 6:00 p.m. The State Board were guests at a dinner buffet hosted by LWV-Brazos County.

The plenary session resumed at 9:20 p.m.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Development--M. Brudner reported that fund raising is ongoing. The direct mail solicitation by Politechs has raised only $2000.--far below expenses. It appears follow-up calling was poorly handled. To discuss with K. Phelan the apparent lack

of follow-up calls and turning over the names with the correct addresses to the League.
Special Project--need ideas for projects and persons to chair projects by June Board meeting.
Marketing Publication--"Primer on Nuclear Waste". On large orders, LWVUS will share 10% of sales with League if national does the contact after state Leagues provide names. Also possibility of buying the pub and selling it ourselves. General sense of the Board to have F. Smith explore the possiblity of selling this publication to utility companies, etc.

Gubernatorial Debates--M. Brudner reported the debate was well covered by the media throughout the state. Cost of the debate was $8,663. which is inexpensive. Cost for AT&T installation and satellite hook-up was $2680.
M. Brudner MOVED payment to KHOU for the cost of the AT&T installation and satellite hook-up. SECONDED AND PASSED.
Contributors to the debate: Dow Chemical--$2000, Mesa Limited Partnership--$500.
List of names of other possible contributors has been provided by Marta Greytok, LWV-Bay Area. Letters will be mailed to these prospects.

Domestic Violence Publication--Funding is still being sought. Texas Bar Foundation will make a decision at its meeting being held today. Crystelle Waggoner Trust--the executive director, a League member, has approached R. Gooch about the possibility of funding. Their trustees will meet April 23.

HCMI--Several funding proposals are out.

TGH--will not be done at this time.

General sense of the Board that an every-member mailing for the Capital Fund Drive be initiated.

Voters Service--R. Rodgers reported the VGs were late in coming from the printer, but arrived three weeks before

election.
Reported the Austin American Statesman ran the VG serially, leaving out one of the questions.
General sense of the Board to write letter to the Austin American Statesman expressing concern over format and copyrite violation. LWV-Austin Area is concerned about jeopardizing thier relationship with the paper. We will notify them of the letter and also send them a copy.

Publication Plans--First draft of HCMI F&I is being reviewed. Planning summer publication date.

6. APPROVAL SPONSORSHIP OF WILLIE CAMPBELL

F. McIntyre presented request from Jean Slobod, trustee,Oversees Education Fund, for the LWV-T to co-sponsor Willie Campbell, speaker, at symposium in Austin, in the fall, on Women and Law: An International Perspective. No fee required.
F. McIntyre MOVED LWV-T co-sponsor Willie Campbell as a speaker at the symposium--Women and Law: An International Perspective. SECONDED AND PASSED.

7. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

The following LL Projects were approved: Abilene--$5,100.00 for publication of Citizen's Guide. S. Carver, supervisor. Corpus Christi--$1155.00 for Voter Guides. E. Bonavita, supervisor. Galveston--$177.00 for publication of VG. R. Rodgers, supervisor. Kerrville--$275.31 for candidate's forum. L. Carpenter, supervisor.
General sense of the Board that request from Waco needs clarification before approval can be made. E. Bonavita to check with LL president regarding problems with request.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:00 p.m., April 18, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Embassy Suites, Austin, Texas
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Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary, Georgina Gregory, Budget Committee Chair, and Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, January 18, 1986.

1. MINUTES

   The minutes of the November 15-16, 1985 meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

   M. McMahan reported: Receipt of corrected tax bills from Travis County on the condo for $2,177.80. This money is due January 31. It was not a budgeted item LWV-TEF did not think it would be taxed. After reviewing criteria for tax exemption--LWV-TEF does not qualify. Receipt of $2500.00 contribution from Trull Foundation. Plans to make $7000.00 payment on loan.

3. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS
   M. McMahan, Local League Projects Committee, MOVED the following projects be approved: San Antonio Area--131.25 for Scholarship for Model Political Campaign Workshop. S. Coughlin, supervisor. San Antonio Area-- $264.60 for publication of Speakers Bureau Brochure. R. Rodgers, supervisor. San Antonio Area--$1424.95 for publication of spring Voters Guide. R. Rodgers, supervisor. PASSED.

   Projects completed: Richardson--Guide to Elected Officials. San Antonio Area cancelled request for seed money for seminar. San Antonio Area--workshop registration.

   Projects still pending: Corpus Christi--Guide to Elected Officials. Lubbock--County Government booklet; Tarrant County--handbook; Waco--YEO.

   Organization Core will attempt to revise instructions on Local League Projects. The LL's seem very confused on how to request funds, when to request, and how to fill out the forms.

4. Development Report

M. Brudner reported the Politechs direct mail project will begin February 3, with the first mailing of solicitation letters. Joann, Modelle, and Lois will approve the list of names and the letter. 2500 names are on the list. The goal is $10,000. Our costs will include: $2500 Karol Phelen; stationery and envelopes $200; thank yous $300., postage $550.

Capital Fund Drive: B. Anderson sent a memo outlining the goals for 1986. 1. Target 12 foundations in Texas--3 in each of the 4 major cities--will not contact foundations that gave before. 2. Contact former political officials/legislators. 3. Solicit five regular contributors: Exxon, Kempner, Liquid Paper AFL-CIO, and Fikes Foundation. 4. Target 500 selected members -go back over old directories. 5. Mention Captial Fund Drive in VOTER.

5. Program Core Report

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core recommendation that LWV-T rejoin the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice at a cost of $40.00. PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core recommendation that LWV-T continue sponsorship of Wilderness POW WOW. PASSED. A memo will be sent to the LL's.

General sense of the Board not to participate in survey of legislators on judicial selection survey. D. Sheridan will write a letter to Judge Coker suggesting the use of the LBJ school.

Health Care Debate: B. McCormick reported a meeting of the Debate moderators have been held. Moderators are B. Anderson, L. Johnson, M. Stone and L. Cummins. Walter Cain, speaker, will moderate for himself. Moderators will meet with the speakers. Funding for the LL's is still uncertain. B. McCormick, M. Brudner S. Coughlin and L. Carpenter are funded to attend.

Domestic Violence: M. Rittgers reported the final draft of the F&I has been edited and is ready to go to the SO. It will be mailed with a glossary January 31. Funding for the publication is still uncertain. Five proposals were sent out-- Warner-Lambert, C. S. Mott and Levi-Strauss all NO's. Trull Foundation is still pending. D. Sheridan will be meeting with the Texas Bar Foundation on Jan. 22 to go over the proposal.

HCMI: S. Coughlin reported the committee held a meeting on January 7. Committee members are : D. Sheridan, B. McCormick, D. Watson, Linda Bock and Barbara Hettinger--Denton, Reggie Turetzky and Carolyn Durbin--Houston. Five consensus questions were developed. F&I will be ready sometime June/July. This will allow for incorporation of materials from the Health Care Debate.

Suzanne Rupp

A VCR film has been made by H. Farabee's office on indigent health care problems in Texas. A memo will be sent to LL's informing them of the film.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reported she will be participating on a panel on merit selection of judges at the Texas Bar Foundation Conference, February 20/21, in San Antonio.

7. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE/PROGRAM REPORT

Publications: Domestic Violence F&I will be ready Jan. 31.
Precinct Convention Brochure--R. Rodgers-- will be ready by next month. To go out in DPM's and available at Council.
HCMI F&I and leader's guide ready June/July.
Recodification Issue--to be handled with memo.
Open government--still changing. Too early for publication.
Special Districts--next fall possibly. Research is not very productive. Possiblity of doing LL survey on special districts. A one to one interview might give more information on why the district was formed.
Texas Government Handbook-August 1st deadline. Still need to find monies to fund it.

Gubernatorial Primary Debates: M. Brudner reported invitations have been mailed to all known candidates. January 20th is the deadline for response. Plans will then begin on TV dates, times, places. Debates will be held in late March/early April. General sense of the Board to hold a debate between Republican candidates even if Democratic candidates refuse to debate.

The first plenary session adjourned at 9:50 p. m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 8:45 a. m., Sunday, January 19, 1986.

8. BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

G. Gregory, Budget Committee Chair, presented the LWV-TEF proposed budget for 1986-87. A few adjustments were made.
G. Gregory MOVED approval of the LWV-TEF proposed budget for 1986-87. PASSED.
The proposed budget will appear in the Council workbook for approval by delegates at Council.

9. APPROVAL VOTERS GUIDE QUESTIONS

R. Rodgers MOVED approval of the following questions for the primary VOTERS GUIDE:

All candidates will be asked to submit a picture. All will be asked in 50 words or less: Please describe your training and experience that contribute to your qualifications for this office.

Governor and Lt. Governor

1. According to economic projections, Texas will suffer a revenue shortfall in the next biennium. How would you propose to balance the budget?
2. Texas has mandated but has not fully funded recent educational reforms. What solutions do you propose?
3. Should the state's role in providing health care for the indigent be expanded, reduced, or remain the same? Explain.

Attorney General

As attorney for the state, which areas of enforcement would you emphasize?

Comptroller of Public Accounts

Should the duties of the comptroller be expanded? Explain.

Treasurer

What new policies or procedures would you propose for the management of state monies?

Commissioner of General Land Office

What are the three most important issues confronting the General Land Office and how would you address them.

Commissioner of Agriculture

What would you do to address the economic problems of the Texas farmer?

Railroad Commissioner

The Railroad Commission regulates industries which affect environmental quality. How would you address the commission's environmental responsibilities?

Supreme Court Justice and Court of Criminal Appeals Judge

Please comment on the following:

(a) Television in the courtroom
(b) Method of selection of judges
(c) Judicial endorsement of candidates

MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.

General sense of the Board that word limits shoud be consistant. J. Lovelace and R. Rodgers will make word limit decisions when space limits are known.

R. Rodgers MOVED adoption of the VOTERS GUIDE POLICY as it appears in the State handbook. SECONDED AND PASSED.

R. Rodgers reported the Human SERVE voter registration workshop has been reschuled for summer. There will probably be 2-3 workshops instead of one large meeting. Funding is still being sought.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:45 a.m., January 19, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Chamber of Commerce, Arlington, Texas
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Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

ABSENT: Barbara McCormick.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 1985.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13-15, 1985 meeting were approved with the correction of the date on page 1 to June 14-16, 1985.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported an operating balance of $15,748.00. The VG expenses are $3,279, exceeding the budget. Income from the VG is only $1800.00 at this time.

3. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

M. McMahan, Local League Projects Committee, MOVED the approval of a request from Corpus Christi--$1900 for YEO. R. Rodgers, supervisor. PASSED.

Projects completed: Arlington--Get Out the Vote; San Antonio--scholarship for workshop.

Projects still pending: Lubbock--County Government booklet; Richardson--Guide to Elected Officials; San Antonio--seed money for seminar; San Antonio--workshop registration; Tarrant County--handbook; Waco--YEO.

4. ACTION ON TEXAS WOMENS APPOINTMENT COALITION

L. Carpenter presented a letter from the Texas Womens Appointment Coalition requesting contributions from participating organizations. This is a bipartisan group whose function is to develop a network to assist women in obtaining appointments to commissions, boards, etc. General sense of the Trustees to contribute $100.00 to the Texas Womens

Appointment Coalition.

5. CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

L. Cummins MOVED to approve the resolution to authorize seeking a grant from Abell-Hanger Foundation. SECONDED AND PASSED.

L. Carpenter reported that the Lola Wright foundation had rejected our grant request.

6. VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

R. Rodgers reported that Human SERVE requested LWV to join in a project to hold a statewide conference on voter registration and electoral participation.

R. Rodgers MOVED LWV-T participate in the voter registration project with Human SERVE and other organizations in the early part of 1986. SECONDED AND PASSED.

7. JUDICIAL SELECTION OPINION SURVEY

D. Sheridan reported the LWV has been asked to consider making a a survey of state legislators' opinions on judicial selection. All answers would be anonymous with the results of survey being distributed to the media, LL's and possibly an article in a law journal. General sense of the Trustees: more information was needed before a decision could be made as the usefulness of such a project is questionable.

8. RENT FOR CONDOMINUM

General sense of the Trustees to ask $505/month for the rental space at the State Office.

The first plenary session recessed at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 1985.

The first plenary session resumed at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 1985.

9. APPROVAL SPECIAL FUND RAISER

M. Brudner reported that the special fund raiser as proposed by Politechs appeared to meet our needs the best. Politechs would develop a list of 2500 names, at $1.00/name, and send out a direct mail solicitation. They would also do follow-up phone calls. The LWV-TEF would approve the list of names before mailing. Goal--$10,000.

E. Bonavita MOVED that Politechs do a TEF direct mailing solicitation in early January as outlined in M. Brudner's report. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 1140 a.m., November 16, 1985.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Also present were: Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance, and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 1985.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 13-15, 1985 meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported line S1 should read $16370. Correction was made.

Adjustment on rent from office space has not been made because the office space has not been rented. Possiblity of rent price being too high may need to be considered by Board at next meeting.

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Brudner reported no action had been taken on the special fund raising project due to the lack of a Development chair. She plans to gather more information about the Politechs proposal. General sense of the Trustees that the TEF officers could approve of special project.

General sense of the Trustees that $15,000 would be paid on the mortage on the office when this money arrives in October.

4. MOTION TO ELECT VICE-CHAIRMAN

R. Gooch MOVED to elect M. Brudner as vice-chairman, LWV-TEF, to fill vacancy created by the resignation of M. Heselmeyer from the Board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

M. Brudner reported that the cost for gubernatorial debates for the primaries would be around $16,000 each. General sense of the Trustess was to pursue holding debates during the primaries.

R. Rodgers reported that the Voters Guide should be out the first week of October. The Houston papers have indicated a desire to publish the Guide in Spanish. R. Rodgers will pursue the possibility of obtaining the velox in Spanish to distribute to any LL interested. An attempt will be made to allow for a mailing label space on the VG.

L. Cummins MOVED to send copies of VG to all newspapers in non-league areas with cover letter explaining Guide must be used as printed. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The first plenary session adjourned at 9:00 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 1985.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, September 15, 1985.

6. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Domestic Violence--considerable discussion occurred regarding the publication of a new booklet or the revision of the current WUTL booklets I and II with new material added. L. Cummins MOVED that an inexpensive in-house version of a F & I be made available to the LL's. M. Rittgers can pursue finding funds for a revised edition in both Spanish and English with the new material included. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Health Care for the Medically Indigent--S. Coughlin reports that research is continuing. A memo on recent legislation that affects HCMI will be sent to LL's.

Health Care Debates--B. McCormick reported the LWV has signed contracts with, DHS, the organizers of the debates. The League will assist with finding moderators, moderating, and organizing the sequence of events. M. Brudner will be assisting with the PR. S. Coughlin and L. Carpenter will be invited guests. B. McCormick requested names of individuals that would be good moderators. A background in health is not important.

State-Local Relations--L. Cummins is looking into a publication on special districts, to be ready for next fall.

Open meeting information--E. Bonavita will send information to be used in LL VOTERS. Possibility of VOTER insert.

Keystone project--D. Sheridan reported that the Keystone siting process training manuals have been published. $1,000 to $3,000 should be left over . Depending on the amount of money available, the following projects will be attempted:

Establish a long term account to allow for League speakers to participate in various workshkops around the state.
Mailing to all Keystone workshop attendees announcing publication of Manual and Hazardous Waste Primer (LWVUS).
Mailing to other interested groups and LL's informing them of the manual and other material that is available.

Amicus brief request--E. Bonavita reported the League had been contacted to join in amicus brief with Planned Parenthood and ACLU on case in Northern Texas Federal Court. Plantiff bringing suit against harassment of women going to abortion clinic in Dallas. Amicus brief would request judge not to dismiss case. General sense of Trustees that not enough information had been provided to come to decision. Since this may be an area that should be addressed by LWVUS, not LWV-T, E. Bonavita will contact the litigation dept. of LWVUS.

Public School Finance--K. Miller reported that HB72 has caused many changes in public school finance. She feels an updated F&I needs to be published. D. Sheridan MOVED the Trustees give K. Miller permission to seek funding for a new Facts & Issue publication on public school finance. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED, providing financial means allow, the VOTER will be used to provide every member information on program by including a program insert. SECONDED AND PASSED.

7. PUBLICATIONS

F. Smith reported a flyer had been sent to LL's informing them of special on WUTL publications. Will send memo to LL's requesting names of possible sources where publications can be sold. LWV-T will do the marketing if the LL is not interested. Will provide memo to LL's on the ease of collecting and reporting sales tax to promoted interest in selling publications.

R. Rodgers will write a brochure on going to the precinct convention. The publication will be financed through VS budget. Recodification article will be in February VOTER. A post-board memo will include explanation of Human SERVE voter registration project.

8. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

M.McMahan, Local League Projects Committee, MOVED the following projects be approved: San Antonio--$55 for registration for workshop. S. Coughlin, supervisor. San Antonio--$210 for scholarship. R. Rodgers, supervisor. San Antonio--$210 for seed money for domestic violence workshop. S. Coughlin, supervisor. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Projects completed: Midland YEO and historical project.

Projects still pending: Lubbock--County Government booklet; Richardson--YEO; Tarrant County-Government booklet; Waco--YEO.

B. McCormick MOVED that for 1985-87 Local League Projects submitted late or after the fact not be accepted. SECONDED AND PASSED.

LL Project Committee MOVED that a $5.00 fee be assessed to Local Leagues for projects withdrawn after approval. This fee will defray some of the costs of processing the requests. PASSED.

9. LETTER TO LOCAL LEAGUES REGARDING DEBATES

L. Carpenter will send letter to LL's informing them that LWV-T will be holding gubernatorial debates and requesting the LL's to refrain from holding similar debates.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:30 a.m., September 15, 1985.

Doris Watson
Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Day's Inn, Austin, Texas
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Rachel Gooch, Melba Heselmeyer, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahon, Mateele Rittgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Doris Watson.

ABSENT: Louise Cummins and Rowena Rodgers.

Also present were Jeanette Vanderwater, outgoing Treasurer, Catherine Perrine, ooutgoing Trustee, and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m., June 15, 1985.

Lois Carpenter announced that two contributions of $10,000 each had been received for the Capital Fund Drive. Contributors are: Brown Foundation, Houston, and Hobitzlle Foundation, Dallas.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

   M. Brudner MOVED election of Lois Carpenter as chairman; Melba Heselmeyer as vice-chairman; Doris Watson as secretary; and Myrtle McMahan as treasurer. SECONDED AND PASSED.

2. ADOPTION OF BUDGET

   M. McMahan MOVED adoption of the TEF proposed budget for 1985-86 with the following amendments: Income, Line A-2; increase from $6,765 to $7,198; Income, Subtotal A; increase from $82,840 to $83,273; and increase total income from $199,040 to $199,473. Expenses, N-1a, increase from $12,095 to $12,528; Expenses, Subtotal N, increase from $24,485 to $24,918; and total expenses, increase from $199,040 to $199,473. SECONDED AND PASSED.

   D. Sheridan reported that the $1500 under P-1 was only for one new program study. Since two studies were adopted at Convention, the funds will be divided between the two while additional sources of funding are being sought.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   The minutes of the April 11, 1985 meeting were approved with the correction under LL Projects completed--Lubbock's Citizen's Guide was completed, not the County Government booklet.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette Vanderwater presented a complete end of 1984-85 budget review. She stated the year ended in an excellent financial position.

5. RESERVE MONIES FOR OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS MOTION

D. Sheridan MOVED $520 from reserves be spent on office improvements to "stretch" the Beth Brown Fund. SECONDED AND PASSED. This motion removes $520 from line G. of the budget and adds $520 to line S.

6. FORMATION OF LOCAL LEAGUE ED FUND PROJECTS COMMITTEE

D. Sheridan MOVED the formation of LL Ed Fund Projects Committee consisting of the chairman, secretary, treasurer, and member of the Organization Core to review LL project requests and make recommendations on them. SECONDED AND PASSED.

L. Carpenter, chairman, appointed R. Gooch as Organization Core member to the LL Ed Fund Projects Committee.

7. DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT

M. Heselmeyer MOVED to pursue funding from corporations/foundations for the two state program studies. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Reported on contributions received since April:

Dresser Industries Foundation	$1,000 TEF	$200 Dallas	(shared)
Kempner Fund	$1,000 TEF	$200 Galveston	"
Fikes Foundaton	$2,500 TEF	$500 Dallas	"
Texas Eastern Corp.	$1,000 TEF	$280 Houston	"

Development: M. Heselmeyer reported that four proposal had been presented on fundraising projects. (1). The Clark Group, Inc.,of Dallas--a special event, but, very vauge on what they would do. (2). PolyTech of Austin--creation of fund raising data base, mailing of letters and follow-up telephoning at $1.00/name. (3). Prime Events--one big speical event. (4). Harla Kaplan of Houston--also special event. A thorough evaluation of the proposals will be presented at the September meeting.

D. Sheridan requested that a list of the members/contributors receiving the direct mailing be provided to board members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, June 16, 1985.

8. MOTION ON PAYMENT ON MORTGAGE

M. McMahan MOVED the $20,000.00 be paid on the mortgage for the office space. SECONDED AND PASSED.

9. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

M. McMahan, Local League Pojects Committee, MOVED the following projects be approved: Midland--$100 for historical prospective of the Midland League's contribution to the city. L. Carpenter, supervisor. Midland--$381 for YEO. L. Carpenter, supervisor. Waco--$150 YEO. E. Bonavita, supervisor. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Projects completed: Tarrant County--YEO; Lubbock--Citizens Guide; Corpus Christi--City Council Voters Guide; Baytown--Booklet on Nursing; Arlington--YEO.

Projects still pending: Lubbock--County Government booklet; Richardson--Get Out the Vote; Irving--Voters Guide and an YEO; Tarrant County--YEO and Government booklet; Arlington--YEO.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

Voters Service: M. Brudner MOVED work begin on Gubernatorial Debates organization. SECONDED AND PASSED.
Voters Guide will be done for the November election on constitutional amendments. Pro and cons will be included. Proposed VG questions for Spring 1986, will be provided to Board members in a pre-board report so corrections will be ready at the January Board meeting. F. Smith will be listed as Publications Director/PR Assistant. She will do an article on publications for the VOTER, stressing marketing ideas. M. McMahan reported the Public Subscription Service is selling well.

11. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

D. Sheridan MOVED the program core recommendation that we rejoin the Texas Council on Family Violence. PASSED.

D. Sheridan reported on the following: Involvement in Coastweek will be minimal. Keystone Project, Phase II is nearing completion with the publication of a training manual on siting process for hazardous waste management. Leftover Keystone monies in TEF budget could be used for a restricted project. State revenue conference--exploring possiblity of joining with other organization to work on conference. An update on special purpose districts will be written by L. Cummins under State-Local Relations. No update will be done on Administration of Justice because of sunset review. Diana Clarke will send memos to LL's explaining positions as needed.

Texas Department of Human Resources has requested that LWV-TEF co-sponsor a health conference/debate in April 1986. Other co-sponsors may include the Texas Foundation for Human Services and

the Governor's Office.

B. McCormick MOVED she and S. Coughlin meet with the staff people to determine what the role of the LWV-TEF will be in the proposed National Debate on Health Care Conference. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Health Care for the Medically Indigent: S. Coughlin reported an interview with Wilbur Cohen, Ph. D., the "father of Medicare" has been set. A summary of the new health legislation will be mailed to LL's by August. Facts and Issues should be ready by Council meeting.

Domestic Violence M. Rittgers reported she is initiating research on law enforcement procedures and attitudes in preparation for writing a Facts and Issues publication.

12. STATE OFFICE

The Board approved moving forward with the staff proposals for redecorating the state office.

13. USE OF TEF CONTRIBUTOR LIST FOR CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

There was general agreement to solicit regular TEF contributors for our capital fund drive. This will be coordinated with M. Heselmeyer so that capital fund requests come several months after the operating fund solicitations.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 12:45 p.m., June 16, 1985

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

HILTON INN, AUSTIN, TEXAS
APRIL 11, 1985

PRESENT: Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Myrtle McMahan, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rogers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

ABSENT: Barbara McCormick and Margie Morrill.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

PLENARY SESSION

Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm, Thursday, April 11, 1985. Carpenter asked the board to appoint Myrtle McMahan the duly authorized secretary in the absence of Morrill. The board agreed.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17-19, 1985 meeting were approved with the provision that Barbara Swartz look over the budget figures for accuracy.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater asked permission to transfer $253 from unrestricted reserves to restricted reserves. Consent was given. The stock transaction authorized at the January Board meeting has not yet been completed. A new resolution authorizing the stock sale has been prepared which will be circulated for all of our signatures.

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Davis reported Tandy increased their contribution from $1,500 to $2,000. Tracor increased from $100 to $400. Western Marketing gave $100.

Davis announced Arizaga has agreed to make finance calls in Houston.

4. CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

Betty Anderson sent a report on the Capital Fund Drive. Anderson, Diana Clark, and Myrtle McMahan wrote cover letters that were sent with 66 proposals prepared by the State Office to prospective contributors. As a result, to date, we have received one contribution for $5,000, and 14 refusals.

Five proposals are being considered, and we have not heard from the rest. A grand total of $59,100.50 has been raised so far. Anderson will be given time at the Convention to speak on the Capital Fund Drive.

5. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a) Bonavita MOVED ratification of Richardson's VG/Get Out the Vote project ($150) and Irving's VG/Guide to Elected Officials project that were approved by mail. SECONDED & PASSED. The supervisors were Carpenter for Richardson and Ferstl for Irving.

b) San Antonio did a Voters Guide in November for which they have requested funds. It carried no reference to Funding by Texas Education Fund. Cummins MOVED that for the sake of consistency we withhold the funds for this project. SECONDED & PASSED.

c) Davis MOVED approval of Tarrant County's request for use of restricted $500 from Bell Helicopter for type setting and printing a County Government Book. SECONDED & PASSED. McMahan was appointed supervisor.

d) Corpus Christi submitted a request for funding a Voters Guide for their spring election. The request arrived 3/18/85 for the project that was to be printed 3/19/85. Vanderwater MOVED approval providing the publication was done to Texas Ed Fund guidelines, and that they be advised of the rules and the necessity of getting the forms into the state office prior to the project. SECONDED & PASSED. Morrill was appointed supervisor. Vanderwater was appointed to check the publication prior to issuing them a check.

e) Cummins MOVED approval of Arlington's request for $400 for updating and printing a new YEO. SECONDED & PASSED. Booch was appointed supervisor.

f) Sturgis MOVED approval of Tarrant County's request for $600 for updating and printing a YEO. SECONDED & PASSED. Sturgis was appointed supervisor, with Cave to assume the duties if it continues after June 1.

g. Projects completed: Arlington - YEO, Midland - Guide to Your Elected Officials, Lubbock - County Government booklet, Tarrant County - YEO.

Carpenter made one last announcement, the rental space in the State Office has yet to be rented. If anyone knows someone who is looking for office space near the capitol, please direct them to us.

The Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:30 pm, April 11, 1985.

Myrtle McMahan
Acting Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DAY'S INN, AUSTIN, TEXAS
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ABSENT: Jeanette Davis and Margie Morrill

Also present were Barbara Swartz, Budget Chair and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 18, 1985. (It is understood that some education fund matters were discussed in the core and committee meetings of Thursday, January 17.)

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14-15, 1984 meeting were approved with the following spelling correction:

Page 6, 3rd line of section 11. b) correct the name to read: Mary Harding.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) Vanderwater called attention to her preboard and stated there are bright spots in the treasurer's report, namely:

(1) Contributions of just under $51,000 have come in to the Capital Fund for the purchase of the office space.
(2) The TEF publications on Domestic Violence and Intestacy are selling very well.
(3) The Voters Guides publications appear to have "made" $150.
(4) The Keystone Project brought in more than planned and Sheridan stated another $1,000 probably will be added.

b) One area of concern is our regular fundraising for TEF. Only one-half has come in to date. If the budgeted fund raising comes in during the remainder of the fiscal year we will be in better financial shape than last year and may not have to dip into reserves.

Here followed a discussion pertaining to Vanderwater's balance sheet as of December 31, 1985 and the treasurer's report contained in her preboard. It was pointed out that the correct name of the bank we have borrowed $130,000 from is: RepublicBank First National Midland. All questions were responded to satisfactorily.

3. RENTAL OF ADJACENT OFFICE SPACE DISCUSSION

The office space next door is still not rented. It is being advertised. The original plan was to rent to a lobbyist during the legislative session, then move into that space after the session and redecorate the present state office space. We may have to forego this plan and give a longer lease in order to get a tenant.

Sutherland MOVED that the decision to enter into a short or long-term lease of the adjacent office space be left to the president, legislative director, and executive secretary. SECONDED & CARRIED.

4. NOV. 15, 1984 MOTIONS ON STOCK PORTFOLIO AND GARWOOD FUND RESCINDED

Arizaga MOVED ratification of the decision made by the chairman and agreed to by the trustees by phone not to liquidate the stock portfolio (Burruss bequest) and not to lend the $26,600 (Garwood fund) to the Capital Fund drive at 10% because these actions proved to be unnecessary. SECONDED & CARRIED.

5. MOTION TO SELL STOCK PORTFOLIO AND HALLIBURTON COMPANY STOCK

Arizaga MOVED that we sell the stock portfolio (Burruss bequest) and Halliburton Company stock (contribution to the Capital Fund Drive) as soon as practicable at the discretion of the chairman and the treasurer. SECONDED & CARRIED. It is understood that the net proceeds from the Halliburton stock go to the Capital Fund Drive and the net proceeds of the Burruss bequest go to the operating fund.

6. RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE OFFICE SPACE AND BORROW $130,000

Cummins MOVED ratification of a RESOLUTION dated November 27, 1984, certifying that the duly constituted Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund adopted a motion to purchase the currently occupied office space and the adjoining suite of offices in the Penthouse Building (1212 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas) at its September 20-22, 1984 meeting. The RESOLUTION further certifies that in a letter ballot, a qualified number of said Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of Art. III, Section H, of the Trust Agreement of said

Fund which authorizes voting by mail, authorized the chairman of said Board of Trustees (Lois W. Carpenter) to borrow $130,000 from RepublicBank First National Midland for the purchase of said office space, pledging the office space as security for the loan. SECONDED & CARRIED. A copy of the RESOLUTION and the ballots are attached to the official copy of the minutes and made a part of the record.

7. CONSIDERATION OF 1985-86 PROPOSED BUDGET

Barbara Swartz, Budget chairman, called attention to the proposed 1985-86 budget sent out in the preboard and asked that the following changes be made:

EXPENSES - N.4. National PMP for MALs, reduce $505 to $370
INCOME - A.2. Special Fund Raiser, reduce $8,075 to $5,940

The wording of the Explanation under A.1. will be revised for clarity and the figure will be increased by $2,000 to allow for share of LLs with separate Education Funds.

EXPENSE F. From Reserves - the figure $2,435 is the exact amount in Executives for Good Government and Nuclear Waste accounts and this will be shown under the Explanation.

It was decided to add the following line items:

INCOME - E. Office
1. Rent (to be determined)
2. Contributions towards property purchase (to be determined)
3. Renovation - $15,070

Renumber E. to F. and F. to G.

EXPENSE - S. Office
Matches E.
Renumber S. to T. and T. to U.

The first plenary session adjourned at 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 18, 1985.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was called to order at 1:00 p.m., Friday, January 18.

8. CONTINUATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION

Swartz continued leading the discussion of the proposed budget. The following figures were inserted:

INCOME - E. Office

1. Rent	$12,435
2. Contributions	65,000
3. Renovations	15,070

EXPENSE - S. Office - total $92,505--includes loan repayment, insurance, redecorating, and owner's maintenance fee.
A building maintenance fee should be shown in the treasurer's budget analysis and separated from the contributions and rent. The final figures will be worked out for approval tomorrow. It was agreed that the explanations will be done by Carpenter, Vanderwater, and Swartz before printing in the Convention Workbook.

9. SALE OF STOCK PORTFOLIO THIS DATE - JANUARY 18, 1985

Lovelace sent notification to the trustees that the stock portfolio and Halliburton stock had been listed for sale this morning, January 18, 1985, for an approximate figure of $25,597.10. The brokerage fee will be deducted as well as LWV-Dallas' share of the Burruss bequest stock. The paper work will be attended to under the direction of Reed Durant, of the discount brokerage division of RepublicBank Dallas.

10. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Due to illness Davis was not able to attend the meeting and telephoned her report to the state office. She has solicited some foundations but did not specify general funds or Capital Fund Drive. She also found names of some new foundations to solicit for TEF general operating funds--one, TI Foundation, has said no.

11. STATE PROJECT - KEYSTONE

Sheridan reported we have approximately $5,000 remaining from Phase I of the Keystone Project, some of which will go toward Phase II. For Phase II we have received one check for $1,000 from Exxon Chemicals and have been promised $2,000 from Shell and $2,000 from Chem Waste. EPA has received information on how grant money from them can be used and they believe that we meet the federal requirements. The grant request from EPA is for $5,000. They are preparing a grant package, which will be completed by us with the assistance of an EPA liaison person. A contract with TDWR is being drafted under date of January 1, 1985. The Health Department is working on a contract for $1,000. Sheridan expects this project to be finished by May 31, 1985.

We may want to consider doing some sort of environmental publication, or some other League project, and going back to

Shell and others for funding, thus taking advantage of our track record and credibility. Sheridan listed a number of speaking engagements she has in the Dallas area for the latter part of February, and made reference to her preboard for a more detailed report.

Sheridan then spoke in detail about the work to be done to prepare the training manual for Phase II, giving examples of who would be involved and how the League and Keystone Center would work together. The earliest project printing date is March and the latest is May.

12. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

New Projects

a) Cummins MOVED approval of LWV-Tarrant County's Project Request for $370 to print 5,000 copies of 1985-86 edition of Your Elected Officials. SECONDED & CARRIED. McMahan was appointed Project Supervisor.

b) Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Lubbock's Project Request to publish a Citizens Guide. The money requested is $15 on deposit in the Education Fund account plus an anticipated contribution of $300 from Helen Devitt Jones. This amount will be added to $500 from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce for printing. Distribution will be done by LWV-Lubbock, Chamber of Commerce, and the Junior League. SECONDED & CARRIED. Cummins was appointed Project Supervisor.

c) McMahan MOVED approval of LWV-Lubbock's Project Request for $759.13 to publish a Lubbock County Government booklet. SECONDED & CARRIED. Cummins was appointed Project Supervisor.

d) Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Midland's Project Request for $450 to publish 4,000 copies of a Guide to Your Elected Officials. SECONDED & CARRIED. Carpenter was appointed Project Supervisor.

e) Gooch MOVED denial of LWV-Richardson's Project Request for $477.44 to publish a single sheet of information for Richardson residents listing appropriate Dallas and Collin Counties races, voting information, and polling sites in the November 1984 general election. SECONDED. Discussion included information that the Richardson League had sent the Project Request, Project Financial Report, Project Director's Report, and a cover letter that was received in the state office November 26 stating that LWV-Richardson's president and voters service chair were not aware that prior approval was needed. The letter also asked that $250 of LWV-Richardson's Education Fund money be transferred to LWV-Dallas' Ed. Fund for purchase of their Voters Guide.

Carpenter wrote to LWV-Richardson pointing out that approval of purchase of Education Fund publications is automatic and that the board would probably approve payment to the Dallas League for the purchase of Voters Guides. However, the material published by the Richardson League did not have prior approval and it did not carry the LWV-TEF name as publisher. The motion to deny the request CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Richardson's request for $250 to pay LWV-Dallas for purchase of their Voters Guides for the November 1984 general election. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Carpenter will write LWV-Richardson of the above actions and the treasurer will forward the check for $250 to the Dallas League.

Withdrawal of Projects

a) McMahan MOVED withdrawal of the following Project Requests from LWV-Arlington that were approved by the board on September 21, 1984:
(1) Request for $25 to hold a candidates forum on October 18, 1984.
(2) Request for $100 to purchase Voters Guides for the 1984 general election.
(3) Request for $101 for a Hotline for the 1984 general election.
SECONDED & CARRIED.

b) McMahan MOVED withdrawal of LWV-Tarrant County's Project Request for $125 to purchase 100 copies of the Family Violence publication, plus $37 postage, to be taken from their Mary Harding Education Fund account. This request was approved by the board on November 15, 1984. SECONDED. The explanation for the withdrawal is that the Mary Harding funds are restricted to payment for workshops. The motion CARRIED.

The second plenary session adjourned at 3:30 p.m., Friday, January 18.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third plenary session was called to order at 8:40 a.m., Saturday, January 19, 1985.

13. FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Swartz called out the following figure changes for the 1985-86 proposed budget as sent out in the preboard:

INCOME

Make A.1. Fund Raising Unrestricted	$ 11,400
Make A.2. Special Fund Raiser	6,765
Make TOTAL of A.	82,840
Make C.3. Texas Government Handbook	10
Make TOTAL of C.	760

Add E. Office	
1. Rent	12,435
2. Contributions	65,000
3. Renovation	15,070
TOTAL of E.	92,505

Change E. to F. and F. to G.

Make INCOME TOTAL	$199,040

EXPENSE

Make N.1.b. Trustee Expense	7,335
Make N.1.c. VOTER & Pubs	2,410
Make N. 4. National PMP for MALs	370
Make TOTAL for N.	24,485
Add S. Office & make TOTAL	92,505

Change S. to T. and T. to U.

Make EXPENSE TOTAL	199,040

Arizaga MOVED approval of the 1985-86 proposed budget for the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. SECONDED & CARRIED.

14. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION MATTERS

a) AFDC Q & A Fact Sheet. McCormick MOVED that LWV-TEF print 1500 copies of an AFDC question and answer fact sheet at a cost of less than $200 to be distributed by Texans for Children. The cost will be taken out of line item P.2. Information & Education. SECONDED & CARRIED.
b) Waste Reduction Slide Show. Sheridan MOVED that we apply for a $350 grant to LWVEF for their Waste Reduction Slide Show to be shown to Texas businesses. SECONDED. The money would be for purchase of the slide show and organizing and showing it. The motion CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED that we increase the amount of the above grant to include purchase of an automatic slide tape projector if it proves feasible. SECONDED & CARRIED.

c) Cummins MOVED that LWV-TEF endorse Coastweek 1985. SECONDED & CARRIED.
d) Sheridan MOVED that we co-sponsor the 1985 Wilderness Pow Wow and send a letter of congratulations to John Bryant with request that it be read at the Pow Wow. SECONDED & CARRIED.

15. COALITIONS

a) Sutherland MOVED that we rejoin the Texas Environmental Coalition. SECONDED & CARRIED. Payment of $37.50 will pay our dues to May 31st, 1986.
b) It was unanimously agreed that Sheridan be designated our delegate to the Texas Environmental Coalition Assembly to be held January 26, 1985. The primary emphasis will be on waste issues and acid rain.
c) Cummins MOVED that we rejoin the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice. SECONDED & CARRIED.

16. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

It was announced that Rena McClurg, LWV-Dallas, cannot serve as our official statewide coordinator for Household Hazardous Waste due to lack of time. She will, however, serve as a resource person for interested local Leagues. LWV-Beaumont is proceeding with plans for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 9:10 a.m., January 19, 1985.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by the secretary from notes taken by other members of the board of trustees and tape recordings of the full proceedings. The secretary is very grateful for the assistance rendered by all members of the board in the secretary's absence.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

Hoblitzelle Hall, UT-Dallas
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ABSENT: Louise Cummins, Barbara McCormick, and Ethel Sturgis.

Also present for portions of the meeting were: Isabel Miller, Associate Director, Solar Energy and Mary Porter, Associate Director and National Program Coordinator, International Relations and Financing Federal Government.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., November 14, 1984.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 20,-22, 1984 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1, (typo) correct date in 2nd line, 4th paragraph to read Jan. 31, 1985.

Page 2, change the first paragraph to read as follows: "The bottom line is that if we decide that the LWV-TEF should purchase the space now rather than go the partnership route and purchase later, the price is $179,900 for 1380 square feet, being 744 square feet in the offices we now occupy and 636 square feet in the adjacent offices; plus a 9% pro rata share of common areas of the building; a $15,000 redecorating/remodeling allowance; and three parking spaces in the parking garage now being constructed."

Page 3, 4th line, 1st paragraph, change "a trip" to read "2 trips".

Page 3, 8th line, 1st paragraph, make the sentence beginning with words "It was decided..." read: "She recommended that in the future the state League should inform the LLs when we are planning state-wide debates and ask that they not sponsor such debates."

Page 5, 4th line, 2nd paragraph, 7. SESQUICENTENIAL PROJECT add word "project" after the words "that the", making it read "that the project be to update..."

Page 6, last line in section Focuses, 8. PROGRAM CORE REPORTS make it read "...the Focuses may be published later and the advocacy papers would be published by the LWV-T."
Page 6, 10th line, 9. STATE PROJECT - KEYSTONE EDUCATION PROJECT add the following after the figure $9,996: "for our Department of Health contract."

Page 7 (editorial) last line, 2nd paragraph, add word "board" making it read "...handed out at the board meeting."

Page 8 (editorial) last line under "The proposed budget total" should be changed to read "$1,350 (State agencies will have to be calculated at 4.75%)".

Page 9, 3rd line under g) change word "Projector" to read Project Director".
Page 9, 4th line of 12. MOTION ON "EVERY-MEMBER MAILING" ON LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP add the words "the mailing" before the words "will go out..." making it read "...informational and the mailing will go out... ."
Page 9, (editorial), last line of 13. MOTION OF APPRECIATION FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE PUBLICATION add the words "and publishing" after the words editing, making it read "...Diana Clark and Eleanor Sutherland for editing and publishing."

Page 12 (editorial) 1st line, delete word "Trustee" after name Charles L. Albers."

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Carpenter passed out copies of the two types of letters that have gone out on our Capital Fund Drive--one to "Friends of the League" and the other type to all members of the League in Texas.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater commented that the financial report in her preboard is really three reports in one. One area is Restricted Funds--INCOME A.4. and EXPENSES Q; another is Local Leagues Restricted Funds--INCOME A.5. and EXPENSES R. Everything else is Operating Funds. She then listed the five sources of income--fund raising; interest and dividends; fees; sale of publications; and what we take from reserves. On the expense side there are four areas--payments to T for services; voter service activities over and above Voters Guides publications; program expenses over and above publication costs; and expense of publications.

In further explanation, Vanderwater stated we have been "using" Burruss bequest money for cash flow or liquidity purposes, i.e. the 1983-84 budget "used" $6,700 and the 1984-85 proposed is

based on "use" of $7,350. This leaves about $13,000 that could be used for the building fund.

There are three pieces of good news: 1) Intestacy publications to date have made $900; 2) Family Violence publications to date have made $570 and orders are still coming; 3) Receipt of a check from the Keystone Project treasurer for just under $2,500--almost $700 of which was posted to last year's budget and carried forward as accounts receivable. $1,800 of will be posted to C.2.-Grant Administrative Fees, which is $800 over the budget item of $1,000. The three amounts total $2270.

In Vanderwater's view there are three decisions to be made at this board meeting.

1) Do we sell the stock? In this connection she stated the discount broker fee would be around $130-$150 to handle the entire portfolio as one package sale.
2) How much reserves can go to the building fund?
   a. $13,000 Burruss bequest
   b. $26,000 Garwood fund
3) What to do about the $8,000 shortfall in the 1985-86 proposed budget.

Possible solutions to 3. above ($8,000 shortfall) are:

1) Take from Reserves. (The balances in Executives for Good Government and Nuclear Waste grants--$2,437, have already been applied to the proposed 1985-86 budget.)
2) Find more income for T and/or TEF. The proposed budget raises the MAL dues to $30 and projects $600 for Public Subscription Service income above expenses.
3) Find $8,000 in expenses and take it out.
4) A combination of the three above.

4. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Davis stated the reality of looking at the $8,000 shortfall in the 1985-86 proposed budget means we need to raise $10,000 because of the sharing formula. Also, since there is already $8,000 in projected contributions in the budget, we need $16,000 net. In this connection Davis will investigate hiring a fundraiser to raise money for the League and advise us on how to proceed in long-range fundraising.

Capital Fund Drive Discussion. Davis stated that we are not approaching some corporations and foundations for the Capital Fund Drive, leaving them for the operating budget. Some will not give to operating budgets but will give to capital fund drives and vice versa. Davis spoke about not using up all the reserves for

the Capital Fund Drive. She pointed out that no letters have gone out to corporations or foundations--only "Special Friends" and League people have been approached. Her concern is that the next board and/or subsequent boards could face difficult problems without some available reserves. She will be staying over in Dallas and researching foundations and corporations at the public library so a list can be compiled.

Progress Report on the Capital Fund Drive. The Capital Fund Drive Committee is Jeanette Davis, Chairman; Myrtle McMahan; Betty Anderson; Diana Clark; and Lois Carpenter, ex-officio. Letters have gone out to "Special Friends of the League" and to Texas League members, and money is coming in, in response to both letters. A "thank-you" card has been designed for acknowledgment of the contributions. McMahan and Clark will write the corporations and foundation letters. Davis will prepare a list which will be divided; McMahan and Clark will mail the letters; and the contributions will go to the state office to be acknowledged from there. As of yesterday the amount received was $34,412 with $2,500 still to come in from board members before November 30. Also two $500 checks arrived yesterday. Arizaga announced the LWV-Houston Executive Committee had met and will recommend to their board of directors that a contribution of $5,000 be made to the Capital Fund Drive from the LWV-Houston Education Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m., November 14, 1984.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 9:20 a.m. November 15, 1984.

5. DECISIONS ON STOCK PORTFOLIO AND LOAN OF GARWOOD FUND

Carpenter reviewed the figures presented yesterday on available funds, the liquidity picture, and various options for the Capital Fund Drive.

Davis MOVED that the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees take the following actions:

1) Liquidate the stock portfolio (Burruss bequest) and,
2) Loan $26,600 (Garwood fund) to the Capital Fund Drive at a 10% interest rate.

SECONDED. In the discussion it was noted that liquidating the stock portfolio would aid the cashflow situation.

Bonavita MOVED the previous question. SECONDED & CARRIED.

The main motion then CARRIED unanimously.

Personal Loans by Individuals. By common consent it was agreed that a minimum of $5,000 be set for personal loans from individuals payable quarterly at a reasonable interest rate.

Order of Payback of Loans. Albers MOVED that the loans be paid back in the following order:

1) The first money coming in should go to reduce the institutional loan, and after the institutional loan is paid off,
2) then pay the individuals who have made loans to the Capital Fund Drive, and
3) finally retire the Garwood loan.

SECONDED & CARRIED.

The meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m., and reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

6. TEXAS FOCUS PAPERS

a) McCormick will prepare a Focus paper on child care instead of on employment and employment equity.
b) Rodgers will write a Focus paper on recodification of the election code.

7. WHEN YOU GO TO AUSTIN PUBLICATION

Davis detailed her negotiations with AMuse Air for a grant to publish When You Go To Austin. She will call tomorrow morning for a decision.

8. PUBLICATIONS CATALOGUE

Sutherland stated the publications catalogue will get done and be sent to Austin for printing in the period before Thanksgiving. 5000 will be printed and sent to school libraries as well as public libraries. After a discussion about flyers on the Texas Government Handbook on hand in the LWV-Houston office, it was agreed that Sutherland would include information about the availability of this publication in her postboard report to LLs.

9. VOTERS SERVICE REPORT

Rodgers reported Voters Guides sales: 59,000 printed copy orders, 19 veloxes, 2 negatives, and 6 single copies. She was very pleased with the local Voters Guides she saw. The grocery bag used by Safeway stores in the Dallas area, which included credit to LWV-Dallas, was displayed. Special mention should go to LWV-Austin for registering 1,300 people at the League office on Sunday, Oct. 7, the deadline date to register to qualify for voting in the Nov. 6 election. They worked from noon until midnight. Another interesting voter service activity was done by LWV-Houston. They set

up tables at the site of the naturalization ceremony of 1,200 people on Nov. 7 and were available to register the new U.S. citizens who wanted to become a part of the electoral process.

10. STATE PROJECTS

Taking Reduced Keystone Workshops to Other States. Referring to her preboard, Sheridan asked for a decision on EPA's proposal to take our reduced Keystone workshops into the other four states in Region VI, namely New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisana. Sheridan does not want to take on this additional project, but if approached on this subject, she could offer the alternative of directly hiring the Keystone Center to take the workshop material around and they could involve some of the same types of people in the areas. There being no objections, Sheridan was given authority to make the alternative suggestion to EPA, if the subject comes up, with the proviso that the appropriate state League involved would have to be contacted for approval before any action could take place in that respective state.

Household Hazardous Waste. Sheridan MOVED that Rena McClurg, LWV-Dallas, be appointed coordinator for the Household Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day for the Texas League. SECONDED. Discussion included the information that McClurg is representing LWV-Dallas in this area and could work with the governor's office and bring local Leagues into such an undertaking if she is willing to accept this appointment and take on this project. The motion CARRIED.

11. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a) LWV-San Antonio's Project Request for use of $75 of their Education Fund money to pay registration fees for a groundwater conference on Oct. 29-31, 1984, was approved by mail on October 10, 1984. Ruth Lofgren is Project Director and Rowena Rodgers is Project Supervisor. Such approval is hereby made a part of the record.

b) McMahan MOVED approval of LWV-Tarrant County's Project Request for $125 to purchase 100 cppies of the Family Violence publication, plus $37 postage, to be taken from their Mary Hardin Education Fund account. These publications will be distributed to local hospitals with emergency rooms, local police stations, and family court judges. (McMahan stated the wrong forms were submitted but she will get the proper ones filled out for the request.) SECONDED & CARRIED. McMahan was appointed Project Supervisor.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 12:15 p.m., November 15, 1984.

Margie Merrill
Secretary

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

ABSENT: Evelyn Bonavita and Jeanette Davis.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary, for the entire meeting and Diana Clark, immediate past president of LWV-T and chairman of LWV-TEF, for the Thursday afternoon and evening sessions September 20. Smith left the meeting after the Thursday afternoon session and Ferstl left the meeting after breakfast on Saturday, September 22.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., September 20, 1984. Carpenter introduced Lynn Albers, Austin realtor and financial consultant, and expressed appreciation from all of us for the work done in addressing the issue of office space needs of the Texas League and the generous offer to forego any commission that might accrue should the transaction be consumated.

Mr. Albers reviewed the material contained in the preboard which points out that our office space lease expires on Jan. 31, 1985 and that all of the Penthouse Building is now being sold as condominium office/residential units. He then opened the discussion on the proposed options as outlined in the preboard and stated some problems could arise with the investor/partnership purchase option proposal insofar as the IRS is concerned unless there is an agreement that the League will buy out the partners at a later date at the then fair market price. Considering Austin's growth projections and the current boom in downtown construction, experts predict that commercial real estate prices in the downtown area will continue to increase--thus indicating a much higher cost basis at a later date.

Here followed a general discussion about options to buy the office space including purchase by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund through a building fund drive; about financing the balance of the purchase price, if any, through loans; expenses of being a common owner in the condominium facility; pros and cons of having the office near the capitol and the relative merits of the office space we now occupy; and other related matters.

Albers responded to questions from the board members. Carpenter gave a brief statement of information she had on LWV-New Jersey Education Fund's recent purchase of a building for their office

which includes rental spaces.

The bottom line is that if we decide that the LWV-TEF should purchase the space now rather than go the partnership route and purchase later, the price is $179,900 for 1503 square feet, being 811 square feet in the offices we now occupy and 694 square feet in the adjacent offices; a pro rata share of common areas of the building; a $15,000 redecorating/remodeling allowance; and three parking spaces in the parking garage now being constructed.

After expressing our appreciation to Lynn Albers for his work for the League by a round of applause, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m., September 20, 1984.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order at 1:15 p.m., September 21, 1984.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the June 6-8, 1984 meeting were approved with the following additions:

Page 1, 4. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT, add "Contributions received: Tandy Corporation $1500 and Kempner Fund $1000."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater announced the Intestacy publication sales have been very good and 1000 more copies were ordered. Also more Public Subscription Service orders have come in than budgeted. Vanderwater MOVED the following budget adjustment:

INCOME D-2, Public Subscription Service, raise $2000 to $2400.
EXPENSE O-3, Public Subscription Service raise $2000 to $2400.

SECONDED & CARRIED.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Carpenter announced the details of a symposium called "Women in Politics" to be held Oct. 10-11, 1984 at TWU, Denton. It will be in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt.
b) Attention was called to the Annenberg/Corporation for Public Broadcasting television programs now airing on PBS. One is a 13-part series called "The Constitution: That Delicate Balance" that started September 16 and the other is a 26-part series called "Congress: We the People" that started August 25.

c) Carpenter gave a detailed account of the efforts made in trying to negotiate a League-sponsored debate between the candidates for U.S. Senator Lloyd Doggett and Phil Gramm. The efforts included a trip by Carpenter to Odessa on Labor Day where both Doggett and Gramm were making appearances. An agreed date could not be achieved with both candidates saying the other would not debate. Carpenter stated one of the LLs had invited the senatorial candidates to debate locally. ~~It was decided~~ She recommended that in the future the state League should inform the LLs when we are planning state-wide debates and ask ~~for~~ that they not sponsor their cooperation. such debates Brudner will write up a report for the files.
d) Carpenter referred to a copy of a letter from Margaret S. Davis, LWVEF Trustee, to Kit Flynn, LWV-Beaumont (copy of this letter placed in the packets received at this meeting), relating to LWV-Beaumont's publication of Voters Guides in the local newspaper with political advertisements in the Guide. Ms. Davis noted the guidelines in Making a Difference, delineated the necessity of keeping Leagues' advocacy actions separate from League citizen education activites, and made suggestions on how to re-negotiate a contract with the newspaper using other types of advertising.
e) LWV-Lubbock applied and was chosen by LWVEF as one of the ten Leagues to conduct an 18-month monitoring and litigation project in jurisdictions covered by Sec. 5 of the Voting Rights Act. Two LWV-Lubbock members are now attending a training session in Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORTS

4. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

In the absence of Davis the following report was read into the record:

Contributions to TEF since the last board meeting -

Dresser Foundation	$1000	shared w/ Dallas	$200
Texas Eastern Corp.	1000	shared w/ Houston	200
Fikes Foundation	2500	shared w/ Dallas	500
Basco Properties	200	shared w/ Odessa	40 (in lieu of the motel rooms)
Individual contributions	75	From insert in Texas VOTER	

Requests went out to Muse Air for financing of When You Go to Austin and to Southwest Air Lines for seats for board travel. Southwest said no to the seats. If Muse Air says no for When You Go to Austin, Davis will go to Southwest or Texas Monthly for this.

Davis has asked Texas Industries Foundation in Dallas for $2500. Ralph Rogers, former president of Foundation for Public Broadcasting, is the contact person.

The annual report inserts are currently being printed and should be finished in a day or two.

5. VOTERS SERVICE REPORT

a) Rodgers displayed the layout of the General Election Nov. 6, 1984 Voters Guide and stated page 2 needs to be rearranged before goint to the printer Tuesday, Sept. 25th. Rearranging the material will allow space for membership and contribution tear-offs. Orders are coming in from local Leagues and the expected shipping date is October 2. J. Lovelace stated that the state office has received about 4 orders for 100 copies of the Voters Guides (each) from libraries in very small towns throughout the state. This has apparently come about as a result of our PSS flyers sent to libraries, although the Voters Guides are not listed. The membership tearoff might mean additional members-at-large would join the these small towns.
b) El Paso has made arrangements to print the statewide Voters Guide in Spanish. A certified court reporter will do the translation. Comments were made that there is a need for verification by a bilingual League member. El Paso may have one or Arizaga could read for accuracy but would not want to do a translation. The El Paso League also asked when the decision was made on questions for the general election Voters Guides, why the same questions were used as in the primary, and why LLs are not given an opportunity for input. It was noted that the decision on questions for the fall Voters Guides is made at the June board meeting which closely follows the runoff elections and that the LLs could be given an opportunity to suggest questions for consideration for the primary guides and possible use in the fall for the general election.
c) Rodgers stated that the national League has put out PSAs both for TV and radio featuring drives to register and to vote. All CBS stations got the Cagney and Lacey ones and the ABC and NVC stations in the top 50 markets got the Marietta Hartley one. Rodgers will request in her postboard that the LLs report to her on coverage and remind them to complete and mail the report form to national.
d) A letter of congratulations will go to Myra McDaniel, the new Secretary of State with an offer that the League will cooperate in the voters service/citizens information area.
e) Voters registration drives are going on all over the state. Sutherland described a major event on Sept. 8 when Texas Women for the 80s and local Leagues in the northeast Texas area were at McDonalds restaurants all across the metroplex registering people to vote. It was noted that there appears to be a very high interest in voter registration and voter information this year.

6. PUBLICATIONS REPORT

a) Sutherland stated our in-house publications are finished. All About State Units was the last one. The publications flyer is not quite finished but will be soon. About 5000 will be printed to be sent to libraries, high schools, junior colleges, etc., where our particular type of information is needed. Sutherland described the content which includes an order form and handed out a sample copy for inspection. A discussion ensued about TEF and T publications listings in this catalogue. Advocacy papers will not be included in the listing and AFDC paper is informational.
b) Albers registered a concern about the cost of the Family Violence publication which may prohibit the LLs from buying in volume. It now appears that LLs are ordering a few for the study committees and hopefully will order more for the members later. The cost is $1.25 for League members and $2.50 for others, plus applicable tax. It was agreed that SB members should sign out for a supply of these pubs and take to their respective communities for sale to organizations with similar interest. It was mentioned that we could use the cover as a marketing tool as was done with WUTL I.

Albers MOVED that a letter go out from this League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees to Susan Coleman, Elaine Basham, Pamela House, and Linda Nickum, commending them on this outstanding publication. SECONDED & CARRIED. Carpenter noted that it would be appropriate if other board members would write individual notes.

7. SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECT

Albers described the content of a letter asking if the League of Women Voters of Texas would like to be one of the organizations participating in the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 1986. The requirements are that a committee be named, a project undertaken, and a resolution to participate be adopted by the governing body of the organization. Updating and reprinting the Texas Government Handbook was considered a good project for this event. Clearance has been sought and granted by the Houston LWV through Helen Hunter, president, who stated LWV-Houston has no plans to update the Texas Government Handbook, and there is no object to this being done by the state League.

Arizaga MOVED that the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees resolve to be one of the participating organizations in the Sesquicentennial Celebration of 1986 and that the LWV-TEF be to update and reprint the Texas Government Handbook. SECONDED & CARRIED.

The LWV-TEF Public Relations Core was named as the committee to carry out this project. They are Lavora Arizaga, chairman;

Eleanor Sutherland; Sondra Ferstl; Rowena Rodgers; and Jeanette Davis. Jeanette Vanderwater was also named to the committee and another person may be named later to do the writing for the updating.

8. PROGRAM CORE REPORTS

Tax Conference. Albers reminded board members that at the June board meeting we had voted to join Texas IMPACT and others in co-sponsoring a conference on taxes in Texas if the conference could be organized. It was anticipated that it would involve the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She had attended one meeting shortly after the special session where Max Sherman stated he thinks the next session will not take up tax reform in view of the tax bill passed in the special session. Efforts to have a second meeting with Max Sherman have not resulted in setting a date for such a meeting. Albers talked with one of the other groups and learned they want to hold the conference in spite of the probability that the LBJ School will not be involved. She noted that the Program Core's listing of legislative priorities did not have taxation as a top priority. The Program Core discussed the tax conference and recommends that we inform the group that in view of the following we will decline to participate in a tax conference: We have a full schedule; that after re-assessing legislative prospects following the special session we believe we should devote our energies to some other issues; that we wish them well and if they decide to do this at another time we would like to consider it. The Program Core's recommendation CARRIED.

Focuses. Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that two Focuses be written--one on recodification of election laws and one on state programs to promote employment opportunities for women. The motion CARRIED. Discussion included getting help for editing and some names were mentioned. Also it was agreed that the Focuses may be published later than the Advocacy papers. published by LWV-T

9. STATE PROJECT - KEYSTONE EDUCATION PROJECT

Sheridan stated there are three things on Keystone she wants to address, two of which were covered in her preboard, and all of which have been considered by the Program Core.
a) First we are well off financially coming out of Phase I, which was developing the notebook and doing the workshops. We raised close to $37,000, some of it by contract. We have received an income of $34,308.70 at this point and we anticipate turning in $3,500 more in vouchers to the Texas Department of Water Resources. Contracts with state agencies are let up to but not including $10,000--we have arrived at the figure $9,996. for our TDH contract We have spent approximately $24,000 at this point and looking at expenses for the next few months it looks as though we will have about $4,000 unexpended funds from Phase I. Sheridan proposes that the unexpended funds be used to carry out the same

purposes as the workshops, which is to go around and talk about Keystone Process and try to get people to use it if they have the opportunity. This would be done by speeches or half-day workshops, primarily in response to requests received from LLs. The balance of unexpended funds would allow payment of a speaker's expenses when a local League is not able to finance it. We would be dealing at this point with the cash donations because the state contracts would be finished.

Vanderwater MOVED that we use the unexpended funds to continue Phase I for the educational purposes that were listed in the Keystone Project proposal, as a follow-up to the workshops. SECONDED & CARRIED.

b) The second item deals with indirect costs. Indirect costs on money from contributors has been figured at 10%. State agencies allow only 4.75% without documentation. The state agencies suggested balancing out the difference by charging higher than 10% on cash contributions. Sheridan does not feel comfortable doing this, so she would like to turn over indirect costs of 10% of cash contributions and 4.75% of state agency contracts (approximately $2,500) at the end of Phase I of the project. It was agreed that this is in conformity with our understanding of the project.

c) Sheridan referred to material handed out to board members entitled Proposal to Modify Keystone Education Project Phase II, 9-20-84. As background for the proposal she stated the state agency money was restricted to Phase I but the money received from other sources was for both Phase I and Phase II. The original Phase II had two components--the development of material that would train individual members of a Keystone local review committee when there was a siting taking place as well as training workshop/s to train people from around the state who would then be in a position to train an individual committee when one is needed. The proposal is to modify Phase II to eliminate the training workshop/s but retain the information materials, now to be called a training manual. The proposed training manual will be written in a fashion that will allow its use by individuals as well as in any training workshop an applicant may choose to sponsor with members of the Keystone group available to serve as trainers. From the experience in Phase I it is now believed such training sessions should be site-specific rather than generic as first envisioned. The content of the proposed manual is outlined in the material handed out at the board meeting.

The proposal also is not to go out for such a large amount of money from one source as we tried earlier but instead to seek contributions of $2000-$3000 from foundations, corporations, and state agencies to fund this manual. The suggested time frame is October 15, 1984 to May 31, 1985--the end of our fiscal year. As to the work, the planning would probably be done in December and actual writing in January and February, to

be finished in March. Sheridan would like to contract out most of the work to the Keystone Center because they have in-house expertise. The person we would be hiring for project director is John Ehrmann, who spoke at the workshops.

The proposed budget total is: $14,850

Project Director	5,000-Keystone Center
Technical Editor	2,000
Secretarial Support	2,500
Supplies/Materials/Pringing	2,000
Expenses for review by Keystone Project Steering Committee	2,000
Indirect costs at 10% (State agencies will have to be calculated at 4.75%)	1,350 (~~State agencies at 4.75% not calculated in~~)

Sheridan MOVED to modify Phase II of the Keystone Project to prepare a training manual as outlined above. AECONDED & CARRIED.

Sheridan will work with Davis on funding and mentioned some prospects. She would like to mail the remaining notebooks to local League presidents and suggest to them that if they have one already that it be passed on to interested persons. She has had calls from a number of state government agencies in other states that are interested in this process.

The board members expressed appreciation for the excellent job Sheridan has done on this project by a round of applause.

10. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a) Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Tarrant County's Project Request for $50 from the Mary Harding Education Funds they have on deposit, to attend two meetings on Sept. 26 & 27, 1984, sponsored by the Electrical Women's Round Table, Inc. on topics including nuclear power, etc., Sally Holleman, Project Director. SECONDED & CARRIED. McMahan was appointed Project Supervisor.
b. Sturgis explained the background of LWV-Arlington's Project Request for $767.71 to purchase 300 copies of a booklet entitled Know Your Schools, prepared by the Arlington League, and MOVED approval. Ruthann Geer is Project Director. SECONDED & CARRIED. Sturgis was appointed Project Supervisor.
c) Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Arlington's Project Request for $225 for a Candidates Forum to be held Oct. 18, 1984, Susan Mrris, Project Director, completion date Nov. 7, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED. Ferstl was appointed Project Supervisor.
d) Cummins MOVED approval of LWV-Arlington's Project Request for $100 to purchase and distribute Voters Guides from local newspapers, Susan Msrris, Project Director, completion date Nov. 7, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED. Ferslt was appointed Project Supervisor.

e) Albers MOVED approval of LWV-Arlington's Project Request for $101 to purchase precinct lists and updated street maps to assist in operating a Hotline Nov. 6, 1984, Susan Morris, Project Director, completion date Nov. 7, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED. Sturgis was appointed Project Supervisor.
f) Cummins MOVED approval of LWV-San Antonio's Project Request for $94.70 for cost of Voters Guides for the general election to be published in the San Antonio Light, Cathy Liu Scott, Project Director, completion date Oct. 28, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED. Rodgers was appointed Project Supervisor.
g) Albers MOVED approval of LWV-Corpus Christi's Project Request for $450 for local Voters Guides for the November general election, Nita Clark, ~~Projector~~. SECONDED & CARRIED. Morrill was appointed Project Supervisor.

By mutual agreement it was decided that Sturgis will replace Rodgers as Project Supervisor for LWV-Kerrville Area's municipal government study project.

A brief discussion was held about pending project applications.

11. ROCKWALL COUNTY LEAGUE MATTER

Sturgis stated that the Rockwall County League has disbanded leaving a balance of $555 plus in their Education Fund account. Their PMP to state is fully paid but they are a year and a half behind in their PMP to national. National guidelines state the money of a disbanded League belongs to the state League once its financial obligations have been met. By general consent it was decided to pay Rockwall County's national PMP up to the date it disbanded from Rockwall County League's Education Fund account and then transfer the balance to LWV-TEF's general account.

12. MOTION ON "EVERY-MEMBER MAILING" ON LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

Cummins MOVED that we do an "every-member mailing" to inform all League members of the legislative Workshop to be held in Austin February 25, 1985. SECONDED & CARRIED. It was understood that this workshop will be informational and will go out under our TEF bulk mailing permit.

13. MOTION OF APPRECIATION FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE PUBLICATION

By general consent a motion was adopted to commend Franci Smith for the excellent publication on Family Violence. Also included in the commendation were Diana Clark and Eleanor Sutherland for editing and publishing.

The board meeting recessed at 4:40 p.m. and reconvened at 5:05 p.m. for discussion of the office space proposals.

14. OFFICE SPACE DISCUSSION

Carpenter began by posing the question "Do we want to scrap the proposal of a limited partnership purchase in light of the information outlined by Lynn Albers yesterday?" Comments by board members indicated a "yes" answer to that question.

For discussion purposes Sturgis MOVED that the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund buy the office space now occupied and the adjoining office suites in the Penthouse Building. SECONDED.

Suggestions as to funding were: a) Get professional fundraising advice. b) Consider loan/s from LWV members/friends. c) Raise money in two phases, first approaching "angels" and then a total membership drive. d) Periodic payments on pledges.

Among the questions raised were: a) Personal liability as trustees? b) Can we make this decision without contacting the local Leagues first? c) What impact will this have on the T budget?

Jan Albers gave details of the purchase contract that was signed by Lynn Albers, as trustee. Lynn and Jan Albers had put up $500 earnest money. A decision must be made and the building owners (seller) notified by September 26 whether or not we want to purchase the space.

Discussion of assets included the mention that we have a stock portfolio of approximately $20,000 paper value, plus endowments amounting to about $26,000, that are now drawing interest.

Questions were asked and answered about alternate space near the Capitol. Almost all quoted in the preboard information were rentals at a much higher rate than we are now paying with no bedroom/bathroom amenities.

By a show of hands the non-binding motion CARRIED.

The first plenary session of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned for dinner at 6:00 p.m., September 21, 1984.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was called to order at 11:00 a.m., September 22, 1984.

15. OFFICE SPACE FINAL DISCUSSION AND DECISION

Carpenter stated that just before yesterday's session ended 11 out of the 13 members present approved the purchase of the office property and she has been told that one of the persons not voting feels positive about it now that she has seen the state office quarters.

Cummins telephoned her husband last night and posed some of the questions we had raised at the meeting yesterday. Mr. Cummins is a tax attorney, teaches tax law at Texas Tech, and is familiar with the League of Women Voters structure and the trust agreement setting up the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. He stated there would be no change as to personal liabilities of the trustees over what we how have other than the fact that we would be owners of real estate. He suggested that it might be a good idea for the individual trustees to take out personal liability insurance as a precaution. As to rental charges for prospective tenants, he stated that the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund could enter into a long-term lease with the League of Women Voters of Texas at a reasonable current rate, and short-term leases with tenant/s which could be raised according to the fair market price when those leases terminate.

Here followed a discussion of the question of whether we can take this action without first getting input from the local Leagues. The time element is a major factor. Carpenter read from the contract of sale agreement: The buyer must notify the seller whether or not we want to purchase the property by September 26; must make application for financing on or before October 5; secure approval of financing on or before November 15; and the closing date is November 30, 1984.

It was agreed that the general approach to the local Leagues will be along these lines: Explanation of the necessity for a decision within the time span outlined and include the information on the search for alternate space; ask for names of special League members/friends as prospective contributors; an explanation that this action was taken in conformity with our fiduciary responsibilities as trustees; and a special mailing to all Texas League members.

Sturgis MOVED that the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund purchase the currently occupied office space in the Penthouse Building and the adjoining suite of offices under the general terms outlined in the contract of sale with Penthouse Limited under discussion at the Board of Trustees meeting of September 20-22, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED unanimously.

Arizaga MOVED that Charles L. Albers, Trustee, be authorized to continue as agent for the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund in the negotiations to purchase said property. SECONDED & CARRIED unanimously.

Arizaga MOVED that we immediately enter into a fund raising drive to finance the purchase of the property described in said contract. SECONDED & CARRIED unanimously.

By general consent the following persons will be asked to serve on the fundraising committee: Betty Anderson and Diana Clark, co-chairs; Jeanette Davis; Myrtle McMahan; Lynne Johnson; and Laura Keever, with other names to be added after these persons have been contacted. Checks will go to the state office and should be made out to the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. State board members should start compiling a list of prospects to be made into a master list.

Carpenter asked the board members to talk to their families when they arrive home and make a decision on contributing to the fund drive. The options are to contribute now and/or pledge an annual or semi-annual amount for a period not to exceed three years. She stressed that no one should feel pressured as to any amount but that each contribute according to the individual situation and work toward a pledge from each board member. Carpenter then gave the phone numbers where she could be reached in the next few days. It was also mentioned that if anyone wants to make a loan to League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund at below current interest rates to help finance this drive, this information needs to be given to the committee.

The information to the local League presidents will go out first class mail as soon as possible stamped "For Your Immediate Attention" on the envelope. Meantime, state board members may offer to visit their local Leagues and explain the details of this action if asked.

The general plan is first to send the letters to the LL presidents (having gotten pledges from the board members); second solicit contributions from a "special League friends" list; and then send the every-member mailing to all Texas League members and other contributors/foundations/friends. A handout using the question and answer format will be prepared.

After asking if there were any further questions or suggestions, Carpenter adjourned the meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees at 12:05 p.m., September 22, 1984.

Margie Morrill, Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was held June 6-8, 1984, at Days Inn, Austin, Texas.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary. Vanderwater left the meeting after lunch Thursday, the 7th, and Morrill left the meeting after breakfast Friday, the 8th.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m., June 7, 1984.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Arizaga MOVED election of Lois Carpenter as chairman; Jeanette Davis as vice-chairman; Margie Morrill as secretary; and Jeanette Vanderwater at treasurer. SECONDED & CARRIED.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 13, 1984 meeting were approved as published.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater stated the figure in her report of Liabilities and Net Worth shown on page 6 under K.3. Restricted Funds this date should be $2,869.15, which is income less expenses. She then used a colored chart to illustrate her report and compare it with last year's balance sheet. The estimated total for the end of FY 1983-84 will be around $79,000. The balance in the Texas Monthly restricted grant is $2006.11.

4. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Davis referred to information in her preboard. Comments were made about efforts to raise money to fund the Facts & Issues on Intestacy and Domestic Violence studies as well as for Debate 84. She urged all board members to note the last paragraph in her preboard regarding lead time for grant proposals.

5. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Vanderwater asked for the following:
Change EXPENSES in proposed 84-85 column N.3. Capital Expenditures to $520. Explanation-Office Equip ment. Take from Reserves.

Here followed a discussion about INCOME D.3.a. Facts & Issues and EXPENSES P.4.a. Facts & Issues. No pub on Adm. of Justice is planned, but two WUTL Facts & Issues are to be published during FY 84-85. Also there is interest in a reprinting of WUTL I. Estimated costs were discussed for printing 4000 copies of Facts & Issues on Intestacy; 700 copies of WUTL I; and 4000 copies of the Domestic Violence Facts & Issues.

Perrine MOVED: Change EXPENSES P.4.a. Facts & Issues to $4500
(1) Intestacy - $800
(2) Reprint WUTL I - $700
(3) Domestic Violence - $3000
and INCOME D.3.a. Sale of Publications
Facts & Issues to $4500
(1) Intestacy - $800
(2) Reprint WUTL I - $700
(3) Domestic Violence - $3000
The motion was SECONDED & CARRIED. The raise of EXPENSE P.4.a. would come from Reserves.

Under discussion of INCOME C.3. Texas Government Handbook it was noted that local Leagues can make money on this handbook.

It was agreed to change INCOME D.2. Public Subscription Service to $2000. Explanation - 100 @ $20 (instead of 65 @ $25) and EXPENSES O.1.c. Public Subscription Service to $2000.

Change EXPENSES Q.4. Other to read Keystone.

Change EXPENSES O.1.e. VS Projects to $500. Explanation: Voters Guides distribution by MALs and SUs. Difference of $200 to be taken from Reserves.

Change INCOME A.4. Restricted Grants to a. Keystone Contract $15,000 and b. Other $35,000 22,000. No change in total

Change INCOME F. Transfer from Reserves to $7,350.

Change the following subtotals:
INCOME D. Sale of Publications to $11,000
EXPENSE N. Shared Services & Administration to $23,025
EXPENSE O. Public Relations Unrestricted to $5,925
EXPENSE P. Program Unrestricted to $9,800

Change INCOME and EXPENSES Totals to $102,800.

Davis MOVED adoption of the adjusted 1984-85 budget. SECONDED & CARRIED.

6. PROGRAM CORE RECOMMENDATIONS ON COALITION AND CONFERENCE

a) Albers MOVED the program core's recommendation that the League of Women Voters of Texas join the Texas Council on Family Violence and take the dues of $50 from P.3. Coalitions & Associations. The motion CARRIED.
b) After listing the members of the organization and reading from their proposal to involve the LBJ School of Public Affairs, Albers MOVED the program core's recommendation that the League of Women Voters of Texas join Texas IMPACT in co-sponsoring a conference on taxes in Texas if that group can get the conference organized. The motion CARRIED.

7. VOTERS SERVICE

a) Political Ads in LWV-Beaumont and LWV-Orange Voters Guides. Copies of the subject Voters Guides were distributed among the board members for information. Carpenter reviewed the Beaumont League's problems with the newspaper using political ads in the Voters Guide for the recent city and school board elections. Since the material was ready for printing when LWV-Beaumont learned of the political ads they were afraid the paper would use the League material even if they pulled out, so they went forward with the Guide. LWV-Orange's situation was planned from the beginning and all the advertising in their primary election Voters Guide was for candidates. Rodgers reviewed the developments and Carpenter read from a letter she had received from the president and Voters Service chair of the Orange League. Rodgers stated she made a telephone call to the LWVUS office. The pertinent information is on page 19 of Making a Difference. National's advice was that a memo go out suggesting ways to get financing to subsidize the costs from other sources. It was decided that both Carpenter and Rodgers would write specific letters to LWV-Beaumont and LWV-Orange regarding their Voters Guides. In addition a general memo will go out to all local Leagues about Voters Guides policies and also about the importance of copyrighting. The advisability of getting a written agreement with a newspaper or any other community group prior to beginning work on a Voters Guide will be stressed also.
b) Plans for Voters Guide for November General Election. (1) The following persons will write pros and cons about the constitutional amendments to be included in the November Voters Guide: Albers, HJR 19; Sheridan, HJR 73; Perrine, HJR 29; McCormick, HJR 65; Arizaga, SJR 20, SJR 22, HJR 4, and HJR 22.

(2) Rodgers read the question prepared for the Railroad Commission candidates but not used in the primary because there was no primary contest in that race. It was agreed that the question is suitable and she will send out the questionnaires to the Railroad Commission candidates. She will contact the candidates in contested races in the general election and inquire if they wish to make any changes in their responses to the questions used in the primary Voters Guide. Deadlines for the Voters Guide will be worked out and the local Leagues will be notified.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m., June 7, for core and committee meetings.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 4:35 p.m., June 7.

8. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a) Davis MOVED approval of LWV-Amarillo's emergency Project Request for $200 for partial payment for publication of Voters Guides for the May primary, Susan Coleman, Project Director. Franci Smith acted as Project Supervisor. SECONDED & CARRIED.
b) Sturgis MOVED approval of LWV-Tarrant County's Project Request for $500 for revision and printing of 1984-85 "Your Local Elected Officials", Georgia Kidwell, Project Director, [illegible] completion date, July 15, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED. Myrtle McMahan was appointed Project Supervisor.
c) Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Baytown's Project Request for $196 for a local study of school district's counseling and nursing programs, Nancy T. Neavel, Project Director. SECONDED & CARRIED. Barbara McCormick was appointed Project Supervisor.
d) Perrine MOVED approval of request for $100 from LWV-San Antonio for reimbursement for postage for certified letters to candidates for the May Voters Guides. SECONDED. It had been understood by the San Antonio League that all the postage was to be paid by the Chamber of Commerce but, in fact, only half of the postage was paid. The motion CARRIED. Rodgers will supervise the reports and paper work.
e) Sturgis announced that LWV-Kerrville Area's project to publish their 2-year study of Kerrville municipal government is at the printers now and will be ready for distribution soon.

The second plenary session adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

9. PR CORE REPORT

Arizaga expressed great appreciation for sending her to Convention 84. She commented on the upcoming interrelated LWVUS membership/voter registration drive and media events to publicize the "Taking

Charge-a New Generation Registers to Vote" campaign with RKO radio. Examples of material to be used in the membership/ registration campaign were displayed.

10. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

In their research for new sources for contributions Davis reported that Ferstl will provide a computer list of foundations in Texas with indicators of certain ones that are prospective contributors, first for Debate 84 and possibly the Domestic Violence study. Ferstl will also get another list of foundations of $5 million and less to be used for prospective contributors. Davis will send Arizaga and Vanderwater the list of prospects in Houston so they can do some local research for contact persons, etc. The need is to work closely with the Houston League for the development of these prospects--possibly to target ten new sources a year for major fundraising in order to accumulate a broad list over a period of time.

11. DEBATE 84

In the absence of the Debate Director, Brudner, (due to illness) Davis opened the discussion by saying she had called Texas Monthly's office yesterday and was told that a letter had been sent granting permission to use the balance in the Texas Monthly restricted grant--$1700 in their and Davis' records and $2006 in Vanderwater's records. In that conversation Davis was asked if we were interested in doing another cooperative venture.

Davis interpreted this as an offer to do the same thing Texas Monthly had done for the gubernatorial debate in 1982. Here followed an extended discussion relating to the problems that had arisen during that debate project.

The revised budget amounts to $18,260. So far we have promises of the $1700 (or $2006) from Texas Monthly, $1000 from Tandy Corp., and $2000 from Shell Oil Company (which is coming from the LWV-Houston board being the unused amount from a $4000 grant from Shell to publish their Voters Key.) The revised 1984 Debate budget was read aloud and Arizaga outlined possible cushion items. It was estimated that a bare-bones budget amount would be $7700. Since a decision will have to be made soon on a "go or no-go", Carpenter stated we may need to have a board decision during the summer. Carpenter asked Arizaga to contact Brudner and request that she write up the report she expected to give at this meeting so a report can go out in a Friday board mailing. Board members were also asked to send names for the advisory committee to Brudner right away.

12. KEYSTONE PROJECT

Sheridan reviewed details of funding being sought from Fondren Foundation for $20,000 and Browning-Ferris for $8,000--both of which are still "open." The budget is very tight but has been eased somewhat because we are now beginning to get reimbursements from the state.

The biggest problem is the small attendance at the Saturday workshops. There will be a steering committee meeting after tomorrow's workshop where this problem will be addressed--perhaps by targeting business communities on the Fridays prior to the Saturday workshops. Details of the PR efforts for future meetings were described--particularly directed toward officials. Leagues need to make personal contacts with the officials they know.

13. TEC SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 23, SAN ANTONIO

Sturgis MOVED that $160 be expended to pay for Perrine's and Sheridan's attendance at a Texas Environmental Coalition semi-annual meeting June 23 in San Antonio. The money will be taken from P.2. Information & Education on Previous Studies, and will cover travel and registration at $80 each. SECONDED & CARRIED.

14. ODDS & ENDS

Public Subscription Service Report. Lovelace reported receipt of 90 Public Subscription Service orders at $20 each for a total of $1800 income. We are having returns from the earlier flyers sent to all high schools and public libraries. Lovelace will furnish local Leagues a list of 1983-84 items mailed out under Public Subscription Service.

Transfer of Balance of Texas Monthly Grant to Debate 84. By general consent it was agreed that the treasurer should set up a line item under INCOME A.4. Restricted Grants showing that the $2006.11 remainder of Texas Monthly's grant is to be used for Debate 84, to comply with their instructions.

The annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:00 a.m., June 8, 1984.

Margie Morrill,
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Holiday Inn Emerald Beach
Corpus Christi, Texas
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PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater,

Also present were Modelle Brudner, Debate 84 Director; Barbara Swartz 1984-85 Budget Chair; Polly Cave, Nominating Committee Member and Field Service Representative; and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

ABSENT: Rowena Rodgers. Catherine Perrine was present for the evening session.

PLENARY SESSION

Carpenter called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund to order at 5:15 p.m., April 13, 1984.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 13, 1984 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, Section 5.a., Keystone Project, lines 8 and 16, change the word "Keystone" to "Texas Department of Water Resources" making line 8 read "The Texas Department of Water Resources people ..." and line 16 read "...meeting with the Texas Department of Water Resources people..."
Page 11, Section 11, TEC Membership, line 5, change "TEC" to "LWV-T", making it read "...delegate from LWV-T..." and line 6 change "a delegate" to "its own delegates", making it read "... to send its own delegates." and line 7 add "LWV-T" between the words "second" and "delegate" making it read "...the second LWV-T delegate..."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater announced that Cummins' Facts & Issues on redistricting has been selling tremendously well, bringing in more money than budgeted. She noted we are lagging a little behind on fundraising in TEF at this point.

3. PROPOSED TEF 1984-85 BUDGET

Carpenter asked Lovelace to explain the proposal to expand the

list of prospective purchasers of our Public Subscription Service. The proposal was detailed in the green sheet handed out at this meeting. Lovelace stated that in the past we have sent brochures to selected high schools in addition to public libraries in the state, including colleges, universities, and junior colleges. The new proposal would be to mail the brochure to all high schools in the state--for which labels have been prepared. Estimated costs: about $88 for mailing about 1700 pieces; $8 per ream for 4 reams of paper; about $85 for printing 2000 two-sided copies. As to funding, it could come from this year's budget, where we have a small profit, and avoid having to carry an activity that occurred this fiscal year to next year's budget. Or it could be put in the proposed 1984-85 budget under PSS or taken from the AJ publication cost since activity in that area will probably appear mainly in the 1985-86 budget.

Arizaga MOVED the expanded mailing of promotional brochures for Public Subscription Service be approved with the cost to come from the P.S.S. line item of the 1983-84 budget. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Lovelace's preboard proposed keeping the cost of the Public Subscription Service at $20 rather than raising it to $25 as set out in the proposed 1984-85 TEF budget. Details of the rationale for this proposal are stated in the preboard along with a report of what subscribers have received this year. It was pointed out that we will make a small profit this year at $20. By general agreement it was decided to retain the $20 subscription cost in the proposed budget. Swartz was instructed to announce this decision to the Council 84 delegates. They do not vote on the TEF budget. It is included in the Workbook for information purposes. The figures for this change will be adjusted prior to adoption of the budget at the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees.

4. DEVELOPMENT

Davis announced that contributions have been received from:

Chem Waste Management, Inc.	$1,000	
Dee Hayter	200	
Texas Utilities Elec. Co.	1,500	
Jo Hardin Originals, Dallas	200	- not to be shared
Tracor	300	- shared with Austin
From VOTER insert to date	95	

Request letters have been set to: Fikes Foundation for $2500; Kempner Fund, Galveston, for $1000; and Petrofina.

Two grant proposals are out for funding the two Women Under Texas Law publications. The estimated total cost for the two booklets plus research is $6000. The proposals have gone to the Meadows Foundation and the Ruth Bowers Foundation in San Antonio.

5. DEBATE 84

Brudner announced that the debate budget has now been revised and the total is $18,260. The additions are the $3,600 stipend for the project director and an increase in the administrative fee as agreed at the January board meeting.

Brudner then detailed communication problems she had with Channel 11--finally resorting to talking to Channel 2 about Debate 84. They were interested but could not give a definite date. The problems with Channel 11 were worked out and the debate plans will go forward with Channel 11.

Letters to the candidates will be going out in the next two weeks. Brudner will draft the letter and call Carpenter for approval of wording.

A discussion of the first press release/press conference, dates, and relative importance of press releases to live press conferences followed. The June board meeting will be in Austin and this might be a good time to have a press conference. A decision on this will be made later.

Brudner asked for suggestions for names for an honorary advisory board. The Debate 82 list will be sent to SB members to refresh memories.

The meeting recessed at 5:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

DEBATE 84 CONTINUED

Davis will contact Texas Monthly and ask if the funds left in their grant to LWV-TEF for Debate 82 may be used to help finance Debate 84. They will be given credit as a contributor but have no part in the production.

6. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a) 1. LWV-Arlington's Project Request for $95 for April and May Voters Guides and Voter Assistance in office. It was decided to approve the $30 for postage and appoint Rachel Gooch Project Supervisor. Carpenter will discuss this matter with Joyce Morgan, LWV-Arlington President, during the council, to emphasize prior approval of projects must be gotten.
2. Vanderwater MOVED approval of LWV-Arlington's Project Request for $536.05 plus $26.80 administrative fee, to reprint 1984-85 YOE and print 1985 YEO. Susan Morris is Project Director. Anticipated completion date is 12-30-84. SECONDED & CARRIED. Rachel Gooch was appointed Project Supervisor.

b) Vanderwater MOVED approval of LWV-Corpus Christi's Project Request for $782.93 plus $39.15 administration fee, to publish Voters Guides prior to the May 5 Primary election, Nita Clark, Project Director. SECONDED & CARRIED. Morrill was appointed Project Supervisor.

c) Albers MOVED approval of LWV-Waco's Project Request for $125 to publish a Directory of Elected Officials. SECONDED & CARRIED. Jay Larsen is Project Director and Jan Albers was appointed Project Supervisor.

d) Morrill MOVED approval of LWV-Sherman's Project Request for $775 plus $38.75 administration fee to publish state and local Voters Guides for the May 1984 primary. SECONDED & CARRIED. Joyce Robinson is Project Director. Anticipated completion date is April 28, 1984. Eleanor Sutherland was appointed Project Supervisor.

7. REPRINTING WUTL I PUBLICATION

Sutherland stated she had talked to the Denton printer about reprinting 500 copies of WUTL I, and the quoted price was $550. The original order was 6000 copies in 1982, so the cost per copy then was much less. It has been a good seller--a few orders still come in and it is given to new MALs with other material when they become members. It was pointed out that we would need to add the new court-ordered garnishment law in any reprinting, which could be done by an asterisk insertion. The two corrections in the first publication shown on the errata sheet would have to be made; the $2 price could be deleted; and the fact that the author, Arizaga, is an attorney should be included. Perrine suggested we should consider doing the WUTL pubs as a series when the last two are finished. Sutherland will get the price to reprint 1000 copies of WUTL I with corrections and changes so a decision can be made about the reprinting.

8. PR REPORT

Arizaga reported rumors about good use of the cassettes and reel-to-reel material on national security prepared by LWVUS- EF have come to her. Some use has been made by the PBS TV stations as well as the public radio stations.

It was noted that there is an error on the front page of the state Primary election Voters Guide. It lists the absentee voting period as April 29 to May 1. It should be April 16 to May 1. It is correct on the calendar on the back page. An announcement of the error will be made at the council.

9. KEYSTONE EDUCATION PROJECT

a) Sheridan presented copies of a statement as of 4-10-84 and a proposed amended budget for the Keystone Education Project

to the board members. In her explanation she stated that approximately $38,000 has been raised for Phase I. $15,000 is in cash and the balance is money which is available for reimbursement of expenses from three state agencies. We cannot draw on any of the state agency money until we finish funding Phase I of the project which, at the present time, has a budget of $45,000. At this point we are close to spending half of the cash and should not spend any more of the cash now because it would create a cash flow problem. We can begin drawing on the state agency money if we amend our budget. There are still project proposals out; if they all come in, we can use the money and go back to the original figures. In the meantime with an amended budget showing lower figures for expenses within the boundaries of what we have raised, we can go to the state agencies and ask that the funds contracted for be paid for the project.

Sheridan MOVED adoption of the proposed amended budget for the Keystone Education Project as detailed on the printed copy handed to the members of the board of trustees. SECONDED. The total figure of the amended budget is $36,010. The motion CARRIED.

b) Sheridan referred to the paragraph in her preboard which pointed out that while we've budgeted 10% for indirect costs state law will allow only 4.75% for the contracts with the state agencies. This factor can be adjusted as is customarily done in such matters.

c) The third point is that any material funded by the state cannot be copyrighted while anything funded by LWV-TEF must be copyrighted. This is agreed to under the contract with the state agencies so long as it is made clear that should anyone ask for the material it will be given free of charge. Sheridan asked for help on the wording of the LWV-TEF copyright statement.

d) The schedule of workshops is in the preboard and Sheridan hopes some board members will be able to attend the workshops which will be free to those of us who volunteer. She will begin reading the material Monday.

10. <u>ODDS & ENDS</u>

a) Carpenter stated Diana Clark had planned to update the Administration of Justice material into one publication this year. However, since so many changes are occurring in the area she would like to wait until after the 1985 legislative session. She will need about $200 out of the 1984-85 budget for research with the balance of expenses from the 1985-86 budget.

b) Sheridan MOVED that LWV-TEF not co-sponsor an end of June conference on toxicity and the Texas Water Plan. SECONDED. George Crawford, of TEC, is trying to put together a conference and feels all environmental groups should be involved. It was pointed out that one of the Keystone Workshops will be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area July 7 and we have a heavy work load already. The motion CARRIED.

c) 50 admission tickets for the LWVUS presidential debate set for May 2, 1984 at the AMFAC Hotel, DFW International Airport, have been made available for SB members. Those who wished to attend were asked to sign up for the number of tickets each one wanted.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund adjourned at 10:10 p.m., April 13, 1984.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

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coalition is underway
no response to letter to UTMB

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Austin, Texas

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was dalled to order at 7:30 p.m., January 13, 1984.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diana Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

Also present forportions of the meeting were Modelle Brudner, Senatorial Debate Project Director, and Barbara Swartz, 1984-85 Budget Chair, & Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Nov. 17-18, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Sec. 2. TREASURER'S REPORT, Budget Adjustments, 2nd line of 1st paragraph, change the figure $2200 to $8000, and in the 3rd line change the figure $8000 to $2200.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater made reference to her preboard. She commented also that she has not included the $2000 in the Keystone Project account in the printouts. It was agreed that Georgina Gregory, Keystone Project Treasurer, will call Vanderwater monthly to report income.

Budget Adjustments. Vanderwater stated the following adjustments are a combination of those suggested in her preboard and others suggested in the Program and PR Core meetings:

INCOME

Change D.2. Pub. Sub. Service, from $1625 to	$ 1,425
Change D.3.a., Child Sup. Enf. & Dom. Violence from $1200 to	100
Change D.3.b., F & I Redistricting from 0 to	1,100

Change D.3.c., Focus Ocean Incin. from $1275 to	$ 275
Change D.3.e., F & I, Intestacy, from 0 to	200
Add D.3.f., Focus, Human Resources	200
Change D.6., TEF Handbook from 0 to	300
New Sub-total D becomes	11,100
TOTAL INCOME becomes	95,330
From Reserves becomes 9150 making GRAND TOTAL INCOME	$104,480

EXPENSES

Change N.6., Capital expenditure from $1485 to	2,785
Change N.7., Portion of nat'l PMP for MALs from 0 to	400
Change N.8., TEF Handbook from 0 to	500
Total N becomes	24,425
Change O.3., Pub. Subscription Service from $1300 to	1,100
Change O.5., VS Projects from $300 to	500
Total O remains the same	
Change P.1., Information and Education from $2200 to	2,800
Change P.2.a., F & I, Child sup. & Dom. Vio. from $900 to	2,100
Change P.2.c., Focus, Ocean Isin. from $800 to	200
Add P.2.f., Human Resources	200
Change P.3., Program Resources from $150 to	200
Total P becomes	7,250
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES becomes	$104,480

Vanderwater MOVED approval of the budget adjustments. SECONDED. During the discussion Smith asked for a decision on what type of publications the board wants for the Intestacy and Domestic Violence studies--similar to WUTL I and II, or inexpensive unbound publications. Davis commented she thinks she can get a foundation grant to underwrite both of these publications. She noted that John Easley, of the Center for Nonprofit Management of Dallas was impressed with the WUTL publications. The budget adjustments were APPROVED.

3. DEVELOPMENT

Davis reported the following contributions to TEF:

$200 from the Barber Foundation, Abilene
$3000 from an anonymous donor.

Davis will do research into foundations and set up the information in a form which will enable board members to help in the development efforts. A grant proposal has been prepared for Live Oak Foundation in Austin.

4. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

a. Perrine MOVED approval of LWV-Denton's PROJECT REQUEST for use of $551.25 of their TEF money to publish an "Informative publication about Denton County government." SECONDED & CARRIED. The completion date is March, 1984 and Ferstl was appointed Project Supervisor.

b. Rodgers MOVED approval of Greater Kerrville Provisional League's request for use of $1200 of their TEF money to publish and distribute a 2-year study of Kerrville municipal government. SECONDED & CARRIED. The total project is $1390, the completion date is March 1-15, 1984, and Rodgers was appointed PROJECT SUPERVISOR.

c. LWV-Tarrant County sent in a PROJECT REQUEST for reimbursement of $265 for cost of reordering 5000 copies of Your Elected Officials last November. The cover letter stated through error no request was made. Vanderwater MOVED approval. It was decided that McMahan would handle this and point out that prior approval is required. SECONDED & CARRIED.

d. LWV-Edinburg/McAllen has a pending PROJECT REQUEST for $50 for volunteer's expense for a local water study. Morrill will be going to McAllen in 3 weeks and will contact Pat Castanon, the president, to determine the status of this project.

e. LWV-Bay Area has a PROJECT REQUEST for $1000 for printing of additional Voters Guides during 1984 pending. The project is subject to raising the funds. Sheridan, Project Supervisor, will check into this to determine the status.

f. Paperwork is still due from LWV-Waco's request for $45 for publication of Your Elected Officials last February. Kissinger, Field Service Representative, will be asked to see to this.

5. STATE PROJECTS

a. Keystone Project. Sheridan stated there were several topics she wished to discuss relative to the Keystone Project. One concerns the question of whether we want to start the workshops using League money or wait until we have contributions to cover all costs. Another concerns the 10% overhead fee in the budget for LWV-TEF. Since not much work will be done in the League office most of the 10% would be Sheridan's volunteer time as Project Supervisor. The Keystone ~~people~~ have said Sheridan could charge for her time and then make contributions to LWV-TEF. Two things are wrong with this idea--a board member cannot receive compensation for her time and furthermore Sheridan would have to report the money she received on her personal income tax return. Vanderwater offered a suggestion that we could make charges for 10% of board meeting time and there is documentation for the board meetings in the minutes. Sheridan will be meeting with the Keystone people next week and will see if there is a way to work out the 10% fee.

As to the question of timing, we have $32,500 in proposals that look pretty good--other than the money we can't get until

we spend it. The question is how long do we wait before going forward with the workshop schedule. If we delay start-up time of the first workshop it will throw them into a timeframe that will coincide with the 1985 legislative session. We would then lose our Project Director, Kramer, to his job as a paid lobbyist. We hope the grant money will come in very soon and we can go forward as planned.

The Texas Department of Water Resources has promised just under $10,000 the 1st of March and another $10,000 in September. TDWR cannot give grants under Texas law the way federal grants are handled, but can reimburse for expenses under a contract arrangement. Sheridan expects the draft contract proposal momentarily. She will review it and then get in touch with Carpenter by phone. Discussion included the points that a log book could be kept to show time and services and that the money would be for LWV-TEF board oversight. This arrangement has been used by LWV-TEF in the past.

She would like to suggest some change in the evaluation of the project. Originally it was planned that the Keystone Center people would do the evaluations, but as it is now developing they find a need to educate people who will be doing the workshops. So the plan is to extend the evaluation a little and she suggests the use of the Office of Educational Development at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston to do part of the evaluation. It will affect the budget about $1000 worth. This is a minimal amount of additional money and there would be the advantage and prestige of having a professional evaluation. The payment would not be for salary. It would be for reimbursement of expenses such as air travel, etc. for the University person, and the Low-level Rad Waste Disposal Storage Project will be the one evaluated.

Sheridan presented a Resolution which describes the Keystone Process and its background in the preamble and endorses the process to encourage early citizen participation in the resolved section. Albers MOVED that the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund adopt this Resolution and endorse the Keystone Process for citizen participation. SECONDED. Sheridan reported that the Resolution is needed to give weight when we are seeking funding. The motion CARRIED. A full copy of the text of the Resolution is on file.

b. Senatorial Debate. Modelle Brudner handed out copies of the budget from Debate '82 and a proposed budget for Debate '84 based on the earlier figures. She thanked the board for our confidence in her shown by the appointment. She stated her philosophy in handling debates is not to allow the candidates to negotiate every point. Her approach will be to set up the

basic program with the television station. The new FCC ruling which relaxed the "equal time" rule has changed the attitudes of television stations regarding debates. The procedure will be to tell the candidates "this is what we have--will you participate?" The date is negotiable, however.

Brudner has spoken to all three commercial stations in Houston, Channel 11 (CBS), Channel 2 (NBC), and Channel 13 (ABC). Channel 13 has indicated they are not interested and will, in fact, be putting on their own debate under the relaxed rules. Channel 2 will have the World Series and other scheduling problems. Channel 11 is very receptive and will be glad to work with us because of their relationship with the Houston League. The following points were made:

1) Date. Channel 11 would like to set the date between Oct. 25 and Nov. 2. Election date is Nov. 6.
2) Site. The choices are: on location (hired hall) or on site at the station. Brudner's choice would be on site with limited audience.
3) Capacity. Channel 11's studio will accomodate 100 and Channel 2 will seat 200.
4) Format. Basically the same format as Debate '82 with moderator and panel. A difference is that the station would definitely want one of their news people as moderator or on the panel. The thinking is to have four panelists with a spread of news people from various sections of the state. Channel 11 is adamant about having TV people rather than print media people. (Channel 11 is being purchased by people who own WFAA in Fort Worth.)
5) Audience Participation. Channel 11 feels there is a need for audience participation to "jazz" up the program. There are three ways to have audience participation: Questions from the audience in attendance from floor mikes; the use of a 900 number (similar to an 800 number) requiring a telephone line set-up with cost being paid for by us and no cost to the caller; the other is a call-forwarding system. The stations that carry the program would carry a phone number, which, when dialed, would be carried to a number in Houston. The cost of the calls would then be charged to the callers with the League paying for the phone set-up in Houston--around $1500. All questions would be screened before being asked or handed to the moderator whichever method is used.
6) Minority Candidate Participation. The League has struggled with this question many times, but Channel 11 is adamant about not wanting minor party candidates and Channel 2 would prefer to have only the major party candidates. Brudner's feeling is that we should state from the beginning that this debate is between the candidates chosen in the party primary election process only. The rationale is to educate people about the persons who will represent them. The alternate route is to do a poll.

The practicality of the matter is that since Channel 11 will not do the debate with minor party candidates, but will give us a committment to do the debate now, and Channel 2 is reluctant plus not giving a commitment until May, we are left with little choice.

Davis MOVED that the criterion for inclusion in the senatorial debate will be that the candidates had been nominated in a political party primary election. SECONDED.

Carpenter read from a memo sent out by national relating to minority party candidates. Brudner noted that another possibility would be to try PBS. There would be a different audience and probably not the major party candidates' participation at all. It was noted that we have other voters service activities--namely the Voters Guides which include all the candidates and public forums where the candidates appear. The motion CARRIED.

7) Proposed Budget. Here followed a general discussion of the proposed budget which was based on the last debate. The total amount of the proposed budget is $13,835 which does not include the cost of a phone bank. It was noted that Davis will be seeking funding for the debate, with credits to be given for the contributions, and if we do not come up with the full amount, we can then slash.

Perrine MOVED deletion of the phone bank from the proposed budget--no amount was included pending decision of the board. By general agreement it was decided we will not have a phone bank and Brudner will work with the TV station people on audience participation from the floor.

The Houston League has an office telephone that is not being used now and we may be able to arrange with them to use it as a debate office phone.
The Publicity/Public Relations item in the budget is $3,500. Brudner noted that under the new rules TV stations and others are thinking "they" don't need us. So we must do a selling job, advertise in newspapers, PSAs, etc. She wants to do some creative thinking on this.

Since we have around $2000 left over from Debate '82 (Texas Monthly's grant) Davis asked for authorization to ask them if this money could be used to help finance this debate. They would be listed as a contributor and have no input in the arrangements. It was agreed this should be done.

The first plenary session adjourned at 10:15 p.m., Jan. 13, 1984.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, January 14, 1984.

5. STATE PROJECTS Cont'd

b. 8) Proposed Debate Budget Cont'd. Brudner continued the discussion of the proposed debate budget and stated Vanderwater had suggested to her that there should be some amount added for a stipend for the Project Director. She commented she does not want to be paid for her services--only for out-of-pocket expenses of travel, etc. Having such an item would make the budget more realistic to a potential contributor however. A figure of $3600 was mentioned. It was also noted that A.5. Telephone costs, office and individual - $1000, should be raised in the event the arrangement to use the phone in the LWV-Houston office does not work out. Perrine MOVED that Brudner be authorized to adjust the proposed budget total to a maximum of $20,000. SECONDED & CARRIED. It was agreed that Brudner will attend the April board meeting in Corpus Christi with expenses of the attendance at the meeting to be taken out of the debate budget.

6. PMP/TEF POLICY DECISION

Gooch brought up the subject of Rockwall County League's financial problems and difficulty in paying their PMP. They do have some money in their Education Fund account. She then MOVED the following Organization Core's recommendation:

Local Leagues may request permission to pay a portion of their per member payments with funds on deposit with the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund in case of financial hardship. Decisions on such requests shall be made by a committee comprised of the Organization Vice-president, the Field Service Director, and the Treasurer. The motion CARRIED.

7. PROPOSED 1984-85 BUDGET

Swartz began consideration of the proposed TEF budget by asking that the following changes be made to the budget sent out in the preboard:

EXPENSES

N.1.a., Office Overhead, change from $12,070 to	$12,100
N.1.b., Trustees Meeting & Expenses from $7,125 to	7,030
N.1.d., Mailings & Workshops, change from $1,075 to	1,080
N.3., National PMP for MALs change from $430 to	345
The total of N. would then become	$22,505

INCOME

F. Transfer from Reserves, Change from $5,475 to $ 5,330

Making a GRAND TOTAL OF $97,905

In the discussion Rodgers MOVED that the budget be amended to add an INCOME line item D.3.d., VS Publications, $300, and an EXPENSE line item O.1.e., VS Projects, $300. SECONDED & CARRIED.

This would make the INCOME and EXPENSE TOTALS $98,205

Sturgis recommended that EXPENSE line items P.1. and P.3. be more clearly defined and broken down into categories with explanations to show researching new studies, updating old studies, etc. and what is for coalition memberships, and further that a separate line item for all subscriptions be set up. The figures would not need changing. It was agreed to by common consent.

Swartz, Albers, and Vanderwater will adjust the P. Program Unrestricted categories with explanations for the workbook budget as suggested by Sturgis.

McMahan MOVED acceptance of the proposed TEF budget to be included in the Council '84 Workbook and voted on at the annual meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees at the annual meeting in June. The motion CARRIED.

8. VOTERS GUIDE QUESTIONS

a. Rodgers brought up the question of our policy on Voters Guides' questions for "shared" candidates--when more than one local League is in the same district. She read the applicable references from Fundamentals for Local Leagues and Making a Difference. Some points made in the discussion were that Leagues could cooperate with each other and agree on which one should send out the questionnaires--often the largest League in the district, or, if each League wants to do a separate questionnaire, it is imperative that a notation be put in the cover letter stating "You may be contacted by another League." We have tried different ways in the past--one was to assign a particular League to send the questionnaire and share with the others. The redistricting has made many changes and several Leagues share the same candidate and office holder now.

b. Voters Guides Questions. The following party primary Voters Guide questions were agreed upon--all to be preceded by pictures and qualifications with a 50-word limit for qualifications:

U.S. SENATOR

1) What are your views on nuclear freeze proposals?
2) What is your opinion concerning reductions in federally supported human services (health care, housing assistance, food stamps, education, etc.?)
3) What measures, if any, would you support to reduce the growing federal budget deficits?

It was also agreed that Rodgers would make the decisions on whether the format would be 75-word limit for each question or a total word limit for all questions.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

1) What are the three most urgent issues facing the Railroad Commission and how would you address them?

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT AND JUDGES OF THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

1) What methods would you favor to reduce the case load in the courts and to expedite final disposition of cases?

Lovelace and Rodgers will work out the deadline for replies and when orders from local Leagues must be placed.

c. Voter Registration Drives. Rodgers noted that this board has previously agreed to work with Texas Women for the 80s* to increase voter registration. She has also received material from Lafe T. Larson, Texas Field Coordinator, Human SERVE Project. Rodgers talked with Mr. Larson, who first asked us to cosponsor this project but agreed that they would request the use of the League's name and asked for the name of a contact person in each local League. McCormick was also in contact with Mr. Larson, and she explained this project is sponsored by a national organization with a good staff. This effort is a six-state project including Texas and their objective is directed toward registering the poor. They want human service agency employees to register their clients and also hope to get civic and community organizations such as the LWV to go into public agency waiting rooms, senior citizens centers, daycare centers, etc., to register voters where staff cannot do the registering. All arrangements would be made by the Human SERVE Project personnel. The project has the approval of Texas Secretary of State Fainter.

McCormick MOVED that we participate in the Human SERVE Project by allowing the use of the League name and by furnishing them with a list of the names of the LL presidents. SECONDED & CARRIED.

* Formerly Texas Women '84

9. POLICY ON CHARGES TO LOCAL LEAGUES FOR VOTERS GUIDES

The Organization Core was asked to come up with a policy on charges for Voters Guides. Their proposal is: There will be a minimum production fee charged to each local League that uses the Voters Guides, either by purchasing them to give away, by buying a Velox or negative, or by buying a single copy already printed, And there will be an additional charge for those who buy negatives or veloxes.

In other words this is a breakdown between minimum production costs and costs for multiple copies. The minimum production cost would vary each time a Voters Guide is printed. It was explained that every League gets a single copy in the president's mailing. Some Leagues take the single copy to the printer for use in compiling their local Voters Guides and pay nothing for the state Voters Guides. The new policy means that all Leagues will pay something if they use the state Voters Guides, which will help bring the Voters Guides to a break-even figure instead of the imbalance we have between the budgeted figure and the sales to local Leagues. The intent is that this would cover the cost in an equitable manner for the effort it takes to put the Voters Guide together. Rodgers and Lovelace will have to estimate the minimum charges for production costs. Explanation of the reason for the new policy needs to be made in the postboard Rodgers sends out--that is, the fact that the state League has been consistently going into the hole on Voters Guides and we need to break even. The new policy was agreed to by common consent.

10. PROGRAM-NEW STUDIES

a. Redistricting. Cummins stated the Facts and Issues publication will go to press Monday. The plan is to print 4500 copies and a copy will go out to the local League presidents in the Jan. 27 mailing with order forms. We need a jazzy title. Various ideas were suggested and "The Decennial Dilemma: Redistricting" was the choice.

b. WUTL - Domestic Violence and Intestacy. Smith expects the rough draft on Domestic Violence to be ready by the 1st week in March. She gave details and names of the research people who are working on it. She has brought proposed outline for study and consensus questions to this meeting. Due to lack of time the Program Core did not finish its consideration and is not ready to make proposals to the board. Smith handed out copies asking for suggestions. She reviewed the work done on the Intestacy study which was written by an attorney and reviewed by a judge for accuracy. The proposed outline for study and consensus questions on Domestic Violence and on Intestacy will be in the preboard for the April meeting and consideration and adoption will be made at that meeting.

Smith has obtained material entitled If You Don't Have a Will, Texas Has One for You. It was decided to send a copy out to the local Leagues along with the consensus questions on Intestacy.

11. TEC MEMBERSHIP

Sheridan stated it is time to pay membership dues for the Texas Environmental Coalition. By paying the $25 annual dues we will be eligible to have two voting delegates. The general assembly will be held in January--Sheridan is a nominee for Second Vice-president and would like to go as a delegate from TEC, and allow the Bay Area League, to send 1 delegate. She further suggested that Kathy Jacob be named the second delegate since air quality will be part of the program. Jacob will need $60 for expenses but Sheridan will need no expense money. Morrill MOVED that the $25 annual dues be paid and that Sheridan and Jacob be named our delegates with $60 expenses for Jacob to be paid out of TEF funds. SECONDED & CARRIED. Sheridan asked for names of people who want to receive the TEC newsletter. TEC is working for expanded membership--cost is $15 for individuals. They would like to get additional members and avoid having a fund drive.

12. PR CORE REPORT

Arizaga reported national has sent out audio cassettes on our national security study. One is entitled National Security - Not for Experts Only. The cassettes have been sent to LL presidents and state Leagues have received reel-to-reel tapes which can be reproduced at about $10. Arizaga's job is to promote use of these by public and commercial radio stations.

13. ODDS & ENDS

a. Carpenter expressed appreciation from all of us for the assistance Perrine gave on the wording and organization of the HANDBOOK OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR TRUSTEES OF THE FUND.

b. Sturgis asked that the following notation be made a part of the record: Any Offboard Project Director or Treasurer appointed to work on a TEF project must be a League member. This is in conformity with the results of a board poll done by mail.

c. Celia Eckhardt, State Coordinator for Texas Women for the 80s, joined the meeting and gave a brief review of the progress of the coalition. $40,000 has been raised so far. She handed out a flyer which explains the purpose and concerns of Texas Women for the 80s.

d. Rodgers, League of Women Voters of Texas' representative on the Committee on Election Laws, stated she has been notified there will be a meeting with the Legislative Council on Jan. 27.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund adjourned at 11:45 a.m., January 14, 1984.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

November 18, 1983
Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church
San Antonio, Texas

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ask M. for Bay Area file on nonpartisanship and minority candidates

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

November 18, 1983
Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was called to order at 9:00 a.m., November 18, 1983.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 15-17, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 5, last paragraph of Section 5, DEVELOPMENT, change word "annual" to "biennial" in two places, making it read: "...a biennial report for TEF." and "An updated biennial report..." Page 8, third paragraph of Section 10 D. add the word "unrestricted" in front of words "budgeted item" in the third line, making it read: "...since it will come from an unrestricted budgeted item."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater updated her preboard with the following figures: $150 additional INCOME; $50 additional EXPENSE; change the figure for Constitutional Amendment Voters Guides project to $440 instead of $540.

Budget Adjustments. By general agreement it was decided to add $1000 to INCOME A1, making a total of $2200 and add $1000 to EXPENSE P1, making a total of $8000.

Smith requested and the board approved making line item P2A read Facts and Issues, Child Support & Domestic Violence.

Clarification about charges to line items P1, P2A, and P2B were stated this way: P1 should cover research and P2A and P2B involves printing costs, etc.

All bills are not in for printing costs of the Child Support Enforcement F&I. Budget adjustments will be made and taken up at the January board meeting as necessary.

3. GARWOOD GRANT

Davis reported she had made inquiries regarding Judge Garwood's contribution to the Education Fund since the question had arisen about whether the principal could be used for projects. Betty Anderson's research brought forth the fact that Judge Garwood's intention was that the grant should be treated as an endowment and that the principal should remain intact with only the interest to be used by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. This clarification is hereby made a part of the record of the minutes for future reference.

4. DEVELOPMENT

Davis stated she has signed a contract with the Center for Nonprofit Management and referred to her preboard for details. There have been no TEF contributions since September but several letters have been sent out.

5. VOTERS SERVICE

a. Rodgers reported that 80,000 November 1983 Voters Guides were distributed. A few newspapers in areas where there are no LLs picked up on our single copies sent to them. An El Paso newspaper ran the amendments serially and omitted some of the wording. This will be taken up by the El Paso League.
b. In relation to the party primary Voters Guides and our goal to issue a brochure on political party information, Rodgers asked if we could combine the two. This will be explored.
c. Texas Women '84. Making reference to her preboard Rodgers introduced the matter of Celia Eckhart's project called Texas Women '84 which proposes that women's organizations work together to increase voter registration among women, sponsor candidates forums, provide informational material, and get out the women's vote. The role of the League is unclear. To a large degree this is the same type of effort the League engages in, but our nonpartisanship position might be subject to question if the groups lean toward one party over another. The positive side would be networking with other women's groups.

Rodgers MOVED that the League of Women Voters of Texas participate in Texas Women '84 and encourage local Leagues to participate in their areas. SECONDED. Discussion included the points that the letter announcing our decision should stress our nonpartisan position; our desire to be a part of any board/committee directing the activities; and we should monitor this project very carefully to avoid any partisanship tendency. The motion CARRIED.

6. SENATORIAL DEBATE PROJECT

Arigaga stated Modelle Brudner, Project Director, will have two proposed budgets for us by the January board meeting--one with an audience and one without. The board will decide which budget to follow. Channel 2, the NBC affiliate studio can seat up to 200. We will need to consider the pros and cons of having an audience.

Brudner will seek committments from each primary candidate that she/he will participate in the debate sometime during a time period of two weeks before the general election if she/he becomes the nominee of her/his party. We will need to decide whether to include the minor party candidates, and if so, on what basis. It was agreed to take this up at the January board meeting and also to invite Brudner to attend a portion of that meeting.

Davis MOVED that $100 be taken from the Executives for Good Government restricted grant to be used as seed money for the debate. SECONDED. It will become a line item under EXPENSE Q3. The Executives for Good Government grant is included in the "On hand restricted grant figure" shown under Liabilities and Net Worth balance sheet in Vanderwater's preboard. The motion CARRIED.

7. SECTION II, TEF HANDBOOK REVISION

Sturgis stated that due to time limitations the committee had not quite finished the proposed revision of Sec. II, LWV-TEF Handbook for Trustees. She requested, and was granted permission to be allowed to work with Perrine and other people in her home area to complete the proposed revision. Others on the committee have submitted their suggestions in response to the earlier mailing from Sturgis.

Sec. II will be revised to serve as a separate Handbook for projects of the FUND itself and as a companion piece for LL projects. The only policy change proposed is under Managing Grants, specifically the makeup of the grants administration committee to oversee all projects funded by restricted monies. This committee will consist of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the FUND, and other appropriate trustees appointed by the chairman. The proposed revision is basically rewording and editing in an attempt to make procedures and policies clear. Sturgis read the proposed wording relating to expenditures included in the adopted budget, i.e. specific approval by the board of trustees and/or the chairman or appropriate vice-president is needed. She also read the paragraph relating to projects of the FUND itself that are financed by unrestricted money which will require minimum reports in the minutes but no separate forms for approval or reporting.

By general consent it was decided the proposed revision will be completed by the above named group, printed, and distributed to board members. The chairman commended Sturgis for her excellent work.

8. REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT STUDY

Cummins stated a draft copy of the Facts & Issues on the Redistricting and Reapportionment study has been prepared and sent to various people to read for content rather than style. After the content is agreed upon the style will be decided. Timelines will be established for processing the Facts & Issues so it can be ready to go out in the Jan. 27 mailing.

After a long discussion on various marketing ideas for the Facts & Issues it was agreed that the program core and publications people would make the decisions on the format of the publication.

9. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

Smith made reference to her preboard in which she outlined proposals for the Intestacy and Domestic Violence studies to be done together. However, the program core decided the studies did not lend themselves to a combination and they should be done separately.

The Intestacy publication will be a short brochure which will be ready for consideration at the January board meeting. The consensus questions can also be approved, and Smith asked for any additional consensus questions suggestions members might have. Smith's intention is to complete this study's preparation before turning to the Domestic Violence study material.

Domestic Violence Study. Smith reported on the 3-day conference that she and Susan Coleman attended. It was very helpful and showed the broad scope of the problem. There are a great number of publications already available and Smith is concerned about the marketability of an additional one--ours. She related the adjustments the program core suggested for the outline in her preboard. The scope will be narrowed, and she asked for a committee of three experts to do the research with the editing to be done by Smith and Susan Coleman. Suggestions were made for research people. The tentative time frame is to have the material to Smith by March, the consensus questions approved at the April pre-Council board meeting, and a goal of getting the study material to the LLs by July with a deadline of November 1 for consensus. The Leagues need to be alerted as to prices and deadlines early enough for their planning and budgets. Here followed a long discussion on prices with no definite motion made.

10. SHERIDAN'S OBSERVATION OF OCEAN INCINERATION IN THE NORTH SEA ABOARD VULCANUS II

Having related some of her experiences as an independent observer of a controversial process at the dinner hosted by the San Antonio Area League at Jerry Ursin's house, Sheridan stated she had reduced her 50 pages of notes to about 15 pages. A lot of people want to know what she saw. About 30 people at the Hazardous Waste Seminar in Washington asked for copies of anything she printed. She also will put together a slide show presentation. In order to capitalize on this she asked for direction from the board about charges for speeches, printed material, and/or slide show presentations. After several suggestions it was decided that a charge of $2 plus tax, payable to LWV-TEF, should be made for a copy of her report; that a charge of $50 for programs to non-League organizations could be made; and Sheridan will have the right to decide about the fee, if any, for local Leagues. A press release will be issued concerning Sheridan's trip and observations.

Arizaga MOVED that we send Sheridan to represent the League of Women Voters at the EPA hearing in Brownsville to be held Nov. 21. Her testimony will be for information only and will relate her experience and observations. SECONDED. Discussion involved the costs--$75 for airfare and car rental will be added; the point that Sheridan's experience on Vulcanus II did not involve ocean incineration of PCBs; and that the feeling of the participants at the hearing will probably be hostile, but that it is important that Sheridan furnish information to the public about her observations. The motion CARRIED.

11. KEYSTONE PROJECT UPDATE

Sheridan referred to her preboard and added that national expects to make a grant-somewhere between $2000 and $3000. She expects our first big money will come from the Moody Foundation, probably $20,000. Also there is a good possibility of money from the Shell Foundation as long as we make it clear we are not jeopardizing their contributions to the Houston League. Sheridan thinks TDWR and TDH will be able to work out a system to allow some funding and she will keep us posted.

It was decided that Sheridan and the project treasurer should be bonded for $25,000 each for a total cost of $50, and Sheridan is authorized to sign checks with the project treasurer.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:30 a.m., November 18, 1983.

Margie Morrill, Secretary

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MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was called to order at 3:00 p.m., Sept. 15, 1983.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, executive secretary.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

1. TEF HANDBOOK REVISION

By general consent it was agreed that the Organization Core would deal with the details of the wording and arrangement of the revision in conformity with the policy changes decided by the board of trustees. Sturgis then referred to her preboard, asked members to get their copies of the TEF Handbook Section I in hand, and opened the discussion by proposing the following:

POLICY PROPOSALS

A. Page 7, OPTIONS FOR USING TAX-DEDUCTIBLE FUNDS.
Section 1. To fund a project at the local level seems to be clear including the 5% administration fee to be charged.
Section 2. To purchase LWV-TEF publications is okay with no administration fee except where state Voters Guides are to be reprinted for local use.
Section 3. To purchase LWVEF-US publications. Present policy states that the 5% administration fee applies. Perrine MOVED that no administration fee be charged for use of education fund money on deposit in a LL's account to purchase LWVEF-US publications. SECONDED & CARRIED.
Sections 4 & 5. Keep as written.
Add a new section dealing with attendance at Workshops and Conferences. Sturgis MOVED that no administration fee be charged for LL projects that involve attending workshops and conferences. SECONDED. Discussion included the point that the board of trustees would have to approve the request from the local League and could ensure that it fitted IRS criteria through the project supervisor. The motion CARRIED.

B. Page 11, Section 5.B. Here there was a discussion about adding the words "nor a local board member" after the words "However, no member of the board of trustees of the FUND . . ." in the second sentence of the paragraph. After a number of examples and problems were mentioned it was decided to leave the sentence in section 5.B. relating to serving as a local League project director as it is now written.

C. Page 15, Section 2. It was suggested that this section should be rewritten clearly stating that publications published by the FUND shall be copyrighted and that permission must be obtained from the trustees of the FUND to reprint all or any part of the publications.

The above Policy Changes were approved by general agreement.

PROCEDURAL PROPOSALS

Since there have been problems with distribution of the various forms for a LL project, in order to correct this and so the TEF trustee supervising the project can exercise the appropriate control over the project, the committee presents the following proposals:

Project Request Form--LL prepares 2 copies; sends 1 to SO; keeps 1 for local files.
--SO makes additional copies for distribution to secretary (2 copies--1 for project supervisor,) treasurer, 1 copy, president, 1 copy; keeps 1 on file for SO.
(As in the past, once the project is approved the secretary will so advise the LL, and provide both the LL and the supervisor with the appropriate number of forms and information.)

Project Report Form-- When project is completed, LL makes 2 copies of this report; sends 1 to the supervisor and keeps 1 for local files.

Project Financial Report--LL makes 3 copies; sends 2 to supervisor, with receipts attached to 1 copy, and keeps 1 for local files.
--Supervisor approves the PFR and sends the copy with receipts attached to the treasurer for payment.

Supervisor's Report-- Is completed by the supervisor and forwarded to the secretary with Project Request Form, the Project Report Form, and the Project Financial Report attached. This set then becomes the permanent record.

The secretary's responsibilities in this process, in addition to notifying the LL of project approval and supplying both the LL and supervisor with appropriate forms and information, are to:

--get in touch with supervisors when project completion date has passed and reports have not been received;
--advise appropriate board members of notes on supervisor's report that might be useful to them;
--ensure that the set of material sent by the supervisor is filed in the state office.

By general consent the above Procedural Changes were approved.

At the end of this discussion, it was suggested that a memo should go out to LL presidents pointing out that there is other material in the TEF Handbook in addition to policies and procedures for local League projects. For example, reading the entire publication would acquaint the LLs with the copyright restrictions, the IRS exemption letter, and other pertinent information.

FORMAT CHANGES

Page 3, will be deleted as a separate page since it relates to the state board of trustees only.
Page 1, Introduction, will be expanded to include section 1 of page 3.
A copy of the IRS Exemption Letter will be included in the LL section of the Handbook.

The above Format Changes were accepted by general consent.

Section II of the TEF Handbook

Sturgis stated there were some problems relating to the revision of this section. The Organization Core will explore these and bring recommendations to the November mini-meeting. A question arose about including Section II of the TEF Handbook in the State Board Handbook instead of continuing it as a supplement to Section I for local Leagues. The matter was referred to the Organization Core for recommendation. It is proposed that a copy of the Trust Agreement be made a part of Section II.

2. TEXT OF STATE VOTERS GUIDE QUESTIONS

Rodgers brought up the matter of a request from LWV-Austin Area for permission to place a box on their publication of state Voters Guides listing local contributors names. LWV-Austin Area has its own education fund and does not come under the jurisdiction of TEF except for copyright compliance. It was agreed that the text of state Voters Guides may not be abridged or altered without approval of the state Voters Service director or the chairman of the

FUND, but the text may be rearranged and local fillers substituted for state fillers.

The first plenary session adjourned at 4:15 p.m., Sept. 15, 1983.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 1:00 p.m., Sept. 16.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual meeting held on June 8-9, 1983 were approved as written.

4. TREASURER's REPORT

Treasurer's Permanent Records. Vanderwater stated three copies of the 1982-83 treasurer's report were made--one for the president, one for the state office, and one for the treasurer's files. The president's copy was passed around the table for inspection by the board members.

Balance Sheet and Budget Analysis. Vanderwater called attention to her preboard and directed attention to K3. She stated our operating fund is in good shape--that it will lessen however as we make paybacks. Vanderwater responded to questions for clarity.

Budget Adjustments. The treasurer's preboard which mentioned that we had adjusted expenses but not income for Facts & Issues and Leaders Guides at the June board meeting was discussed. Adjustments will be made at the November board meeting when more figures will be available.

By general consent it was decided to increase Expense item N4-Mailings to LLP, MAL, and SU by $200 making it $1105. Income adjustment from reserves. This increase is to cover the cost of revision and distribution of the TEF Handbook.

5. DEVELOPMENT

Davis announced we have two contributions to TEF: Terry Hershey of the Hershey Foundation, Houston sent $250 (not shared) and Fikes Foundation, Dallas, gave $2500 which is shared with Dallas in the amount of $750--more than the 20% since it is in lieu of contribution to LWV-Dallas, making $1750 for TEF. Fikes wants no public disclosure of this contribution. We received two noes from regular contributors. Allstate Foundation wrote they make their contributions in November (Davis will write again in October.) Cooper Industries stated they are giving to local not state organizations now, so a letter will go to the Houston League on this.

Davis has written a grant proposal application to Live Oak Fund, Austin, and has written for an appointment with the Center for Nonprofit Management in Dallas. This organization charged Dallas

$100 and will charge us $150 for two people--Ferstl will accompany Davis.

National is soliciting our big contributors for the presidential debates. Davis has contacted national requesting some sort of coordination in fund raising so contributors won't be getting two letters at the same time asking for support of the League of Women Voters.

The development committee will work on developing a new list of contributors. Annual reports of corporations and businesses will be gathered by Ferstl in Dallas and Arizaga in Houston. Davis subscribed to Texas Business magazine which has published a list of the 500 biggest public corporations as well as the 500 biggest private corporations. We can use the foundation libraries which make the 990 forms available.

We need to be thinking of ways to word letters relating to how we would spend the money if we had it in the T budget. In this connection Davis gave two handouts, a. One asked board members to write down what is the most important thing we have done in our history--to be given to her at the end of this meeting; and b. Material on preparing grant proposals was discussed and we were asked to study the material. Davis will accompany a board member for the interview after the grant proposal has been written up by the particular board member for the specific grant.

We will have an annual report for TEF. An updated annual report is needed for development material.

6. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Vanderwater referred to the committee's report in the preboard and asked for comments and/or questions. The two professionals whose advice was sought were: Hugh Barrett, a banker with First City, Houston, and Laurie Adams, a financial planning advisor. Ms. Adams' usual fee is $40 an hour. She spent an hour with Arizaga and Vanderwater and designated the fee as a contribution to the League.

Pursuant to the advice of the professionals, the committee recommends the following:

Stock portfolio. Since the stocks are "blue chip" and provide a balance to the other investments, they should be left as is.
NOW Account and Ready Assets Account. The committee recommends that these be left as is for now.
Certificates of Deposit. Since we are getting a good return these should be renewed as they come due. However, one $10,000 CD will mature in Oct. or Nov. and another $10,000 in the spring, and one may be needed for cash flow.

Division of Bequest with LWV-Dallas. The only action needed at this time is our decision to finalize the split of the Burrus bequest--LWV-Dallas to receive 20% as agreed earlier. It was decided by common consent that Arizaga will compose a letter for the LWV-TEF chairman to send to LWV-Dallas president asking for an agreed date on which to begin counting 30 days hence. Twenty percent of the total amount of the value of the stock portfolio on the 30th day after the agreed date will then be transferred to LWV-Dallas as their part of the bequest.

The chairman will send a note of appreciation to the professional advisors.

7. VOTERS SERVICE/CITIZENS INFORMATION AND VOTERS GUIDES

A. Rodgers and Arizaga attended a voter registration workshop sponsored by the Secretary of State on Sept. 7, 1983. The kits containing the new forms, etc. were not ready, but should be out soon.

B. Rodgers has talked with people at Channels 9 and 18 (PBS) regarding their plans to present a program on the constitutional amendments to the viewers in San Antonio and Austin. The program will be made available to PBS and cable stations in the state. Projected date is the last week in October.

C. About 50 copies of the Texas Legislative Council's Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments have been obtained. SB members will each receive a copy and the balance will go to LL presidents. SB members will save postage by taking appropriate copies back to their local Leagues. The others will be mailed.

D. Voters Guides. The pro/con material on the amendments is almost ready. The final draft will be checked by Carpenter and copy can go to the typesetter Monday with proofreading to be done Wednesday. Expected mailing date for orders from LLs will be Sept. 29th.

By general agreement we will follow the same procedure done previously in regard to sending single copies of the Voters Guides on the amendments to selected newspapers in the state where there is no LL. This is done to get wider distribution of the information to the public. A request will be made of the newspapers that they send the SO a tear-sheet if they use the Voters Guide so we can have some idea on the distribution.

Membership and contribution information will be included in the state Voters Guides and local Leagues will be informed that they may change the information for local application.

E. Here followed a long discussion concerning the question of the fairness in sending free copies of the Voters Guides to newspapers where there is no local League and charging a local League for a single copy plus the 5% administration fee.

There is no supervision if the newspapers use but it is a good PR tool. Gooch MOVED that we continue the practice of sending the Voters Guides out to selected newspaper editors where there is no local League. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Since the question of charging a LL for an already printed single copy had not been addressed, Perrine asked what use was made of such a copy. Sheridan stated the Bay Area League's Voters Guide printer (a newspaper) would not use the velox, so they had to adapt the layout to accommodate the Guide for local candidates. Various opinions were expressed about the work and cost of preparing the state Voters Guides and about the PR value of the Guides in the local communities. Bonavita MOVED that the Organization Core consider the question of charging the local Leagues for one copy of the finished state Voters Guides and make a recommendation. SECONDED & CARRIED.

The meeting recessed for 15 minutes.

8. SENATORIAL DEBATE PROJECT

Arizaga MOVED the PR Core's recommendation that we appoint Modelle Brudner, of Houston, Senatorial Debate Project Director, with instructions to go forward with investigations on the best place to have the debate and how to get statewide coverage. The debate will be held before the Nov. 1984 general election. Brudner is the PR Vice-president for LWV-Houston and has been successful getting LWV-Houston's projects on TV. Discussion included the idea that Channel 2, Houston's NBC affiliate is a good possibility. It was strongly recommended that the debate be held in Houston. The motion CARRIED.

Carpenter will write to Brudner, who has already told Arizaga she will act as director if appointed,and ask her to begin planning in cooperation with Arizaga. Work will go forward to secure a grant for the project when we are farther along in the planning.

9. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

A. It was decided that the request from Rockwall County LWV for $69.10 was a corrected request and had been completed.

B. Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Bay Area's project request to use a $1000 grant to TEF they are seeking from Houston & Galveston Aquatic Foundation to print additional Voters Guides for four elections between Nov. '83 and May '84. This approval is subject to receipt of the grant money from the foundation. SECONDED & CARRIED. Diane Sheridan was appointed Project Supervisor.

C. Sutherland MOVED approval of LWV-Plano's project request for use of $771.65 of their TEF funds to print a Guide to Elected Officials, 1983-85. SECONDED & CARRIED. Eleanor Sutherland was appointed Project Supervisor.

10. STATE PROJECTS

A. Morrill MOVED inclusion in the minutes the record of mail approval made to Diane Sheridan for approximately $15 for travel and approximately $10 for child care for expenses connected with her partcipation in the "Texas Conference on Disease Prevention and Health Promotion: The 1999 Objectives," Houston Sept. 13-14. SECONDED & CARRIED.

B. Sturgis MOVED inclusion in the minutes the record of mail approval of Albers and Smith's request for mailings of the Child Support Enforcement Facts & Issues to selected newspaper editors and organizations--estimated costs approximately $94 to be charged to line item 05-Voters Service Projects. SECONDED & CARRIED.

C. Arizaga MOVED approval of McCormick's project request for $225 to print 3000 fact sheets on Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The material, called AFDC Questions and Answers, was written by Texans for Children, and edited and approved by the Program Core and Carpenter. There is a great need for updated information. 2500 copies will go to Texans for Children for distribution and 500 will be for our own use. SECONDED & CARRIED.

D. Bonavita read a letter from Texas Environmental Coalition and the Sierra Club stating they plan to hold a Sunset Review Workshop in Austin, Sat., Nov. 5, 1983. The Program Core recommends that we co-sponsor this workshop since a number of major state agencies are coming up for sunset review. They are asking for $100 seed money which might be reimbursed through registrations. Albers MOVED the committee's recommendation that we co-sponsor this workshop. The motion CARRIED.

Discussion about the method of handling this type of request indicated it is not necessary to fill out a project request form since it will come from an unrestricted budgeted item. However, the board does need to approve the request and make a decision about which budget line item is applicable.

Sturgis MOVED authorization to spend up to $200 to send Albers, Bonavita, Perrine, and Sheridan to this workshop. SECONDED & CARRIED. The amount expended for both C. and D. above will be taken from line item P1-Information and Education.

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E. Referring to her preboard Bonavita MOVED that LWV-TEF join the Sierra Club and Texas Environmental Coalition in co-sponsoring Americans for Environment's "Electoral Conference" to be held in Austin and Dallas in February, 1984. SECONDED & CARRIED.

F. Bonavita reported we received a telephone call from John Hilders, of Common Cause, asking that someone from the League, preferably a state board member, attend a conference to be called "Stratagies for Citizen Involvement in Government." The conference will be held in Huntsville, Sat., Oct. 8. He wants a presentation of how the League is involved in the subject matter. It was decided that Marlene Muse be asked to represent the League with the understanding that her expenses will be paid from line item 05-VS Projects.

G. Smith announced that the Texas Council on Family Violence is having a convention in Austin Oct. 19, 20 & 21. The workshops would furnish valuable research for our study on family violence. Registration cost is $120, airfare would be $120, and the $5 allowed for evening meal would be part of the cost. Arizaga MOVED expenditure of $260 for Smith or Smith and Susan Coleman to attend this conference. SECONDED & CARRIED.

H. Keystone Project. Carpenter stated the LWV-TEF Grant Administration Committee met and considered the Keystone Project as presented in the preboard and detailed to the committee. Sheridan MOVED the committee's recommendation that the Keystone project be approved. The proposed project is a Hazardous Waste Siting Education Project. The plans are: 1. A series of six workshops plus informational materials to distribute to workshop participants, and 2. A training workshop and printed materials to implement the Keystone Siting process.

Ken Kramer is the proposed Project Director; Georgina Gregory, the proposed Project Treasurer; and John Ehrmann, Keystone liaison. Sheridan stated there may be some questions as to the relationship between the Keystone Siting Process group and the educational project. As stated in the preboard five of the eight members on the Keystone executive committee are League members. Sheridan feels comfortable that there will be no problems--that the Keystone group fully understands this is a League project with Sheridan supervising. They will help raise money and do PR. Requests for contributions will be coordinated with the League of Women Voters of Texas development director and local Leagues where appropriate.

It was proposed that the Project Treasurer be bonded. Costs were discussed and Sheridan will get some prices--information received this morning from one bonding company in Austin

indicated it would cost between $75 and $100 for the full amount of the project--$75,000. Payment for the treasurer's expenses was also discussed. It was agreed that some adjustments to the proposed budget may be in order. The LWV-TEF office will not be involved. It may be desirable to use the bulk mailing permit number at some time during the project.

The vote was called and the motion to approve the Hazardous Waste Siting Education Project CARRIED.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:30 p.m. September 16, 1983.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was held June 8-9, 1983 at Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lav ora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahon, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

ABSENT: Louise Cummins.

Also present were two offboard assoc. directors, Kathy Jacob and Laura Keever; and Joann Lovelace, executive secretary. Nominating committee members Beth Brown and Jan Wilbur also attended part of the meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was preceded by core and committee meetings on June 7th and 8th.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., June 8, 1983.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Davis MOVED election of Lois Carpenter as chairman. SECONDED & CARRIED.
Arizaga MOVED election of Jeanette Davis as vice-chairman. SECONDED & CARRIED.
Arizaga MOVED election of Margie Morrill as secretary. SECONDED & CARRIED.
Arizaga MOVED election of Jeanette Vanderwater as treasurer. SECONDED & CARRIED.

It was pointed out that under the trust agreement the directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas automatically serve as trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. A copy of the trust agreement will be furnished all board members at an early date.

2. ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET

Arizaga MOVED adoption of the League of Women Voters of Texas Ed. Fund budget as printed in the April 15-17, 1983 State Convention Workbook. SECONDED.

Albers MOVED the budget be amended by changing EXPENSE items Program P.2a to $1800 and P.2.d. to $600. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED the budget be amended by adding $1200 to Income item F. Transfer from Reserves. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED the amended budget be adopted. SECONDED & CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

1st line, 2nd paragraph, 5. KEYSTONE CENTER PROJECT, insert words "Education Fund" after "League of Women Voters of Texas..."

1st line, 6. ODDS & ENDS, add words "proposed federal" in front of the words "10% withholding", making it read: "Vanderwater announced that the proposed federal 10% withholding..."

Rodgers MOVED to rescind the motion raising the Public Subscription Service price to $25 as shown at the top of page 6 of the April 14, 1983 TEF minutes. SECONDED & CARRIED. This action leaves the public subscription price at $20.

4. TREASURERS' REPORT

Vanderwater referred to the balance sheet and budget analysis in her preboard which shows a current figure of over $80,000 total liabilities and net worth. She stated the projected figure after all items are in is just over $75,000. Using a varicolored graph Vanderwater demonstrated the categories as listed on the analysis. She then gave a brief orientation listing the categories of investments needed for financial operation as we progress through the year. The CDs we are holding, the interest rates, and due dates were enumerated. The Burrus bequest background and stock portfolio amounts were discussed. All of these factors will be taken into consideration when the investment committee meets tonight to make recommendations for decisions by the full board.

5. TEF ORIENTATION

a. Sturgis made reference to her preboard Item 1. Memorial Contributions to TEF set aside for local Leagues. Under the present practice when a memorial gift to TEF for a local League account comes to the state office Lovelace sends thank you notes to donors and acknowledgments to survivors or honored person/s. Because of the workload on the executive secretary, Sturgis MOVED that the local Leagues take on the responsibility and send the appropriate acknowledgments--just as they do for regular contributions. SECONDED & CARRIED. This will recuire a Memo to the local Leagues and a replacement page in the TEF Handbook.

Sturgis commented the Organization Core had discussed the need for review of the TEF Handbook, Sections I & II to see if some parts need updating. It was agreed there is a need for this so Sturgis asked board members to review both sections and send her suggestions by August 1. The Organization Core will then assemble the suggested changes and circulate the pages before presentation for decision on revisions by the board.

b. (1) Managing Grants. Carpenter called attention to page 19 of Section II, TEF Handbook and asked board members to familiarize themselves with this section.

(2) Page 18, paragraph 10, Project Supervisor's duties were discussed.

(3) Morrill outlined the steps the TEF secretary takes after approval of a project by the board--which forms are sent out and to whom as outlined in the Handbook. Here followed a long discussion concerning some problems of distribution of the appropriate forms. It was agreed that the distribution system is confusing; some forms need to be revised; and further that the multiple copies required cause a hardship on some local Leagues. The Handbook revision group will address this. The state office could make the multiple copies necessary for distribution from the original form sent in by the local League when a project request is made.

Vanderwater will not pay local Leagues for their projects until receipt of the Project Directors Report and Project Financial Report with receipts attached.

Morrill listed the local League projects which still need final forms for completion of the files. She will contact the appropriate supervisors for these.

The meeting recessed for 15 minutes.

6. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

Arizaga MOVED approval of LWV-Corpus Christi's project request for use of $601.50 now on deposit with a balance up to $3000 to be raised in a special fund drive, to print Voters Guides for an August 13, 1983 city council election, Nita Clark, Project Director. SECONDED & CARRIED. Morrill was appointed Project Supervisor.

Bonavita MOVED approval of LWV-Richardson's project request for $866.59 to print a Guide to Elected Officials, Mary M. Porter, Project Director, subject to their having funds to cover the amount requested. SECONDED & CARRIED. Sondra Ferstl was appointed Project Supervisor.

Morrill MOVED approval of LWV- Tarrant County's project request for $500 to print and publish a revised 1983-84 Your Elected Officials, Georgia Kidwell, Project Director. SECONDED & CARRIED. McMahon was appointed Project Supervisor.

7. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE NEW STATE PROJECT

Sheridan made a brief explanation of a proposal to sponsor a series of workshops and develop training materials on citizen participation in hazardous waste siting. The objective would be to teach peop le how to participate and how to affect decision making. If an applicant comes into an area with a project there would be increased emphasis on public participation. The process was developed by a group of people who call themselves The Keystone Group. The project involves the use of a handbook which talks about the kind of people you have to contact and the issues that both the applicant and the public ought to be concerned about. Sheridan mentioned additional material in the process which describes how the public can have earlier access to information about the projects and thus have input prior to public hearings. This would avoid the complaint that the public learns about what is going on too late to be effective. The Keystone Group consists of 35 diverse-minded people who attended a workshop last August in Keystone, Colorado. They met again in October and developed the material. The group will meet again June 18 and at that time decisions will be made about implementing the process. They would like to find a pilot project and do a series of workshops, develop training material, and probably have professional training of the first committee people.

The project would tentatively involve contracting with the Keystone Training Center to develop training material. Sheridan described the diverse groups that have been approached for funding and stated all were receptive if the League of Women Voters runs the project. Funding would probably be in the neighborhood of $30,000 to $50,000. If there is agreement among the group Sheridan will write a proposal and bring to this board for consideration. After several questions were responded to, the board members approved Sheridan's proceeding with the plan. It has been made clear that if this becomes a TEF project, LWV-TEF board will be in charge and TEF guidelines will be followed.

8. DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Davis has made some research into development. She has read a book entitled The Art of Asking and reached the same conclusions that previous development directors have--everybody is out there asking for money. Her first thinking is to learn how to market LWV-T. TEF will not be neglected, but it is currently in better financial condition than T. We are allocating some of the TEF money at this meeting and she will seek ideas for contributors. In her research on foundations, she found that they do not like to give money to operating budgets.

During the summer Davis would like to go to a professional fund raising person and learn how to sell the League to corporations, foundations, and individuals. She read statistical data showing amounts and percentages of giving, from whom, and the categories of recipients--the category the League would fall into received 3%! However, Davis feels we could fit into a higher recipient category like health, education, and welfare in view of our studies and actions in these areas. She is searching for the appropriate place to learn the techniques.

Davis plans to continue Price's procedure for development for the present. Later she will ask the development committee to assist her in making personal calls instead of concentrating on letter appeals. In-depth research will be done and furnished the committee members before personal calls are made.

The annual report will be redone in a manner that can be used for two years. The budget figures will be on a separate sheet, which will include figures showing member contributions, how much time and not-reimbursed funds board members give. We are urged to be looking in our local areas for prospective contributors. Also, when a board member comes up with a project, Davis will ask that the proposal be written up by that person.

9. VOTERS SERVICE PLANS

a. Rodgers stated plans are being made for the Nov. 8 Constitutional Amendment Election Voters Guide. Albers, Bonavita, and Rodgers will work together and make assignments for pros and cons according to program area and availability of material. Deadlines were discussed for copy and local League orders. It was decided that a deadline for copy will be Aug. 15 unless there is a special session that makes this unfeasible.
b. There have been requests for posters to be used for voter registration drives. Rodgers will work with graphics people and bring suggestions to the board for selection.
c. Rodgers mentioned the possibility of doing a video tape of the next Voters Guide (on the constitutional amendments)--two one-half hour tapes. She will look into the matter of working with U.A. Columbia; costs; etc. We could then consider offering it to local Leagues at less than cost for cable TV public access channels. By general agreement Rodgers was authorized to look into the feasibility of doing this.
d. An Election Laws Practices Conference for election officials was suggested. We could try for early next year or before the fall general election. Material is available and it could be a money maker for the League.
e. Another idea is publication on how to participate in party politics, beginning with the precinct convention and carrying through to the national elections. We had an earlier publication on this but party rules have changed and it is out of date.
f. Rodgers wants to look into preparing "zippy" tapes for radio on register to vote, attend your precinct convention, etc. This is a very good education and PR tool for the League.

Arizaga MOVED the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees make plans for holding senatorial debates prior to the 1984 general election. SECONDED & CARRIED.

10. PR PLANS

Arizaga stated the first efforts will be to educate local Leagues about the value of PR and how to do it. Emphasis will be on both areas of League efforts--education as well as action. She will suggest how local Leagues can contact talk-show people, get on radio, send letters to the editors, etc., for wide exposure. People are interested in what is going on at the local level.

11. PUBLICATIONS

Sutherland stated the new Texas Government Handbook is not listed in the new publications brochure. There are about 7000 still in our inventory. She would like to go to a printer and get cost estimates for a slick brochure--add the Handbook and include new ideas mentioned above in Voters Service. She will push the Handbooks in the local Leagues and hopes to have a mockup of her proposed brochure for the September board meeting.

12. NEW PROCRAM PLANS

Albers began the Program Core report with a statement that she would present plans for the redistricting study (in the absence of Cummins) and Smith would make the presentation on Women Under Texas Law study proposals.

Redistricting. Cummins has begun research and the overall plan is to complete the study during this fiscal year. She hopes to come to the September board meeting with a leaders guide and consensus questons for consideration by this board. Most of the study material will be in a 4-page Facts & Issues. An idea was proposed to have a conference in January or February 1984 which would draw non-League people.

Justice. As a response to suggestions for updating made at the April State Convention, Albers stated Diana Clark may be interested in completing a Facts & Issues on the adult portion of our Justice study--in a marketable format similar to the WUTL booklets. She would also try to find someone in the Dallas area to do the writing on the juvenile portion and Clark would supervise that section. The feeling is that this would be marketable to the general public as our earlier publications on this study were a big hit.

Working Poor. McCormick will do a publication on the working poor.

The proposals for the two above publications/updates were received with enthusiasm by the board members.

Women Under Texas Law Study. Smith called attention to one of the constitutional amendments that will be on the Nov. 8, 1983 ballot which will allow court-ordered garnishment of wages for enforcement of child support payments. The wording of the amendment as well as the ballot phrasing were read for the benefit of the board members. Discussion followed and these points were brought out: Several Leagues expressed interest in child support enforcement at the State Convention in Dallas; the limited time to reach member agreement before the election; and which method of reaching member agreement is possible within the time frame.

Working under the program item adopted at the State Convention: Women Under Texas Law--Continued study with emphasis on...child support enforcement...Smith proposed we use the concurrence method and further that a brief factual Facts & Issues giving background on the subject be an insert in the July issue of the Texas VOTER along with the concurrence statement wording.

Arizaga MOVED that a Facts & Issues on child support enforcement be an insert in the July Texas VOTER. SECONDED. After a discussion on the content and possible assistance on research the motion CARRIED.

Smith stated the plans for the balance of the Women Under Texas Law study will be basically research on domestic violence and intestacy laws this year with leaders guides and Facts & Issues to follow next year with possible consensus in the fall of 1984. She also would like to poll local Leagues to get information on what they have studied in the areas of intestacy and domestic violence. Approval was given to proceed on this.

The first plenary session of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Annual Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m., June 8, 1983.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m., June 9, 1983.

13. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Vanderwater reported the committee met last night. They listened to the tape recording of a conference Diana Clark, Lynn and Jan Albers had earlier. This is the tape referred to in Clark's memo to the new board contained in the preboard reports. Vanderwater stated she felt the committee agreed with Lynn Albers' suggestions, i.e. that we invest our money this way:

- 50% in a mutual fund that specializes in blue chip stocks
- 25% in a no-load mutual fund that specializes in corporate bonds
- 25% in a ready asset type of fund for liquidity

Vanderwater stated she is not uncomfortable with the plan, however it is a change in policy for investments from the types we've had in the past in that the CDs we have invested in are insured and mutual fund accounts are not insured.

The investments committee suggested we form a subcommittee to seek further information and advice from experts in Houston. By general consent the board approved the plan for Arizaga, Keever, and Vanderwater to go to several investment experts in Houston. They will explain we have been advised to make investments in the manner outlined above; will ask each person if that plan sounds right for our organization; and if so, get suggestions for specific mutual funds for investment. The committee will study the various recommendations and come to the September board meeting with specific suggestions for decision by the TEF board.

14. BEQUEST STOCK PORTFOLIO

Since LWV-Dallas has formed its own education fund, Vanderwater will transfer their balance in the Texas Education Fund--around $1000--to the Dallas LWV Education Fund as soon as the books are complete. It is hoped that the Dallas League will be willing to wait for a division of the Burrus estate portfolio until LWV-TEF has made its decisions on investments. If they want a division right away, it can be made by taking the value of the stocks on an agreed date in the near future, and pay them in cash for their 20%. If they agree to wait two or three months, the 20% share of the dividends will continue being credited to their account. It was the decision of the board to ask the Dallas League what their preference is in this matter.

The Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees adjourned at 9:15 a.m., June 9, 1983.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

April 14, 1983
NorthPark Inn, Dallas, Texas

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND

April 14, 1983
NorthPark Inn, Dallas, Texas

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund was called to order at 9:30 p.m., April 14, 1983.

PRESENT: Arizaga, Bonavita, Brown, Carpenter, Clark, Davis, Johnson, Kidwell, Lava, McCormick, Miller, Morrill, Perrine, Price, Sturgis, Sutherland, and Vanderwater.

Also present were Jan Albers and Joann Lovelace.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Jan. 12, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, 1st paragraph beginning with the words "We have a contribution..." should be a part of the LWV-T minutes not the LWVTEF minutes. Price MOVED that this be done. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Page 4, section 9. VOTER--the entire section 9 should be a part of the LWV-T minutes not the LWV-TEF minutes. Lava MOVED that this be done. SECONDED & CARRIED.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater referred to her preboard and asked that the board of trustees give her directions about where to post the expenses of publishing When You Go to Austin. Price MOVED that the net cost of the publication When You Go to Austin be taken from the Executives for Good Government grant. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clark asked Lava to prepare a memo that would contain information from TEXAS MONTHLY defining LWV-TEF's agreement with them for future reference so we can be clear on how the balance of their grant can be used.

3. LOCAL LEAGUE PROJECTS

Morrill MOVED that the following requests for local League projects which were approved by the board during the period Jan. 12 to date be made a part of the record:

a. LWV-Edinburg/McAllen's request for $120 for Directory of Public Officials, Clark Project Supervisor, approved Jan. 28, 1983.

b. LWV-Edinburg/McAllen's request for $50 for Research on Water Issues Locally, Perrine Project Supervisor, approved Feb. 11, 1983.

c. LWV-Arlington's request for $250 for two printings of Your Elected Officials, Kidwell Project Supervisor, approved Jan. 28, 1983.

d. LWV-Rockwall County's request for $160 for Know Your Elected Officials, Clark Supervisor, approved Jan. 28, 1983.

e. LWV-San Antonio's request for $149 for Voters Guides, Price Project Supervisor, approved Feb. 18, 1983.

f. LWV-Waco's request for $45 for Directory of Elected Officials, Kidwell Project Supervisor, approved Feb. 11, 1983.

g. LWV-Lubbock's request for $350 for Citizens Guides, Kidwell Project Supervisor, approved Feb. 25, 1983.

h. LWV-Corpus Christi's request for $105.50 for They Represent You, Morrill Project Supervisor, Approved March 28, 1983.

SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clark, as Project Supervisor, MOVED that LWV-Dallas' request for $4200 for Voters Guides for April 2, 1983 election, approved March 28, 1983 be withdrawn. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Bonavita, as Project Supervisor, MOVED that LWV-Austin's request for $3600 for Citizens Guide, approved Sept. 15, 1982, be withdrawn. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED approval of LWV-Tarrant County's request for $135 for registration fees for nine representatives at the conference on Community Based Corrections to be held in Fort Worth April 30, 1983. SECONDED & CARRIED. Sturgis was appointed Project Director.

4. DEVELOPMENT

Price reported receipt of $500 from the Kempner Fund; $1500 from Tandy Corp.; and $200 from Jo Hardin Originals, totaling $2200. Texas Eastern usually comes in around this time.

5. KEYSTONE CENTER PROJECT

Carpenter passed around a report on a project of Keystone Center in Colorado that Diane Sheridan had attended. Sheridan will be coming on the SB with the hazardous waste portfolio. The Keystone Center is similar to the Aspen Institute. It is a nonprofit organization with a small staff, that aims to bring the best science and technology to bear in making public policy decisions. Sheridan joined a group of about 32 people which included representatives with viewpoints on all sides of the issue of hazardous waste siting who met to try to work out differences and come to some kind of agreement. The group decided a handbook needed to be developed to be used in hazardous waste siting process to facilitate public participation. Sheridan is the editor. The Texas Dept. of Water Resources and Texas Dept. of Health will print the handbook and Keystone group members are writing it. Promotion is needed for use of this handbook--both for the concept of working with a public participation process as well as training of people who will be facilitators. The Gulf Coast Waste Authority has funded this first project which is as far as they can go. Keystone is seeking funding for the implementation of this project. The draft proposal has not yet been received. If we choose to participate, our role would not be to provide money, but to lend our name to help get funding. We would also be in on the planning of workshops and League members would be sought as participants in Texas. Two other statewide organizations, Texas Environmental Coalition and Houston Toxic Substances Task Force, will join in the application process.

Arizaga MOVED that the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund name be used in the application for funding for the implementation of the above project. SECONDED & CARRIED.

6. ODDS & ENDS

Vanderwater announced that the proposed federal 10% withholding from the stock portfolio payments will not apply to the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund since it is a nonprofit organization. The appropriate forms are being filed as proof of our nonprofit status.

Vanderwater was asked to figure out the exact value of the Burrus Estate fund. Dallas is forming its own education fund, and will be asking for its 20% share in the near future.

The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m., April 14, 1983.

Margie Morrill, Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas
April 30, 1987

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas
April 30, 1987

MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Sondra Ferstl, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, and Doris Watson.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Director.

ABSENT: Franci Moses.

PLENARY SESSION

The plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Caprenter, at 1:45, Thursday, April 30, 1987.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 16-18, 1987 Board meeting were approved with the following corrections:
page 3, item 7, Action: change FBS to FSB
page 3, item 7, Action: change last line to read--do not expect passage of any bills this session.
page 5, item 13, Field Service Report: insert she prior to R. Rodgers.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported that both T and TEF budget reports were corrected as per the auditor's report. It does not appear that TEF will be able to pay back all the monies it owes to T.

Reported that this Convention may need to be subsidized due to the increase in the number of state board nominees, FSR, and off board directors that are attending at the expense of the Convention and also due to a lower convention attendance than anticipated.

Reported monies are still due from ABC for Election Night Reporting. Reimbursement forms and reports were filed very late with ABC.

M. McMahan MOVED retaining the Pasadena SU funds in the operating budget, not moving the monies into the Capital Fund, as they are needed in the T budget to balance it. SECONDED AND PASSED.

M. McMahan MOVED not to renew the maintenance contract on the Systel word processor due to increasing cost of contract. SECONDED AND PASSED.

M. McMahan reported she had talked to the accounting firm of Wills & Company about doing the audit of the books and tax report again this year. Since the books are in proper order, the fee would be less than last year, but still more than budgeted in the 1987-88 proposed budget.

M. McMahan MOVED to increase Income--A4 to $300 (League minimum PMP) and increase Expense--N9 to $950 tp meet the cost of an audit and tax report. SECONDED AND PASSED. The change in the proposed budget will be presented to the convention delegates.

M. McMahan MOVED having Wills & Company do the audit of the books and the tax report. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Reported San Antonio had paid its PMP. PMPs still had not been received from Marshall/Harrison, Orange Area and Waco Area.

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Brudner reported that LWV-T would not be selling T-shirts at the Convention. The cash flow was so low that the up-front money was not available for the shirts. Sale of T-shirts at Legislative Days grossed only $242.

Reported the direct mail solicitation letter to contributors from Politechs' list and 1984, 1985, and 1986 direct mail letters requesting donations to either T or TEF has raised a total of $1743 at this time -- $480 for T.

Reported an in-kind contribution of $500 from Wills & Company, auditors.

Reported that a letter was sent to contributors in the North Texas area inviting them to the opening luncheon of the Convention. Joy Evetts, assistant to the president, Texas Electric Service Division of Texas Utilities Electric Company, will be attending.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reported a delegate to the July 10-12 Leadership Training Conference in Washington. D. C. on social welfare issues needed to be designated.

D. Sheridan MOVED B. McCormick, L. Cummins, and D. Sheridan be appointed to designate the delegate after conferring with the new board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Reported that D. Sheridan had contacted REI/ERT, who will donate $500 toward leadership training of the new board. D. Sheridan has also contacted Pier 1 and J. C. Penny offices in Dallas and Houston. Both companies contribute funds for this type of training.

Reported on a meeting attended by B. McCormick, M. Brudner, and D.

Sheridan with representatives of Southwestern Bell's computer operations. The League was given very good advice on becoming computerized. It appears there is a possiblility of Southwestern Bell donating a computer to us. A proposal is being developed.

Reported on receipt of invitation from LWV-Lubbock for Council '90. General sense of the Board to leave this decision to the incoming board.

The Convention timed agenda was reviewed.

5. ORGANIZATION REPORT

Field Service Report: S. Ferstl discussed problems that arose when consensus reached by LWV-Tarrant County on public libraries in the county affected LWV-Arlington who had not participated in the study or the consensus. General sense of the Board to recommend formation of a Task Force to review guidelines on ILOs and develop guidelines for LLs to use when study and consensus affect Leagues that have overlapping jurisdictions. L. Carpenter will write LWV-Arlington informing them of the Task Force.

R. Gooch reported that we are still negotiating with LWVUS over the exact amount of PMP owed by Cherokee County.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

B. McCormick reported on problem raised by LLs that the HCMI consensus addresses the areas of family life education and teenage pregnancy only in terms of the medically indigent person, and the LLs question if the consensus can be applied to making family life education mandatory for all students. General sense of the Board to present an amendment to the current HCMI position to clarify the position on family life education for all.

7. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

F. McIntyre reported the deadline for the June VOTER was May 8, 1987. The following assignments were made: Texas Health Care Debate--S. Coughlin; general article on Convention--L. Carpenter; Adopted Program for 1987-89--D. Sheridan; LWV-Lubbock fund raiser--S. Ferstl.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 5:05 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 1987.

Doris Watson,
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

LWV-Houston Office, Houston, Texas
November 14-15, 1986

MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Franci Moses, Rowena Rodgers, and Doris Watson.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Director, and Reggie Turetzky, Associate Director, Social Policy/Human Resources.

ABSENT: Sondra Ferstl and Mateele Rittgers.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 1:35 p.m., Friday, November 14, 1986.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12-14, 1986 Board Meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Item 6, page 2, correct spelling of tenativley to tentatively.
Page 5, last paragraph, correct spelling of legisatures to legislators.
Page 6, change Jacobs to Jacob.
Page 7, change Wheathers to Weathers.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported that ABC paid LWV-T $8090 for election night reporting. The original amount budgeted was $6500, however, more precincts were covered resulting in the additional monies.

M. McMahan MOVED paying Charlene Ansley an additional $250.00 for the extra work involved in covering a larger number of precincts than was originally anticipated. SECONDED. MOTION TABLED.

Reported that a number of accounts, such as postage, are running way over. Will review bills to see if all accounts have been charged their share of postage.

M. McMahan MOVED adjusting Board meetings, 03B2 September, from $1900 to $1455, and 03B5 April, from $2845 to $3290. This would cover the higher than anticipated costs of the meeting to be held in the Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth. PASSED.

Reported income was doing fairly well, but TEF still owes T $5000.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reported the congressional interview packets from LWVUS will arrive in December. E. Bonavita will make the assignments of the LLs to conduct the interviews.

Reported that 5000 people have joined the LWVUS through direct mail solicitation. The membership printouts to state and LLs are running 3 months behind.

Reported that LWVUS is requesting recommendations of minority persons to serve on the Bicentennial of the Constitution Project Committee.

Reported that a corporate breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 20, as part of the Leadership Conference being sponsored by LWVUS in Dallas. Frito-Lay, Southwestern Bell Telephone, MCorp, Southland are some of the participants. A mailing list of corporations with contact persons named has been sent to state Leagues by LWVUS.

4. CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

R. Gooch reported on a few changes in the agenda for convention: to help lower costs, Saturday morning breakfast will be on the delegates own; regional meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m.; Saturday dinner, with Jim Hightower as speaker, will be held in the stockyard area.

A proposed budget was reviewed.

General sense of the Board that since the number of caucus rooms is limited, requests for caucus rooms would be handled by the Convention Commitee in the order in which they are received.

5. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

R. Gooch MOVED recommendation of the application of Cherokee County for recognition as a provisional League. SECONDED AND PASSED. Lucy Roush will continue as advisor to Cherokee County. Dues will be refunded when recognition from LWVUS is received.

R. Gooch reported that name change for LWV-Plano to LWV-Plano/Collin County has been officially recognized by LWVUS.

S. Carver reported that Wise County State Unit has requested to disband.

Field Service: Jan Wilbur is the new FSR for central Texas area.

The field service manual is going to be long and will be expensive to publish, but is needed for the FSRs. General sense of the Board to proceed with the publication of the Field Service Manual.

The first plenary session adjourned at 3:45 p.m., Friday, November 14, 1986.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 9:15 a.m., Saturday, November 15, 1986. Diane Sheridan, Program Vice-president, joined the meeting.

6. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Voting Rights--R. Rodgers reported LWV-T was asked by the Secretary of State's office to monitor the answers given out by their legal staff to county clerks, inspectors, citizens on election day. The request resulted from accusations made by the Republican Party that the office might show bias toward the Democratic Party candidates. R. Rodgers reported she was present from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and felt the problems were handled adequately and without bias.

Texas Women's Political Caucus Workshop--LWV-T has been asked to co-sponsor a legislative workshop on Child Care and Pro-Choice with the Texas Women's Political Caucus, Saturday, January 17, in Austin. LWV-Austin has also been asked to participate. The workshop falls on the same Saturday as the state board meeting.
D. Sheridan MOVED that LWV-T not co-sponsor the workshop since the state board cannot participate. SECONDED AND PASSED.

LWV-California Coastal Issues Request--LWV-California is urging other Leagues to recommend to LWVUS that coastal issues be one of the national priorities on the Advocacy Agenda. General sense of the Board to send letter to LWV-Cal. explaining that this is not a priority issue for us. However,
we would support LWVUS providing more information on the issues to Leagues that can act.

LWV-Austin requested advice about joining the "Austin Task Force on AIDS-related Discrimination". B. McCormick reported she had responded by stating the LL could act under the national position against discrimination.

HCMI Consensus--S. Coughlin reported 33 LLs, 1 SU and 3 MALS participated in the consensus process. 718 or 20% of the total membership actually took part. Following discusssion of the consensus:
S. Coughlin MOVED adoption of the HCMI consensus as amended. SECONDED AND PASSED. (see attached copy).

Regional Leadership Conference Issue--Delegates to the conference have been asked to participate in planning a project. General sense of the Board that our delegates develop a plan for restructuring the state board.

Advocacy papers--D. Sheridan reported the papers were edited by League members with authors consulted and are at the typesetter. A memo on guidelines for writing Advocacy papers will be kept in the files.

Legislative Interview Forms--E. Bonavita reported the forms have been mailed out.

7. ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

C. Ansley provided a written report of the election night reporting project. (see attached copy.)
M. Brudner MOVED the motion on additional payment to C. Ansley be removed from the table. SECONDED AND PASSED.
MOTION: M. McMahan MOVED to pay Charlene Ansley an additional $250 for the extra work involved in covering a larger number of precincts than was originally anticipated. PASSED.

8. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

F. McIntyre reported the deadline for the February VOTER is January 28. The following assignments were made: HCMI--S. Coughlin; legislative action/participation--E. Bonavita; convention--R. Gooch; nominees for state board--E. Sturgis; Spotlight on LWV-El Paso--S. Ferstl; membership count--R. Gooch; proposed budget--R. Geer; Capital fund Drive with list of contributors--B. Anderson; president's column-L. Carpenter.

9. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL 1986 MINUTES

The minutes of Council 1986 were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1: change ninteenth to nineteenth.
Page 2 and 3: change Jacobs to Jacob
Page 7: change Bergstress to Bergstresser
Page 8: item 20, third paragraph: add congressional/legislative districts.
Page 9: change adjorned to adjourned.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

M. Brudner reported that the slogan and design chosen for the T-shirts were not well received by non-Leaguers. Following discussion of alternatives, general sense of the Board is as follows: a.) the design will be a simple drawing of the Capitol; b.) the slogan will be WOMEN WORKING FOR CAPITOL GAINS all in

capital letters; c.) the shirts will be powder blue with navy blue printing, 50% polyester, 50% cotton; d.) F. Smith will work up total design and obtain bids; and e.) M. Brudner and the T-shirt committee will decide on price.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, November 15, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Quality Inn South, Austin, Texas
September 12-14, 1986

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, and Doris Watson.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Director, and Debbie Stine, Associate Director for Container Deposit, Energy Conservation and Solar Energy Issues.

ABSENT: Louise Cummins and Franci Moses.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 1:35 p.m., Friday, September 12, 1986.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 30-June 1, 1986 Board Meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Item 2, page 1, last sentence second paragraph: substitute to for the.
Item 2, page 2, fourth paragraph: change catagory to category.
Item 4, page 2, and 3: change Kullman to Ansley.
Item 8, page 4, Advocacy Papers: change December 1 to October 17.
Item 11, page 6, Periodic Program Review: delete S. Carver as committee member.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan presented a budget analysis for June 1, 1985 to May 31, 1986. A calculation error of $10,000+ was discovered in the TEF budget. Consequently, TEF was able to reimburse T the monies owed. LWV-T ended the June 1, 1985-May 31, 1986 fiscal year with $10,607.04.

Reported that PPR committee expenses will be charged to Program Planning T20.

Reported that all LLs paid full PMP for last year.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reviewed the "Guide to Pre-Clearing Plans & Making Copies". (See attached copy).

Reported Charlene Ansley, coordinator of election night reporting, will be sending out memos to the LLs requesting local coordinators to be named. The local coordinators are responsible for finding reporters to cover their precincts. 168 precincts are to be covered. October 3, 1986 is the deadline for the LLs to submit the name of the coordinators.

4. COALITIONS

B. McCormick MOVED LWV-T join the Women's Equity Network Coalition. It is a non-profit organization designed to serve as a central information for Texans interested in pay equity. The dues are $15.00. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED LWV-T join the Association for Beverage Container Deposit (ABCD) Coalition. Dues are $50. Debbie Stine will be the LWV-T representative to the ABCD Board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. PEROIDIC PROGRAM REVIEW REPORT

D. Sheridan reported the PPR meeting held in Dallas in August was very productive. League members who had participated in the orginal study were on the committee which gave better insight to the positions.

D. Sheridan MOVED sending out the PPR recommendations, with an explanation of the recommendations, to the LLs in the October 6 state mailing. SECONDED.
Discussion followed on "Financing State Government" position.

E. Bonavita MOVED amending the PPR committee's recommendation on "Financing State Government" to retain "and making them statutory" and also reinserting the position "change to a program or performance budget format". SECONDED AND PASSED.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES LAWSUIT

D. Sheridan reported that LWV-T is tenatively scheduled to go to court October 24 and 27 on the adminstrative penalties lawsuit. L. Carpenter or D. Sheridan and possibly E. Bonavita will attend.

7. PROGRAM INSTITUTE EVALUATIONS

R. Gooch reported the institutes were well attended, a total of 22 LLs and 1 SU were represented. Comments regarding the institutes were very favorable. (See attached copy of evaluation form.)

The first plenary session adjourned at 3:45, Friday, September 12, 1986.

Core /Committee meetings were held Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was callled to order at 10:45 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 1986. Sondra Ferstl joined the meeting. Also present was Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance.

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Development: M. Brudner reported that all the regular contributors have been contacted. Two major contributors, Gulf State Utilities and Lomas and Nettleton have not given and will be contacted for contributions to the gubernatorial debate. AFL-CIO is not going to contribute. Contributions received since last board meeting:

National Gypsum $2500 Share: $500 to LWV-Dallas

T-Shirts: Several designs created by M. Rittgers for the front of the T-shirts were presented to the Board.
M. Brudner MOVED using the Texas capitol design with the slogan "Texas Women Know Their Place" on the T-shirts and proceeding with the project to sell T-shirts. SECONDED AND PASSED.
Two hundred shirts will be printed for Women's Legislative Day.

Direct Mail Solicitation: The direct mail solicitation using names provided by LWVUS has raised $2380, equally divided between T and TEF. It is obvious that people will give to both T and TEF when given the choice.

Fun Run: LLs feel this is too complicated. A chair needs to be found to direct such an effort. This project may be considered again at a later date.

Special Project: General sense of the Board to find a chair to organize a special fund raising project during the next year.

9. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

State Units: S. Carver reported that three SU are doing very well, three are not. It appears Gregg County will not survive. Wise County and Texarkana are both having difficulites with membership and finding leaders. Membership is down to between 5-10. The Organization Core feels a SU cannot be considered viable with so few members.

Organization Core MOVED the number of members required to qualify for a State Unit be increased from 10 to 15. PASSED. The Policy Guide will be revised to reflect this change.

R. Gooch MOVED Organization Core recommendation that Cherokee County be approved for provisional League status, contingent on there being 25 members by November 30, 1986. If provisional status

is granted at a later date, dues will be reimbursed as per schedule. PASSED.

R. Gooch MOVED the Organization Core recommendation to approve the application of LWV-Plano to change their name to LWV-Plano/Collin County. The application will be forwarded to LWVUS. PASSED.

R. Gooch reported that another, League, LWV-Sherman, is also considering a name change to reflect a county wide base.

Field Service: S. Ferstl reported FSRs are still needed in the central and southern part of the state. Board trainings have been held, however, fewer Boards have requested training this year. Discussedproblems of LL Board members not really resigning to work on political campaigns. President's letter will remind LLs that to meet nonpartisanship policy. a resignation from the board to work for a candidate must really be a resignation, not just an leave of absence.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 1:00 p. m.

10. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Constitutional Amendments: LWV-T will take no position on any of the amendments.

Taxes: Jan Albers, Assocate Director, Financing State Government, presented an assessment of the state's fiscal problems and various solutions to the problems. The paper she prepared for the presentation will also be incorporated into an advocacy paper.

Legislative Priorities: The Program Core presented the following:

a. Restructure the state's financial system to include an equitable means of taxation which assures adequate revenue; is easily adminstered; and meets economic, social, and environmental needs.
b. Appropriate adequate funds to provide essential state services:
    - Human Services
        - AFDC
        - Domestic violence programs
        - Indigent health care
    - Public Education
    - Enviromental Protection

R. Gooch MOVED adoption of the legislative priorities as listed. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The Program Core MOVED statement (a) be the first priority. PASSED.

Advocacy papers: Papers will be written on--Financing State Government--D. Sheridan, E. Bonavita, L. Cummins; Domestic Violence--M. Rittgers; HMCI--S. Coughlin; Merit Selection of Judges--D. Clark; Container Deposit Legislation--Debbie Stine (ABCD will finance). Deadline is October 17. LLs will be given permission to reprint advocacy papers in local VOTERS.

Legislative Interview Questions: The Program Core MOVED the following as legislative interview questions:

1. For months, the state has been confronted with decline in state revenues. What are your suggestions for the state's financial system.? PASSED

2. Last session the legislature adopted a modest indigent health care package. There are still important issues, such as health insurance for the poor, health care for the unemployed, cost of long term care, and liability insurance that have not been addressed. What are your views on these health care issues? PASSED.

3. The incidence of violence in Texas families has increased dramatically as the economy has worsened. Do you believe that shelters, intervention and prevention programs are effective in reducing the incidence of family violence in your district? Would you support continued state funding for these programs? PASSED.

4. Chief Justice John Hill and Lt. Governor Bill Hobby support a system of selecting judges that combines appointment and election. Would you support such a system? PASSED.

5. Do you favor legislation requiring a deposit on beer and soft drink containers in order to reduce litter and the cost of clean up? PASSED.

6. What are your goals for the legislative session? PASSED.

Legislative interview forms will be mailed November 7.

Women's Legislative Days: E. Bonavita reported the October VOTER will carry general information on Legislative Days. Registration forms will be mailed with the general mailing to all groups.

A LVW-T suite will be set up. LL members can meet at 5:00 p.m. Monday to find rides to the reception and schedule breakfast/lunch on Tuesday for briefing before seeing their legislatures.

The second plenary session adjourned at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, September 13,1986.

The **THIRD PLENARY SESSION** was called to order at 10:15 a. m., Sunday, September 14, 1986.

D. Sheridan announced Kathy Jacobs was asked by LWVUS to testify in Washington, D.C. as a League representative for the Clean Air Coalition.

Policy on membership participation in consensus: D. Sheridan reported she had contacted several state leagues. None of them had any written policy on how often a member may participate in the member agreement process on a given issue. A memo will be sent out to the LLs by the Organization Core explaining how participation in consensus should be handled.

11. SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO LWVUS REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING:

B. McCormick MOVED the following persons be nominated as delegates to the LWVUS regional leadership training to be held in Dallas, November 21-23: Modelle Brudner, Sondra Ferstl, and Evelyn Bonavita; and Scherel Carver as alternate. SECONDED AND PASSED.

L. Carpenter reported LWV-T will be involved in hosting one of the three development events associated with this workshops.

12. SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR EXPERIENCE IN WASHINGTON APPLICANTS

R. Gooch MOVED the Organization Core recommendation that a committee composed of a member of each Core meet the morning before the November board meeting, review the applications, and make recommendations to the Board. PASSED.

Committee members are: B. McCormick--Program Core, R. Rodgers--PR Core, and D. Watson, Organization Core.

Deadline for applications to SO-Nov. 1. Copies of applications will be forwarded to the selection committee prior to November 10. The LLs will be informed of the Board's recommendations in December 6 mailing.

13. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

F. McIntrye reported the deadline for the October VOTER is September 24, 1986. The following assignments were made: State program planning--D. Sheridan; update PPR on Adminstation of Justice and Financing State Government--L. Cummins; legislative priorites--E. Bonavita; constitutional amendments--R. Rodgers; promotion of Legislative Days--E. Bonavita; legislative newsletter--E.. Bonavita; spotlight--S. Ferstl; LL publications--R. Gooch; president's letter to include health care debate and election night reporting-L. Carpenter; update on Capital Fund contributors and Corporate donations--M. Brudner.

14. CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

R. Gooch reported the co-chairs for Convention 87 are Roxanne Hughes and Jamie Luebbehusen. Mary Wheathers is the Treasurer. A tentative agenda was presented. General sense of the Board to hold an Action workshop for all the delegates. Also to have workshops on PPR, development, TEF, and membership.

15. LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTERS TO MALS

E. Bonavita MOVED to send MALs a form for them to return if they desire to receive the Legislative newsletter free. SECONDED AND PASSED.

16. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD TRAINING/RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following people were appointed to the board training/retreat planning committee: S. Ferstl (chr.), F. McIntyre and B. McCormick.

17. CALENDAR REVIEW

The calendar was reviewed. Additions to the calendar: Council Minutes reviewed by September 28. Ideas for June Board Training/Retreat to S. Ferstl by October 1.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Board of Directors adjourned at 12:25 p.m., Sunday, September 14, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

GUIDE TO PRE-CLEARING PLANS & MAKING COPIES

for BOARD MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS, and relevant OFF-BOARD

	Will be edited	Pre-clear plans	Your files	S.O.	President	Your VP	Leg. Director	F. S. Rep.	LLP	VOTER Editor	Pub. Rel. VP	National ofc. (if nat'l item)	Leg./Agency Staff/Ctte.	Press	Other
Action Alerts	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*			*			
Action correspondence	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					*			
Bill analyses					*	*	*								
Committee correspondence			*			*									
Const. Amendm. pro/con	*		*	*	*										Prog. VP; VS/CI Dir.
Correspondence with LLs			*	*	*	*		*	*						
Correspondence-inquiries			*	*	*	*	*								
Correspondence w/agency			*	*	*	*	*								
Correspondence-responses			*	*	*	*	*								
Grant proposals	*	*	*	*	*	*					*				Development Dir.
Leg. Newsletter articles	*		*	*	*	*	*								
Memos to other SB members			*		*	*									
Memos to LLs	*		*	*	*	*									
Pre-boards			*	*	*	*									
Press release drafts	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*				
Publications	*	*	*	*	*	*									
Requests to use TEF (non-proj.)			*		*	*									
Speeches			*	*	*	*								*	
Testimony/comments	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						*	*	
VOTER articles	*		*		*	*				*					
Workbook (council/conv.)	*		*	*	*	*									

Leadership Institute

EVALUATION

1. Would you like to know more about the program process?

yes 73 no 13 no answer 9

If yes, how would you like the information provided?

Voter articles 34 Publications 32

Memorandums 14 Workshops 38

Board training 31 Other, please specify video tapes, workshop handouts sent in DPM's, copies of tansparency material available

2. Did you like the workshop devoted to one aspect of League activity or would you have preferred another format? Please explain.

Liked this format 82. Comments: liked the format because it allowed for in depth coverage and "hands-on" experience. Several mentioned that coverage of this subject was badly needed or timely for their League

Would have preferred more varied format 6 or wanted it related to all aspects of League 3. Comments: Need to talk about specific other subjects mentioned, specifically voter registration. Also desire to network and get specific answers to questions, as in counterpart groups.

3. What subjects would you like to see covered in workshops at the '87 State Convention?

Action 69 Developing a local League study 45
(Specifically, Legislative action, Leg.& Community action, Lobbying)

Voters Service 26 Public Relations 38
(Specifically, voter registration & using media to get out vote)

Development 24 **Membership 40**
(Specifically finance drives- 3,
financial support ideas)
Other, please specify marketing, "how" to for treasurers, raising LWV visibility at State & National Levels, Developing and sustaining active discussion groups, "Speaker's Pool" or other ideas for things LWV could do that community would pay for, Does the LWV adequately represent 'all women' including those who work outside the home?, Support systems for women--should they be supported by law?

4, Comments:

Many were just generally favorable comments about workshop, saying things like it was well presented and well organized. They felt the time was well spent. Several mentioned "consesnsus process" (whatever they mean by that) as being particularly helpful. We were concerned that it might be too much and move too fast, but nobody complained.

Other frequent comment was thanks to local League and to leaders and State Board. And several mentioned liking to meet with people from other Leagues

Several complained about inability to hear, especially during counterparts, in Denton and suggested separate rooms would have been desirable.
Several mentioned that they'd like to have more workshops, one said twice a year.

Other comments and suggestions:

How to turn program into action. Does action always have to be by government; can't it be by private sector? Two mentioned that they needed a publication on guidelines for action.

What about a combined board training for North Texas area? Maybe a two-day session with a combination of counterpart sessions and breakouts for individual board goal-setting sessions?

LL's need media support telling about League--an annual PR campaign at the State and National Levels; Pr at congressional and election periods; article in Reader's Digest.

Two asked for simplified consensus questions.

Sheridan

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PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, and Doris Watson.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Director.

ABSENT: Sondra Ferstl, Barbara McCormick and Franci Smith.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 1:40 p.m., Friday, May 30, 1986.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 1986 Board Meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Fourth line page 2: alright to all right.
Under item 6., Program Core: period at end of "10 from Texas". "However" captialized.
Under item 6., Urban Policy : for clarification substitute the following statement: Enough LLs wanted this program retained that the LWVUS program committee is recommending retention to the national board.
Fifth line page 3: substitute interest for expertise.
Fourth line page 5: substitute May for June.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan reported that it appeared there would be a deficit in LWV-T budget at the end of the year. The fact that TEF could not reimburse what it owes, approximately $6500, to the T budget caused the deficit problem.

Reported that the Pasadena SU has disbanded. The $2000 they have would decrease the budget deficit if given to T or TEF. The Pasadena SU has requested the monies go to the Capital Fund. The Organization Core will consider this request and report back to the Board. General sense of the Board the monies go the T or TEF.

Reported that $594.69 was returned from Council, $500 from intial seed monies and $94.69 from registration fees.

Reported that LWV-T has prepaid expenses for 1986-87 of $3,114.48.

Reported she had talked to Susan Willis, CPA, a member of the Dallas League to review the books and do the tax reports. Ms. Willis will not be able to do this until August. General sense of the Board this late date is all right since a change in the treasurer's position is not occurring this year.

Due to the vote at Council to raise the PMP and allow for election night reporting, the following changes were made to the 1986-87 budget:

Under Income H: added $6500.
Under Expenses X: added $2500.

M McMahan MOVED item D2, State Funding, be reduced to $8000. SECONDED AND PASSED.

General sense of the Board to add under expenses, catagory Y: $2000, for reduction of deficit.

M. McMahan requested that all Core meetings review ways of keeping expenses down.

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Brudner reported that the fund raising letters are ready to be mailed. She is planning on doing follow-up calls this summer.

Reported that LWVUS has again provided LWV-T with names for a summer direct mail solcitation. A letter has been drafted allowing for contributions to be made either to T or TEF.

Discussion followed on the pros and cons of requesting T or TEF in the letter. R. Gooch MOVED that the direct mail solicitation letter, using names provided by LWVUS, be directed to raise monies for LWV-T only. SECONDED. MOTION FAILED.

M. Brudner reported the list will be culled to exclude names of previous contributors. Would like to send imformation to prospective contributors and is exploring the least expensive means of doing it.

General sense of the Board to use bulk mail rate stamps rather tha the bulk mail imprint stamp on this mailing.

M. Brudner also informed the Board that LWVUS requested a list of the names of the people who contribute as a result of this mailing.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reported that Charlene ~~Kulman~~ Audrey would be agreeable to accepting the position of coordinator of the election night reporting for ABC news.

L. Cummins MOVED that Charlene ~~Kullman~~ Ansley be appointed coordinator of election night reporting project. A stipend of $1250 will be paid to her. SECONDED AND PASSED.

M. McMahan MOVED the title of Executive Secretary be changed to Executive Director, as this title more clearly describes the position and the duties associated with it. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. SELECTION OF 1988 COUNCIL SITE

L. Carpenter announced receipt of invitations for 1988 Council from LWV-Sherman and LWV-Denton.

E. Bonavita MOVED that Council 1988 be held in Sherman. SECONDED AND PASSED.

6. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget: M. Brudner, B. McCormick, and M. McMahan.

By-Laws: R. Rodgers, (chr.), F. McIntyre, D. Watson.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Convention Committee: R. Gooch and M. McMahan (co-chairs), E. Bonavita, S. Coughlin, L. Cummins, and F. McIntyre.

Development: M. Brudner, (chr.), S. Ferstl, R. Gooch, M. McMahan, M. Rittgers, and F. Smith.

Local League Projects: D. Watson, (chr.), S. Carver, R. Gooch, and M. McMahan.

Periodic Program Review: L. Cummins, (chr.), E. Bonavita, and S. Carver.

Workshops: R. Gooch, (chr.), S. Coughlin, B. McCormick, D. Sheridan. Workshops are scheduled for September 6, 1986. General sense of the Board that workshops emphasize Program.

The first plenary session adjourned at 3:45 p.m., Friday, May 30, 1986.

Core/Committee meetings were held from Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 10:00 a. m., Saturday, May 31, 1986. Also present were Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance, and Debbie Stine, Associate Director for Container Deposit, Energy Conservation and Solar Energy Issues.

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

Development: M. Brudner presented the following fund raising proposals:

1. State wide fun run--to be sponsored by LWV-T, with 50/50 share with LL's that participate. General sense of the Board to hold run in the Spring.

2. Sell T-shirts with appropriate slogan--to be ready for Legislative Days, State Convention. S. Carver will present ideas for graphics and cost estimates at September board meeting.

3. Development of a PR package to be sold to LL's.

M. Brudner MOVED the Development committee explore the possiblity of sponsoring a fun run, selling T-shirts and PR package. The committees recommendations will be presented at the September board meeting. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Publications: Brochure on Legislative Priorites. Priorites will be finalized at September board meeting. F. Smith will be responsible for brochure, to be ready for approval at November board meeting.

Advocacy Papers: 4-5 Advocacy papers will be printed this year. These will be handled in the SO. Deadline for papers, ~~December 1.~~ October 17.

9. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

Approval of Domestic Violence Consensus: M. Rittigers reported 54% of the LL's participated, representing 80% of the total membership. However, only 10% of the total membership did participate in the consensus. Program Core did not feel consensus was reached on questions 1a, 1b, and 1c, however, the consensus reached on 1d and 1e would cover the other parts of the question. Following thorough reveiw of the consensus report:

M. Rittgers MOVED adoption of the consensus on Domestic Violence. SECONDED AND PASSED.(see attached copy.)

Approval of Consensus Questions--Health Care for the Medically Indigent Study: Following through discussion of the consensus questions:

S. Coughlin MOVED adoption of the proposed consensus questions on Heatlth Care for the Medically Indigent. SECONDED AND PASSED. (see attached copy).

Mary Helen Priestly,Treasurer, LWV-San Antonio Area, joined the meeting for a brief time.

The second plenary session adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

The **THIRD PLENARY SESSION** was called to order at 4:30 p. m., Saturday, May 31, 1986.

10. ORGANZIATION CORE

R. Gooch reported she will be meeting with people in Carrollton, June 24, regarding forming a LL. They are now a unit of the LWV-Dallas, but feel they are a growing area and would like to become a provisional league.

Reported the fall workshops will be held September 6, 1986 in Denton, for North Texas; San Antonio, for Central Texas; and Bay Area for South Texas. Registration fee : $5.00. Beth Brown funds will also be used. A workshop for West Texas may be held at a later date.

Field Service: R. Gooch gave report for S. Ferstl. The evaluations from LL's about the FSRs were very positive. that there are three vacancies in the FSRs--Abbie Corey, Denise Fisher, and Barbara Swartz have resigned. Board members were asked to sign up to assist with board training during the summer.

Reported the Field Service Manual was complete and copies would soon be available.

Field Service Training--There were no new people to train. Only six people attended meeting held May 23, and 24th.

Membership/SU: S. Carver MOVED Organization Core recommendation that the disbanded SU, Pasadena, deposit the remaining funds into T-budget. PASSED.

S. Carver reported that Burleson County has disbanded. A letter will be sent encouraging the members to remain active as MAL's. Cherokee County still has not sent in forms requesting provisional status. A letter will be sent to the new officers informing them they are responsible for completing the forms.

M. McMahan MOVED that she revise the publication "Money Matters Made Easier" this year. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The third plenary session recessed at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 1986.

The third plenary session resumed at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 1986.

11. PROGRAM CORE (CONT.)

Domestic Violence: M. Rittgers MOVED the following change for the opening statement of the consensus: "financial compensation to victims to reduce abuse" in place of "financial deterrents to abuse". SECONDED AND PASSED.

Periodic Program Review: L. Cummins reported that several recommendations on PPR had made following Council exercise on PPR.

L. Cummins MOVED to drop "retire" as a recommedation term, using only retain, update, modify, and drop. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The delegates at Council felt there needed to be definitions of the three criteria. General sense of the Board to use "applicable to current issues and problems" rather than "relevance".

The PPR committee will meet in August in Dallas. Program to reviewed will be Financing State Government and Adminstration of Justice. The committee will be: L. Cummins, Diane Sheridan, ~~S. Carver,~~ Diana Clark, and other LWV- members representing both large and small leagues. An explanation of the process will be in the October VOTER.

Legislative Priorities: E. Bonavita presented a tenative list of priorities: Domestic Violence, HCMI, HR--pay equity and AFDC, Natural Resouces, and merit selection of judges. Advocay papers will probably be on Domestic Violence, HCMI, HR, and merit selection of judges.
Financing State Government will be handled via a TV show. Other advocacy papers might be written if monies are present. Priorities will be finalized at September board meeting.

Legislative Days: E. Bonavita reported Legislative Days will be held February 16-17, 1987. A reception will be held Monday evening at the La Mansion. The keynote speaker will be Pat Schroeder, U.S. Representative from Colorado. Action briefing andlobbying will take place on the afternoon of the second day.

D. Sheridan reported on the following: Questions have been raised by some LL's regarding members that participate more than once in a consensus. She will check with several state leagues on the policy on participation in consensus for the LL's use. Consensus deadlines will not be extended for big city leagues. Training for lobbying for program directors, on and off-board, will take place the morning of September 12, 1986, prior to board meeting.

Reported that LWV-T will campaign for adoption of the non-recommended study item on "Immigration and Naturalization" at national convention. Reported that mailing labels for other state/LL requested from LWVUS have not arrived so mailings will be limited. Also attempts to schedule caucus rooms have not been successful. 125 state and LL's will receive mailing on campaign. Cost $38.

The third plenary session ajourned at 9:15 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 1986.

The **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION** was called to order at 8:15 a.m., June 1, 1986.

12. ADOPTION OF 1986-87 CALENDAR

D. Sheridan MOVED adoption of the proposed calendar for 1986-87. SECONDED AND PASSED.

13. DIRECTION TO DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

General sense of the Board that LWVUS solicitation for national members was creating severe problems: communication regarding these members is so poor that some LLs have no idea these members exist; and "grass roots" strength of the League may be diluted if members joining at the national level do not participate locally.

L. Carpenter reported that the delegates have appointments to see Senators Bentsen and Gramm while at convention.

14. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

Deadline for July VOTER is June 20, 1986. The following assignments were made: DV consensus--M. Rittgers; Spotlight--S. Ferstl; financial report--M. McMahan; president's letter--L. Carpenter; HR update--B. McCormick and K. Miller; Medicaid overview--R. Turetzky; advocacy in an election year--E. Bonavita; gubernatorial debates--M. Brudner; fall workshops--R. Gooch; contributors--M. Brudner.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 9:15 a. m., Sunday, June 1, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS POSITION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Adopted June, 1986

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS ADEQUATELY FUNDED STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ALLEVIATE ITS EFFECTS.

THE LEAGUE ALSO SUPPORTS APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS, EASIER ACCESS TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS, IMPROVED ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS WHO DEAL WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, FINANCIAL COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS TO REDUCE ABUSE, AND IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY TO SERVICES DEALING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS STATE FUNDING FOR SEED MONEY, CAPITAL FUNDS, AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- local and regional residential centers for victims
- nonresidential support services
- counseling programs for all affected members of the family or household
- mandatory treatment and counseling programs for offenders to correct abusive behavior
- mandatory specialized training for peace officers, prosecutors, judges and court personnel, and parole and probation officers
- expanded training in police academies to deal with domestic violence
- public information about domestic violence

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS, THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS

- enhanced enforcement of present assault statutes and imposition of penalties intended by the law
- penalties for injury to any victim of domestic violence equivalent to the penalties for injury to a child or an elderly person
- adoption by prosecutors of a "no drop" policy so that a victim's request for dismissal will be denied if charges have already been filed
- criminal prosecution of those who violate temporary restraining orders in domestic violence cases

- more -

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO OBTAIN PROTECTIVE ORDERS BY

- making ex parte protective orders available to all domestic violence victims whether or not a divorce action is pending
- requiring that prosecuting attorneys file all applications for protective orders upon receipt
- providing applications and easy-to-follow instructions for filing protective orders without representation by an attorney
- removing financial barriers to obtaining protective orders by
  - eliminating the prerogative of counties to "add on" to the standard state filing fee for protective orders
  - encouraging the granting and using of pauper's oaths
  - providing that the victim's private attorney may recover from the abuser any fees incurred in filing for protective orders

TO ENABLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES, THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS

- requiring specialized training for police officers, prosecutors, judges and court personnel, and parole and probation officers
- establishing crisis or domestic violence teams
- mandating arrest without a warrant when there is probable cause
- ensuring that police officers have the names of those protected by protective orders and those against whom protective orders are issued
- centralizing compilation of domestic violence offense reports

THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS MANDATORY SPECIALIZED TREATMENT AND COUNSELING OF ABUSERS TO CORRECT THEIR BEHAVIOR.

TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO MAKE SERVICES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO VICTIMS, THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS THE USE OF FINANCIAL COMPENSATION, INCLUDING PAYMENT BY ABUSERS FOR MEDICAL AND LEGAL EXPENSES, COUNSELING, AND LIVING EXPENSES INCURRED BY VICTIMS AS A RESULT OF ABUSE.

CONSENSUS DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 1986

HEALTH CARE FOR THE MEDICALLY INDIGENT CONSENSUS

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS: (attach extra sheets of paper if necessary)

1. Funding notwithstanding, what services should constitute the basic level of health care for the medically indigent? Check one or more of the following:

___preventive care, including disease screening programs and x-rays
___primary care--diagnosis and treatment
___maternal and child health care (includes prenatal, perinatal, and postnatal care)
___emergency care
___catastrophic care
___nutrition programs
___substance abuse programs
___health education programs
___mental health care
___none of the above
___other (please explain)

2. Funding notwithstanding, who should be eligible for the basic level of health care? Check one or more of the following:

___all persons whose income is below the federal poverty guidelines
___low-income elderly
___low-income pregnant women
___children of low-income families
___low-income mentally ill
___unemployed
___uninsured
___underinsured
___persons currently eligible for Texas income assistance programs such as AFDC, Medicaid, food stamps
___none of the above
___other (please explain)

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3. Who should be responsible for financing the basic level of health care for the medically indigent? Check one or more of the following:

___state government
___state/federal government matching funds
___city government
___county government
___employers through a surcharge on health insurance premiums
___statewide risk pools
___individuals to the best of their ability
___none of the above
___other (please explain)

4. Where should the basic level of health care for the medically indigent be provided? Check one or more of the following:

___public hospitals and clinics
___private not-for-profit hospitals and clinics
___private for-profit hospitals and clinics
___private physicians
___nursing homes
___home health care
___none of the above
___other (please explain)

5. Are there any concerns about health care for the medically indigent that have not been addressed by the above questions? How should these concerns be met?

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Embassy Suites, Austin, Texas
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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, and Doris Watson.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary and Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance.

Friday afternoon was spent in Core and Committee Meetings.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 1986.

1. MINUTES

   Minutes of the November 15-16, 1985 Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TEASURER'S REPORT

   M. McMahan reported that telephone expenses are exceeding budgeted items. An adjustment to the budget will need to be made.

   Program Perspectives publication has been printed, however, the number of copies is still uncertain, so this expense is not shown.

   Reported $547. 89 is remaining in the Beth Brown Memorial Fund. A note is to be sent to Warren Brown informing him of the projects the money was used for in 1985.

   Reported $256.83 was collected for the PAC. Expenses were $239.30, leaving $46.29 in the account. ~~One outstanding bill is still to be paid.~~ M. McMahan stated she missed the filing date by one day and paid the $100.00 fine.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

   L. Carpenter passed around articles by Molly Ivins and Mary McCrory on who should sponsor gubernatorial debates.

4. DEVELOPMENT

   M. Brudner reported there is still no one to take the Development portfolio. The following system will be used:

a. Each board member is to identify 2 contributors in their area and fill out the prospect forms.
b. Clearance with the LL to approach these contributors should be noted on the bottom of the form.
c. Return forms to M. Brudner by February 7.
d. A letter will be sent to the prospective name. If there is no response, a state board member will be asked to make a personal call. Also ask someone from the LL to accompany state board member on call.
e. Tips: Look for contributions of $100.00 and up, T or TEF. Remind LL's of sharing formula. Do not offend LL.

Reported the Biennial Report is now at the printers. Will be sent out in January and February with finance letters to contributors. M. Brudner and J. Lovelace will complete this year in finance. Will ask Nominating Committee to attempt to find someone to take the Development portfolio for 1986-87.

Reported monies still coming in from the direct mail letter; $4800.00 has now been received.

General sense of the Board that development is the responsiblity of the whole Board and involvement of the Board is critical for success.

5. NATIONAL PROGRAM PLANNING

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that all positions under Government be continued in the 1986-88 National Program. PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that all positions under International Relations be continued in the 1986-88 National Program. PASSED.

Following discussion on the proposed revised Natural Resources position, it was noted LWV-T could not have supported the wilderness areas legislation with the new wording in the Land Use section.
D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that the proposed revised Natural Resources position be included in the 1986-88 National Program with the following additions to the Land Use section: add "and natural hazard areas" to third paragraph, and "acquisition of land for public use; and public access to unique areas with due regard for carrying capacity" as the last paragraph. PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that all positions under Social Policy be continued in the 1986-88 National Program. PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that the Urban Policy position be continued, not dropped, in the 1986-88 National

Program.
General Sense of the Board that LL's and state leagues use this position to act on at the local levels. Letters will be sent to other state leagues urging support for continuing this postion.

D. Sheridan MOVED the Program's Core recommendation that the proposed new study item Human Needs be supported. PASSED.

General Sense of the Board to recommend a new study item: A study of immigration laws, policies, and practices.
Scope: Examine past and present laws, polices, and practices in relation to both legal and illegal immigration.
Focus: Analyze the impact of immigration laws, policies, and practices on the economy, employment, public services and institutions, the justice system, and health care.

General Sense of the Board to not recommend the Drinking Water Survey.

General Sense of the Board on direction on National Program Implementation: Deficit Reduction (Free Trade, Tax Reform, and Defense spending would all relate), Public Policy on Reproductive Choices, Arms Control and Space Weapons, and Water.

The first plenary session adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 8:35, Saturday, January 18, 1986.

6. COUNCIL REPORT

D. Watson presented a tentative agenda for Council. A more detailed agenda will be in the Council workbook.

Council Workbook assignments are due in the SO by February 14.

An evaluation form developed by R. Gooch will be in the workbook.

7. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

E. Bonavita MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that LWV-T intitate a nationwide campaign to promote adoption of a national study of immigration laws, policies and practices. Scope: Examine past and present laws, policies, and practices in relation to both legal and illegal immigration. Focus: Analyze the impact of immigration laws, policies and practices on the ecomony, employment, public services and institutions, justice system, and health care. PASSED.

A memo will be sent to LL's explaining LWV-T action so LL's can incorporate this issue into their national program planning

meetings.

Following thorough discussion on ways to begin sunset review of state program:
L. Cummins MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that Periodic Program Review process be approved as presented:

Periodic program review is designed to allow League members to review program positions on a regularly scheduled basis. During the time of review, members will be asked to decide, based on established criteria, whether to drop or retain program positions.

All state program will be placed on a review schedule and will be reviewed according to this schedule:

Government (including State-Local Relations, Modernizing State Government Administration of Justice, Intestacy, etc.) to be reviewed in 1987.

Natural Resources to be reviewed in 1989.

Social Policy (including Health Care, Domestic Violence, Post-Divorce Payments, etc.) to be reviewed in 1991.

Program items due for review will be discussed and voted on according to the review schedule at state League conventions during the time provided for program adoption.

Each biennium, the LWV-Texas will appoint a program review committee composed of no more than seven people, with no more than four people from the state board as members. Responsibilities of this committee will be to examine state program positions scheduled for review and make recommendations to the state board. The state board will submit the report to local Leagues. The chair of the program review committee will report to the convention.

The following criteria will be used by the program review committee to evaluate positions:

1. The program position is used to lobby and is current and relevant.

2. The program position is understood by the membership and they can explain the positions when asked to take action based on it.

3. The program position does not duplicate a national position and is necessary explicitly to define League principles.

4. The program position is in an area where the League can make a significant contribution.

PASSED.

L. Cummins will prepare memo for LL's explaining the Periodic Program Review Process. Explanation of the process will also take place at Council. This process will be included in the Policy Guide.

L. Cummins MOVED approval of Domestic Violence consensus questions as mailed to membership. Any position resulting from the consensus will be approved at the June board meeting. SECONDED AND PASSED.

HCMI consensus questions will be reviewed at the June board meeting to allow for thorough discussion.

E. Bonavita reported on the following: Legislative Days will be either February 16-17 or February 23-24, 1987. The agenda is planned to begin noon Monday and continue thru Tuesday morning. Monies left over from 1985 will be used to bring in "big name speakers". Legislative priorites will be decided at the September board meeting. Five advocacy papers are being planned. Will be appearing at TARAL press conference regarding anniversary of Wade vs Roe Supreme Court decision.

Action Alert on Superfund: Action has not been taken as LWVUS seems to be only interested in taxes on oil companies causing a few states to carry most of the burden. General sense of the Board to write LWVUS explaining the need to mix the tax base for Superfund funding. This letter will be circulated to other state leagues. A letter will also go to the Dallas LL as the position on the superfund is causing problems with LL contributors.

Action on tax reform reauthorization: Carol Flatten is requesting names of LL members to assist with coordination of phone calls from LL. about February 1.

The second plenary sesssion adjourned at 12:00 noon.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 18, 1986. State Board members, Scherel Carver, Sondra Ferstl, and Barbara McCormick joined the meeting. Also present: Georgina Gregory, Budget Committee Chair.

8. BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

G. Gregory presented the LWV-T proposed budget for 1986-87. It is based on a PMP of $10.00. Due to a drop in membership ,the proposed budget had to be adjusted downward by the Board to account for the decrease in income. Salaries were the exception as the general sense of the Board was that the proposed 5% increase must be maintained.
G. Gregory MOVED approval of the proposed budget with final adjustments to be made when membership counts are complete. PASSED.
The proposed budget will appear in the Council workbook for approval of delegates at Council.

9. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

S. Ferstl presented a State of the League report. Most LL's seem to be doing well. LL's that are doing exceptionally well will be spotlighted in the VOTER. Three LL's seem to be having severe difficulties. The FSR's are staying in close contact with these LL's in attempts to help alleviate the problems.
A training manual for the FSR is now in outline form. Will be presented to the Board soon.

S. Carver reported that Cherokee County has enough members to apply for provisional status by April. She will be attending the SU's next board meeting. There appears to be some problem with the SU chair not understanding the State Board's request not to hold gubernatorial debates. A letter will be written, explaining the State Board's position and expressing appreciation of Cherokee County's position. Gregg County has not maintained the 25 members needed to become provisional. Big Spring is planning on holding a local candidate's forum. Pasadena is active in VS; Wise County is working a local bond issue. Cleburne, Bowie and Burleson appear to be doing alright.

R. Gooch reported on membership count: 3249 regular members, 258 national members. There has been a decrease in members over the past year, however, a large increase in members joining at the national level did occur. LL's had great difficulty in identifying those members requiring many phone calls to check numbers. A post board memo will address ways LL's can keep track of these members. Only five LL's did not respond by deadline. Much better than in previous years. Next year plan to have this computerized to decrease tabulation time.

General sense of the Board that information on how many members joining at the national level become active in the LL's would be interesting.

The third plenary session recessed at 5:00 p.m.

The third plenary session resumed at 11:15 a.m., Sunday, January 19, 1986.

10. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

F. McIntyre stated the VOTER deadline is January 31. The following assignments were made: D. Watson-Council, S. Carver-State Unit report, S. Ferstl, spotlight on LL's, L. Cummins-Periodic Program Review, M. Rittgers-Domestic Violence, R. Rodgers-recodification, D. Sheridan-national program planning and consensus, B. Anderson-Capital Fund Drive, and L. Carpenter-president's column.

11. NATIONAL VOTER ARTICLES

D. Sheridan reported that the January national VOTER carried an article about the Keystone project and also another article about LWV-Houston.

12. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The following persons were elected as delegates to national convention: L. Carpenter, R. Gooch, and D. Sheridan. B. McCormick was elected alternate.

13. CALENDAR

Jan. 24-deadine post board reports to SO.
Jan. 31-VOTER deadline.
Jan. 31 mailing will include call to Council, DV consensus report forms and Facts & Issues.
Feb. 7- deadline for prospective contributor names to M. Brudner.
Feb 14-deadline for Council Workbook material to SO.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 12:00 noon., January 19, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Hilton Inn, College Station, Texas
April 18, 1986

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PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, and Doris Watson.

Also present were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary, Ethel Sturgis, Nominating Committee Chair, Ruth Lauer, Nominating Committee member, Diana Clark, Nominating Committee member and Associate Director.

PLENARY SESSION

The plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 1:20 p.m., Friday, April 18, 1986.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17-19, 1986 Board Meeting were approved with the following corrections:
Under Treasurer's Report, deleted the sentence beginning "One outstanding bill....." as it was misleading.
Under Development, added the the summer of 1985 direct mail letter for clarification.
Under Organization Core Report, corrected Bowie to Bowie County.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

M. McMahan stated the report was through March 31, 1986. She explained the new format of the balance sheet since it has been transferred to a Lotus Program.

Stated $3000.00 had been transferred to T from TEF.
Reported the budget remains very tight. Many items are exceeding budgeted amounts. Reported the amount for Board Meetings had been decreased by $240, however, the minutes do not reflect the Board taking such action.

Requested S. Carver to check number of MAL's as these figures do not seem to agree with figures in S7 and S9.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter reported the June Board Meeting will be held May 30, 31, and June 1, 1986 at the Quality Inn South in Austin.
She requested pre-boards from every board member for June meeting.
D. Sheridan suggested the president and vice-presidents do calendar planning prior to the meeting.

Presented a letter from Nina McCall, Mgr., Political Unit, ABC News, who made another plea for particiaption of LWV-T in election night reporting. Discussion followed regarding these points: (1) LWVUS now states it is alright to participate in reporting, (2) LL's in Texas, specifically, El Paso, have requested LWV-T not to participate in reporting, (3) revenues generated by election night reporting could negate the need to increase PMP from $9.00 to $10.00.

B. McCormick MOVED to bring the issue of election night reporting before the Council delegates for guidance to the State Board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

L. Carpenter will make presentation to the Council delegates.

4. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Brudner reported that now the debates are over, she and Joann will begin sending out fund raising letters and making follow-up calls. January and February letters have been mailed out to the yearly contributors. March and April letters will be mailed after Council. Letters will also be mailed to persons who contributed to the summer 1985 direct mail solicitation using names provided by LWVUS.

M. Brudner MOVED the LWV-T participate in another direct mail solicitation with names provided by LWVUS if list is offered. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. COUNCIL REPORT

A timed agenda for Council was reviewed. The presentation on election night reporting will be made prior to budget discussion. Legislative Report will be given on Sunday, April 20.

6. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

D. Sheridan reported on National Program Planning results:
Immigration will not be a recommended item. It received the greatest number of recommendations for the non-recommended items-- 30 Leagues, 10 from Texas, however, this is still a small number of Leagues for it to be considered a recommended item. Requested advice from Board on whether LWV-T should continue with support of this issue.
General sense of the Board to continue leadership roll for adoption of "Immigration" as a national study item. Will ask LL delegates to national for their opinion on mounting a campaign at national convention for adoption.
Human Needs has been reworded with more focus and is a recommended study item.
Urban Policy: LL's wanted this program retained ~~as did the national committee. The national Board still has not decided on retaining it.~~ Enough so that the is recommended to retain

Drinking Water Survey will not be part of the proposed program. It may develop into a special project if funded. 80% of Leagues supported this proposed program.
Natural Resources position was reworded with more of LWV-T's concerns addressed.

Reported 1987 appeared to be a good year to begin Texas Legislative push for container deposit bill. There is also a LL member who has expertise in this area.
D. Sheridan MOVED appointment of Deborah Stine, Corpus Christi, as off-board Associate Director for container deposit, energy conservation and solar energy issues. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED endorsement of Coastweek Proclamation. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Domestic Violence: A letter has been sent to the Texas Council on Family Violence explaining our situation that prevented LVW-T from participating in the proposal request until consensus had been reached.

D. Sheridan presented a request from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for LWV-T to join with the Dept. and Texas A&M Extension Service in sponsoring a 2-day workshop in Austin, in October on rivers and their impact on recreation, land use, economies. The LWV-T was asked to participate because we are viewed as being a neutral organization. LWV-T would greet people at the door. No fee is required.
D. Sheridan MOVED LWV-T co-sponsor a conference on "Rivers: A Symposium". SECONDED AND PASSED.

7. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

R. Gooch reported that Plano has not yet presented a request to change basis of organization.

Following discussion: General sense of the Board, at this time, not to offer free DPM's to co-presidents.

Field Service Report: S. Ferstl reported she is recruiting FSR's for South and North Texas areas. A FSR training meeting will be held May 23, 24, 1986 at R. Gooch's home. Has requested feedback on FSR's from LL presidents. Reported she is concerned that San Marcos is not holding program meetings. Reported she will be attending LWV-Galveston's annual meeting.

State Units/MAL Report: S. Carver reported Bowie County has seven (7) members, not five (5). Have requested name change to Texarkana to attract members from both cities of Texas and Arkansas. Cherokee County may be ready for provisional staus in June. Papers still are not in. Burleson County chair has resigned due to illness. E. Sturgis will be checking on that SU as there appear to be many problems arising.

Reported there are now 168 MALs.

8. PROPOSED STATE POLICY GUIDE

R. Gooch presented the proposed LWV-T policy guide. By general sense of the Board, the following corrections/additions were made:

I. B., last line, second paragraph to read: based on their review of any material sent to members.

I. C., second line, last paragraph to read: member of a state board or commission, the state League

II. C., first line to read: Local Leagues are strongly discouraged from paying League Board members

II. D. 2., second line to read: for review and comment to the state bylaws chair three

II. D. 3., delete.

III. C. second line, second paragraph to read: program study director and shall be considered as the consensus of one

III. C., first line, third paragraph to read: When a MAL consensus on a national study cannot be approved by the full board, it may

III. F., last line to read: Trustees of the Fund, except that grants to LWV-T may be used for advocacy projects.

IV., third line to read: Dues stated will be the same as MAL dues. Membership dues received from

V. D., lines 2, 3, and 4, third paragraph to read: below, by a cash payment to the local League in case of a contribution to the League of Women Voters of Texas, and by a payment to the local League's education fund or a credit to their TEF account for

V. D. last line, fourth paragraph to read: 1985 state convention, shall be followed:

VI., lines 1 and 2, fifth paragraph to read: When local Leagues share members of congress, state legislators, or other elected officials, they should coordinate with neighboring

M. McMahan MOVED that item V. K. 3. Meals should be amended to read "For a 24-hour period--$13.00. For a shorter period--$2.00 for breakfast, $3.00 for lunch, and $8.00 for dinner. The statement "During board meetings, an additional $5.00 per day shall be allowed for dinner". is to be deleted. SECONDED AND PASSED.

R. Gooch MOVED approval of LWV-T Policy Guide as amended. SECONDED AND PASSED.

9. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

F. McInytre reported deadline for June VOTER is April 28th. Articles are to be sent to L. Carpenter, the appropriate VP, and F. McIntyre to decrease the time needed to ready a VOTER for printing.
The following assignments were made: D. Sheridan--national program review, national convention issues; S. Carver--SU; S. Ferstl--spotlight on LWV-Austin; B. McCormick--Health Care Debates; M. Brudner--Backstage at the Gubernatorial Debates; L. Carpenter--Council, Budget adoption, president's column.

F. McIntyre reported on receipt of solicitation letter from Zachary Printing for printing of VOTER. Bid much higher than the present printer is charging.

10. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION 1987 LIAISONS

R. Gooch and M. McMahan were appointed as liaisons to LWV-Tarrant County for Convention 1987.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 5:00 p.m., April 18, 1986.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Day's Inn, Austin, Texas
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PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Rachel Gooch, Melba Heselmeyer, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Doris Watson.

ABSENT: Louise Cummins and Rowena Rodgers.

Also present were Catherine Perrine, Associate Water Director, Jeanette Vanderwater, outgoing Treasurer, and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

Friday afternoon and evening were spent in Board Orientation and Core Meetings.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 1985.

1. APPOINTMENT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

   M. McMahan MOVED the following members be appointed to the Board: Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, and Barbara McCormick. SECONDED AND PASSED.

2. MINUTES

   Minutes of the April 11, 1985 Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

   J. Vanderwater reported she had provided print outs of expenses to the vice-presidents. She then presented a complete explanation of the 1984-85 budget with the recommendation that the long term certificate due June 29 should be renewed. A final budget analysis will be sent to the Board.

   A sense of the Board was that L. Carpenter, M. McMahan, and J. Lovelace should determine the best means of renewing the CD, including establishing a new account in another financial institution if necessary.

   E. Bonavita reported that a final report from the Joe C. Thompson Convention Center on expenses from Women's Legislative Day should be available soon.

4. MOTION ON OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS

E. Bonavita MOVED to set aside $780 of the Beth Brown Fund for office improvements. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. APPOINTMENT OF PAC TREASURER

S. Carver MOVED that M. McMahan be appointed treasurer of the PAC account effective upon arrival of the necessary forms from the Secretary of State's office and signature of the necessary bank card. SECONDED AND PASSED.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

L. Carpenter passed around several articles she had received for Board members inspection. These included announcement of PBS showing of "Battered Wives-Shattered Lives", June 17, and conference invitations.

Reported that an article on water bonds in the Dallas Morning News had totally misrepresented the League's position. C. Perrine had written a letter to the editor pointing out the error. Two weeks have passed without its being printed.

Reported that action motions from the State Convention cost $113.26. There is no budget item for this expense. Sense of the Board that a line item for action motions and expenses for honoring members should be included in the next Convention budget.

Reported the appointment of Betty Anderson, LWV-Lubbock as chair of the Texas Commission for Women. A VOTER article will appear on this appointment.

Reported on the receipt of a solicitation letter from LWVUS for funds to mount an anti-SDI drive.

Reported on letter from Deer Creek Foundation of St. Louis requesting assistance in identifying organizations with similar views of citizen participation in governmental activites for possible granting of funds to assist these organizations. Carpenter will follow up on filling out the forms requested.

7. USE OF WORD "CHAIR" DISCUSSION AND MOTION

Following discussion on the use of chairman, chairperson, chair, or chairwoman,

D. Sheridan MOVED to use word the chair when we write. SECONDED AND PASSED.

8. WRITING WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AND MOTION

Following discussion on the pros and cons of a writing workshop for the Board,
R. Gooch MOVED the Board hold a writing workshop at its September meeting. It is to be conducted by Carol Kallendorf, Ph.D., of Kallendorf Communications Services in College Station. SECONDED AND PASSED.

9. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

E. Bonavita MOVED that Diane Sheridan be named President pro tem. SECONDED AND PASSED.

10. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Appointments were deferred to September board meeting.

11. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees are:

Budget: M. McMahan, L. Cummins, M. Heselmeyer, B. McCormick, board members and Elma Hennies, Kerrville, offboard. An offboard chair will be appointed.

Bylaws: R. Rodgers, (chr.), F. McIntyre, D. Watson.

Policy: R. Gooch, (chr.), S. Carver, B. McCormick, D. Sheridan.

12. APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Development: M. Heselmeyer, (chr.), M. Brudner, M. McMahan, M. Rittgers, F. Smith.

Council Planning: D. Watson, (chr.), E. Bonavita, S. Coughlin, F. McIntyre.

Local League Projects: M. McMahan, (chr.), R. Gooch, D. Watson.

Blue Sky: D. Sheridan, (chr.), S. Carver, F. McIntyre, M. Rittgers, F. Smith.

13. LONG RANGE PLANNING MOTION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

D. Sheridan MOVED to begin Long Range Planning process by establishing a Long Range Planning Committee composed of Board and offboard members; chaired by an offboard member and adequately funded. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Long Range Planning Committee Appointments: M. Brudner, L. Cummins, R. Gooch, board members, and C. Perrine offboard. Additional offboard members will be sought.

14. APPROVAL CONVENTION MINUTES

The minutes of the Twentieth Biennual Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas were approved with the correction of the word liaison on page 1.

The first plenary session adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 7:50 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 1985.

15. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Heselmeyer reported that a direct mail solicitation will be made using the mailing list supplied by national. The list consist of 5000 names. The mailing will occur by July 15, using bulk mail.

Local Leagues will be notified of the direct mail solicitation in the next state mailing.

M. Heselmeyer MOVED that LWV-T continue to publish a biennial financial report. SECONDED AND PASSED. Input on the report will be provided by the appropriate board members by August 1.

16. SELECTION OF 1987 CONVENTION SITE

E. Bonavita MOVED that Ft. Worth be selected as the site of the 1987 State Convention. SECONDED AND PASSED.

17. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Leadership training will be reconsidered for next June.

18. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR

M. McMahan MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Polly Cave from the Board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

19. SALARY INCREASE

R. Gooch MOVED to increase Charlene Kullman's salary to $750/month. The Budget Committee is also directed to consider increasing staff salaries in the 1986-87 budget. SECONDED AND PASSED.
The 1985-86 budget will be adjusted to reflect the change.

20. APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE OFFBOARD DIRECTORS

D. Sheridan MOVED to appoint as associate directors:
Diana Clark--Administration of Justice
Catherine Perrine--Water
Kathy Jacob--Air
Carol Flatten--LWVUS non-vertical items, National Security and Financing the Federal Government
Reggie Turetsky--HR
SECONDED AND PASSED.

21. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

C. Perrine presented a complete review of HJR 6, the state constitutional water bond amendments, including pros and cons of the bill. A letter has been received from the Governor, Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House requesting League support of this amendment. A lively discussion followed regarding League support, oppositon, taking a neutral position, position of other environmental groups, and timing of any League action. General sense of the Board was not to oppose HJR 6.

E. Bonavita MOVED to support HJR 6 with the following criteria:
1. Visit the Lt. Governor before we announce our support requesting an environmentalist be appointed to the Water Commission, and
2. Request that he work toward strengthening the ground water provision of the legislation. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Further discussion of the other constitutional amendments was deferred to the September meeting.

The second plenary session adjourned at 10:50 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 1985.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, June 16, 1985.

E. Bonavita MOVED reconsideration of the vote on HJR 6. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED to defer consideraton of support on HJR 6 to the September Board meeting so more research and work toward improving rules and regulations can be accomplished. SECONDED AND PASSED.

22. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

D. Sheridan reported on the following: Local League Program index will be sent in the next mailing. We Support will be updated. August 1, 1985 is the deadline for information to D. Sheridan. Progam Perspectives will be updated with tentative deadline of September 1.
Domestic Violence: M. Rittgers plans to have proposed consensus questions ready for the September board meeting. Final draft will need approval at the November board meeting. Consensus deadline will be May 12, 1986.
Open governmental issue: E. Bonavita will follow up on this. Program core will research interim topics and identify areas for testifying and working on legislation.
Follow up will take place on air, HR, water issues.
Sunset: Justice agencies, including the Adult and Juvenile Probation Commissions are due for sunset review in 1987. Point of possible conflict of interest was raised since very visible League members serve on both of these commissions. Board requested recommendation from Policy Committee on this issue.

Sunsetting LWV-T Program: D. Sheridan MOVED that the Board institute a sunset review process of State Program beginning with the government position. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED to give E. Bonavita permission to begin planning for legislative days to be held in combination with other women's organizations in 1987. SECONDED AND PASSED.

To answer requests from Local Leagues on: coalitions--D. Sheridan still needs list of names and why we belong to the coalition. standards for consensus-- D. Sheridan will inform LL's that research is being done on this. A Louisiana study indicated state Leagues do have policies on consensus. state program planning--the program core will work on improving communications in this area.

The third plenary session recessed at 9:45 a.m., June 16, 1985.

The third plenary session resumed at 11:15 a.m., June 16, 1985.

23. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

The deadline for articles for the July Texas VOTER is June 28, 1985. A list of articles and who would provide the them was discussed.

24. TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR STATE OFFICE

J. Lovelace presented a proposal for a new telephone system for the SO to be installed during the redecorating period.

E. Bonavita MOVED the Board purchase the Merlin phone system for $2401 and for an addtional $250, the conference calling option, to be

installed during the redecoration process. Funding is to come from the convention overage. SECONDED AND PASSED.

25. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

R. Gooch reported on the following: workshops--a questionnaire will be developed and sent to LL requesting need for fall workshops, type of workshop desired, problems to be discussed, who might host, and number attending. R. Gooch MOVED the recommendation of the organizational core that such a questionnaire be developed and mailed to the LL's. PASSED.

R. Gooch MOVED the organizational core recommendation to use any additional workshop funds still in the Beth Brown Fund for the workshops. PASSED.

Field Service portfolio needs to be filled. Field service training was held in May. It was conducted by past state LWV President Betty Anderson and was excellent. A field service manual will be ready this fall. It is being developed by Ethel Sturgis and Jeanette Vanderwater. An evaluation of the field service and its representatives will be developed for use by LL's.

Council Manual has been revised by Ethel Sturgis. She has also offered to revise the Convention Manual. The Board requests that she please do so.
Regional workshop request from LL. State Board can offer to set one up and then LL in area can continue holding them if interested.

S. Carver reported on the following: membership--185 members-at-large. National is now sending monthly update of new members. Two state units may be ready to become provisonal; Gregg County and Pasadena, however, both have several members whose dues need renewing this summer. Will wait until fall for accurate membership count. Will closely follow Cherokee County as it is also nearing the membership needed for provsional status.
State unit advisors meeting will be held August 24, in Tyler.

S. Carver MOVED that $200.00 of Beth Brown Fund monies be used to fund the meeting for state unit advisors. SECONDED AND PASSED.

26. ADOPTION OF 1985-86 CALENDAR

D. Sheridan MOVED adoption of the proposed calender for 1985-86. SECONDED AND PASSED.

27. RESPONSES TO "I WISH THE LEAGUE WOULD..."
Deferred to the September Board meeting.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 12:45 p.m., June 16, 1985.

Doris Watson
Secretary

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Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

ABSENT: Barbara McCormick

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 1:40 p.m., Friday, November 15, 1985.

1. MINUTES

   Minutes of the September 13-15, 1985 board Meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

   M. McMahan reported that the T-budget was doing well because over half of the PMP's had been paid and we are only into the fifth month of the budget year.

   Pointed out S4 should read $388.47. Monies in U3 should be combined with U1 for total of $243.82. Item U3 should read $0.00.

   Reminded board members when checking on the budget of a specific portfolio, refer to the budgets presented at the board meetings, not the budget in the Directory.

   Reported that the PAC spent $136.06 for position support/opposition of the ballot issues. $74.83 was donated leaving a short fall of $61.23. The hat was passed among persons attending the Board meeting and $63.00 was raised.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

   L. Carpenter reported that Diana Clark is now serving on the national League"s Development Network.

   Reported on being an invited speaker at the meeting of the Governor's Commission for Women. Focus of talk was what are the issues facing women and what women can do about these issues.

4. APPOINTMENT OF FIELD SERVICE DIRECTOR

E. Bonavita MOVED Sondra Ferstl be appointed to the Board as Field Service Director. SECONDED AND PASSED.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

L. Carpenter reported that Margie Morrill had resigned as chair of the Nominating Committee. It was suggested that Ethel Sturgis be approached on assuming the chair.

General sense of the Board that it was not a good idea to have vice-presidents appointed to the Nominating Committee. S. Carver and D. Watson were unaninously apponted to the Nominating Committee in place of R. Goooh and D. Sheridan, who had resigned.

6. COUNCIL REPORT

D. Watson reported that plans for Council were proceeding well. The State Board will be hosted by LWV-Brazos County for dinner Friday, April 18, 1986. A bus tour of TAMU is planned for Saturday morning for any interested delegates. A wine tasting-dinner event is planned for Saturday night. An emphasis will be made promoting more interaction between the delegates/observers and the State Board members during these social events.

A proposed budget was reviewed. R. Gooch MOVED the registration fee for delegates be set at $27.00, registration for observers at $17.00. Expenditures for guests should be $575.00 to include expenses for the field service representatives and state unit advisors as well as the Budget chair and Nominating Committee. SECONDED AND PASSED. (See attached approved budget.)

General sense of the Board that a thorough accounting of income and expenditures for Council was needed in a final report by the LL. D. Watson will convey this request to LWV-Brazos County.

7. ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

L. Carpenter reported she had wriiten LWV-El Paso requesting their opinion on LWV-T participation in election night reporting, since El Paso is in a different time zone than the rest of Texas and polls would be closing an hour later. The LWV-El Paso was against participation even if it meant an increase in PMP.

General sense of the Board that LWV-T will no sign a contract with ABC for election night reporting in 1986.

An article will appear in the VOTER regarding this decision, a memo will be sent to the LL's.

8. POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

R. Gooch MOVED the Policy Committee's recommendation that reinbursement for dinner costs during state board meetings be increased to $10.00. PASSED.

9. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

D. Sheridan reported on request from LWV-New Mexico for LWV-T to become early advocate for promoting a national concurrence on an addition to the Social Policy position focusing on children. General sense of the Board to await results of LL program planning before making a decision.

Discussion followed on the role of the state Board in initiating a nationwide campaign to promote adoption of a new national study item. Interest was expressed in doing this, especially in regard to a study of immigration.

L. Cummins MOVED to have M. Rittgers send material on a study of immigration to D. Sheridan. D. Sheridan will develop a pro and con on pursuing such a project with a tear-off for the Board to vote its approval/disapproval. SECONDED AND PASSED.

Sunset process of Justice agencies: discussion of a possible conflict of interest arising since Diana Clark a is member of the Adult Probation Commission which will be undergoing sunset review, and also the off-board director of the Adult Justice and Judicial program. D. Clark has offered to resign her position as director to prevent a conflict of interest from arising. General sense of the Board that Adminstration of Justice is not a priority item, LWV-T will not follow the sunset review, and D. Clark does not need to resign.

10. DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS REPORT

M. Brudner presented a complete report on Development at the state level during the past with a list of options for possible management of Developement for the present and future.

The first plenary session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 1985. Sondra Ferstl, Field Service Director, joined the meeting.

11. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

S. Ferstl explained that a state of the League report will be given at the January board meeting.

She reported that many LL's were having problems with reporting of PAC funds and activities during the past general election. M. McMahan will send a memo to the LL`s explaining bookkeeping hints for the PAC. General sense of the Board that LL's should be encouraged to keep PAC's and use them.

R. Gooch reported that Elda Powley is the new president of LWV-El Paso.

Regional workshop report: R. Gooch reported that two workshops were held in Houston and Irving and both were well attended. The workshop scheduled for Austin was cancelled due to lack of LL's registering to attend. Suggestions from the workshops were: showing of membership film from Illinois at Council, sending of Richardson finance packet to LL`s, workshops should be held on a yearly basis in north and south Texas, counterpart workshops at Council, and possibly the development of a travelling workshop to move to different LL`s on a two year basis.

General sense of the Board to praise R. Gooch for a job well done in organizing the workshops.

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS QUESTIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STUDY

M. Rittgers MOVED approval of the proposed consensus questions on Domestic Violence. SECONDED AND PASSED. (see attached sheet)

13. ACTION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COALITION

Following lengthy discussion on joining a coalition before LWV-T had a consensus position:
E. Bonavita MOVED LWV-T not join a coalition on domestice violence with the Texas Council on Family Violence and Texas Rural Legal Aid until a consensus position has been reached. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED to allow TCFV and the Texas Rural Legal Aid to include in their grant proposal a paragraph on the LWV-T publications on domestic violence that would be used as reference material. L. Carpenter, D. Sheridan and M. Rittgers would approve the wording of the paragraph. SECONDED AND PASSED.

14. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. Brudner reported that the Biennial Report was completed. $540.00 was spent on the typesetting.

E. Bonavita MOVED the Biennial Report be printed at the 91 cent/copy rate. SECONDED AND PASSED.

General sense of the Board on Development Options: to find a Development chair to oversee the organization of a Development committee, find person to compose Development letters, continue to have the SO write the grant proposals, have M. Brudner be responsible for the monthly letters to current contributors, seek new contributors with all Board members assisting with names or making calls as necessary, begin long range planning on Development options for the future.

M. Brudner MOVED to develop as a solicitation tool a mini version of the Biennial Report in folder form to accompany a direct mailing. SECONDED AND PASSED.

15. JANUARY BOARD MEETING/PROGRAM CORE MEETING

The Program Core will be in Austin, January 16, 1985, prior to the Board meeting January 17.

16. SELECTION OF HOTEL FOR CONVENTION 1987

L. Carpenter reported on site inspection of four hotels in Ft. Worth.

E. Bonavita MOVED Convention '87 be held at the Worthington. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board Directors adjourned at 1:30 p. m., November 16, 1985.

Doris Watson
Secretary

Approved Budget for Council 1986*
April 18-20, 1986
Hilton Inn
College Station, Texas

INCOME

Delegates registrations	$1,620	60 Delegates @ $27.00
Observers registrations	255	15 Observers @ 17.00
Luncheon	750	100 @ 7.50
Wine Tasting/Dinner	1,500	100 @ 15.00
Counterpart Breakfast	315	70 @ 4.50
Tour Texas A&M	75	30 @ 2.50
TOTAL INCOME	$4,515	

EXPENDITURES

Planning	100	State Board Liason expenses
Mailings	100	Registration confirmation cards; other direct mail information
Workbooks	500	150 copies printed at State Office; 30 pages @ .11/page plus cover
Equipment and Decorations	300	Audio, visual, extra furniture and Decorations
Packet and Badges	100	Folders given to delegates
Public Relations	50	Notices to media
Budget chair, nom. committee and guests	575	Expenses in Policy Guide for Budget Chair, Nom. Comm., parliamentarian and guests
Local Council Chair	100	Expenses for Local Council Chair
Coffee Breaks	50	Coffee, 4.5 gal. @ $11.00
Luncheon	750	100 paid @ $7.50
Wine Tasting/Dinner	1,500	100 paid @ $15.00
Counterpart Breakfast	315	70 paid @ $4.50
Tour Texas A&M	75	30 paid @ 2.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$4,515	

Budget includes expenses for Budget chair, nom. committee and guests approved.

TO: Domestic Violence Chairs/LL Pres.; State Unit Chairs; DPM

FROM: Mateele Rittgers, DV Director, LWV-Texas
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LWV-Texas
December 1985
LL Pres. Mailing; DPM
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Women's Issues

RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

This copy of the consensus questions for the study of domestic violence laws, procedures, and policies is provided to help your committee know where to focus its research. The official report form will be sent with the Facts & Issues in the January 31, 1986 mailing. The necessity of reading the Facts & Issues will be obvious when you read these questions. Please refer to the enclosed memo to Women's Issues Chairs for additional information.

1. Which of the following, if any, would you support in order to provide appropriate penalties for domestic violence offenders? Circle the letter(s) of any you support.

   a. make no changes to current laws or practices
   b. create a new statute, separate from the general assault statute, that would provide criminal penalties specifically for assault against a household or family member by another member
   c. provide by statute that assault against a household or family member by another member be ranked no lower than a Class A misdemeanor
   d. require that present assault statutes be enforced and that the appropriate levels of penalties be imposed
   e. provide that the penalties for injury to a child or an elderly person also be the penalties for injury to other vulnerable victims of household violence, such as spouses
   f. encourage prosecutors to adopt "no drop" policies. (Once domestic violence charges have been filed, victim requests for dismissal will be denied.)
   g. other; please specify

2. Should Protective Orders be available to all domestic violence victims whether or not a divorce action is pending? Yes No Explain

3. Should the law provide for criminal prosecution of those who violate Temporary Restraining Orders in domestic violence cases? Yes No Explain

4. Should it be easier for domestic violence victims to obtain Protective Orders? Yes No Explain

   If yes, which of the following, if any, would make it easier for domestic violence victims to obtain Protective Orders? Circle the letter(s) of any you support.

   a. require that the prosecuting attorney who serves a county file all applications for Protective Orders upon receipt
   b. provide that the victim's private attorney may recover from the abuser fees incurred in filing for Protective Orders
   c. require that peace officers make available to victims both applications and easy-to-follow instructions on how to file for a Protective Order without representation by an attorney
   d. other; please specify

- more -

5. How can financial barriers to obtaining Protective Orders be removed? Circle the letter(s) of any you support.

   a. eliminate the prerogative of counties for an "add on" to the standard state filing fee for Protective Orders in order to fund local projects
   b. encourage the granting and use of paupers' oaths
   c. other; please specify

6. To enable criminal justice professionals to deal more effectively with domestic violence cases, which of the following, if any, would you support? Circle the letter(s) of any you support.

   a. require specialized training for the following (circle the number(s) of any you support):

      1) peace officers
      2) prosecutors
      3) judges and court personnel
      4) parole and probation officers
      5) other; please specify

   b. establish crisis or domestic violence teams
   c. make it mandatory rather than permissive for a peace officer to arrest without a warrant when there is probable cause
   d. ensure, through vigorous enforcement procedures, that police officers have the names of persons protected by Protective Orders
   e. other; please specify

7. Which of the following, if any, should be required of abusers? Circle the letter(s) of any you support.

   a. specialized treatment and counseling to correct abusive behavior
   b. payment to the victim for medical expenses incurred as a result of abuse
   c. payment to the victim for legal expenses incurred as a result of abuse
   d. payment to the victim for counseling needed as a result of abuse
   e. payment to the victim for living expenses if the victim's absense from the residence is necessitated as a result of abuse

8. Should domestic violence Offense Reports be sent regularly to a centralized state agency?

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Days' Inn, Austin, Texas
September 13-15, 1985

MINUTES

PRESENT: Evelyn Bonavita, Modelle Brudner, Lois Carpenter, Scherel Carver, Sally Coughlin, Louise Cummins, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Frances McIntyre, Myrtle McMahan, Mateele Rittgers, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Francie Smith, Doris Watson.

Also present were Catherine Perrine, Associate Water Director, Karen Miller, Associate Director, Public School Finance, and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

Friday afternoon and evening were spent in Core and Committee Meetings.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 8:45 a.m., Saturday, September 14, 1985.

1. MINUTES

   Minutes of the June 14-16, 1985 Board Meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

   M. McMahan reported that sub-total T should read $2825.00. Items T2N, T20, T2Q were incorrect and should be removed. The remainder in Sub-total T should be $2569.87.

   Reported that the budget does not reflect the additional rent needed to cover the increased size of the office. By general consent of the Board, N6 was amended to $5294.00 from $4785.00.

3. MOTION ON PMP PAYMENTS TO TEF

   Following discussion on the policy of LL`s making PMP to TEF rather than T,
   R. Gooch MOVED the present policy of PMP to the LWV-T only be continued. SECONDED.

   F. Smith MOVED a substitute motion allowing 10% of the LL's PMP could be made to TEF. SECONDED AND FAILED.

   The original MOTION was then voted upon. PASSED.

   A letter will be sent to the LLs explaining the policy. Sense of the Board that the Budget Committee be asked for a recommendation on this PMP policy for the 86-87 budget.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Announced that LWV-T would be participating in a workshop with the Texas Utilities Commission in Granbury, Sept. 19. F. McIntyre is on the coordinating committeee of the workshop and will be the LWV representative.

Announced receipt of invitations from Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service, U.T. Institute of Texan Cultures, and the Texas Festivals Assn. for a two day seminar, "Staging Successful Festivals and Events". Also received announcement of conference entitled "Women and Texas'. Details of the above meetings are in the President's letter in the September DPM to LL's. Passed around flyer announcing a conference entitled "Texas Families: A Symposium" to be held November 14-15, 1985 in Austin.

Passed around for Board review the completed LWVUS survey on financial needs of the League.

Reported on request from LWV-Vermont for donations to help with their ERA campaign. General sense of the board not to make donation from LWV-T.

Announced receipt of thank you from LWV-Washington, D.C. for assistance on D.C. voting rights amendment. The amendment was not ratified by the necessary number of states before expiration date.

Reported that a conference on water reuse will be held in Odessa, September 18, 1985. L. Carpenter will be attending.

Stated that LWV-T had recommended Kathy Jacobs, Air Associate Director, be appointed to Clean Air Committee. She was not appointed.

5. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR

L. Cummins MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Melba Heselmeyer from the Board. SECONDED AND PASSED.

6. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

M. McMahon reported that $4307.00 had been received from the direct mail solicitation. Expenses for mailing are: $2073.49.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO/BY BOARD

General consensus of the Board that the Field Service Director portfolio should be filled. Suggestions of names of possible people to fill this positon as well as Development and Budget Chair were made.

E. Bonavita was appointed to the Budget Committee in place of L. Cummins.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

C. Perrine reviewed Amendments 1 and 2 with the Board. A thorough review of all the amendments and League positions was presented by the Program Core.

D. Sheridan MOVED LWV-T support amendment #1, HJR 6. SECONDED AND PASSED.

D. Sheridan MOVED LWV-T support amendment #2, HJR 6. SECONDED AND PASSED.

F. McIntyre MOVED LWV-T support amendment #4, SSR 21. SECONDED AND PASSED.

L. Cummins MOVED LWV-T strongly oppose amendment #9, HJR 72. SECONDED AND PASSED

D. Sheridan MOVED LWV-T support amendment #13, SJR 14. SECONDED AND PASSED.

The Program Core reported that LWV-T has no position on amendments #3,5,6,7,8,10,11,12, and 14.

Action on the amendments will be as follows:

M. Brudner will call press conference for Monday, Sept.16, in Austin for announcement of League positions.
Donations for the PAC will be sought.
Explanation of positions will be sent to the LL's as soon as possible.
A flyer will be made available to the LL`s on the positions.
LWV-T PAC money will be used for this flyer.
L. Cummins will prepare a sample "letter to the editor" on #9.

9. ORGANZIATION CORE REPORT

S. Carver reported on the following: State unit advisors workshop--only three advisors and one SU chair attended. Although attendance was low, workshop was excellent. Information to be repeated at fall workshop in Irving for anyone who did not attend in August. Membership--189 members-at-large, 80 of which are isolated. State Units--Gregg County has 19 members, Cherokee 29, Bowie 20, Pasadena 28 (8 still need to renew membership), and Wise 11. Requested that special notices be mailed to SU chairs to alert them to consensus questions, workshops, etc. Also add SU chair to headings on DPM mailings to assist them with identifying what needs their attention.

R. Gooch reported that regional workshops will be held October 12, in Houston, Austin, and Irving. State board members will be assisting with all the workshops.

Organization Core MOVED LWV-T subsidize the host League $3.00 for each person attending the workshop and $6.00 for each state board member attending. In the event the LL needs more money to cover the cost of the workshop, LWV-T will cover reasonable costs. SECONDED AND PASSED.

R. Gooch reported the possiblity of a workshop for the West Texas area still exists if at least three LLs can send members.

The first plenary session adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The Board attended a writing workshop conducted by Carol Kallendorf, Ph.D. of Kallendorf Communications Services in College Station.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, September 14, 1985.

R. Gooch presented report by E. Sturgis on convention '85 evaluation form. General sense of the Board to have an evaluation form, however, modifications need to be made to the form.

In regard to "I wish the League would": LL presidents will be polled at fall workshop on having more regional workshops. If more workshops are desired, the reponsibility of holding them will go to LLs. Evaulation of field service--a manual is being written and should be ready soon. A questionnaire will be sent to LL's for evaluation of field services reps. Voting on PMP at council--general feeling of Board that By-laws may have been stretched to allow this vote and the budget committee should be very specific in its explanation if such circumstances arise again.

Field Service--all reports indicate that it is going very well. Have received inquiries regarding formation of LL from Big Spring and Waxahachie. R. Gooch will be corresponding with these people to gather more information from them.

10. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

D. Sheridan reported on the following: Local League Program index and We Support are completed. Program Perspectives is proceeding slowly. The goal is for it to accompany the October mailing to LL's. Open government issue--currently following Attorney General's actions on this issue.

B. McCormick and E. Bonavita have been attending the sunset hearings on DHS. They will try to facilitate a fall meeting with the sunset staff so the League can have direct input into the sunset procedure.

Organizational meetings for the combined legislative days for women's organizations have begun.

To answer requests from LL's on : standards for consensus--a memo on consensus will be circulated at the next board meeting. coalitions--a list has been provided in a memo to the LL's.

The Program Core will meet in Austin, February 21 & 22. All members of the Core, off-board directors and board members, will be attending.

To improve communications with the LL's and all members, the Program Core will provide an article on program for each VOTER.

11. PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORT

M. Brudner reported on the following: a press conference will be held to announce League position on the amendments. LWV-T development plans are very uncertain since there is no Development Chair. M. Brudner plans to complete theBiennial Report as soon as possible.

The second plenary session adjourned at 5:00 p.m., September 14, 1985.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 11:30 a.m., Sunday, September 15, 1985.

12. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

The deadline for articles for the October VOTER is September 25, 1985. The following assignments were made: D. Sheridan--constitutional amendments, L. Carpenter--president's column, D. Fisher--Coastweek update, B. McCormick--National Health Care Debate, M. Rittgers--domestice violence, S. Carver--membership events in LL's, and R. Gooch--Lubbock LWV and spotlight.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Planning--D. Watson reported that Council '86 will be held at the College Station Hilton. The committee outlined a tenative agenda for the two days. General sense of the Board to invite Senator Kent Caperton as keynote speaker. Guest speakers on health and recodification of voting regulations will be sought. General sense of the Board to try to pay registration fees, meals, etc. for off-board chairs and field service representatives. D. Watson will ask LWV-Brazos County to formulate two council budgets with and without extra fees for comparison of costs at November board meeting.

Policy Committee--R. Gooch reported that the committee was looking at several areas for revision. Proposed revisions will be ready for

November board meeting.

Blue Sky Committee--D. Sheridan reported that a full report of the Blue Sky Committee meeting will be in the next Board mailing.

14. MOTION ON JOINING COALITION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

M. Rittgers reported the LWV-T had been asked to join with the Texas Council on Family Violence and Texas Rural Legal Aid Agency to draft priorites for action during the next legislative session. M. McMahan MOVED to allow M. Rittgers to research the objectives of this coalition and LWV-T responsibility and report to the Board in November. SECONDED AND PASSED.

15. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

R. Gooch and D. Sheridan were unanimously appointed to the Nominating Committee.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters Board of Directors adjourned at 12:15 p.m., September 15, 1985.

Doris Watson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

HILTON INN, AUSTIN, TEXAS
APRIL 11, 1985

PRESENT: Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Myrtle McMahan, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rogers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

ABSENT: Barbara McCormick and Margie Morrill.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

PLENARY SESSION

The plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 1:15 pm, Thursday, April 11, 1985. Myrtle McMahan was appointed acting secretary.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 17-19, 1985 meeting were approved as circulated, with the provision that Barbara Swartz review the figures on pages 8 and 9 to make sure they are accurate.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater asked that everyone get their vouchers in before June 1. If you cannot meet that deadline let Vanderwater know. She also reported that the budget should be in good shape provided budget income arrives as anticipated.

The program people will work out adjustments within the program budget.

Davis reported she is over in her budget, but does not expect to spend much more.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Carpenter passed around a variety of informational material she has received for board members inspection. These included the final report on the National Security Debate Project and the Taking Charge Voter Registration Project, as well as several conference invitations.

We have sent in the application for our project for the Texas Sesquicentennial.

4. TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE REQUEST

Vanderwater MOVED that we sell the Texas Council on Family Violence our mailing list/membership labels at cost for their use on a one time mailing, and that they maintain contact only with those members who respond. They are to pay the cost of the mailing. An article will appear in the VOTER telling of this action. SECONDED & PASSED.

5. SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

We do not have a position on this, therefore we will not answer the questionairre.

6. CONTRIBUTORS MAILING LIST

Sheridan MOVED to share our Operating Fund contributors mailing list with LWV/US, but that we not send them the list of contributors to the Capital Fund. SECONDED & PASSED. Davis will fill out the necessary forms.

7. PROPOSAL FOR WRITING WORKSHOP - NEW BOARD

A proposal was presented for Carol Kallendorf of College Station to do a writing workshop with the new board at it's first meeting in June. Concern was voiced by Sheridan and Booch for better orientation of new board members. Cummins suggested we could better use a time management workshop. It was agreed Carpenter will tell Kallendorf that we will discuss it in June and possibly schedule it later in the year.

8. ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR NATION PRESIDENT

Endorsement of a candidate for national president was considered but ruled out. Individuals are urged to endorse candidates on their own.

9. COUNCIL 86

Davis MOVED acceptance of LWV/Brazos County's invitation for Council 86. SECONDED & PASSED.

10. LEGISLATIVE DAY EVALUATION

Bonavita reported that feedback has been mainly positive. There is still no financial report available due to turnover of employees at LBJ School. Few League members have applied for the Beth Brown Memorial subsidy. There is confusion on this.

Sheridan MOVED that applications for Beth Brown funds be honored only till May 1 and that use of remaining money be determined by the next board. SECONDED & PASSED.

11. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

The deadline is May 1.
Convention Report - Carpenter will find someone to do.
Legislative Article - human interest - Bonavita
List of Appointed Directors - Carpenter
Local League Profile or Spotlight - Gooch
Approval of Sale of Mailing Labels - Carpenter
Update of Capital Fund Drive - Anderson
40 Year Members - McMahan
Gregg County Provisional - Sturgis
Finance - Davis

12. ORGANIZATION

McMahan handed out her report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Sturgis MOVED that state units may not add local dues to the state dues. SECONDED & PASSED.

Sturgis MOVED that local Leagues that disband may not be reorganized as a state unit for at least one year. SECONDED & PASSED.

Sturgis MOVED that the policy on Provisional Leagues be as written in the April Pre-Board Report (attached to these minutes) with the following correction--that a minimum of 8 be required for the Provisional League's board and that Provisional Leagues must purchase a minimum of two national and two state DPM'S for the first year only. SECONDED & PASSED.

Sturgis MOVED that the policy on Membership be as written in the April Pre-Board. SECONDED & PASSED. This information should appear in the policy sheet as well as these minutes.

Sturgis MOVED that we recognize Gregg County State Unit as a new Provisional League as soon as they reach a membership of 25. SECONDED & PASSED.

Sturgis MOVED to approve returning to the Gregg County group March, April and May MAL dues if they reach provisional status prior to 6/1/85. No return of dues paid prior to March. SECONDED & PASSED.

Sturgis MOVED that should the proposed state bylaw amendment pass granting state units with 10 or more members a convention delegate that the additional $5 difference between delegate and observer fee be waived for any state unit affected at this convention. SECONDED & PASSED.

13. LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING REPORT

Bonavita reported she received a $100 fine for being one day late filing her lobby report. Permission was given to her to take this out of her budget.

14. CONVENTION

Bonavita will take notes for the Convention VOTER after Ferstl departs.

The Convention timed agenda was reviewed. The plenary session adjourned at 4 pm.

Myrtle McMahan
Acting Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Day's Inn, Austin, Texas
Jan. 17-19, 1985

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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ABSENT: Jeanette Davis and Margie Morrill

Also present were Barbara Swartz, Budget Chair and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

The first afternoon of the meeting was spent in core and committee meetings.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order by the president, Lois Carpenter, at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 1985.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14-15, 1984 meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater's report included the following:

Bright Spots. a) It appears that the ABC Election Night Reporting will net $400 more than budgeted. INCOME E.1. and EXPENSE X.1.

Areas of Concern a) N. Office - Equipment maintenance; N.4. - Telephone; N.9.b. - Office overhead. b) Fund raising--if we are able to get contributions during the second half of the fiscal yaar as budgeted all will be well.

Vanderwater does not recommend any budget adjustments at this time.

3. RENT DISCUSSION AND MOTION

McMahan MOVED that we pay $365 for 50% of the rent to TEF for the office. SECONDED & CARRIED. This figure is on the basis of 90¢ per square foot.

4. RESIGNATION OF PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT

Perrine MOVED we accept the resignation of Program Vice President Jan Albers with deep regret. SECONDED & CARRIED. Albers will continue as Offboard Director of Public School Finance.

5. APPOINTMENT OF ARIZAGA AS PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT

Sheridan MOVED that Lavora Arizaga be appointed Program Vice President in addition to her portfolio as Public Relations Vice President. SECONDED & CARRIED.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Carpenter passed around a variety of informational material she has received for board members' inspection.
b) Congratulations were received from Margaret Davis, LWV-Texas designated national board member, concerning our plans to honor 40-year League members at the State Convention and the "leap of faith" we made in purchasing the office space.

7. NOMINATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL BOARD

Smith MOVED we nominate Betty Anderson, Diana Clark, and Ethel Sturgis, if they consent, to the national board. SECONDED & CARRIED.

8. ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING REVIEW

Carpenter stated Jensie Madden, Coordinator for the ABC Election Night Reporting, did a wonderful job. She read from the evaluation Madden had sent. It included a list of recommendations to the state board, to ABC, and to the next coordinator. A lengthy discussion followed about the issue of early projections; what we were told they are based on; what action the League should take in this connection; and other related matters. LWVUS will send a survey to the state and local League boards on this subject and Carpenter will include Madden's evaluation with LWV-T's response to the survey.

9. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Davis telephoned her report since she was absent due to illness. It included:
a) She has written to some Houston attorneys--names given by Arizaga--but has had no response as yet.
b) A letter has gone to Texas Utilities. Later in January she will write to Texas AFL-CIO and Gulf States Utilities.
c) She requested a budget adjustment of at least $300--needed for the expenses of the direct mail campaign in the summer. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

10. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONSENSUS

Smith reported that twenty-seven local Leagues, three state units, and one Member-at-large participated in the domestic violence study and reached overwhelming consensus.

Arizaga MOVED the Program Core's recommendation for the following consensus on domestic violence:

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ALLEVIATE ITS EFFECTS.

State funding should be available for seed money, capital funds, and operating costs for the following:

-local and regional residential centers for victims
-non-residential support services
-counseling programs for offenders and all other members of the affected household
-mandatory in-service training for police officers who deal with domestic violence
-expanded training in police academies to deal with domestic violence
-special training for prosecutors, judges, probation officers, and others in the criminal justice system
-public information about domestic violence.

The motion CARRIED.

The first plenary session adjourned at 9:55 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 1985.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION was called to order at 10:45 A.M. on January 18.

11. BUDGET PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

After some preliminary comments by Carpenter, Barbara Swartz, Budget Chair, announced the following changes should be made in the proposed budget sent out in the preboard:

INCOME A.1. Local League (PMP) change $32,744 to $34,682
A.4. Provisional Leagues change $250 to $200
TOTAL of A. Support change $38,049 to $39,937.
EXPENSE Q. National Services (PMP) change $1,510 to $1,100
(10% reduction for growth)

This gives us $2,298 to work with--due to growth in membership.

Here followed a general discussion which included a variety of suggestions from board members on what adjustments to make--what would be the fairest and best use of the increased amount. By general consent the budget chair and treasurer were instructed to make adjustments and bring to the board for vote. Some suggestions were: reduce the fund raising fromT and increase fund raising in TEF--$2000; divide the balance left over to show 2/3 for development and 1/3 for marketing; delete sale of standing orders; and raise price of DPMs to reach a figure of $3,000.

The second plenary session adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon, Friday, January 18, 1985.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third plenary session was called to order at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 18.

12. BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

a) Sutherland MOVED the Bylaws Committee's recommendation that the following bylaws change be made: Insert the words "in excess of the liabilities" at the end of the last sentences in Art. VI, Sec. 1.(c) and Art. VI. Sec. 2.(c) after the words "League of Women Voters of Texas." This recommendation came from LWV-Denton. After a discussion of thepossible legal ramifications this might cause, the motion was DEFEATED. A letter of explanation will be sent to the Denton League.
b) Sutherland MOVED the bylaws committee's recommended bylaws change as follows: 2nd sentence Art. VII Sec. 2.(b) delete the words "Where two members reside at the same address in a common household, the local League may make a payment equal to 1 1/2 times the determined per-member payment." and insert the words "Where two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the payment determined by the convention shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to 1/2 the per-member payment shall be paid for each other member." The motion CARRIED.
c) Sutherland MOVED the bylaws committee's recommended bylaws change as follows: 2nd line, 1st sentence, ART. VIII Sec. 3., after words "...local League presidents" insert words "one representative from each provisional League and state unit." Perrine MOVED to amend the motion to require that the state unit have at least 10 members as of January 1 to become eligible for one representative. SECONDED & CARRIED. The main motion then CARRIED and the wording of the amended section will read "one representative from each provisional League and each eligible state unit."

The bylaws committee further recommends that the following sentence be inserted at the end of Art. VIII Sec. 4: "Each provisional League and each state unit with at least 10 members as of January 1st shall be entitled to one voting delegate. The motion CARRIED.

d) Sutherland MOVED the bylaws committee's recommended bylaws change as follows: In the 6th line, Art. VIII, Sec. 4, insert the words "5 or more) between the words "major fraction" and "thereof". The motion was DEFEATED.
e) By general consent it was agreed that appropriate editorial changes will be made in Art. VIII Sections 1 and 2 to include provisional Leagues and state units in order to bring this section into conformity with the revised Sections 3 & 4 of ART. VIII.

13. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORTS

a) Membership totals as of 1/1/85. Sturgis read the following report on membership as of January 1, 1985:

.total Texas membership - 4,085, an increase of 236, up 6.2%
.membership increased by 183 in LLs, up 4.9%
54 MALs, up 48%
.10 LLs showed a membership increase of 10% or more.

Sturgis stated she had a very frustrating time getting the reports and gave examples. The following statistics are from the 29 LLs completed reports: 297 male members; 215 minority members; 9 LLs conducted Make Your Mark on Politics campaigns and 9 did not. It is hard to identify any correlation because some LLs increased without the MMP campaign.

b) Profile of LLs for Convention Workbook. Sturgis then outlined her plan for preparing the profile for the Convention Workbook. McMahan is working with her and will prepare a map locating the Leagues and state units with related information.

c) Discussion of Computer Projects Proposal. Perrine described a meeting she attended called together by a group called Computer Projects that was attended by four of the northeast metroplex LLs, which evolved into grant applications discussion to seek computers for LL use in order to "network". LWV-Tarrant County's board (LWV-Tarrant County being one of the attendees) sent a letter to LWV-Texas president (copies to LWVUS and others) stating that their board specifically requests that the members of the group involved be instructed not to ask for free computers from Tandy Company. After further discussion it was agreed that Carpenter will follow the Organization Core's suggestion of writing a letter to each member of this group explaining the problems. Some suggestions were 1) the varied computer systems do not lend themselves to "networking"; 2) ask in what name the grant application would be made; 3) state that solicitation of funds needs prior approval of the appropriate local/state League.

d) Membership/State Units Report. McMahan gave the following figures: As of December 31 we have a total of 166 MALs. 43 are

isolated members-at-large; Bowie County--19; Burleson Area--12; Cherokee County--24; Cleburne--9; Gregg County--25; Pasadena--21; and Wise County--13. She stated she has names of eleven "40-year-plus" members and there are two more to be checked. An article for the next Texas VOTER has been prepared.
e) Field Service Report. Gooch handed her writen Update Report to board members for their information. She reported three LLs have not paid PMPs this year--Marshall/Harrison County; Odessa; and Galveston. The appropriate Field Service Representative will be asked to check on this. A number of LLs have not been sending their minutes to the state office. Gooch will prepare a memo requesting that this be done. She then called attention to some of the material on the Update Report and asked for questions and comments.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

14. CORRECTION ON PROPOSED BUDGET "EXTRA"

It was announced that due to error in computation of PMPs, we have only $900 "extra" instead of $2,300. It was agreed that the $900 should go: $200 in Development (EXPENSE O.4.b.); $100 in Marketing (EXPENSE R.4.b.); and the remainder to TEF A.2.

15. PR CORE REPORTS

a) Texas VOTER Assignments. The deadline for material for the February Texas VOTER will be that it should be in the mail to Ferstl January 28. A rundown of suggested items to be included was discussed--including who would provide each.
b) Discussion of Convention Workbook Assignments. The material for the Workbook is due February 8--copies to the president, the appropriate vice president, and the state office. The program portfolio people will be asked to write a 2-year summary of accomplishments since the last convention.
c) Training for Election Workers. Rodgers discussed our perceived need for training election workers and the fact that the Secretary of State's office does a lot of training. With this in mind, she has not pursued a League project in this area. The Election Code Recodification Committee will recommend mandatory training.

16. PROGRAM CORE REPORTS

a) Policy Guide for LWV-T Legislative Activity. Bonavita MOVED the Program Core's recommendation for adoption of the January, 1985 Policy Guide for LWV-T Legislative Activity in the form circulated at the meeting. This Policy Guide will become a part of the State Board Handbook. The motion CARRIED.
b) Taking Action; Guidelines for Local Leagues. Bonavita referred to the draft of Taking Action in the preboard and Perrine's rewriting that was handed out at the meeting which shortened the chart to two pages. A number of suggestions for different wording

were made. Bonavita MOVED the Program Core's recommendation for publication of Taking Action as written in the preboard with the substitution of Perrine's chart, together with an improved layout as well as the changes agreed to in the discussion. The motion CARRIED.
c) Arizaga MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that we join the Coalition for Appointment of Women to Boards and Commissions, with Bonavita as representative from LWV-T. The motion CARRIED.
d) McCormick MOVED that we join the Texas Child Day Care Coalition. SECONDED & CARRIED.

17. PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM STUDY DISCUSSION

Arizaga shared state program recommendation data received from local Leagues. 23 LLs responded with approximately 371 members participating. Copies of the compilation of results were handed out. In the discussion in the Program Core it was recognized that though several LLs showed great interest in a child care study, it was agreed that many of the issues of concern can be addressed under present national positions. Health, however, is an area of concern that has interested LLs for years and on which we have virtually no position to act.

The Program Core recommends that the board decide on a focused health study and handed out a sheet detailing the foci on A STUDY OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE INDIGENT IN TEXAS and A STUDY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN TEXAS.

Arizaga MOVED the program core's recommendation for A STUDY OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE INDIGENT IN TEXAS to the state convention delegates. The motion CARRIED.

18. PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROGRAM PERSPECTIVES FOR CONVENTION WORKBOOK

The Program Core recommends that certain changes be made to the State Program as printed in Program Perspectives 1983-85 and that they be presented to the state convention delegates for consideration.

a) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 5, drop the second paragraph under Position in Brief I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW. The motion CARRIED.
b) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 6, drop the first and third bullet sentences under II ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE Details of Position: Measures to Improve Law Enforcement Including:. Motion CARRIED.
c) Page 7, in the same category drop the third and fourth sentences under "* A state correctional system which would:" Also, make the section beginning "* Improvements in the parole process..." read "* Improvements in the parole system" and drop all sentences under that heading. The motion CARRIED.
d) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 8, drop the first se[redacted], The motion FAILED.

e) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 15, substitute the following wording under IV. NATURAL RESOURCES Water Planning Details of Position:

* Support of long-range state water planning that:

- takes into consideration its social, economic, environmental, and land use implications
- provides for development of adequate water supplies by ecologically and financially sound means
- emphasizes conservation and reuse of water
- is based on increased research concerning wise and efficient use of the state's land and water resources
- affords protection for the land and for fragile ecosystems

The motion CARRIED.

f) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 18, Land, Details of Position, combine the third and fourth sentences. The motion FAILED.

g) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 21, drop the third sentence and the words from the fourth sentence: "...and mandatory professional training for tax appraisers". The motion CARRIED.

h) Arizaga MOVED the following: Page 26, under Legislative, Details of Position drop the second bullet sentence. The motion CARRIED.

19. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Perrine distributed the following Nominating Committee Report for information to the board members and Carpenter thanked the committee for its work:

President, Lois Carpenter; Vice President (Organization), Rachel Gooch; Vice President (Program), Diane Sheridan; Vice President (Public Relations), Modelle Brudner; Secretary, Doris Watson; Treasurer, Myrtle McMahan; Directors: Evelyn Bonavita; Louise Cummins; Denise Fischer; Melba Heselmeyer; Frances McIntyre; Mateele Rittgers; and Rowena Rodgers. Nominating Committee: Margie Morrill, Chairman; Diana Clark; and Ruth Lauer.

20. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL COUNCIL '85

Arizaga MOVED that Lois Carpenter be nominated delegate to Council '85. SECONDED & CARRIED.
Bonavita MOVED that Diane Sheridan be nominated delegate to Council '85. SECONDED & CARRIED.
Perrine MOVED that Rachel Gooch be nominated alternate delegate to Council '85. SECONDED & CARRIED.

The third plenary session adjourned at 10:50 p.m., Friday, January 18.

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

The fourth plenary session was called to order at 9:15 a.m., Saturday, January 19, 1985.

21. FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL

Swartz called out the following adjusted figures for the proposed 1985-86 budget:

INCOME

A.1. Local Leagues (PMP)	$ 33,326
A.4. Provisional Leagues	200
TOTAL of A.	38,581
C.1. DPMs	3,000
C.2. Standing Orders	0
C.4. Legislative Newslater	0
TOTAL of C.	5,300
D.2. State Fund Raising	8,560
TOTAL of D.	11,892
INCOME TOTAL	62,873

EXPENSE

O.4.b. Development	1,835
O.5. TEF Reimbursements	(7,335)
TOTAL of O.	12,000
Q. National Services (PMP)	1,100
R.4.b. Marketing Expense	400
R.4.c. DPMs	3,000
R.4.d. Standing Orders	0
R.3. TEF Reimbursement	(2,410)
TOTAL of R.	7,875

(In the printed budget in the Workbook, Publications will become R 3 and the TEF Reimbursement will become R 4.)

U.2. Legislative Newsletter	0
TOTAL of U.	5,750

W. Local League Share of State Fund Raising $ 1,657

EXPENSE TOTAL 62,873

Perrine MOVED approval of the proposed 1985-86 budget for submission to the convention delegates. SECONDED & CARRIED.

McMahan MOVED that we increase the MAL dues from $25 to $30, beginning June 1, 1985. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Sturgis MOVED that the amount of $250 minimum state support for each local League be continued. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Here followed a discussion relating to a recommendation from this board to the State Convention delegates that the PMP be raised for the second year of the biennium. This subject involved the problems that arose over the ABC Election Night Reporting. Without this contractual fee there would be a need for more income in the second year of the biennium. It was pointed out that there is a need for open debate among the delegates on the issue of continuing the election night reporting or approving a raise in the PMP.

Perrine MOVED that the state board recommend that the 1985 State Convention approve a 1986-87 per-member payment not to exceed $10, the exact amount to be determined by the 1986 State Council. SECONDED & CARRIED.

22. ~~Adoption~~ OF PROPOSED NEW STUDY

Arizaga MOVED that the state board recommend the following new study to the State Convention delegates:

A STUDY OF HEALTH CARE FOR THE INDIGENT IN TEXAS

Focus:
- Who are the indigent?
- Who is eligible for indigent health care?
- Who provides such health care?
- Who pays for such health care?
- What services are provided?
- What are the alternatives?

SECONDED & CARRIED. (It was understood that editorial changes would be permitted.)

23. STATE CONVENTION PLANNING

Sutherland introduced State Convention Liaison Cheryl Hazeltine; Local Committee Co-chairs Barbara Hankins, Carol May, and Carol Braxton; and Convention Treasurer Dorothy Wimberly; all had joined the meeting Saturday morning.

Hazeltine gave a brief "walk through" of the tentative agenda. The business sessions will follow the usual format for State Conventions. The "big" entertainment at the Austin Convention will be on Friday evening when there will be a reception and light supper--under a tent--at the Governor's Mansion followed by self-paced tours of the Mansion with docents in each room. Bus transportation from the Hilton Hotel will be provided, with charge for that included in the cost of the tickets.

Optional for early arrivals will be: a Dillo tour of downtown Austin and the state office; a Parliamentary Procedure Workshop by Dr. Janice May if enough people want it; and budget consultation with the budget chairman. Bed and breakfast will be offerred for Thursday night by the Austin Area League for $5.

Following down the agenda it was announced continental breakfasts will be offered both mornings. Jan Coggeshall, Mayor of Galveston, will be the keynote speaker. The Saturday luncheon speaker has not been firmed up yet. It was agreed to ask Governor White first with first alternate to be Max Sherman, and second, Jim Hightower. Lt. Gov. Hobby and Speaker Lewis will be invited for specific times but if the set time is not convenient, we will interrupt the schedule for their appearances.

The 40-year-plus members who attend will be among the special guests for the luncheon. Attendees will be seated at round tables, and we need to "mix" the delegates. Saturday night supper will be a "taco bar" at the Hilton for $7.50 or supper on your own. Coffee and soft drinks will be available during the convention with a kitty for donations. There was discussion about having a major workshop on Saturday evening after supper. One suggestion was for a leadership training session for the entire delegation to be done by a professional. This will be worked out by the state board committee.

On Sunday morning there will be four workshops offered: Presidents; Treasurers; Membership--Recruitment/Retention; and Program-- Consensus and the Discussion Unit.

Ferstl will be the convention reporter to furnish information for the convention VOTER. Other things discussed were room needs, equipment needs, and deadlines. It was agreed that the state board members will sit up front for the first plenary session--after that we will be seated among the other delegates.

Hazeltine stated there is a need for some changes in the proposed budget for Convention '85. The following changes were agreed to:

Delete the words "State Board Reception". Make the wording "Bartender, bar cashier, coffee, soft drinks, etc." with a figure of $250.

Change Saturday breakfast total to $431.25.

Add Saturday supper (Taco bar) figure $862.50.

Make an explanation for line item Speakers to read: "Expenses and honoraria " for the $800 figure.

Hazeltine stated the total to be $16,072.25.

24. DECISION ON PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF NEW NOMINEES

Here followed a discussion of which "extra" delegates will be funded. The Convention Manual was quoted: "The Convention Budget will include the expenses of the Budget Chairman; Nominating Committee Chairman; Selected Offboard Chairs; Field Service Representatives; the Parliamentarian; and others as approved by the state board." This means the expenses of new nominees to the state board, if any, would come out of the state budget.

Sutherland MOVED that we reimburse the convention expenses of new nominees to the state board according to the policy guidelines. Meals/events included will be Friday evening; Saturday lunch and supper; Saturday workshop; and Sunday breakfast. SECONDED & CARRIED.

25. AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY GUIDE

Arizaga MOVED the following amendment to the League of Women Voters of Texas Policy Guide: Page 8, last paragraph of K.3 substitute the word "selected" for the word "scheduled", making it read "Costs for selected Convention and Council meals and activities shall be paid in full." SECONDED & CARRIED.

Sturgis noted that a paragraph is missing from Page 7 of the Policy Guide due to a typographical error. The following sentence should be added to the first paragraph of page 7: "Expenses of the budget committee and nominating committee chairmen shall be reimbursed, provided they register as observers."

26. DECISION ON PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF FIELD SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFBOARD PROGRAM CHAIRS

Carpenter called out the names of the seven Offboard Program Chairs and stated it appears that four of the Field Service Representatives would be traveling quite a distance if they attend the Convention. Here followed a discussion of the approximate number who might come and the estimated costs involved.

Perrine MOVED that the Convention Account pay hotel expenses and the same meal/events expenses for Field Service Representatives and Offboard Program Chairs as adopted in the above motion for payment of expenses of new nominees. SECONDED & CARRIED.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Board of Directors adjourned at 12:15 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 1985.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by the secretary from notes taken by other members of the board and tape recordings of the full proceedings. The secretary is very grateful for the assistance rendered by all members of the board in the secretary's absence.

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ABSENT: Louise Cummins, Barbara McCormick, and Ethel Sturgis.

Also present for portions of the meeting were, Isabel Miller, Associate Director Solar Energy, and Mary Porter, Associate Director and National Program Coordinator, International Relations and Financing Federal Government.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

President Carpenter called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m., November 14, 1984.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 20-22, 1984 board meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, middle of 3rd line, section 5. b)Ccorrect spelling of name of budget committee member to read Helen Harwig.
Page 5, 7th line, section 9. b), change word "directive" to read "memorandum..."
Page 6, 1st line, insert a period after the words "Texas VOTER." and delete the balance of the sentence.
Page 6, 4th line, add words "will go" after word "funding.." and add word "presidents" after words "...to LL", making it read "Beth Brown Memorial funding will go to LL presidents."
Page 6, 3rd line, insert a period after words "...informational material." and delete word "and" and capitalize word "Details..."
Page 6 (editorial), 1st line under section 11, Government, change word "reapportionment" to "redistricting"
Page 7, 4th paragraph, add sentence: "Also, a group of board members toured the state office and the Capitol."
Page 7, 6th line of section 12, add word "and" between words LWV-Texas and words "letters from Jo Roosa," and delete words "Executive Coordinator" and change semicolon after words LWV-Baytown to comma, making it read ""...LWV-Texas; and letters from Jo Roosa, LWV-Baytown, and Mary Gillette,... ."
Page 8, 3rd line under section 14, Friday, April 12, change the sentence to read "Optional meetings with the budget chair; and with the parliamentarian and an experienced Leaguer... ."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater made reference to her preboard which includes a balance sheet as of October 31, 1984 and a budget analysis for the period June 1, 1984 through October 31, 1984. She would like to defer any budget adjustment recommendations until the January 1985 board meeting. There being no objections, the chair ruled this in order.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Carpenter passed around a variety of informational material she had received for board members' inspection.
b) She stated the leader's guide and discussion outline material for the national study on Financing Federal Government is very well done. She will put a reminder reference about this study --calling attention to the material and tearoff that will be included in the January national VOTER--in her president's message in the next state office mailing.

4. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The regular process of letters to contributors is continuing. January is the proper time to send requests to the utility companies.

5. INTESTACY CONSENSUS

Smith handed out copies of the summary of LLs responses to the consensus questions on the Intestacy study. 20 Leagues, 4 state units, and 3 members-at-large participated.

Albers MOVED the following intestacy position wording with authorization to put the heading in League terminology:

The surviving spouse should inherit all of the community property

- when the decedent had no children
- when the surviving spouse is the parent of all the children of the decedent.

The surviving spouse should not inherit all of the community property when the decedent is survived by minor children not of the surviving spouse.

The surviving parent of a minor child should be required to obtain court permission to dispose of the child's property when it is valued at more than $50,000.

SECONDED & CARRIED.

The explanation to the LLs will include information about the areas where no clear consensus evolved and the concern about handicapped and incapacitated persons. It was noted that this study has been a great value to Leagues by pointing out the importance of making a will and our position statement will give us a basis to educate the public as well as allow action to achieve changes in the intestacy laws.

6. WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE DAYS PLANS

Albers announced State Treasurer, Ann Richards, will begin the Women's Legislative Day's Meeting to be held on February 25-26, 1985, with a talk on lobbying at 9:00 a.m. Secretary of State Myra McDaniel will be the luncheon speaker. The registration fee will be $25, which will include a box lunch on the first day. The Women's Political Caucus will be sponsoring a "Roast" for Lt. Governor Hobby the evening of February 25th. Cost of the "Roast" will be $15 to the public and $10 for Legislative Days attendees. The LWV-T rally time is set for the next day. This meeting is being sponsored by 14 organizations with a total of 40,000 invitations to be mailed. Since the capacity of the meeting room is 1,000, Leaguers will be urged to get their registrations in the mail as soon as possible after January 14, 1985.

7. DATES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS SYSTEM AND JOINT WATER COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The Election Code Study Commission has announced the following hearings:

November 27, Tyler
November 29, Lubbock
December 7, a Valley location
December 12, Dallas
December 17, Houston

The Joint Water Committee will be holding a hearing on the newly issued water package Friday, December 7, probably in the morning on the senate side of the Capitol. Perrine, LWV- T Water Director, is expected to present testimony for the League.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m., November 14, 1984.

At 5:15 p.m. state board members were invited to gather at the home of Mary Porter, our new Associate Director, for a time of relaxed conversation with some of the Richardson League members. The group then moved on to a Japanese restaurant for a sumptuous "dutch treat" dinner arranged by Richardson board member, Jeanette Doyle. After dinner Doyle made certain all SB members were taken to the right homes of Richardson Leaguers--also arranged by her. We all enjoyed the gracious hospitality of LWV-Richardson.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 10:00 a.m., November 15, 1984.

8. REVISIONS OF TAKING ACTION AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION GUIDELINES

Bonavita proposed that we postpone final decision on revisions of Taking Action and Legislative Action Guidelines until the January board meeting. It was pointed out that the legislature will already be in session by then and there is need for the LLs to know the procedures to follow. It was agreed that members should study the material in the preboard and send comments to the state office to be reviewed by Albers and Bonavita. Here followed an extensive discussion about the current Taking Action sheet, and it was noted that the material in the preboard does propose certain policy changes. After review of state board members' suggestions by Albers and Bonavita, drafts will be sent out in a Friday mailing for consideration by the board members with final action to be made at the January board meeting.

9. ORGANIZATION REPORT

a) Allen Unit of Plano LWV. McMahan announced that Leaguers living in Allen have been formed into a unit of the Plano League, and that Plano will probably become an Area League.
b) State Units and MALs. McMahan gave the following state unit and members-at-large report: There are 6 state units--Wise County, down to 15 from 26; Burleson, 11; Cleburne, 9; Pasadena, 23; Gregg County, 25; and Bowie County, 16; with 49 other MALs. Sturgis will be going to Huntsville and Jacksonville in early December to meet with groups and explore organization as state units.
c) 40-year League Members. McMahan mentioned the names she currently has and board members were asked to contact members in their own Leagues and suggest that they send in names of eligible persons.
d) Policy Regarding Inadvisability of Having Paid Staff Serve as Members of Local League Boards. Gooch MOVED that Sturgis be authorized to prepare a memo to local League presidents informing them of the League of Women Voters of Texas board of directors decision that the practice of paying a board member for work done on behalf of the League should not be done. SECONDED.

Arizaga MOVED to amend the motion to read: The League of Women Voters of Texas board of directors strongly discourages the practice of paying board members for work done on behalf of the League." SECONDED & CARRIED.

The chairman then stated the amended motion, which is that Sturgis

be authorized to prepare a memo to local League presidents, incorporating the language from the national League quoted in her preboard, strongly discouraging the practice of paying board members for work done on behalf of the League. The amended motion CARRIED.

e) Changes in the State Board Handbook. Sturgis asked that board members be reminded to bring suggested changes in the State Board Handbook, if any, to the January board meeting. They should be ready to be typed by Lovelace.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

a) Publications) (1) Sutherland stated the Legislative Flyers are ready. (2) The Advocacy Papers printing costs were discussed and the decision was to leave this to Sutherland's discretion. The price will be 15¢ instead of 10¢.

11. TEXAS VOTER

Ferstl asked that material for the February Texas VOTER be put in the mail by January 28 so it will reach her by February 1. She then outlined ideas she has already and discussion followed on the various suggestions for material to be included in the February VOTER.

12. STATE CONVENTION PLANS UPDATE

Sutherland stated the Governor's Mansion plan in "on." Invitations will go to delegates, observers, state board members, guests of the convention, and certain convention workers. The $20 charge will cover transportation, a light supper or heavy hors d'oeurves, and beverage. The suggested fees are:

Registration:	Delegates	$25.00
	Observers	20.00
Optional preconvention tour (Fri)		10.00
Reception at Governor's Mansion (Fri)		20.00
Saturday luncheon (speaker--Governor White)		10.00
Saturday evening - dinner & light entertainment		22.50
Sunday, continental breakfast		5.50

After extended discussion it was agreed that $22.50 for Saturday evening seems very high and needs to be negotiated. The tentative schedule includes Friday night caucuses and Saturday evening workshops.

13. ODDS & ENDS

Isabel Miller, Associate Director, gave us an incisive update on activities in the renewable energy field.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Board of Directors adjourned at 11:30 a.m., November 15, 1984.

At 12:15 p.m., the state board members were treated to a delicious lunch prepared and brought in by LWV-Richardson members.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

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ABSENT: Evelyn Bonavita and Jeanette Davis.

ALSO PRESENT were Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary, for the entire meeting and Diana Clark, immediate past president of LWV-T, for the Thursday afternoon and evening sessions September 20. Smith left the meeting after the Thursday afternoon session and Ferstl left the meeting after breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The meeting began with Program, Public Relations, and Organization Core meetings from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and continued with these Core meetings from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. when the meeting moved to the church for dinner.

After dinner the meeting continued with meetings of the Program Core, Convention Committee, and Development Committee from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sept. 20, 1984.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Carpenter called the first plenary session to order at 8:45 a.m., Friday, September 21, 1984.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the June 6-8, 1984 board meeting were approved with the following addition:

Page 6, b), Budget Adjustment, line 6, after words "A velox copy..." add words "or negative", making it read "A velox copy or negative may be substituted... ."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) Vanderwater called attention to the vouchers on the tables and announced the dates of her vacation.
b) The 1983-84 permanent records, including the audit, are completed. The president has a copy and a copy is kept on file in the state office.

c) Vanderwater stated she has a few comments about the budget. We have gotten more Duplicate Presidents" Mailing orders and fewer Standing Orders than budgeted. Perrine MOVED the following budget adjustments:

INCOME, C-1, DMPs, raise from	$2500	to $2650
INCOME, C-2, SOs, reduce from	$600	to $300
EXPENSES, R-3-c, DPMs, raise from	$2500	to $2650
EXPENSES, R-3-d, SOs, reduce from	$600	to $300

SECONDED & CARRIED.

During the first three months of the fiscal year some expenses have gone over and some have been under the budget. One of the things the auditor told Vanderwater was that the board should pay close attention to the income side of the budget. In this connection she listed the sources of income: LL PMPs; MAL dues; TEF paybacks; fund raising; contractual; and publication sales. A general discussion on these followed.
d) In Bonavita's preboard she requested that the money left over from that budgeted for the special session be put in the lobbying budget for the 1985 session. After a brief discussion, by general agreement, it was decided to wait until the November board meeting for a decision on this.
e) Carpenter then read from the auditor's comments regarding the procedures for voucher management. It was agreed that we are following a regular procedure as outlined in the policy guide, which the auditor did not have, and that the procedure is covered at state board orientation sessions. Carpenter continued reading comments from the auditor's letter about the excellent record keeping exhibited by Vanderwater's "books" which ended with the statement: "Most businesses would be fortunate if their records approached the quality of those kept by J. Vanderwater." A round of applause followed.

3. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Because a family emergency caused her absence, Davis telephoned her report to Lovelace and the following was made a part of the record:

Contributions to T since the last board meeting:

National Gypsum	$2000.00	shared w/Dallas $400.00
Lomas & Nettleton	$2000.00	shared w/Dallas $400.00
Individual contributions -	$2010.00	(terminology discussed & changed by board decision)

4. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Two items listed under Program, continued, for Sat., Sept. 22, a) Legislative Action Guidelines, and b) Taking Action--Guidelines for LLs, will be taken up at the November meeting.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Carpenter announced Jensie Madden, LWV-San Antonio Area, is the coordinator for the ABC election night reporting. Letters have gone out to the LL presidents and Carpenter stated any problems should be referred to Madden or her.
b) The persons suggested for the Budget Committee at the June board meeting have accepted and the Budget Committee is: Barbara Swartz, Chairman; Helen Harwick, LWV-Dallas; and Davis, Vanderwater, and Sheridan, from the state board, with Carpenter ex-officio. The committee plans to meet in Houston from noon to noon, Oct. 30-31.
c) Carpenter asked for ideas for League news items for the quarterly state AAUW publication "ON THE NETWORK" which is a calendar of womens' issues/activities that are going on throughout the state.
c) Mary Porter, LWV-Richardson, has been asked to serve off-board as National Program Coordinator. She will receive a DPM and follow, monitor, respond to AAs, issue memos to LLs, or whatever is needed, on IR items (especially arms control and national security) and on Financing Federal Government.

ORGANIZATION CORE REPORTS

6. VARIOUS REPORTS

a) State Board Handbook Review. Sturgis asked that all SB members review the handbook and make suggestions for changes, if any, in her particular portfolio area. Bring to the January board meeting ready for Lovelace to type.
b) National bylaws. Sutherland will send a memo to LLs to inform them that it will be necessary for them to change their bylaws to conform to the first three articles in the national bylaws as adopted at the national convention in May '84. The memo will explain what to do, when, and how. The changes also apply to the state bylaws.
c) All About State Units Publication. Sturgis reported that the in-house publication All About State Units is finished. (Copies were included in the packets received at this meeting.) In compliance with the League of Women Voter of Texas Policy Guide and according to the results of a board poll outlined in Sturgis' July 30, 1984 memo, the following is hereby adopted by this board:

"Dues proposals for all members-at-large. Dues for members-at-large shall be $25 annually. Renewals are payable by the 15th of the anniversary month in which the member first joined. A member whose dues are more than 60 days delinquent shall be dropped. When two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, they may pay $25 for one member and $12.50 for each subsequent member."

Also, this board approves a minimum of ten members-at-large as the number necessary to form a unit of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

d) Policy on Payment of Dues by MALs. Sturgis MOVED that this board establish a policy that when a member-at-large becomes a member of a state unit the full amount of that member's dues shall be paid by the member and not be subsidized except in hardship cases. SECONDED & CARRIED.

e) National MAL Units (State Units) Task Force. Sturgis has been asked by national to chair a task force focusing on guidelines for MAL unit structure. She reported she was instructed to appoint the committee and from a suggested list, the president of LWV-Georgia, the president of LWV-Vermont, and probably the membership director of LWV-Washington state will serve. Due to budget restrictions most of the work will be done by telephone and mail but Sturgis will attend a meeting with the national organization group in Washington Nov. 8 & 9.

f. New State Units - Texarkana & Allen. Sturgis and McMahan will be going to Texarkana at the end of this month to organize a state unit. There are 8 or 9 MALs there in a community of 31,000. Also there is interest in forming a SU in Allen, a community 6 miles north of Plano, and Sturgis will be going there to meet with 4 or 5 people to determine whether a state unit is feasible.

g) The Organization Core is concerned about some instances where LL board members are being paid for work done for the Leagues. Sturgis will seek guidance from national on this issue and the Organization Core will make recommendations to this board later.

h) Sturgis mentioned it may be time for this board to think about some type of organizations composed of LLs in the north-central and Houston areas--possibly a committee to coordinate membership/citizens information, program, etc. After discussion Carpenter suggested that a memo to the appropriate LLs could be prepared with information about the possibilities and offering time at convention for the question to be discussed by these Leagues. The Organization Core will consider this and make a proposal.

7. STATE UNIT & MAL UPDATE

a) McMahan noted that the workshop for SU chairmen and advisors went well. Four of the units had two or three people there

and four advisors were present. Pasadena was not represented. b) Burleson has asked for a name change. Sturgis MOVED that the new name for the Burleson unit be Burleson Area unit. SECONDED & CARRIED.

8. LWV-TEXAS 65TH BIRTHDAY

McMahan MOVED that the League of Women Voters of Texas have a birthday party at the 1985 State Convention honoring persons who have been League members for 40 years or more. SECONDED & CARRIED. A section in the president's letter will seek information about eligibile members from LL presidents and will be a follow-up on the article in the Texas VOTER. Plans for the celebration will be worked out after receipt of data.

9. FIELD SERVICE REPORT

a) Gooch referred to her handout report and asked SB members to make the changes in field service assignments noted at the top of her report.
b) Gooch then read from the analysis of responses to her questionnaire about local elected officials serving on LL boards and recommended no action by the state board in view of the fact that several LLs do have elected officials serving on their boards and appear to have no difficulties. After discussion of this it was decided that Gooch should prepare a memorandum to LLs--as a part of the postboard mailing--reporting the analysis of responses to the questionnaires, pointing out examples of kinds of things that might occur, and calling attention to the section on Nonpartisanship/Conflict of Interest found on pages 13 & 14 of LWV-Prospectus No. 3 (9/83).
c) Here followed a general discussion of problems occurring in various LLs with no recommendations at this time for action by this board.

10. PROGRAM CORE REPORTS--VARIOUS

a) Legislative Newsletter Subscription Price. Albers stated the Program Core is not asking for an increase in the subscription price of $10 for the Legislative Newsletter at this time because it is in the current budget at this price. A recommendation will go to the budget committee for an increase in the next budget.
b) Action Update. Albers reported that we have responded to all Action Alerts.
c) Update on Women's Legislative Day Plans. (1) Albers stated the steering committee will meet Oct. 9 for further planning. The keynote speaker has not yet been decided. The "every member mailing" will go out at approximately the same time the other organizations send their information to their members. It

will not be a 5th Texas VOTER, ~~and can possibly be done in the state office.~~ The mailing will include information on the conference, which will be informational material, ~~and details about the Beth Brown Memorial funding to LLs.~~ (2) A discussion ensued about arrangements for a rally for League members on Tuesday, Feb. 26, before spreading out to the capitol to lobby. It was decided to set this up after breakfast for one hour--9:00-10:00 a.m. and serve coffee only. It will be a training session for the state lobby corps and will include League subject priorities not covered at the previous day's conference. (3) It is understood that state board members' expenses for this conference will be paid for out of individual portfolios, if appropriate, or at own expense for others.

Details about B. Brown Mem. Fund will go to LLP's.

11. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND ADVOCACY PAPERS

Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that the following be LWV-T's legislative priorities for the 1985 legislative session:

Government
- o Improved procedures for ~~reapportionment~~ (redistricting) of congressional and legislative districts
- o Merit selection of judges
- o Recodification of election laws
- o Ratification of the D.C. Amendment

Water
- o More effective management of ground water
- o State programs to encourage water conservation
- o Protection of water quality and streamflows

Hazardous Waste
- o Increased resources for comprehensive state management of hazardous waste
- o Enhanced enforcement of laws and regulations

Social Policy/Human Resources
- o Increased Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- o Expanded state services in child care
- o State programs to promote employment opportunities for women

The motion CARRIED. This wording will be used for the flyer with the understanding it is subject to editorial changes.

A list of secondary interest issues will be included in the information that goes out to the local Leagues, such as legislation falling under the headings of Administration of Justice and Women Under Texas Law.

Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that the following subjects be written up as advocacy papers: Redistricting, water, hazardous waste, AFDC/child care, and the 1983 advocacy paper on merit selection of judges will be reprinted. The motion CARRIED.

It was noted that LLs need to be given guidelines on use of the advocacy papers as a part of lobbying efforts, and the number to be printed will depend on how we decide the distribution should be made to LLs--i.e. whether to sell them in volume or allow reprinting by each League as needed.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m., Sept. 21.

After dinner the '85 Convention Committee met with the local arrangements committee at the church and the Program Core met at the motel from 9:30-10:00 p.m., Sept. 21. Also a group of board members toured the State Offices & the Capitol.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 8:40 a.m., Sept. 22.

FURTHER PROGRAM CORE REPORTS

12. CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION

Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that the League of Women Voters of Texas continue to support container deposit legislation in the Texas legislature, acting under our LWVUS Solid Waste position. Discussion included comments about the August, 1984 memo from Dolores Hayter, Solid Waste Assoc. Director, LWV-Texas; letters from Jo Roosa, ~~Executive Coordinator,~~ LWV-Baytown; and Mary Gillette, NR Coordinator, LWV-Houston; which made references to the Keep America Beautiful and Clean Community System organizations. The motion CARRIED. Albers will write Jo Roosa and explain LWV-T's board decision, and send a copy to Mary Gillette. It was noted that this legislation will not be a priority for LWV-T, but we will lend our name to the effort and will cooperate with other organizations pressing for container deposit legislation.

13. LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendations for questions for the legislative interviews:

(1) What are your personal legislative interests or goals for the 69th session?
(2) What legislation should be passed to address the problem of groundwater depletion in Texas?

(3) How can the redistricting process in Texas be improved?
(4) Do you favor merit selection of judges?
(5) Do you support an increase in Aid to Families of Dependent Children (AFDC) as well as stronger enforcement of child care standards for Texas children?
(6) How should improvement in state management of hazardous waste be funded?

In the discussion it was pointed out that the interviewer could separate the responses to question (5) to determine the exact opinions. Form I will give general guidelines on how to conduct the interviews with flexibility as to the order to be used in asking the questions. The motion CARRIED.

14. CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sutherland noted that the convention committee had met with the local arrangements committee last evening. She then presented the following tentative schedule for discussion:

Friday, April 12

Registration - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Optional tours around the city
Optional meetings with parliamentarian, budget chair, and an experienced Leaguer to explain how to get not-recommended items on the convention floor - 10:00-12:00 noon.

First Plenary Session - 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Since the Governor's Mansion is available for selected public groups on Fridays, the Convention Committee recommends that we not have a state board reception but instead "Go Have Dinner With the Governor." Planning for this is being pursued and if it works out the idea is not for a dinner per se but a cocktail/buffet type of gathering in celebration of the League's 65th birthday. The board approved this idea with great enthusiasm.

Evening caucuses would follow the event at the Governor's Mansion.

Saturday, April 13

Second Plenary Session - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
65th birthday celebration at 9:00 a.m.

Luncheon - 12:00 noon. Here followed a discussion of luncheon speakers with several names suggested.

Second Plenary Session continues - 2:30-5:00 p.m.

Arranged dinner at hotel.

Evening workshops - 8:30-10:00 p.m.
Some topics suggested: "How To" on discussion meetings
Planned giving & financial strategies for women
"Breaking with tradition" for new LWV members with limited time for League
Leadership training -- focus on how to find and develop leaders
Alternate - Action - Pay equity for women

Sunday, April 14

Optional full breakfast in coffee shop prior to 8:15 a.m. workshops

Continental breakfasts - 8:15-9:30 a.m.
Presidents workshop
Counterpart to include tables for portfolio topics with SB members

Third Plenary Session,- 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

As a fundraiser, LWV-Austin area plans to offer bed & breakfast accommodations to Leaguers who wish to come on Thursday, April 11. The cost would include transportation to the hotel the next morning.

Discussion ensued about the protocol of inviting the governor, the lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house, and when the appropriate times would be. After discussion it was generally agreed that the governor should be asked to be the luncheon speaker and that the lieutenant governor and speaker of the house should be asked to appear and give their views on the current legislative session sometime during the plenary sessions. After further discussion of optional workshops on Friday morning for budget and parliamentarian in lieu of our standard waiting for people to come, and the question of an in-depth leadership workshop during other time on the agenda, it was agreed that Sutherland the committee would explore the possibilities and report to the November board meeting. The proposed budget will be presented to the November meeting.

After a review of the calendar dates, Carpenter adjourned the League of Women Voters of Texas Board of Directors meeting at 11:00 a.m., September 22, 1984.

Margie Morrill, Secretary

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary. Vanderwater left the meeting after lunch Thursday, the 7th, and Morrill left the meeting Friday, the 8th, after breakfast.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Carpenter called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m., June 6, 1984.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 13, 1984 board meeting were approved with the following addition:

To Section 8. ORGANIZATION REPORT, add (f) Carpenter appointed a committee composed of Ethel Sturgis, chair; Lavora Arizaga; and Barbara McCormick, to study suggestions for the Beth Brown Workshop/s and bring recommendations to the June board meeting.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

a) Vanderwater called attention to the copies of her 12-month budget analysis for fiscal year 1983-84 handed out to the board members, and asked that it be studied and suggested changes be made when she returns from vacation. The report is not final--the figure $27,595.50 for total liabilities and net worth will change, probably to a higher amount when all expenses are paid and the TEF paybacks are completed.
b) Using the same type colored-chart system as last year, Vanderwater then gave a visual picture of the current assets, and liabilities and net worth, with commentary. Displaying last year's chart, she pointed out the projected "cushion"--exclusive of reserves--at the end of 1983-84 is noticably lower than that of the previous year. Some reasons are: we made budget adjustments as the year progressed and used the "cushion"; planned expenses just about balanced out, but we took in less income than the budget projected. Vanderwater then responded to questions from the board members.
c) Vanderwater asked for suggestions for an auditor. After discussion it was agreed that Vanderwater should use her own judgement in making the selection of the auditor.

d) Policy Changes. The following policy recommendations for fiscal year 1984-85 as suggested by Vanderwater in her preboard were discussed:

(1) All long distance phone calls and telegrams made from the state office concerning a particular budget line item will be charged to that line item if the total of those calls is over $3 in any one month. All calls which cannot be charged in this manner will be included under the state office phone line item.
(2) Duplicating done by the office will be charged to the appropriate budget line item at the rate of 11¢ per sheet.
(3) Staff time used for any restricted grant will be charged to that grant at the rate of $11 per hour.
(4) For the initial mailing only, the per copy cost of "in-house publications" may be based on the following: The total cost of all supplies used plus the time spent, at $11 per hour per employee, in order to produce the publication and prepare it for mailing. In-house publications are defined as those in which extra copies are produced for subsequent resale. The resale price is to be calculated as follows: Multiply the number of sheets by 11¢ and round the answer to the nearest 25¢. (This is intended to apply only to such things as Council/Convention Workbooks, Program Perspectives, Handbooks, etc.)
(5) Copies made by the state office on the copy machine will be charged to the appropriate budget line item at the rate of 11¢ per page. If the total for the month for any one line item is under $3, those copies will be charged to office supplies.
(6) All individually typed letters done on the memory typewriter will be charged to the appropriate line item at the rate of 86¢ per page.
(7) Postage costs will be charged to appropriate budget line items whenever possible.

Arizaga MOVED the above policy recommendations be adopted. SECONDED & CARRIED.

3. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

McMahan MOVED that the treasurer establish a line item in the T budget for the Beth Brown Memorial Fund money designated for office furnishings and equipment as authorized by previous decision of this board. SECONDED & CARRIED.

4. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Carpenter suggested and it was agreed that the Nominating, Policy, Bylaws, Creating New Leagues, Blue Sky, and Development Committees remain the same as last year's. They are:

NOMINATING: Wilbur, Chair; Cave; Davis; Perrine; and Green.
POLICY: Bonavita, Chair; Arizaga; Ferstl; Rodgers; Sturgis; and Sutherland.
BYLAWS: Sutherland, Chair; Arizaga; McMahan; and Sturgis.
CREATING NEW LEAGUES: Sturgis, Chair; Albers; Carpenter; Cummins; Perrine; Smith; and Sutherland.
BLUE SKY: Gooch, Chair; Cummins; McCormick; Morrill; Perrine; and Sheridan.
DEVELOPMENT: Davis, Chair; Arizaga; Ferstl; McMahan; and Vanderwater.

The following new committees were appointed:

CONVENTION '85: State board members--Eleanor Sutherland, Chair; Sturgis; Vanderwater; Gooch; and McCormick. From the Austin Area League--Convention Liaison, Cheryl Hazeltine; Council Co-chairs, Barbara Hankins; Carol May; and Carol Braxton; and Treasurer, Dorothy Wimberly.
BUDGET: Barbara Swartz, Chair; Helen Harwig; Jeanette Davis; Jeanette Vanderwater; Diane Sheridan; and Lois Carpenter, ex-officio.

The first plenary session adjourned at 2:45 p.m. for core meetings.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 7:30 p.m., June 7.

Carpenter announced an addition to Friday morning's agenda would be correction of Council 84 minutes which were given to us in the packets when we arrived.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Carpenter read from a communication she had received from the Governor's Commission for Women which gave details about nominations to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame which will honor 10 outstanding women who have had a significant impact on the state. Names and the various categories were discussed and Arizaga MOVED that we nominate Betty Anderson for achievement in the category of Civic/Volunteer Involvement. SECONDED & CARRIED.
b) League of Women Voters of Missouri requested a list of LL presidents in Texas so they could send order forms for calendars. It was agreed to provide the list.
c) Mention was made of the town hall meetings to be sponsored by Texans for Quality Education. Several Leagues have indicated their intention to co-sponsor these meetings on the SCOPE recommendations.
d) Carpenter stated she had briefly covered Convention 84 in a memo to local Leagues and that she and the other delegates were ready to answer any questions from board members.

6. COUNCIL EVALUATION

Sturgis referred to her summary in her preboard and asked for comments. It was agreed that the format of the evaluation forms (general questions; no rating method) was good for Councils, but would be difficult to tabulate at a Convention where there are a number of delegates from each League.

7. DEVELOPMENT

a) Davis informed the state board members that we have received a list of Texas donors of $50 or more as a result of national's direct mail campaign. The list was sent out in an effort to share direct mail fundraising information with state Leagues as outlined on page 3 of national's March 84 Postboard Summary. To prevent letters from national and the Texas League from reaching prospective donors at the same time we are to send direct mail letters during the first two weeks of June, and national will observe that "window" in its direct mail plan. Davis will follow through on this.

b) The information in the preboard was updated and expanded upon. Add $45 to the $95 reported contributions to T through the VOTER insert. Davis plans to list the names of contributors in the VOTER with indications as to whether the contributions were to T or TEF.

c) Here followed a discussion of the matter of a contribution in the form of rooms for our board meetings at the Austin Colonial Inn mentioned in Davis' preboard. Lovelace and Bonavita met with the motel representative and pronounced the accommodations good. Further discussions will determine the number of rooms needed for each meeting and the meals arrangement--catering in the motel by an outside group would not be permitted. We are already committed to the Austin Area League for the current fiscal year. In this connection Carpenter announced that an executive decision had been made to raise the amount paid to the Austin League for meals for each meeting to $150 for food and $125 for catering. Using the figures for the September, 1983 and January, 1984 board meetings, Davis stated it would be a sizable contribution if the request for rooms goes through.

d) Airline Contributions. By poll (12 votes for) it was decided to approach Southwest Airline for contributions to fly board members to meetings (board); by general agreement it was decided to approach Muse Airways for contributions to underwrite "When You Go to Austin"; and to ask American Airlines for a general contribution.

e) Davis commented on the problems that arise from the local Leagues' lack of understanding of the sharing formula. She will repeat the formula in her postboard and emphasize the widespread use of such a formula. Field Service could also mention this in their board training.

8. BETH BROWN WORKSHOPS

The ad hoc committee for the Beth Brown Workshops brought the following recommendations:

a) McMahan's proposal for allocation of $350 for a one-day meeting of state unit chairs and state unit advisors to be held in mid-July, late August, or early September.
b) Use the remaining $1650 to pay half of the cost of a double room--approximately $30-- for a representative from each local League to attend the Legislative Workshop scheduled Feb. 25-26, 1985 or as an alternative allow travel adjustments for distant Leagues to attend the workshop and adjust the funds accordingly.

Arizaga MOVED we offer to subsidize a bed in a double/double room and the registration fee for a representative from each local League and state unit to attend the Legislative Workshop to be held in Austin Feb. 25-26, 1985. SECONDED. The committee suggested that each League be encouraged to appoint a legislative director who would attend this workshop and whose responsibility it would be to respond to action alerts. This group would be known as the Texas Lobby Corps, and would foster the idea that state-issues lobbying is the responsibility of more than just the state program person. The motion CARRIED.

9. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

Sturgis. a) Rockwall County LWV voted to disband at their annual meeting on May 25, 1984.
b) There have been requests from Dalhart and Texarkana to form new state units.
c) Here followed a discussion relating to the need for experienced state board members to offer assistance to local League members about the mechanics of lobbying for program issues at League conventions. This is an idea for planning for future conventions/councils.

Gooch. a) Gooch commented on her Field Service Report dated June 5.

b) Gooch has had a reply from LWVUS regarding her inquiry about elected officials serving on local League boards of directors. The reply included policy statements from several state Leagues which prohibit this. Gooch asked for and received authorization from the board to do a survey of local Leagues in Texas to determine if they have elected officials now serving on their boards and, if so, whether the practice has caused any problems. When the survey is finished she will bring the information to the board.

McMahan. McMahan stated that members-at-large membership is growing. There are now approximately 49 isolated MALs; Burleson S.U. has 12 members--8 are new; Cleburne S.U. has 9. Burleson and Cleburn met

together yesterday and plan other joint meetings. There is a real possibility of a provisional League there within the next year. Gregg Co. S.U. has 25 members; Wise Co. S.U. has 24; and Pasadena S.U. has 17 members. The estimated cost to serve isolated MALs is $27, but it is $35 for each MAL in a state unit. McMahan plans to be very selective of material for future mailings.

b) Budget Adjustment. By general agreement it was decided to establish a line item for Voters Guides sent to MALs and not include Voters Guides as a cost of serving MALs and MALs in SUs. It was also decided to reduce the number of Voters Guides to be sent to isolated MALs to 25 and reduce the number of Voters Guides for state units to 1000. A velox copy or negative may be substituted for the Voters Guides if the state unit prefers.

c) Policy Change for State Unit Local Study. McMahan stated she and Sturgis are in the process of revising the State Unit Handbook and wish board decision relating to a change in the policy regarding state unit consensus and action on local issues. The following wording was suggested: "After completion of their community analysis and local government survey, with state board approval and careful supervision by the advisor for each local issue they wish to pursue, a state unit may conduct local studies, reach consensus, and act on local issues. Sutherland MOVED approval of the above wording. The motion was SECONDED & CARRIED with permission to make editorial changes in the wording arrangement.

The second plenary session adjourned at 10:15 p.m. June 6, 1984.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third plenary session was called to order at 1:10 p.m., June 7.

10. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON NOV. 6 BALLOT

Albers MOVED the program core's recommendation that we take no position on HJR 19, which provides funds for support of higher education and restructures the permanent university fund. The motion CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED the program core's recommendation that we take no position on HJR 29, which relates to powers of state-chartered banks, providing them the same rights and privileges as national banks. The motion CARRIED.

Sheridan MOVED the program core's recommendation that we take no position on HJR 73, which permits use of public funds and credit for payment of premiums on certain insurance policies and annuity contracts of mutual insurance companies. The motion CARRIED.

McCormick MOVED the program core's recommendation that we take no position on HJR 65, which provides for payment of assistance to surviving dependent parents, brothers, and sisters of certain public servants killed on duty. The motion CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED the program core's recommendation that we take no position on SJR 20, which abolishes the office of county treasurer in Bexar and Collin Counties. The motion CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED the program core's recommendation that we oppose SJR 22, which deals with the manner in which a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor is to be filled. The motion CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED the program core's recommendation that we support HJR 4, which relates to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the authority and procedure to discipline active judges. The motion CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED the program core's recommendation that we support HJR 22, which relates to the per diem for members of the legislature. The motion CARRIED.

11. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

The following proposals for advocacy papers and focuses were suggested by the program core as a preliminary list. They are tentative and depend on results of the special session. Final decision will be made at the September board meeting.

GOVERNMENT
- -Financing State Government
  - Public School Finance - maybe a Focus
  - Tax Structure - Advocacy Paper
- -Redistricting - Advocacy Paper
- -Merit selection of Judges
- -Recodification of election laws - maybe a Focus

NATURAL RESOURCES
- -Water conservation - Advocacy Paper
- -Water management - Advocacy Paper

SOCIAL POLICY/HUMAN RESOURCES
- -Increased AFDC benefits - Advocacy Paper
- -Health care for indigents - Focus

The tentative plans are for 5 Advocacy Papers and possibly 3 Focus publications.

12. REDISTRICTING CONSENSUS STATEMENT

Cummins handed out copies of the tally sheet for the Redistricting study. 24 local Leagues and 3 state units participated. Cummins then read the consensus statement, made comments on the variations of agreement on particular questions, and MOVED the program core's recommendation of the following wording with the authority to make editorial changes: *

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* Following is the edited version sent to local Leagues in June, 1984:

ACTION TO ACHIEVE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR DRAWING BOUNDARIES FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

To facilitate the process of legislative and congressional redistricting, the League of Women Voters of Texas strongly supports the formation of a commission which would have the initial responsibility, following the decennial census, of formulating a redistricting plan designating boundaries for the United States congressional districts and the state house and senate districts. The state legislature would be responsible for the final approval of the redistricting plan. The commission should be appointed, bipartisan, small in size, and composed of an odd number of members.

Districts for both houses of the state legislature and the congressional districts should be apportioned on the basis of equal population. Districts should be single member and contiguous. Some consideration should also be given to ensuring that the districts be compact, that district lines coincide with boundaries of local political subdivisions, and that districts not be drawn to dilute the voting strength of minority populations. Retention of incumbents, political party strength, and communities of interest should not be considered. Districts should not be apportioned on the basis of numbers of qualified electors.

Specific provisions should be made for automatic court review of redistricting measures, preferably giving the Texas Supreme Court original jurisdiction. Definite time limits should be set for when the commission begins its work, when the legislature gives final approval, and when court action must be initiated.

If a commission is not initially responsible, the legislature should conduct the work of redistricting during a special session of the legislature called for the sole purpose of redistricting. The special session should operate within a short, strict time frame.

The motion CARRIED.

The following note was added to the consensus statement to the state board's attention: There was no consensus on Question 7, "Under what circumstances should the number of state senatorial and representative districts be changed?" There was a strong suggestion that this should occur when there are substantial population shifts. Several Leagues suggested that the question might be studied again in the future.

Cummins will prepare pertinent information for the postboard mailing as well as a VOTER article.

13. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

Smith MOVED the program core's recommendation that the Domestic Violence consensus deadline be changed to December 1. The motion CARRIED.

Cummins MOVED approval of the following consensus questions with authority to make editorial changes: *

1. Should the following services for persons involved in incidents of domestic violence be more widely available in Texas?

	Yes	No
regional residential centers	____	____
local residential centers	____	____
non-residential support services	____	____
counseling programs for offenders	____	____
other: _____	____	____

2. These services could be funded (a) with state monies; (b) with local monies--city, county, or private; or (c) jointly, with both state and local monies. Which funding method should be used for each?

	a, b, or c
regional residential centers	____
local residential centers	____
non-residential support services	____
counseling programs for offenders	____
other: _____	____

3. If state monies are used to fund, fully or partially, any of these services, should state funds be available for:

	Yes	No
"seed money"	____	____
capital expenditures (facilities)	____	____
operating expenses	____	____

4. Should the state require:

mandatory in-service training in handling domestic violence calls for police officers?	____	____
expanded training in dealing with domestic violence calls as part of the curriculum of police academies?	____	____

5. Should state funds be used to provide:

special training on the handling of domestic assault cases for prosecutors, judges, probation officers, and others in the criminal justice system?	____	____
more information to the public on domestic violence issues?	____	____

* This is the edited version sent to local Leagues in June, 1984.

The motion was SECONDED & CARRIED.

The members took a short break and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

14. REPORT OF WATER DIRECTOR

Perrine recounted her experiences in monitoring ground water, bays and estuaries, storage acquisition, and action plans for the Texas Water Plan. She ended with the statement that the water situation in Texas is "fluid."

15. SOCIAL POLICY/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

McCormick stated the governor has told Texans for Children that he will give AFDC "first shot" in the special session if education and highways are dealt with, if there is a tax bill, and if there is "anything left on the table."

16. HAZARDOUS WASTE/LAND USE

Sheridan had nothing to add to her preboard except the fact that her presentation to the Arlington League about her North Sea experience was taped, and information about the availability of the tape for local use will be in her postboard. Also Sheridan has been contacted by EPA's Washington, DC office about attending a meeting on June 26 to work on refining proposed regulations for ocean incineration.

17. PUBLICATION PLANS

Albers commented that in view of the upcoming legislative session there are no plans to work on in-house publications other than Bonavita's plan to redo Taking Action. We will be concentrating on Advocacy Papers and/or Focuses.

18. STATE PROGRAM MAKING BY TEXAS VOTER TEAROFF

Albers introduced the idea of providing program-making material and tearoff sheets in suitable form to go out to every League member in the Texas VOTER. Sturgis MOVED that we try state program making via information and tearoff sheets to every League member in the October VOTER. SECONDED. In the discussion it was agreed that this is not to replace the regular state program meetings normally done by the local Leagues; that the local Leagues will be encouraged to continue the usual program making meetings and send in the regular forms for tabulation; that the tearoff sheets would go to the local League boards so they will know what the members' responses are; and that Albers, Bonavita, and Sheridan will act as a committee to work out the details and material for the October VOTER. The motion CARRIED.

The third plenary session recessed at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m., June 7, 1984.

19. CALENDAR MAKING

Beginning with June 1984 the calendar dates were worked out through early June 1985. Individual board members made notes of the calendar dates and the printed calendar will appear in the Directory.

The third plenary session adjourned at 10:00 p.m., June 7.

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

The fourth plenary session was called to order at 11:00 a.m., June 8, 1984.

20. PUBLICATIONS CATALOG

Sutherland is working on a promotional brochure/catalog for publications. She is getting together a current list, including those in supply in the state office, for submission to the company that lists the ISBN publications. If the program core plans any new pubs soon Sutherland needs titles for the list now so they can be included.

21. JULY VOTER

The July VOTER deadline to Ferstl is July 1. The feature article will be on Debate 84 to be written by Brudner. A list of contributors since Council 84 in Corpus Christi will be included. Other VOTER assignments were discussed and decided. Details about the Beth Brown Memorial Fund monies to finance Legislative Day participants will go in the October VOTER.

Ferstl asked for a discussion about publishing more than four VOTERs a year. Certain problems were mentioned as well as advantages. It was agreed that further discussion on this could be held at the September board meeting.

Due to the mix-up on address labels for the May VOTER it was decided that state board members would take extra copies home to their local Leagues, and, further, that the local Leagues would be informed that they could get extra copies--up to 50--by requesting them from the state office. The copies would be sent to one address.

22. COUNCIL 84 MINUTES

The minutes of the 18th Biennial Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas were approved with the following corrections:

Page 1, paragraph 1, 14th line, insert the words "Special Guest" before the name Nancy Neuman, making it read"...logo on Special Guest Nancy Neuman's collar..."
Page 4, paragraph 1, 4th line correct spelling of Rodgers.

23. RESPONSES TO "I WISH THE LEAGUE WOULD..."

a) In response to the requests about supporting Keep America Beautiful and reconsidering our support of the Bottle Bill, after a general discussion it was decided that Carpenter would address this in her president's letter in the postboard mailing, and Dee Hayter, Solid Waste Associate Director, would be asked to write a memo at the appropriate time relating to our support of container deposit legislation.
b) Sturgis will respond to the question about problems with national's mailing lists with the statement that national is instituting its own computer capability, which should remedy the problems that have arisen with the contracted computer mailings.
c) (1) Leadership training is being considered as a workshop for state convention.
(2) Beginning with the July VOTER, local Leagues will be profiled.

24. SUGGESTED POLICY CHANGE FOR FORMATION OF LEAGUES & STATE UNITS BASED ON POPULATION

Sturgis stated that her research shows there are 7 Texas communities with a population over 50,000 without state units or local Leagues: Garland, Brownsville, Grand Prairie, San Angelo, Laredo, Mesquite, and Port Arthur. We have local Leagues with a population under 50,000: Gainesville, Denton, Orange, Kerrville, Pearland, and San Marcos. Sturgis recommended the following change in organization of state units and local Leagues: "In communities of over 40,000, provisional League status will be encouraged at the outset. If the group begins as a state unit every effort will be made to move them to provisional status as quickly as possible."

25. SUGGESTED COMPOSITION OF THE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

In response to a request from Senator Caperton, of the subcommittee on judicial selection of the Select Committee on the Judiciary, by general consent it was agreed to recommend the following for the composition of a judicial nominating commission for appellate judges, which is the commission plan that was proposed by the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission in 1973 and which was supported by LWV-T at that time:

1. Eleven members, the majority of whom shall be non-lawyers.
2. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House, acting together, shall select the members of the commission on a nonpartisan basis with due regard for representation of the sexes, ethnic groups and geographical areas of the state.

3. Members of the commission shall serve six-year terms, and no person shall serve more than one full term. Vacancies shall be filled by the selection committee for the remainder of the term.
4. No members of the commission shall hold an elective or salaried public office or office in a political party, nor may be appointed to a state judicial office during the term for which he or she is appointed to the commission.

26. ODDS & ENDS

a) Number of Copies of Consensus Questions to be Sent to Isolated MALs. By general agreement it was decided to make a form for consensus questions to be sent to isolated MALs, making it a single copy to be returned to the state office instead of the 3-copy forms sent to the local Leagues and state units.

b) Proposal for National Resources Coordinating Council. Bonavita gave a brief rundown on the activities that have been going on toward the formation of a Natural Resources Coordinating Council. She has been meeting with a group of environmentalists we normally work with such as Sierra Club, FISCES,, Audubon, etc., once a month to talk about environmental issues. An idea that came out of the group was for the governor to set up a Natural Resources Coordinating Council along the lines of the Human Resources Coordinating Council. Bonavita and two other members of the group took to the governor a proposal which received favorable response from the governor's staff. She described the details of the proposal which is now waiting for the governor's decision.

c) Recommendations to State League Board on Annual Reports. After discussion about the meaning of the recommendations made by the local Leagues on the last annual reports, assignments were made for individual state board members to respond.

d) Recommendation for Non-attorney Member of Governing Board of Directors for Funding Legal Services Agencies for Services to Indigents in Civil Matters. In response to Diana Clark's suggestion in her preboard that LWV-T recommend a person to serve on this board, it was agreed that McCormick's name will be sent in if she agrees to serve after giving it some thought.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas adjourned at 12:30 p.m. June 8, 1984.

Margie Morrill,
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

Holiday Inn Emerald Beach
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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

Also present were Modelle Brudner, Debate 84 Director; Barbara Swartz, 1984-85 Budget Chair; Polly Cave, Nominating Committee Member and Field Service Representative; and Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary. Air/Transportation Associate Director, Kathy Jacob; Nominating Committee Chair Jan Wilbur; and Nominating Committee and Field Service Representative Donna Green attended Council 84, April 14-15, 1984.

ABSENT: Rowena Rodgers. Catherine Perrine was present for the evening session.

PLENARY SESSION

Carpenter called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. and handed out copies of the timed agenda and the statements on the Long Range Planning Committee Report which will be used Saturday afternoon for the small group discussion portion of the Council 84 agenda.

Carpenter announced the dark blue mugs decorated with gold sea gulls found on the table were souvenirs presented by the local Council Committee and were to be taken home. Appreciation was expressed for the thoughtfulness.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 12, 1984 meeting were approved with the following correction:

Page 6, 2nd paragraph, line 2, change the word "two" preceding the word Remington, to "a", making it read "...to purchase a Remington 220..."

2. TREASURER's REPORT

a. Vanderwater called attention to the copies of the Treasurer's Report she will be presenting to Council 84 that she had handed out and asked that members study it when time allows. Also computer printout strips were given to various members for information, and should also be reviewed.

b. The bonding of the treasurer & president has been accomplished at a cost of $50 per year. Lovelace reconciles the bank statements with no problem as to workload.
c. Referring to her preboard Vanderwater asked for authorization to create a line item for bylaws chairman. It was agreed that the amount would not be large and she could include expenses that have occurred in the current budget in a line item in the final financial report. The 1984-85 budget can be adjusted and a line item added since the amount is small.
d. Budget Adjustment. Vanderwater noted that Carpenter's preboard had suggested that $500 be added to the National Convention 84 line item expense. We had budgeted for only two delegates when it appeared the budget would be very tight and then voted to send three delegates at the January meeting. Morrill MOVED that $500 be added to line item P.1. National Convention 1984, making a total of $2000, with the $500 to come from Reserves. SECONDED & CARRIED.
e. Development. Vanderwater called attention to the fundraising line items--Section D in her budget analysis. It is expected that responses from the VOTER insert will affect this and there are three more months in the fiscal year from the budget analysis date of February 29, 1984.

3. DEVELOPMENT

Davis stated that the cost of the VOTER insert was $70 (plus the cost of typesetting) and she has received $295 already. Gulf States Utility gave $1000 to be shared with Beaumont; Texas AFL-CIO gave $500 to be shared with Austin. U. S. Homes of Houston, would not contribute. Other requests are out and Davis is very hopeful for favorable responses.

4. PROPOSED 1984-85 BUDGET

Bonavita raised the possibility that Legislative Day expenses may need to be raised. Albers outlined some details of the planning with the coalition which will be geared to women's issues in general and reminded us that we will want to address our priority issues in workshops for League members. It was agreed that the proposed budget should be left as is. If the Council 84 delegates approve it, we can then make adjustment to the Legislative Day item if necessary. One possibility is to use the Beth Brown Memorial Fund for this workshop. We expect to be making decisions on workshops at the June board meeting. Some other small amounts were suggested for adjustments, including the bylaws item, but, by general agreement, it was decided to leave the printed proposed budget as written in the workbook and make needed adjustments at the June board meeting.

5. SUGGESTIONS FOR NATIONAL BOARD AND/OR STAFF FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Carpenter asked that the national annual report material previously

assigned, as noted in her preboard, be given to her so it can be sent in by the due date of May 1.

Here followed a discussion regarding the confusion about national's code number for LWV-T. We used the code number designated by national on other reports for our suggestions for bylaws changes and national program and forwarded them to national before the deadline. When it was found that our bylaws proposals were not included in the March 1984 Post-Board Summary, Carpenter inquired why and was told we had not used the proper code number, and further, that it was too late to get out an errata sheet since the Workbook was already printed and at the mailers. Nancy Neuman will look into the code number situation and inform us what she learns. Carpenter will use some method to let the delegates at Convention 84 know that LWV-T's proposed bylaws are basically the same as LWV-Bay Area's proposals which are printed in the material and explain what happened to our proposals.

Carpenter asked for specific suggestions to be included in the annual report. Sturgis will provide a list; Sheridan asked that mail directed to the board and staff be answered, not ignored; and McCormick commented that she finds the HR people are very good but when anything is referred to the Action staff it is lost. She would ask that the Action staff be much more responsive.

6. REVIEW OF COUNCIL TIMED AGENDA

Morrill announced a change in the agenda: the counterpart breakfast will be held in the Driftwood Room instead of the Outrigger Room because there are about 50 registrants for that breakfast. She asked that the SB members who will be doing the counterpart sessions move their name identifications from the table in the plenary session room and place them on the tables in the Driftwood Room so the delegates can find the proper areas.

Carpenter went over the timed agenda and announced that she would call the meeting to order at the beginning of the luncheon; pointed out the seating arrangements; asked for recommendations for the courtesy committee; stated that she had asked Jeanette Davis to be parliamentarian; stated that after the official roll call by the secretary which would list Kerrville as a provisional League Sturgis will take the chair and announce the recognition of Kerrville as a local League and the formation of two new state units, Wise County and Gregg County.

Proceding down the timed agenda Carpenter stated that Nancy Neuman will circulate among the tables during the Long Range Planning small group discussions. The Sunday morning timed agenda was reviewed and a few additions made. A report of the results of the LRP small group discussions will be added to the agenda immediately after the Finance Seminar so Neuman can hear the report.

7. PROGRAM ACTION REPORT

a) McCormick stated we have an Action Alert on Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The need is for legislative action to overturn the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of Grove City v. Bell. She is gathering information and will get a letter out to the LLs on this.
b) Albers will write something for the local Leagues on Proposition Zero in a couple of weeks.
c) Albers reported we are in receipt of a letter from the Texas Council on Family Violence asking us to officially join by paying a membership fee of $50. It was decided to delay decision on joining another coalition at this time and that a reply to the letter should go out inquiring if it is a 501(c)(3) organization and state we will put the matter on our June agenda.

8. ORGANIZATION REPORT

a) Sturgis stated she is preparing the annual membership report for the national League and one of the questions is: would a state board orientation packet of materials be useful to us. Discussion among organization core members elicited the response that this is not for us, but a compilation of selected information about how state Leagues function would be useful. She enumerated the areas of selected material to be covered and such a response was agreed to by general consent.
b) The new local League will be called the Kerrville Area League. Polly Cave will be the Field Service Representative.
c) Gooch asked for a list of local League visits by SB members and passed a form around to be signed by the persons who had made visits, what type of visits they were, and the approximate dates.
d) Gooch requested that SB members relay information to her about any problems arising in any local League. Gooch and Sturgis will divide up the minutes and VOTERs from the LLs and read them in order to be aware of what is going on in all the LLs.
e) McMahan referred to her preboard in which she promised a count for MALs. Due to the fire in her home, she will have to reconstruct the records before she can do this.

9. MAY VOTER

Ferstl stated the deadline for material to her is May 1. Here followed a discussion of suggested material to be included; Council summary; welcome to Kerrville Area League and Gregg County State Unit; League members who have been elected to office; HR article; Keystone calendar; Nominating Committee article; Perrine on water. Ferstl will notify members of the assignments and whether more is needed.

10. PRECINCT REPORTING FOR ABC

Carpenter reported that ABC's Nina McCall informed her that the reporting on the precinct conventions mentioned in her preboard is OFF for a variety of reasons. $100 will be sent to LWV-T to pay for phone calls. It was agreed that this should be split 50/50 between the person who had promised to be coordinator and LWV-T.

11. CONSENSUS QUESTIONS FOR INTESTACY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STUDIES

Smith stated at the outset that she felt it is confusing to have several drafts of consensus questions on the same subject before the board for consideration, which has happened on the intestacy questions.

Intestacy Study. Smith commented that the subject of intestacy is complicated because it deals with state laws and because it involves dying. The draft of the publication has been reviewed by a number of members of the legal profession so it is legally correct. If any changes are made it will need to be rechecked.

Here began consideration of the consensus questions with agreement on the following wording:

CONSENSUS QUESTIONS - INTESTACY

	YES	NO
1. Should the Texas intestacy laws provide that the surviving spouse inherit all the community property under the following circumstances:		
a. when the decedent has no children?	____	____
b. when all of the children of the decedent are also children of the surviving spouse, and		
(1) all of the children are minors?	____	____
(2) any of the children are minors?	____	____
(3) all of the children are adults?	____	____
c. when some of the children of the decedent are also children of the surviving spouse, and		
(1) any of the minor children are children of the surviving spouse?	____	____
(2) there are other minor children of the decedent?	____	____
(3) all of the children are adults?	____	____
d. when the decedent and the surviving spouse have no children together, but each has other children, and		

	YES	NO
(1) any of the children are minors?	____	____
(2) all of the children are adults?	____	____
e. under any other circumstances?	____	____
If so, what circumstances?		

2. Should separate property be treated the same as community property under the statutes when the decedent dies intestate--

a. always?	____	____
b. never?	____	____
c. under certain circumstances?	____	____
if so, what circumstances?		

3. When the decedent has left no will, should the surviving parent of minor children:

a. be allowed to manage the children's property without filing annual accounts or otherwise reporting to the court, regardless of the value of the property?	____	____
b. be required to obtain court permission to dispose of the children's property valued:		
(1) at more than $10,000?	____	____
(2) at more than $50,000?	____	____
(3) at another amount? please specify	____	____
c. meet other requirements?	____	____
if so, what requirements?		

Davis MOVED approval of the intestacy study consensus questions. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Domestic violence study. Smith then handed out a draft of questions for the domestic violence study and asked that suggested changes be sent to her and Albers so they can confer and prepare a proposed draft for the preboard. Perrine's format for the intestacy questions will be used.

12. LONG RANGE PLANNING SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS AT COUNCIL '84

Carpenter stated the registration indicates we have delegates to fill 10 or 11 tables for this discussion. She asked for SB volunteers to act as facilitators and suggested that the other members could spread out among the participants, but not dominate the discussions. Each facilitator will read the statements and, after discussion, record the responses of the participants, i.e. agree, strongly agree, no opinion, disagree, and strongly disagree. These responses will be tallied and

the results announced Sunday morning. The state office will send copies of the statements and the results to SB members for their information.

The meeting recessed at 5:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

13. POTPOURRI appt of Sturgis, McCormick, Arizpe & BB Work; planning ctte.

a) Beaumont Voters Guide Political Advertising. Carpenter gave a brief explanation of the problems the Beaumont League had with their April 7, 1984 Voters Guide for city and school board elections. They did not learn that the newspaper was including political advertisements in the pullout section which was the Guide until a very few days before publication. They were advised to "stand firm" and not allow the advertising. We do not know what decision was made. They will be printing the Primary Voters Guide on their own, not in the newspaper.

b) Protection Against Libel, etc. Endorsement on Homeowners Insurance Policies. Sheridan stated she has made inquiries about the matter of personal liability which Leaguers might be concerned about when they testify for volunteer organizations. She has obtained a copy of the form of endorsement which insurance agencies can attach to the homeowners policies for a premium of $8 per year. The form will be Xeroxed and sent out to SB members.

c) Congratulations in LL VOTERs for People Running for Office. Gooch has noticed that two or three local Leagues have run congratulatory mentions in their VOTERs about members who are running for political office. Board members agreed that this could be interpreted as a partisan endorsement of the candidate and violates our nonpartisan policy. Congratulations would be in order after a League member is elected to office. Gooch will write a memo to the LLs explaining this matter.

d) Council Budget-Board Meeting Expenses Discussion. It was decided to pay expenses incurred/Brudner, Debate 84 Chair, out of the Debate 84 budget. Guest speaker, John Davis' expenses: $150 fee, $110 plane ticket, and hotel room, will be paid out of the Council 84 budget.

e) The League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi Board of Directors hosted a lovely dinner for the League of Women Voters of Texas Board and Nancy Neuman, LWVUS 1st VP, at the home of Martha Bonilla.

f) Perrine suggested that an announcement should be made at some point during Council '84 asking League members to lobby their Senators and U.S. Representatives during the Easter recess on specific issues referred to in League Action Alerts. She will call the information number and write the announcement to be made by Albers.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Board of Directors adjourned at 9:10 P.M., April 13, 1984.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

nothing significant to comment

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Also present for portions of the meeting were Modelle Brudner, Senatorial Debate Project Director, and Barbara Swartz, 1984-85 Budget Chair, & Joann Lovelace, Executive Secretary.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas began with core meetings from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; the Development Committee from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.; and Council Planning and Bylaws Committee meetings from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., January 12, 1984.

The meeting then recessed for dinner provided by the Austin League.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

The first plenary session was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the November 17-18, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 3, 2nd line of 2nd paragraph, change the word "spent" to "remaining", making it read "... of $125 remaining is..."
Page 7, Section 16, 2nd paragraph, 4th line, after word "Currency, strike words "Administrator of National Banks" and insert the name "Mr. Conover," making it read "...Comptroller of Currency, Mr. Conover, ..."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater referred to her typed prebpard copy and stated the TEF paybacks are complete for six months and the financial report is up to date for seven months. She is basically satisfied with the November adjustments to the T budget but is concerned that we are spending a lot more money on DPMs than we take in. The Budget Committee will recommend raising the price from $20 to $25.

The Program Core requests the following budget adjustment: Take $50 from line item T.2.1. - Administration of Justice and create a new line item T.2.q. - Legislative Director. There being no objection it was agreed to do this.

Bonding. The cost of bonding the president and treasurer for $5000 each would be $100 per year. The only problem would be that someone other than the treasurer would have to balance the bank statements each month. As a trial run Lovelace balanced the December statements. There are two active checking accounts--T and TEF, and Lovelace is willing to do it. The question is whether this arrangement will meet the requirements of the bonding company. Vanderwater MOVED that we apply for bonding for the president and treasurer for $5000 each. SECONDED & CARRIED. The $100 cost will be prorated under the insurance line item in the budget and the coverage would run for one year from the date the bonding company accepts us.

DPMs and SOs. Here followed a general discussion of DPMs--what the content is and should be; why the expense has been so high this fiscal year; who should monitor and how; and the difference between DMPs and Standing Orders. It was agreed that the problem has arisen this year because we have published a large number of League tools and did not anticipate the costs when the budget was prepared. The printouts on the DPMs will continue going to the PR Vice-president because of the publications. The SOs are priced at $12 and contain the Directory each year and affordable publications to make up the required mailings.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Carpenter sent copies of various publications around the table for board members to see.
b. She is in receipt of copies of several letters (from key people) supporting Perrine's appointment to the TDWR board.
c. For our information Carpenter noted she has received a memo from national stating that 32 states have signed petitions calling for a constitutional convention to consider an amendment requiring a balanced budget and only 2 more states are needed. (Texas is one of the 32.) National stated we have no position that would allow testimony before state legislatures. The only way to address this would be in the area of citizen information by raising a serious question about the convention method of proposing amendments to the constitution.
d. Betty Price Anderson was appointed to the Governor's Criminal Justice Education in Public Schools Project Advisory Committee.

4. SELECTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

Cummins MOVED that Carpenter, Sturgis, and Arizaga be sent as our delegates to Convention '84. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Sutherland MOVED that Rodgers be named alternate. The motion was adopted by general consent.

It was stated that board members may go as delegates from their local Leagues, and if a local League is not sending a delegate, an arrangement might be made with that League to go as their delegate and pay expenses on your own.

5. DEVELOPMENT

Davis announced an anonymous contribution of $1000 to T. She will do a VOTER insert similar to last year's insert asking for contributions. It will provide an opportunity for contributions to the Beth Brown Memorial Fund as well as for tributes.

Having met with John Easley, of the Center for Nonprofit Management of Dallas, Davis described a plan she will use to seek funds from the top 500 Texas corporations. She will set up a form listing the names of the president, members of the board, etc.; categorize them as to location; and ask board, offboard, and other League members to indicate whether they know any person listed. If so, Davis will send a copy of the letter which she has sent out to the head of the corporation, to the Leaguer, who can then add a personal note on the bottom of the letter and forward it to the individual known to the Leaguer.

Among other things Easley advised Davis to use the total budget figure and state we are seeking that amount statewide and then ask for the amount she feels the contributor will give. Davis stated Easley was very favorably impressed with the letters she showed him.

National people will be in Dallas Jan. 24, 25, and 26 seeking funding for the presidential primary debates. Davis hopes to meet with them and talk about who they are going to see in order to avoid duplication of funding requests.

6. NATIONAL PROGRAM MAKING

Albers reported the program core's recommendations for national program making.

a. Format. In general the core likes the new format of the form. It is better than the very brief format used earlier.
b. Social Policy. The Program Core feels the term SOCIAL POLICY does not describe or replace the term HUMAN RESOURCES and recommends that the heading SOCIAL POLICY be replaced by the term

HUMAN RESOURCES to include Equal Access to Education, Employment and Housing, ERA, and Income Assistance. A further heading could then be URBAN POLICY with Transportation under it.

c. Emphasis for Action. The Program Core recommends that the areas of INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NATURAL RESOURCES, and HUMAN RESOURCES be the priority areas over the GOVERNMENT area.

d. Action under Current Program. Drop Apportionment under GOVERNMENT, Election Process, since this position only speaks to a population standard which is rarely a source of controversy.

Albers MOVED the above recommendations of the Program Core. The motion CARRIED.

e. The Program Core recommends two new studies. We like the idea of continuation of the national security study but prefer the proposed study sent in by LWV-Oakland. Albers MOVED that the LWV-Texas propose a national security study similar to the one proposed by LWV-Oakland to be titled Global Security with the addition of the following wording in the scope: "and all nations," sent in by LWV-Palos Verdes Peninsula. The motion CARRIED.

The second study we recommend is on U.S. Fiscal Policy. We liked the idea of the study proposed by LWV-Illinois but not the focus and scope which seems to be limited to taxation. This proposed study will be taken up later in the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Jan. 13.

7. BETH BROWN MEMORIAL FUND DECISIONS

Carpenter asked Vanderwater how much we have used from the Beth Brown Memorial Fund. Vanderwater stated the round figure of the contributions to the fund would be $4000 and we have spent $800 for equipment. A percentage of the office equipment figure of $800 can be paid by TEF by board decision.

It was stated that there is a major need for new typewriters and desks as outlined in the November preboard. That memo also noted that Warren Brown expressed a wish for something of an organizational nature to be done with part of the fund. Bonavita listed on the chalkboard the needs of the office and Sturgis reported the Organization Core discussed two workshops. One idea is for LL leadership (an overnight meeting) probably for the presidents after the long range planning is decided, and another for the chairmen of state units and one other person. Various opinions

were expressed about the best way to divide the fund between equipment and workshop costs and the feeling was that it should be divided evenly--$2000 each. By general agreement it was decided to pay 40% of the Kroy machine cost from TEF Reserves, which would mean we have spent $480 of the Memorial Fund money for equipment leaving $3520 in the fund.

Perrine MOVED we spend up to $2500 ($1500 of the Brown Memorial Fund and $1000 from TEF Reserves) to purchase two Remington 220 typewriters, two desks, and four chairs. SECONDED & CARRIED. It was agreed that we should begin by purchasing one Remington 220 typewriter and then see what furniture we can get with the balance. The office staff and Bonavita will make decisions.

Sturgis MOVED that any additional money (over $4000) that comes in to the Brown Memorial Fund be divided 50-50 and allocated immediately. SECONDED & CARRIED.

McMahan would like to do the state unit workshop this summer and the Organization Core will come to the next meeting with definite plans for workshops.

Workshop Ideas. McCormick feels LLs do not know how to lobby and suggested we have a concentrated workshop on lobbying in conjunction with the next Legislative Day. It may have to be repeated again and again to educate LLs. Sheridan noted the Program Core had discussed combining our Legislative Day with other women's groups. There was also a suggestion that we could have an action workshop in conjunction with the next state convention since it will be held in Austin, which could follow up on the previous Legislative Day. Sturgis proposed a joint meeting of the core groups to work out some plans for workshops to present to the board for decisions. She also feels some registration fee should be charged in order to get commitments. Carpenter asked that each board member be thinking about ideas and put them in writing. She will do a paragraph in her president's letter explaining the Beth Brown Memorial Fund; that some has been spent for office furniture; and some set aside for workshops. She will ask for input from the LLs about workshops.

8. COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Council Budget. Morrill reported there were two changes suggested for the council budget drawn up by the local committee. On the INCOME side the proposed budget set the registration fee at $30 for 60 delegates and $20 for 15 observers. The local committee had planned for 25 observers. The luncheon cost will be $7.50, the boat trip/state board reception - $6, and counterpart breakfasts - $4.50. Under EXPENDITURES the sum of $200 was deleted from the local committee's budget and we will charge 75¢ for coffee unless a local sponsor can be found. The total amount of INCOME and EXPENSES come to $3,765 each. The cost of food for the state board

reception aboard the boat would come from "passing the hat" among the state board members as has been done in the past.

Morrill MOVED adoption of the Council '84 budget. Here followed a lively discussion which brought up serious objections to the practice of "passing the hat" for the SB reception. Albers suggested that this expense should be a line item in the T budget each year. The cost of a reception for a council would be less than for a state convention because of the number of delegates. The motion to adopt the Council '84 budget CARRIED.

Sheridan made strong points about having the budget chair and treasurer available for questions before the council begins. It was decided to do this in the plenary session room at 11:00 a.m. Saturday and this information will be in the workbook. The other need is for easy-to-read explanations in the published T and TEF budgets for the benefit of people who are unfamiliar with budgets. It was agreed this should be done in both budgets.

Agenda. Morrill reviewed the committee's proposed agenda. Cummins MOVED reversing the order of Sunday morning's business by having the talk on how to raise money for the local Leagues at the beginning of the second plenary session and ending with adoption of the budget and other business. SECONDED & CARRIED. The Council agenda was then adopted by general consent.

Workbook. The evaluation sheet will be the last page in the workbook and the Organization Vice-president will prepare this. It was decided that the treasurer's report will be a handout at the meeting instead of in the workbook so the information can cover a longer, more up-to-date period. Deadline for workbook material is Feb. 10. A paragraph instructing delegates about parliamentary procedure for adopting the budget will be included on the introduction page in the workbook. Albers noted assignments of reports for workbook to the program people.

Publication Room. The advantages of sharing publications with other Leagues was discussed. Sutherland will be asked to send a memo outlining the various pubs the LLs might bring.

9. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

Membership. Sturgis reported we have 141 more members than last year bringing our total to 3863 as of Jan. 1, 1984. She listed some increases and decreases. It has been difficult to get the completed membership forms from the LLs. It was suggested that a separate sheet to the LL presidents and to the treasurers, on bright colored paper, should be sent out prior to the big December mailing calling attention to the membership forms and the due dates and why. The field service representatives and all board members will be alerted to see that the LLs complete the forms and mail them to national with a copy to state to meet the deadline.

Budget. McMahan suggested information should go out very soon informing the LLs of the increase in PMPs (to $8.75) as voted last year at convention so they will be aware when their local budgets are prepared. This should be done because the LLs will not get the budgets until the workbooks are mailed out in the March 9 mailing.

Kerrville Provisional and New State Units. Kerrville provisional will be seeking local League status at the next board meeting. Sturgis, Sutherland, and Rodgers will review the material for their application. Sturgis announced that two new state units are planning organizational meetings the last week in January--one in Henderson and one in Longview.

Letter to National Regarding Direct Mail Contributions. A letter to Dot Ridings, LWVUS president, which accompanied our annual report to national on MALs, was read. It involved the national board's policy of not sharing the names of corporations, unions, and foundations that make contributions through the direct mail program. The letter pointed out the state League is the middle man in the League structure and recognized the need for communication in all directions and in all areas so the organization appears to be a unified whole to the public. The request is for a change in policy by the national board whereby the names of contributors of $50 or more would be released to state and local Leagues so the contributors can be thanked and we can more easily present ourselves as one League of Women Voters.

Field Service. Gooch called attention to the report she had handed out and asked for comments and/or questions. It was noted that Beaumont has not paid any of its 1983-84 state PMP. This will have to be addressed. Three Leagues were given permission to reduce mailings of VOTERs to state board members--Edinburg/McAllen, San Marcos, and Rockwall County, but other Leagues are not sending VOTERs. A discussion followed about how to inform the local Leagues of the importance of their mailings to the state board.

Gooch had a call from the national office asking her to identify the strong LLs in Texas. The criteria given included a pattern of increasing membership, attracting and retaining minorities and young women, integrating working women into the League, expanded program agenda within the local community, stable leadership over five years, and attracting women leaders to their membership. Comments were made about various Leagues that should be named to help Gooch reply to the request.

Gooch reported she has composed a letter to national seeking interpretation about political activities policies. It has been reviewed by Carpenter and Sturgis and will be mailed.

State Units and MALs. McMahan stressed the importance of having some sort of workshop for state units so there can be communication

between them and she reported on the condition of each state unit. She handed out the MALs list and responded to questions.

10. PROGRAM CORE REPORT CONTINUATION

Albers reported:

a. Program Perspectives update is ready except for one section.
b. Jacobs is preparing a paper to be sent to local Leagues giving background information on acid rain in Texas. This will enable LLs to be more specific when they write their congressmen about this issue.
c. A phone call from Betty Anderson involved the possibility that there may be a movement to adopt freeze resolutions at the upcoming party primary precinct conventions. Anderson asked if the League plans action under our new position. Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that she find out if other groups such as Friends or Mobilization for Survival are taking the initiative on a resolution which encompasses our position of support of a bilateral, mutually verifiable freeze. If this is being done, we will notify the local Leagues and suggest they get in touch with such organization/s if they want to pursue the issue, but that the League of Women Voters of Texas will not take a leadership role in trying to get such a resolution passed. The motion was agreed to by general consent.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon, and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

d. Continuing the Program Core's recommendations under national program making, Albers MOVED the following as a new study:

Title: Federal Economic Policy
Scope: Evaluation of tax policies including deductions, exemptions, exclusions, tax credits, deferrals and alternative tax proposals; evaluation of budget deficits and debt financing; evaluation of monetary policies and the management of the money supply. The motion CARRIED. Letters will be sent to LWV-Illinois and LWV-Oakland informing them of our interest in their proposed studies.

Consideration of Consensus Questions on Intestacy Study. Smith stated the Intestacy paper is almost finished and presented the following questions for consideration as consensus questions:

1. Should the Texas intestacy laws provide that the surviving spouse inherit all community property under any of the following circumstances:
   a. When the decedent has no children? Yes:_____ No_____
   b. When all the children of the decedent are also children of the surviving spouse: Yes_____ No_____

c. When all of the children are born to the decedent and the surviving spouse and any of them are minors? Yes___ No___
d. When the surviving spouse is the parent of a minor child of the decedent whether or not there are other children of the decedent. Yes___ No___
e. Other?

2. Should separate property be treated the same as community property when the decedent dies intestate? Yes___ No___

After some discussion it was decided that Smith should type out the proposed consensus questions so they could be mailed to the board members along with the background paper so they could be studied and a quick decision could be made at the April board meeting.

Water Director. Perrine stated the Program Core recommended expenditure of $25 from her water account to be used for our part of a reception to be sponsored by Rep. Hill Kemp the evening of Jan. 26. The reception will be prior to the meeting of the Joint Committee on Water and will be an effort to mediate differences in the Bays and Estuaries Bill.

Meeting on the Outdoors. Perrine stated for the last three years (during May) a meeting has been held by the Lone Star Sierra Club, The meeting is called Texas Meeting on the Outdoors and its purpose is to provide an informal setting for environmental organizations to discuss issues of interest to them. Evelyn Edens, PR person, asked to use our name on the letterhead that will be used for the invitations. Agreed to by general consent.

Texans for Children. The Texans for Children group has printed postcards urging the governor to include AFDC grants in the call for the special session of the legislature. McCormick handed out supplies of these postcards to board members, asking that they be distributed to their local Leagues. A discussion followed about the fact that the bulk mailing of printed postcards is not a good lobbying method and the League discourages it. McCormick feels it is better than no lobbying at all. It was agreed that additional cards would be taken to Council '84 in April.

Combined Legislative Day. Albers has been asked by Gay Erwin, Executive Director of the Governor's Commission for Women, to bring a proposal to LWV-T's board about Legislative Day next year. The plan would be to ask other groups such as Business and Professional Women, American Association of University Women, Texas Women's Political Caucus, and others, to come together in a combined Legislative Day to focus on how to lobby and selected issues. The tentative idea would be for all to meet in a general session with speakers and later break into workshops on specific issues. It was agreed that it should be held during midweek when the Legislature is in session and that there should be an early evening reception. Albers and Bonavita were given authority to pursue this and bring plans back to the board for decision.

Use B different type face for comments for easy reference.

11. PROPOSED LWVUS BYLAWS CHANGES

(For clarity, continuity, and brevity the secretary is recording the proposed changes and explanations in the order they appear in the LWVUS bylaws rather than in the exact order and time discussed and voted in the meeting.)

Sutherland MOVED the following changes to the LWVUS bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws Committee:

Article II. Purpose and Policy

[Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of the United States is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.]

Sec. 1. Purpose. The League of Women Voters of the United States is a nonpartisan political organization that promotes informed citizen participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

After discussion of the mission statement and its application it was agreed that the new wording of this section utilizes some elements of the mission statement proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee which reflect changes in the times and in the League as an organization. Our proposed wording suggests a more equal balance between the League action and VS/CI functions.

Article III. Membership

Sec. 2. Types of Membership
a. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age residing within the United States, a territory or associated commonwealth, who join the League shall be voting members of [the] local Leagues, [and] state Leagues, [of their place of residence] and [of] the League of Women Voters of the United States; (1) those who reside outside the area of [any] a local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;

Points made were that current bylaws require that members join the League "of their place of residence," and some members are joining Leagues of their workplace locale, especially in metropolitan areas where there are several local Leagues. The change regarding where a member may belong when there is no local League is basically a similar situation in that it is now mandated that a member who resides outside the area of a local League must be a member-at-large of the state League. Both current sections of the bylaws preclude freedom of choice--somehow inconsistent with League beliefs.

Article IX. Convention

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into local Leagues shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: The members in each local League shall be entitled to one delegate who shall be chosen by the members through the local League; the members in each local League having more than [100] 50 voting members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 100 voting members or major fraction (50 or more) thereof. The records in the national office of paid voting members on January 1 of the year in which the convention is held shall determine the official membership count for this purpose. (Same amendment as offered by LWV of Illinois.)

Sutherland handed out copies of LWV-Illinois' proposal which contained supportive charts and it was agreed that we should support their proposal for making convention representation more equitable.

Article XIV. Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of the United States shall commence on the first day of [April] June of each year, beginning June 1, 1986.

Discussion brought out the fact that the LWV-T board is concerned about the national office having to operate for two months on a proposed budget, and feels this is a better way to operate. Vanderwater brought up some problems which might arise with such a change.

Sec. 2. Financial Support.

c. National Per Member Payment. Each local League . . . by the convention shall be made. No per member payment shall be assessed for life members.

It was noted that adding the prohibition of assessing local Leagues for payments for life members ensures that it will be fully understood at all levels.

d. A minimum national support payment for local Leagues may be established by a three-fifths vote of the convention.

[d.] f. State League Support. Support . . . or councils.

LWV-T has established a minimum payment in order to equalize the amount of support given small local Leagues and has found it of enormous help in the cost/benefit to our budget.

e. The amount of the per member payment shall be retained by the League of Women Voters of the United States from all dues collected at the national level; the remainder of such dues shall be paid to the appropriate state League.

It was agreed that this is a way to ensure that the dues of anyone who joins at the national level, and who is assigned to a state and/or local League, are shared with those leagues to underwrite services which must be delivered once the assignment has been made.

The meeting took a short break at 3:10 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Sutherland's motion to adopt the Bylaws Committee's recommendations as changed during the discussion CARRIED. LWV-Illinois will be notified of our support of their amendment to Art. IX, Sec. 4.

Carpenter welcomed Barbara Swartz, Budget Chair, and Modelle Brudner, Debate Chair, to the meeting.

12. LWV-T BUDGET PROPOSAL

Carpenter stated the Budget Committee held a meeting in November at Swartz's home at which time a proposed budget was prepared. She noted the PMP increase to $8.75 affected the INCOME and we now have the membership figures as of Jan. 1, 1984, so we can work out the final figures.

Swartz began her presentation by referring to the budget in the preboard reports and asked that the following changes be made:

INCOME

A.1. - Local League Support (PMP) - change $31,600 to	$31,885
H. - From Reserves add $2,000 (Beth Brown Memorial)	6,970
TOTAL INCOME would then be	$81,345

EXPENSES

N.5. - Insurance - add $100 for bonding	$ 600
O.4.b. - Development subtract $700 from Annual Report	700
Q. - National Services PMP change $1325 for SUs & MALs to	1,035
S.3. - Workshops add $2000 (Beth Brown Memorial)	2,500
S.6. - Provisional Leagues - change $250 to	400
S.7. - State Unit Support - add $250	625
S.8. - Mailings to SU Chairs - add $20	410

The exact TEF reimbursements need to be figured.

During the discussion changes suggested by board members were:

R.3.h. - Advocacy Papers - add $200	$ 800
U.2. - Legislative Secretary add a line item of $150 for Legislative Priorities Brochure	150
U.8. - Legislative office - add $100 for added expense of next Legislative Day	850

Jeanette Vanderwater referred to her preboard report in which she proposed an amendment to the 1984-85 budget allowing LLs to pay 10% of their PMPs with TEF money. It would mean taking about $3200 from INCOME A.1. and adding it to H. From Reserves. After discussion it was decided to wait until later for a decision on this matter.

Swartz left to figure the TEF paybacks with direction from the board to add what is available to O.3.b. - Board Meetings for the express purpose of trying to place two to a room for board meetings in Austin and also to avoid "passing the hat" for receptions at state conventions and councils.

13. TEXAS VOTER

Ferstl stated the deadline for the next VOTER should be moved up to Jan. 27 for receipt at her house. She outlined the PR and Organization Cores' suggested articles; listed the other material she hoped to include; and asked for requests for space from the board members.

14. CONTINUATION OF BUDGET DISCUSSION

Swartz called out the following additional figures for the proposed budget:

TOTAL INCOME	$81,545
EXPENSES	
N.5. - Insurance	600
N.10. - Office Overhead	(7,315)
N.12. - TEF Reimbursement	(12,100)
N. Total	18,155
O.3.b. - Board Meetings	9,060
O.4.b. - Development	700
O.5. - TEF Reimbursement	(7,030)
O. Total	10,945
Q. - National Services PMP	1,035
R. Total	8,475

S.3- Workshops	$ 2,500
S.6. - Provisional Leagues	400
S.7. - State Unit Support	625
S.8. - Mailings to SU Chairs	410
S.11. - TEF Reimbursement	(1,080)
S. Total	9,505
U. - Legislative Office - add a line between 3 & 4 to be called Legislative Priority Brochure	150
U.8. - Legislative Day	850
U. Total	11,630
TOTAL EXPENSES	$81,545

Vanderwater MOVED adoption of the proposed 1984-85 budget. The motion CARRIED.

15. LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT DISCUSSION

Carpenter referred to the copy of her letter to Fran Dew, Long Range Planning Committee Chair, and her Dec. 9 memo to state board members that included reference to the mission statement wording. A discussion concerning the wording, intent, etc. of the mission statement followed. Carpenter read excerpts of responses from several Leagues registering strong objections to the mission statement wording and the possibility of its becoming the purpose of the League of Women Voters. Carpenter then asked us to consider the following wording for the purpose (which was Sturgis' suggestion with the addition of two words): "The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that promotes informed citizen participation in government, and that influences public pplicy through education and advocacy."

The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5:15 p.m. Jan. 13.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third planary session was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Jan. 14.

The Bylaws Committee completed its report and its recommendations were approved as recorded earlier in these minutes for clarity and continuity.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 a.m. and continued at 11:45 a.m.

16. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT

Donna Green was appointed to the Nominating Committee to replace Beth Brown.

17. EVALUATION OF THIS BOARD MEETING

A round-table discussion was held about the value of having the Core and Committee meetings before the first plenary session. It was agreed that it had worked well at this meeting. Although there may be problems about plenary sessions in the evenings it was felt we did not go too late at this meeting. So the practice will be continued for the June board meeting. Having consensus questions and other "wordy" material in the preboards helps the business of the meeting to move along more rapidly.

The April board meeting in Corpus Christi is planned to begin at 1:00 p.m. (members having had lunch before the meeting) and part of the time will be devoted to detailing the Council '84 agenda.

Sturgis suggested a workshops committee be formed so people from all the Cores could work together and bring recommendations to the board at the June meeting.

18. DATES TO REMEMBER

Carpenter stated the calendar dates are unchanged except the VOTER deadline was moved up to Jan. 27.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon January 14, 1984.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas was called to order at 1:30 p.m., November 17, 1983.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 15-17, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 7, paragraph 7, 6th line, change "three" to "some", making it read: "...procedure is that some members... ."
Page 8, paragraph 8, change the sentence in line 6 beginning with words "The previous..." to read "Similar campaigns are generally low-key... ."
Page 10, paragraph 12, second line of last paragraph, strike the words "...for management training and also..." making it read "...to see if she could come to speak..."
Page 12, paragraph 16, first line, change figures to read "... we have 113 MALs." Also in third line change figure to "22" making it read "...Wise County-22..."
Page 13, Move entire fifth paragraph to page 15 under ODDS & ENDS.

2. CONVENTION MINUTES

The minutes of the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas, held at NorthPark Inn, Dallas, April 15-17, 1983, were approved with the following corrections:

Page 2, paragraph 5, fourth line, add words "and Gainesville" after word "Odessa", making it read "...except Odessa and Gainesville ..."
Page 3, paragraph 11, 4th line, change the sentence beginning with "Polter..." to read: "Polter then presented the slate as it appears in the workbook and asked that the delegates strike the name Jeanette Davis, Abilene, under VICE PRESIDENT (Public Relations), and insert the name Lavora Arizaga, Houston, for VICE PRESIDENT (Public Relations.) She also asked the delegates to strike the name Lavora Arizaga, Houston, under DIRECTORS, and insert the name Jeanette Davis, Abilene under DIRECTORS."

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Carpenter referred to her preboard and updated the portion about national presidential primary debates. They are definitely considering holding one in Texas probably in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Karen Voight, of the national staff, is meeting with LL presidents from the north Texas area today and tomorrow to explore the possibilities. Carpenter also received a telephone call from the LBJ School asking LWV-T to co-sponsor a presidential candidates debate. She explained that national does the presidential debates and state deals with candidates for state-wide races. We will keep them in mind for submission of questions for the senatorial debate. A press release from national dated Oct. 27, stated they have received formal acceptances of invitations to participate in debates from the seven major Democratic presidential candidates--Askew, Cranston, Glenn, Hart, Hollings , McGovern, and Mondale. These debates are planned for Manchester, N.H. in late February and in Atlanta on March 7.

b. We have received a letter from Lt. Gov. Hobby asking us to appoint a member of LWV-T to serve on an advisory committee to a study committee to revise the election code. The Legislative Council is working on a summary list, section by section, of recently enacted changes in the code. They are expected to be finished by February and then the committees will begin work. The study committee is made up of the two political party chairs, the Secretary of State, and several senators and representatives. Rodgers' name was submitted to serve on this committee.

The meeting recessed for core meetings at 2:40 p.m., and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Preboard Update. Vanderwater updated her preboard as to the Beth Brown Memorial Fund--receipts to date from contributions amount to about $600. We have not as yet received the proceeds from the insurance policy which Warren Brown wishes to donate to the League. The estimated amount will be between $2000 and $2500. Reference was made to Carpenter's and Lovelace's preboards which explained Lovelace's conversation with Warren Brown and subsequent purchase of a Kroy lettering machine for $883. Vanderwater further updated the first paragraph of her preboard by adding about $90 to mailings to MALs through Oct. 31.

Budget Adjustments. We need to talk about two things, member contributions and mailings. Member contributions are not coming in as budgeted. Mailings to LL presidents, SB, DPMs, and MALs expenses are running very high for the first five months of the fiscal year. Vanderwater called attention to her suggested budget adjustment list in her preboard. Discussion followed regarding the reasons the mailings are so costly. In addition to the fact that we have put out a number of in-house publications, one reason is the change

from our former practice of one bound copy for the postboards to a system of individual reports with a second copy to be distributed to the appropriate portfolio holder. Some things do not need a second copy and SB members should consider the content and inform the SO how many copies to send. Since it appears that all but one LL receives at least one DPM, consideration will be given to some changes in the mailings and the local Leagues will be so informed.

Sturgis noted that INCOME A4 Provisional Leagues' actual figure of $125 ~~spent~~ remaining is incorrect since we voted that Kerrville is paid up. Here followed a question and answer period on Vanderwater's suggested budget adjustment list in her preboard.

Sturgis MOVED the budget adjustments listed on the first page of Vanderwater's preboard with the following correction: delete $125 from INCOME A4 Provisional Leagues on the budget analysis and add $125 to INCOME G from Reserves, making that a total of $1200. SECONDED & CARRIED.

put Beth's fund in the flyer?

It was decided to put a flyer in the February VOTER similar to the one done last year asking for contributions from League members. A choice will be listed of either T or TEF.
Vanderwater explained the Beth Brown Memorial Fund contributions are a separate line item and restricted.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT

Names were suggested for replacement for Beth Brown on the nominating committee. The committee members are: Elected--Polly Cave and Jan Wilbur, chairman, and from the board, Jeanette Davis and Catherine Perrine. Suggestions were made and Carpenter will ask the persons suggested in the order named.

6. ABC ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

Carpenter stated the ABC election night reporting should be easier this year--there will not be as many precincts to cover (probably 100); they have redone their procedures and simplified the instructions so we probably will be able to pay the same amount to the coordinator as last year, which was $700. McMahan (the coordinator last year) made some suggestions about how to handle the job. A name was suggested and Carpenter will contact her.

7. FIELD SERVICE

National Policy Statement as to Political Activities. Gooch has not yet written to national asking for clarification of the statements in IN LEAGUE regarding board members' spouses' or relatives' political activities and League board members running for political office as it would apply to local Leagues. Sturgis had a brief conversation about this subject while she was at the budget committee meeting in Washington and it was agreed that clarification is needed

although national would not want to be in the position of telling the local Leagues "what to do." Gooch will write the policy person on national's board and ask for clarification of the intent when the policy guidelines were written. The state board also does not plan to make decisions for the local Leagues, but needs to be able to respond when questions of this nature arise.

State of the Leagues. Gooch gave a brief rundown on local Leagues as reported by the field service representatives. Some improvements have been noted as well as some problem areas.

The first plenary session adjourned at 5:15 p.m. and the board members proceeded to Nancy Price's house for R & R and then to Jerry Ursin's for a delicious dinner provided by the San Antonio League members. After dinner Sheridan gave a brief summary of her trip to the North Sea where she was one of only three observers aboard Vulcanus II to view Chemical Waste Management's ocean incineration. State board members and San Antonio League members were enthralled by Sheridan's description of the trip.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 18, 1983.

8. MEMBERSHIP/STATE UNITS

McMahan updated her preboard with information that she and Sturgis will be going to Longview in a couple of weeks in response to a request to form a state unit there. She then gave highlights of her preboard information.

Rodgers reported on Kerrville Provisional. Carpenter and she had attended a meeting there. They are doing great. A big plus is that of their 54 members about 20 have been active League members in other places. The only weakness, if any, is the need for younger people to join to provide future leadership. They want to publish their community government survey and need guidance in marketing it.

9. WORKSHOPS

Sturgis referred to her preboard report on the area workshops and corrected the number of local Leagues that attended--the figure should be 26, not 27. Here followed a discussion of various types of workshops, when to have them, i.e. in conjunction with state conventions/other state meetings, or separately. Consensus was that we should keep trying various ideas to reach more people.

It was decided to wait for the January board meeting to make decisions on what kind of workshops, when, where, etc. for the Beth Brown Memorial Workshop/s.

10. DEVELOPMENT

Davis reported contributions: $600 from Texas Electric Service Co., shared with Tarrant County; $600 from Dallas Power & Light Co., shared with Dallas; and $1000 from Lomas & Nettleton (Dr. Jess Hay ,) shared with Dallas. Two other T letters are out to other utility companies in Dallas.

Texas Pins. Davis stated she does not have time to take on the Texas pins project, and asked for a volunteer to take charge of ordering and marketing. It was decided that an inventory will be made of how many we have at the state office. Suggestions were to offer them for sale at Councils and Conventions, and sales will be made if the buyers pick them up at the state office --not to be mailed out individually.

11. PUBLICATIONS

Sutherland has completed the application for for the International Standard Book Number (ISBN).
Details of how the system works will be discussed with Lovelace. In the meantime the April 1983 catalogue is in effect so we must be careful with a new numbering system to avoid confusion. Sturgis reminded us that we need to get our publications listed in national's catalogue. Also we need to take supplies of our publications to the national convention to market them there.

12. REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT STUDY QUESTIONS CHANGES

Cummins made reference to Section 5 on page 6 of the Sept. 15-17, 1983 minutes which contains a draft of the consensus questions for the Redistricting and Reapportionment Study, and MOVED the following changes:

Question 1, add subsection k. Other/specify_____
Question 2, add subsection e. Other/specify_____
Question 5, change to read: Should the time limitations for the redistricting process be left as is, made more restrictive, or made less restrictive?

The motion was SECONDED & CARRIED.

13. ACTION ITEMS

a. Political Action Committee. Vanderwater stated the PAC account balance is $44.82. The final report on the Amendment 6 campaign is due Dec. 8, so any bills should be given to her before that date. She would like to close out the account to avoid bank charges. After a discussion Vanderwater was directed to find out what minimum balance would be required for no bank charges and then we can decide at the January meeting whether to bring the PAC balance up to minimum and continue the account or whether to make a final report, close the

account, and set up a new account when we begin a new lobbying effort. A lot of paper work is involved in either case.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

b. Clean Air Act. Sheridan and Mitzi Vorachek, of the Beaumont League, were asked by national to lobby their members of congress on the Clean Air Act (after the HW seminar in Washington.) They received a favorable response from Mike Andrews (Sheridan's US Rep.) but not from Jack Brooks (Vorachek's US Rep.) Vorachek was then asked by national to testify as a Texas Leaguer at a hearing but there was not time to accept any more speakers. She did talk to Sen. Bentsen's aide and wrote a letter for the Beaumont League in support of the Clean Air Act. Sheridan will call Kathy Jacob , Offboard Air Associate Director, and ask her to contact LLs and suggest they contact their senators and representatives during the congressional recess.

c. RCRA and State Regulations on Siting of Hazardous Waste Facilities. Another item Sheridan brought up was the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which has to do with permitting for siting for hazardous waste facilities not a part of superfund cleanup. Now is the time to work on the state of Texas to say there are deficiencies in the federal program and we think the state should make up for those deficiences in its regulatory powers. There will be a public meeting prior to the public hearing on this. Sheridan and Ken Kramer will split up the work and try to come up with material for a joint presentation at the public meeting.

d. Equal Rights Amendment. After a discussion about the vote on the Equal Rights Amendment and the lobbying efforts done in Texas, Albers suggested we write letters of appreciation to the Texas Representatives who voted for the Amendment. We will think further about how to deal with the Representatives who voted against, if any action would be appropriate.

14. NATIONAL PROGRAM MAKING

Albers asked that all state board members study the 1984-86 National Program-Making Tools and be prepared to discuss national program recommendations from this board at the January board meeting. We will also be receiving requests to support new program studies from other state Leagues and local Leagues. Albers will accumulate these requests and send them out with the pre-board mailing. If any state board member wishes to suggest an item, send it to the state office for inclusion in the same mailing. It was decided that McMahan should inform isolated MALs that we are doing national program making and anyone interested should let us know and the forms will be sent.

15. WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD DISCUSSION

Albers mentioned there will be two openings on the Texas Water Development Board by the end of December. In view of the governor's campaign promise that he would see that qualified women were appointed to boards and commissions, Davis MOVED that we nominate Catherine Perrine to the governor for appointment to the Texas Water Development Board and mount a major campaign, subject to Perrine's decision that she would like to serve on that board. SECONDED. Discussion included Perrine's observation that we would lose our state water chair where she might be more effective than on the TWDB itself; that the appointments should be spread throughout the state geographically, and two members are in the Dallas area--one is going off however; and we really need to give Perrine time to consider all angles. The motion CARRIED.

16. ODDS & ENDS

Albers is still waiting for material for Program Prospectives. Please get the material to her as soon as possible.

McCormick stated she has been trying to get Human Resources local League people to work on jobs training. It is difficult to arouse much interest but she will keep trying. Also McCormick has been invited by the Comptroller of Currency Administrator of National Banks to represent the League of Women Voters of Texas on a group to discuss bank deregulation. The board approved her acceptance.

Carpenter reminded board members to send their resumé to the state office for Mary Polk, and also to complete the Talent File form for the files for the Governor's Commission for Women which asks specifically which boards and commissions each person is interested in.

17. DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for postboard - Nov. 23
State office mailing - Dec. 2
State office closed - Dec. 24-Jan., except for mail check
Deadline for preboard for Jan. board meeting - Dec. 30
State Board meeting Jan. 12-14
Deadline for material for state office mailing - Jan. 20
State office mailing, including Call to Council - Jan. 27.

Carpenter expressed our thanks to the San Antonio Area League for their hospitality in hosting the mini-meeting with special thanks to the president, Sally Coughlin; former president Jerry Ursin; former state board member, Nancy Price; and all overnight hostesses.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas adjourned at 2:00 p.m., November 18, 1983.

Margie Morrill, Secretary

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas was called to order at 1:30 p.m. September 15, 1983.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Louise Cummins, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahan, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

Also present was Joann Lovelace, executive secretary.

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Louise Cummins, Redistricting and Reapportionment Study director, was introduced to the group.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the June 7-9, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 4, Sec. 7, delete the word "STANDING" making it read: "APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES." Delete the name "Arizaga" from the Blue Sky committee.
Page 8, 3rd line from top, delete word "June", making it read "the Directory."
Page 10, last line of subsection b. insert words "in the" before the words "the State Directory" and delete the word "in" after the word "Directory" making it read "Sheridan suggested listing in the State Directory the latter catalogue."

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Permanent Records. Vanderwater stated three copies of the 1982-83 treasurer's report were made--one for the president, one for the state office, and one for the treasurer's files. The president's copy was passed around the table for inspection by the board members.

Balance Sheet Discussion. Vanderwater asked members to refer to her preboard and called attention to K1-Operating Fund, Balance June 1, 1983, which is over $11,000 and item G-From Reserves on the Analysis which represents budget adjustments of $3525 made at the June board meeting. Also under K1, the figure -465.34 for operating fund to date indicates we are going into reserves, but

Vanderwater thinks this is temporary. We have spent quite a lot of money already during the first three months of the FY. See N9C-Equipment purchases - $4532.50 which is almost all of that budget item. Income item A is doing fairly well; item D-Contributions, have barely started coming in; and TEF paybacks are just beginning. So it is a cash flow matter.

Budget Adjustments. After discussion of Vanderwater's preboard items (c), (d), and (e), it was decided that the heavy expense of board tools will probably balance out later, and we can delay the adjustment decisions on (d)-board meetings until the November mini-meeting. As to (e) Sheridan has gotten the donor not to restrict this contribution of $250.

Arizaga MOVED Income line item D2-State Fund Raising and Expense line item T2A-Hazardous Waste and Land Use both be increased $250. SECONDED & CARRIED.

By general consent it was agreed to increase Expense line item S9B-Mailings to local League Presidents to $1800 and make line item S9C-TEF Reimbursement -$1105. This was done to take care of the expense of revising the TEF Handbook.

Sturgis expressed concern about the costs of certain items such as the president's telephone and board mailings. It was explained that there was not a meeting of the president with the vice-presidents this summer and board mailings are higher because we have more people and are doing more things. Sturgis also called attention to Expense item S9B-Mailings to local League presidents which is already half spent with only one quarter of the FY gone. This, too, has been caused by the large amount of program material sent out.

Here followed a discussion of individually typed letters on the memory typewriter and word processor. An example of the labor intensive factor involved was the time spent yesterday getting out 54 pages (2-page letters to MCs.) Vanderwater calculated we should figure on adding 75¢ more to the 11¢ per page, making a total of 86¢ per page. This is internal charge (office overhead) but would affect the program line items as well as the payback. It was pointed out that the cost per individual letter by an executive secretary in the business world would be greater; that it is extremely important to send the letters to all members of Congress; that we can try to make 1-page letters--perhaps by redesigning the logo; and we do have a valuable system. It was noted that the time spent would lessen as the equipment becomes more familiar and we can evaluate the situation later.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Carpenter announced that Sturgis has been appointed to the LWVUS budget committee. All expressed pleasure at this well-deserved appointment.

b. We have not done any office redecorating because the Penthouse building has been sold. The apartments will be converted into condos and there is no word on what will be done about the offices yet. We will have to "wait and see."
c. Barbara Swartz, LWV-Houston, has consented to served as 1984-85 Budget Chair. Arizaga MOVED she be officially appointed. SECONDED & CARRIED. SB members will be receiving forms to fill out for budget requests. The budget committee will meet Nov. 1 and 2 in Houston.
d. We have received the First Call to Convention 84. Bylaws recommendations are due by Feb. 13, which means any recommendations from us will have to be approved at the Jan. 1984 board meeting. Sutherland is bylaws committee chairman and Arizaga, Morrill, and Sturgis were named members of the committee.
e. LWVUS Long Range Planning. Sheridan inquired about the possibility of a SB discussion of the Interim Report published in LWVUS Prospectus No. 3. Carpenter said we will try to get to it in November and handed around a copy of her and Sturgis's reply to a survey of delegates to Council 83. She will put a note in her next president's letter asking the LLs to comment.
f. Write it Right, a pub from LWV-Illinois--dos and don'ts about writing letters to legislators and other information--was handed around for inspection and suggestions as to whether we should order some for LL presidents and/or advertise so LLs could order.
g. The governor has established a Commission for Women. There are no SB people on it but we are in receipt of one copy of a form to be submitted for membership application. We are asked to make copies and send to the LLs. They are also setting up a talent file and there is a form for this. Carpenter will consider drafting a cover letter and sending this out to LL presidents.
h. Carpenter reminded board members to get their resumés in to the state office so they can be sent to Rep. Mary Polk.
i. We are in receipt of a letter from Marlin Art stating they would like to have a list of LL addresses to publicize their art auction. Discussion ensued about the problems of setting a precedent with this sort of action. Arizaga MOVED we not give out the list of addresses of LLs to this group. SECONDED & CARRIED. By general agreement it was decided to keep a file in the state office for local fundraising projects which could be referred to if LLs inquired.

The first plenary session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Following the agenda, core meetings were held from 4:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and committee meetings were held from 7:30 p.m. until varied times as needed Thursday evening.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 8:45 a.m., Friday, Sept. 16, 1983.

PROGRAM CORE REPORTS

4. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Albers presented the ballot wording of the 11 proposed constitutional amendmens for the Nov. 8, 1983 special election and the Program Core's recommendations.

Proposition #1. The constitutional amendment authorizing fewer justice of the peace and constable precincts in counties with a population of less than 30,000 and providing for continuous service by justices of the peace, constables, and county commissioners when precinct boundaries are changed. Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that we support this amendment under our Government position. The motion CARRIED.

Proposition #2. The constitutional amendment replacing the limitation on the value of an urban homestead with a limitation based on size. The Program Core recommends no position.

Proposition #3. The constitutional amendment providing for the advancement of food and fiber production and marketing in this state through research, education, and promotion financed by the producers of agricultural products. The Program Core recommends no position.

Proposition #4. The constitutional amendment authorizing statutory provisions for succession of public office during disasters caused by enemy attack, and authorizing the suspension of certain constitutional rules relating to legislative procedure during those disasters or during immediate threat of enemy attack. The Program Core recommends we oppose this amendment on the basis that it is vague, arbitrary, capricious, and violates individual liberties established in the United States and Texas Constitutions. Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that we oppose this amendment. The motion CARRIED.

Proposition #5. The constitutional amendment authorizing use of the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts. Albers MOVED the Program Core's recommendation that we support this amendment. The motion CARRIED. Our support is under our public school finance position.

Proposition #6. The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to provide for additional remedies to enforce court-ordered child support payments. The Program Core recommends and Albers MOVED that in the event the local League members agree with our concurrence statement on court-ordered child support, we support Amendment #6. The motion CARRIED.

Proposition #7. The constitutional amendment providing for financial assistance to veterans and to authorize the issuance of $800 million in bonds of the state to finance the veterans' land program and the veterans' housing assistance program. The Program Core recommends no position.

Proposition #8. The constitutional amendment to authorize taxing units to exempt from taxation property of certain veterans' and fraternal organizations. The Program Core recommends no position.

Proposition #9. The constitutional amendment providing for assignment of judges of statutory probate courts to other statutory county courts with probate jurisdiction and to county courts. The Program Core recommends and Albers MOVED we support this amendment under our government/judicial position. The motion CARRIED.
Proposition #10. The constitutional amendment to permit a city or town to expend public funds and levy assessments for the relocation or replacement of sanitation sewer laterals on private property. The Program Core recommends no position.
Proposition #11. The constitutional amendment to change the board of pardons and paroles from a constitutional agency and to give the board the power to revoke paroles. The Program Core recommends and Albers MOVED we support this amendment under our administration of justice position. The motion CARRIED.

Assignments for material to be written on our positions were made and the VOTER deadline was moved up one week. Perrine MOVED that a committee of Carpenter, Albers, and Smith be empowered to determine whether or not we have concurrence on the court-ordered child support concurrence statement. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Action Plans. Here followed a long discussion on how to address the matter of publicizing our support/opposition positions on the amendments. There was agreement that in the event the local Leagues agree with the concurrence statement on court-ordered child support, our major emphasis should be on Amendment #6 and lesser, low-key emphasis on our other positions. Plans will be made for press releases and a press conference, and the LLs will be informed of the state board decisions in the postboard mailing to go out Oct. 3.

Since there is $85 in the PAC account, ~~part of which will be requested for coalitions~~, the cost of action was discussed at length. Keep It was agreed that we should produce one sheet supporting #6, if appropriate, and one sheet for the other amendments for LLs. The number of copies and distribution method will be decided later. One method could be handouts at the upcoming workshops with mailings to go to Leagues with no representation at any workshop. Meantime the program people are working with the coalitions, providing copies of our Facts & Issues on court-ordered child support, and they plan to send copies of the F & I to selected newspaper editors and 109 selected organizations and associations.

5. REDISTRICTING AND REAPPORTIONMENT CONSENSUS QUESTIONS.

Cummins stated she and Albers spent some time yesterday morning with Steve Bickerstaff, an Austin attorney with experience in constitutional revision and legislative redistricting. Mr. Bickerstaff reinforced the direction we are taking and made some suggestions on the questions. These and the suggestions from the Program Core are incorporated in the latest draft we are to consider now.

There will be an introductory statement pointing out the study is addressed toward state senatorial and representative and congressional districts. The plan is to send the following material with the questions: a. A Leader's Guide telling how to organize the study; b. What they should be doing; c. Bibliography; and d. A little background on what has happened in Texas' redistricting in the past. The Facts & Issues will go out later and will be keyed to the consensus questions. In January a sheet will go out to the study committee chairmen tying the F & I to the consensus questions for easier handling of the study.

After each section was discussed the following wording for consensus questions was agreed upon:

1. How important should the following criteria be in determining reapportionment and redistricting procedures?

   CONSIDERATION OF THESE CRITERIA:

   Very important somewhat important should not be considered

   a. equal population
   b. equal number of qualified electors.
   c. district boundaries that coincide with boundaries of counties or states.
   d. compact districts.
   e. districts with contiguous territory.
   f. single member districts.
   g. retention of incumbents.
   h. political party strength.
   i. minority voting strength.
   j. communities of interest.
   K. other (specify)

2. How should reapportionment and redistricting be handled in Texas:

   a. Legislature solely responsible. No commission involved.
   b. Legislature acts. Commission serves in advisory capacity only.
   c. Legislature initially responsible. Commission acts if Legislature fails to act.
   d. Commission initially responsible. Legislature acts on final plan.
   e. other (specify)

3. If a commission is involved, what should be its composition? How should the members be selected?

4. If the Legislature is involved, should redistricting and reapportionment be considered during a regular session or during a special session held for the sole purpose of redistricting and reapportioning? Should time limitations or other restrictions be imposed?

5. ~~How should timely implementation of the plan be effected?~~ Should the time limitations for the redistricting process be left as is, made more restrictive, or made less restrictive.

6. What means, if any, should be used to expedite judicial review of the approved plan?

7. Under what circumstances should the number of state senatorial and representative districts be changed?

Cummins MOVED approval of the above redistricting and reapportionment consensus questions. SECONDED & CARRIED.

6. LAND USE ACTION REPORT.

Sheridan referred to the section of her preboard on land use. We have been asked to support the East Texas Wilderness Bill which would preserve 65,000 acres of East Texas national forest as wilderness. An ACTION ALERT went out to the LLs together with a fact sheet and copy of the press release. We will be sending letters to all Texas members of the House supporting this bill next week. SB members are asked to urge their LLs to follow through on the ACTION ALERT and also to write individual letters. The personal contact is going to be a key element.

In a discussion of the cost of the individual letters to MCs etc., Albers offered to take this type of work to her husband's office for processing. It would be a contribution in kind. All expressed appreciation for Mr. Alber's generosity.

7. SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Albers expressed her concern about the fact that the governor does not appear to have control of the Select Committee on Public Education. It seems to have passed to Ross Perot. The committee is now holding workshops, not hearings, around the state where only invitees are allowed to speak. The procedure is that ~~three~~ some members of the committee go to the various meetings; the record is taped but not transcribed or condensed. Albers thinks there will need to be broad public input to reach consensus among the members under this process. The last of these workshops will be next week. It was agreed that the League of Women Voters of Texas should urge that regional public hearings be held, and that records be transcribed and summarized and made available to the public.

The second plenary session recessed for committee meetings at 11:00 a.m.

Continuation of the second plenary session was called to order at 7:20 p.m., Friday, Sept. 16, 1983

8. AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MATTER

Albers has requested time for a personal matter she wishes the board to be aware of and Carpenter suggested we begin this session with her. Albers stated she told the nominating committee she was serving on the board of trustees of the Austin Community College when she was asked to come on the state board and that she planned to run for reelection. ~~The previous~~ Similar campaigns have been low-key but the upcoming one is expected to be very controversial because the board is split over the issue of firing the president. There will be publicity and Albers' campaign will be very time-consuming. She has some concern about the amount of time she will be able to devote to program vice-president between the middle of December and the first Saturday in April. Albers asked the board to consider the question of whether we will need a full-time program vice-president during that period and stated she would not be upset if the decision is "yes". The Program Core has tried this summer to get out all the material for the year with the exception of Program Perspectives. They expect this material will be ready for review at the November mini-meeting. Carpenter asked if Bonavita could fill in for that period. It was agreed this would work because the legislative portfolio has a slow-down period now and a special session is not expected until after the party primaries.

9. COALITIONS

McCormick referred to the sheet handed out at this meeting which gives information about the coalition called Texans for Children. Their goal is to convince the governor to include AFDC in the call for a special session and to lobby the legislators for additional raises. McCormick MOVED we pay the membership fee of $30 out of budget line item T3-Coalitions and join this group. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Smith MOVED we make a contribution of $25 to join Texans for Child support in the event we arrive at concurrence on the court-ordered child support position. SECONDED. This is a state-wide coalition working for passage of Amendment #6. The $25 will be taken from line item T3-Coalitions. The motion CARRIED.

A brief discussion was had about the Texas Register subscription. It was agreed this is a bookkeeping item. It is informational and the full amount should come out of LWV-TEF.

10. BLUE SKY REPORT

Gooch referred to the report the members were given and asked that one addition be made:

VII. Stationery

Alternate stationery with reduced logo for use with the memory typewriter.

She then asked for comments and noted that a few of the items have already been accomplished and we will work toward the others.

11. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Bonavita stated the committee felt some changes are needed in Section IV FINANCIAL POLICY in the LWV-T POLICY GUIDE and makes the following recommendations:

Page 3, Sec. IV FINANCIAL POLICY, rename subsection A. to read LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT OF STATE LEAGUE.
In the first paragraph, 2nd sentence, delete "and provisional."

Page 4, insert a new subsection B to be titled "PROVISIONAL LEAGUES," and to read "Upon recognition, provisional Leagues shall pay $50 per quarter until the end of the state League's current fiscal year. In the following year(s) they shall pay the minimum local League payment.

The state board shall determine the number of members necessary to form a provisional League."

Add new subsection C to be titled "MEMBERS-AT-LARGE AND STATE UNITS," and to read "The dues of members-at-large shall be determined by the state board."

State units are composed of members-at-large and shall receive a start-up allowance of $30 plus $1 for each number more than the minimum of 10."

The state board shall determine the number of members necessary to form a state unit."

The placement of the words "at the organizational meeting" relating to composition of state units will be worked out by the committee and put in the agreed place in the sentence relating to start-up allowance above.

The letters of the subsequent subsections under IV FINANCIAL POLICY will be changed as necessary.

Davis MOVED the committee's recommendations be adopted. The motion CARRIED.

Sturgis stated LWV-Kerrville became a provisional League on Feb. 18, 1983. Under the policy just adopted they would owe for the last quarter of the FY '82-'83 and the first year as a provisional League for the FY '83-'84. They have already paid $325. Sturgis MOVED that LWV-Kerrville be notified that

they have already paid their PMP for FY '83-'84 under the new policy guide (their first year as a provisional League.) SECONDED & CARRIED.

12. COUNCIL PLANNING

Morrill reported the council committee discussed having a "theme" or subject of particular emphasis for the keynote speaker and some of the workshops. Subject matters considered were the long range planning committee report from national--the importance of "getting the attention" of the LLs before Convention "84, the redistricting, and the domestic violence studies. Board members heard of the "trial balloon" luncheon at National Council where national board members sat at table with delegates and discussed "trial balloon" statements about the League's future.

After a general discussion about the tentative agenda and the plan to have a boat trip in lieu of the state board reception, it was decided to work on the idea of asking a national board member to be our keynote speaker on long range planning. A full report about the long range plan to be voted on at Convention '84 will be sent to Leagues later this fall, so we will have material to work with. The "trial balloon" idea might be used for the afternoon workshop.

The president was asked to write Nancy Neuman, LWVUS 1st VP, to see if she could come ~~for management traning and also~~ to speak on long range planning as keynoter. As for featuring the redistricting study, it was felt a better plan would be to wait and have a conference around that subject later in the year.

The second plenary session adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Core and committee meetings were held from 8:45 until varied times as needed.

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third plenary session was called to order at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, 1983.

13. ABC ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

Carpenter reported she had notified Nina McCall (of ABC) that we will participate in the election night reporting as decided at June board meeting. This was before Sen. Tower's announcement that he would not run again. It is not clear whether they will want to cover the primaries in view of the changed situation but the main concentration is the presidential race in November. Carpenter has received the new contract and gave the following rundown on payments compared to last year's. Last year's award was $20 per key precinct actually reported from a tabulation source for two or more key precincts with this year's figure set at $25; last year's figure was $30 per key precinct from an

individual source and the new figure is $40. The flat sum for coordinating, etc. remains at $1250, plus reimbursement for expenses.

Also the announcement has come from the networks that they will not voluntarily refrain from exit polling and key precinct reporting. Carpenter read a letter from LWV-Missouri stating they will not participate in the ABC polling which gave the basis for their decision. Here followed a discussion about the problems which arose because of network projections before all the polls closed; whether we feel bound by the telephone commitment; the amount of profit LWV-T receives and its impact on the budget; and the explanation to the LLs to get their participation.

Bonavita MOVED we rescind the action of the June board meeting to participate in the ABC Election Night Reporting. SECONDED. Discussion involved the idea that the budget should not be the governing factor--League principles are involved; also there is the matter of honoring our previous commitment by telephone; and the fact that many state Leagues share the profits whereas LWV-T keeps the PMP lower by virtue of the money made. The vote was called for and the motion FAILED.

Carpenter will sign the contract for LWV-T and find a coordinator for the project.

ORGANIZATION CORE REPORTS

14. WORKSHOPS

Sturgis handed out material relating to the counterpart workshops and designated the following persons "to be in charge" of the respective workshops: McMahan/Tarrant Co.; Carpenter/Baytown; Sturgis/Lubbock; Gooch/Richardson; and Carpenter/San Marcos. Discussion leaders are to be low-key--this is an effort to have LLs talk to each other about what they are doing. Gooch would like to know about any real problems or anything extra good. The nominating committee would like to hear of possibilities for state board members. Anything that would be useful to SB members should be passed on but we do not want any report as such.

15. FIELD SERVICE

Gooch handed out the Field Service Report and reminded us of the confidentiality. As to the state of the Leagues, through September the FSRs will have trained twenty-one and two more are set up in October. Here followed a general discussion about the particular items listed on the report. Gooch feels item 5 needs consideration by this board as to what direction should be given.

There are four LLs that have or would like to have elected officials on their boards--one of which wants to name an elected official as president-elect. The governmental bodies involved are school boards and city councils. IN LEAGUE is quite specific about whether candidates can be on local boards but unclear as to whether elected officials may serve on local boards. The latest Prospectus (No. 3) indicates a relaxation of the rules about national boards members running for elective office but only for state or local office.

After a spirited discussion about the problems that might arise in the local Leagues with elected officials on boards, it was decided that Gooch should write national and ask for an interpretation of IN LEAGUE and Prospectus on this matter. Furthermore, Gooch was instructed to write a proposed minimum guidelines statement for LWV-T to use in response to the local Leagues in question to be considered at the November mini-meeting.

16. MEMBERSHIP, STATE UNITS, AND MALs REPORT

McMahan announced we have ~~116 or 117~~ 113 MALs. There are 42 isolated and the following in: Henderson-7; Cleburne-10; Pasadena-25; Wise County-~~20~~ 22; and Burleson-7. The current status is: Burleson is floundering; Pasadena is probably going to begin having night board meetings and may need another advisor; Cleburne is rocking along basically doing Voters Service--they have a new chairman; Henderson is planning an organizational meeting in October to make application for state unit status; and Wise County is very promising--they have hopes of being large enough next year to become a provisional League.

McMahan referred to the section of her preboard relating to MALs' participation in the national security study consensus. She has filled out the LWVUS questionnaire sent out by national and informed them we expect the MALs to be counted in the consensus. It is against all League principles not to do so. In response to Carpenter's request McMahan has compiled a list of LLs that did not participate in Action Packed Politics last year. FSRs and workshop leaders will be asked to follow up on this.

Carpenter reported national is doing a survey on MALs and SUs. Information has been received that of the eight states which have a large number of MALs, five allow SUs and MALs to vote at state conventions and we are one of the three that do not.

Sturgis MOVED that each state Voters Guide contain a box offering membership in the League of Women Voters at a cost of $25. SECONDED. Discussion included the fact that the Voters Guides should be used for membership recruitment. If the responder is a resident where there is a local League, the check and name will be sent to that local League. If not, the person will become a member-at-large. The motion CARRIED. A memo will go to the LLs explain ing this new idea in the postboard.

17. CREATING NEW LEAGUES

Sturgis referred to her committee report on Creating New Leagues mailed out under date of July 19, 1983. The report was mailed because time ran out at the June board meeting. In order to update, Sturgis reported she has not yet been able to pursue the targeted priority list of Temple, San Angelo, and Huntsville because of the startup in Wise County and Henderson, and a letter from Houston LWV stating there is an area nearby where there is an interest in beginning a League. She asked for names of persons who could help with getting a League started to add to her list. Some names were suggested.

After enumerating the costs of starting a state unit or provisional League Sturgis stated the average cost is $100 per unit. Since two have already been started this year and two more are expected, Sturgis MOVED the following budget adjustment: Add $200 to line item S4-New Leagues and New Units, taking from reserves. SECONDED & CARRIED.

McMahan has agreed to write letters to all isolated MALs asking if a SU in their area would be viable. She will also compose sample letters to editors for use by isolated MALs. These two efforts by McMahan are in response to recommendations by the committee.

The meeting took a short break from 10:15 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

to 22. Odds + Ends

Bonavita made a suggestion that came from the group in room 428. It is to vary the agenda and try having core and committee meetings the first day of the state board meetings and go into plenary sessions the next day. This might avoid the practice that has developed when there has not been enough time to finish the committee work, making it necessary to use plenary session time for details that are really committee work. Carpenter stated we might try this for the January meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CORE REPORTS

18. PUBLICATIONS

Sutherland displayed a brochure Dallas has published. We might use it as a model for our publications catalogue if the cost is not prohibitive. We have two upcoming Facts & Issues publications --one on Redistricting and Reapportionment and the other will be the updating on administration of justice material Clark is doing. Sutherland will pursue the matter of getting an International Standard Book Number permit like national's--which would list our publications in libraries.

19. VOTER - DEADLINES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Ferstl suggested moving the deadline for the Oct. VOTER up one week to Friday, Sept. 28--for arrival in her mailbox. This will give her more time to work with the typesetter. It was agreed

that Smith could write an article on the child support concurrence as if it had happened and the board had approved it. Then, if necessary, it could be withdrawn or changed.

When articles are written a copy goes to Ferstl and to the appropriate vice-president. If the VPs spot any corrections, call Ferstl. Ferstl will type the copy for the typesetter and will send a photocopy to Carpenter who will have 10 days to check while the VOTER is being typeset.

Board members were asked to give Ferstl the feedback sheets contained in her preboard.

Here followed suggestions for articles and assignments. Various comments were made about which is preferable for the makeup of the Texas VOTER--several short, snappy articles, or long, in-depth material. It was generally agreed that a program article needs more space, but we must remember this is our only communication with all members and it should give an over-all picture. It is good to have one feature article in each issue. It was decided that the October issue would feature the Keystone project. It was noted that we need to feature organization work to keep a balance to match program. Arizaga asked for suggestions for articles from individual board members.

20. PR STRATEGY

Arizaga reported the committee plans three press releases and one press conference. They will be: Sept. 28, a press release on our new Voters Guides; Oct. 6, a press conference with Carpenter and a press release on Amendment #6 if concurrence is reached; and Oct. 19, a press release on all our amendment positions. Arizaga will compose a letter for MALs to recruit other MALs.

McCormick asked about the cost of press releases. She has material on the new jobs bill and would like to write a press release on it. It was noted that we must be certain that the LLs are informed of press releases ahead of time. Information on the jobs bill can go in the postboard and a press release can be gotten out in November.

21. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Albers expressed concern about our not having given McCormick enough time to explain the coalition Texans for Children which we have just joined. McCormick read the statement of purpose. Albers stated two resolutions have been adopted, one of which empowers the steering committee to make decisions. Arizaga MOVED that McCormick be named LWV-T's official representative on the steering committee with two alternates--Albers and Bonavita. SECONDED & CARRIED.

22. ODDS & ENDS

It was announced that the Texas Coalition on Juvenile Justice will be having a conference and their annual meeting in San Antonio November 16--the day before our mini-meeting. The program will feature speakers on Child Sexual Abuse and Problems of Children in Adult Jails. We are a member of this coalition and the membership list may be used for invitations to the conference.

LWV-San Antonio has asked whether we would prefer meeting at a church or a Savings & Loan building for the mini-meeting. We have no preference. The S & L building is near the airport and SB members can be met if arrival time is furnished. Carpenter will check plane schedules before planning the agenda. It was agreed we will eat lunch before going to the meeting and LWV-San Antonio will furnish dinner that evening and lunch the next day.

The postboard mailing will go out on Monday, Oct. 3 ~~instead~~ of Sept. 30. This does not change the deadline for postboard reports which is Sept. 23.

There was a discussion about not getting out a state office mailing in mid-October since the September mailing is to be going out Oct. 3. Also, the Leaders Guide for the Redistricting study which was scheduled for the October mailing is ready and will go in the Oct. 3 mailing. It was decided not to have this mailing unless something comes up that makes it necessary. The next scheduled mailing is December 2.

The convention minutes will be taken up at the Nov. mini-meeting.

Carpenter will order 12 copies of the pamphlet Write it Right from LWV-Illinois and have them available at the workshops.

23. DATES TO REMEMBER

VOTER deadline and postboard deadline - Sept. 23
SO mailing - Oct. 3
Preboard - Nov. 4
Nov. mini-meeting, San Antonio - 17 & 18.

The League of Women Voters of Texas board meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, Sept. 17, 1983.

Margie Morrill,
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

June 7-9, 1983
Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas was called to order at 1:45 p.m., June 7, 1983.

PRESENT: Jan Albers, Lavora Arizaga, Evelyn Bonavita, Lois Carpenter, Jeanette Davis, Sondra Ferstl, Rachel Gooch, Barbara McCormick, Myrtle McMahon, Margie Morrill, Catherine Perrine, Rowena Rodgers, Diane Sheridan, Franci Smith, Ethel Sturgis, Eleanor Sutherland, and Jeanette Vanderwater.

ABSENT: Louise Cummins.

Also present were two offboard associate directors, Kathy Jacob and Laura Keever; and Joann Lovelace, executive secretary. Nominating committee members Beth Brown and Jan Wilbur also attended part of the meeting.

1. NUTS AND BOLTS

Introduction to the state board experience. Carpenter asked each person present to tell a little about herself, where she is from, when and why she joined the League, and what her portfolio on this board is, so that we could get to know each other better.
Agenda adjustments. Carpenter asked that the following be added to the agenda: I Wish the League Would from the State Convention; Convention evaluation; ABC Reporting; and Appointment of committee to approve Convention minutes.
Office Organization. Lovelace began by saying the office staff really does not know how each day will develop and described the previous day's experience as an example. This is why deadlines are so important. The dates are set a little ahead to allow some flexibility in the task of getting the mailings out as scheduled. The part-time staff person is in the office from about 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Lovelace from about 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The best time to call is around 8:30 a.m. and continue on until 3:00 p.m. including the lunch hour. Lovelace outlined what the staff's basic tasks are, saying more than one-half of her (Lovelace's) time is taken up with financial matters. When board members send material for the state mailings, a copy should be sent to the state president and the appropriate vice president. Material may be edited since it is the president's prerogative to have the League sound like the president thinks the League should sound. There is a monthly mailing to state board and offboard members, LLs, and field service representatives. Communications between SB members as well as material directed to the local Leagues are in these mailings. The exception to editing and retyping is the preboard reports. Samples of stationery were displayed for orders. Sheets were handed around the table for listing of vacation schedules and best and worst times to receive telephone calls at home. Carpenter asked later that SB members let her or the SO know if a member plans to be out of town for more than a few days

in addition to the vacation schedule to avoid spending time trying to reach a board member when she is unavailable.

Reminders from Carpenter. a. Lovelace does not do secretarial work like letters to state officials for board members. b. If a board member is corresponding with someone in a local League or someone in the community, it is a courtesy to send a copy to the local League president. c. Try to skim the LL VOTERS for articles that are in your particular area if you do not have time to read all of them in detail.

Transfer of Files. If contact has not already been made, call your predecessor and make arrangements for transfer--usually done by bus. Here followed a discussion on what to keep and not to keep in the files. New members should check predecessors' files for handbooks needed for board work and notify Lovelace if any are missing.

Budget Orientation. Vanderwater began by giving a definition of a budget: A budget is a plan--this plan was adopted by the State Convention in Dallas in April, 1983. It includes the income expected from 6/1/83 to 5/31/84 to run the League of Women Voters of Texas. It also includes how we expect to spend this money. It is only a plan--and this budget is very "tight." Vanderwater highlighted certain areas of expenses and income budget items by category and explained office overhead; TEF reimbursement; board and administration, detailing the various categories under this line item and pointing out how reimbursement for expenses is handled by vouchers (if vouchers are given to her before the last morning of a particular meeting, checks can be written for reimbursement); and several other line items were explained. The program area has been working under a process where two vouchers are given the treasurer--one for the T budget and one for the TEF budget. The program core will discuss this and make a decision on whether to continue this procedure. Vanderwater asked that vouchers for expenses during the fiscal year 1982-83 be in her hands by June 30, 1983.

What the Secretary Expects. Morrill asked that the members speak clearly enough for the tape recorder to pick up; that long and complicated motions, consensus questions, and consensus and concurrence statements, be in writing for the secretary's files and accuracy; and that corrections to the minutes be made in a manner that is clear to the secretary for the permanent record of the minutes.

A 15 minute break was taken.

Political Policy Review. Carpenter asked members to turn to the policy guide, saying that a policy committee to review and make recomendation will be appointed at this meeting, but we need to discuss the nonpartisan political section now. Here followed a discussion on restrictions/nonrestrictions on partisan activities of state board members. The committee will be instructed to take a look at this section and make recommendations for action at this meeting.

Core Organization and Assignments Changes. Carpenter asked that the following changes be made on the preboard designations: Remove Bonavita from Public Relations Core and add Barbara McCormick as a "floater."

FIRST PLENARY SESSION

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Davis MOVED the following persons be appointed directors to serve on the League of Women Voters of Texas board of directors: Louise Cummins; Rachel Gooch; Barbara McCormick; Catherine Perrine; and Rowena Rogers. SECONDED & CARRIED.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 14, 1983 meeting were approved as written.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater apologized for not adding a line item under 0.1. Presidential Nominee - $100 as agreed at the April board meeting. Basically this was instituted for the benefit of budget planning for the next nominee. Current expenses incurred by Carpenter have been allocated to program vice president. It was suggested that the narrow computer strips being sent out by Vanderwater be glued on larger sheets for ease of handling.

Vanderwater referred to her preboard which gives budget analysis to May 20, 1983. Some updating has already been done. She would like to finish the fiscal year as soon as possible but recognizes the legislative wrapup and bills for the May VOTER are yet to come.

Using a chart to demonstrate where we now stand, Vanderwater stated we will end the T fiscal year with around $30,000 in assets. She mentioned a $2000 endowment that is not listed on the balance sheet. Also reference was made to an accrual of $1155 carryover for equipment. This is from a previously set aside amount of $2000 for purchase of a memory typewriter. The typewriter has been purchased and it is estimated we will need about $900 more out of the T budget to complete the capability of the system. The new budget allows $1800 from reserves to buy a new mimeograph machine. The convention surplus is around $2400 and we will have an estimated cushion of $5700 at the end of the fiscal year.

Vanderwater mentioned how the T budget cash flow has been handled. The investments committee will consider this factor in their recommendations.

Board decisions need to be made on: a. The state convention balance; b. Policy on budget item charges for time and page cost; c. another parking space; d. Telephone equipment; and e. The memory typewriter equipment.

Vanderwater stated the practice of sending statements to the local League treasurers directly has worked well. The statements are

sent four times per year, include Ed Fund balances and PMP amounts and due dates. All PMPs for the current fiscal year have been paid. By general consent it was agreed that the the state treasurer should continue this practice of direct statements to the local League treasurers.

5. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Sutherland MOVED that Ethel Sturgis be elected president pro tem. SECONDED & CARRIED.

6. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The elected members of the nominating committee are Jan Wilbur, chair; Beth Brown, and Polly Cave. We need two members from the state board.

Davis MOVED Catherine Perrine be appoint to the nominating committee. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED Jeanette Davis be appointed to the nominating committee. SECONDED & CARRIED.

7. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget - Several names were suggested for chairman--generally an offboard person. The president will work on this appointment. By general consent it was agreed that the board members will be: Carpenter, Bonavita, Davis, and Vanderwater.

Bylaws - Sturgis MOVED that Eleanor Sutherland be appointed bylaws committee chairman. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Policy - Add Arizaga and Sturgis to the list of policy committee members listed in the preboard agenda and remove McMahan. The committee would then be: Bonavita, Sutherland, Rodgers, Ferstl, Arizaga, and Sturgis.

Investments - Add McMahan to the list on the preboard agenda.

Blue Sky - Add Cummins to the list in the preboard agenda. Delete Arizaga

Council Planning - Add Vanderwater to the list in the preboard agenda.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The first plenary session reconvened at 7:30 p.m., June 7, 1983

8. SELECTION OF SITE FOR CONVENTION 85

Two invitations from local Leagues for State Convention 1985 were received at the State Convention in Dallas--Houston and Austin. Carpenter read letters from Helen Hunter, LWV-Houston president and Frances McIntyre, LWV-Austin president, relating to hotel accommodations and other information.

Arizaga MOVED that the 1985 Convention be held in Austin. SECONDED. Extended discussion followed including a suggestion that legislative day might be combined with the convention and possibly changing the convention days to Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. It was noted that the Austin board members Albers and Bonavita would be too busy with the legislative session to be board liason persons. Names were mentioned of persons who might be offboard coordinator and it would not be a hardship since most of our board meetings are held in Austin. The vote was taken and the motion CARRIED.

Albers MOVED that Cheryl Hazeltine be asked to act as offboard liason for State Convention 85. SECONDED & CARRIED. This board recommends to the convention committee that the days of Saturday, Sunday, and Monday be considered so some kind of legislative day can be worked in. Specific dates will be worked out later.

9. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Carpenter reported the following:

a. She has received a complementary copy of a new textbook entitled Essentials of Texas Politics by Cramer & Newell which has good basic, up-to-date material.
b. A conference on water will be held at SMU, Dallas, April 3-5, 1984. Perrine will be asked to write a paper for this. (Joke)
c. The Federal Elections Commission will hold a regional conference in Tulsa Nov. 13-15, 1983 and would like help in getting word to people who might be interested. It was decided to send names and addresses of LL presidents and Voters Service chairs. Rogers will work with Lovelace on this.
d. Carpenter has a copy of LWV-US President Dot Ridings' address to our state convention. It will be on file in the state office.
e. At the recent National Council LWV-Alaska mentioned they have a system for teleconferences allowing, among other things, for testimony to be given without traveling to the state capitol. Carpenter asked for information on the system which has been received. Copies are in the hands of the program VP and the president's files.
f. The national League is making a survey of fundraising and sharing formulas in the state Leagues. All were asked to send copies of their policies which Carpenter has done.

g. Carpenter and Clark had a meeting with Terrell Blodget, of the LBJ School of Public Affairs. He and Barbara Jordan are planning a Policy Research Project for which they need a client, and they want us to be that client. The subject matter would be single-member districts vs. at-large districts for city councils with students doing the research. There would be no financial obligations--probably some advisory role only. The project has been delayed so no decision is needed now.

10. GOAL SETTING

It was agreed that each core group should determine specific goals and procedures for reaching these goals. These would be reviewed as the year progresses.

11. COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CONVENTION MINUTES

The three vice presidents were appointed as a committee to review the convention minutes and make corrections. The minutes will then be presented to the full board for approval.

12. ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

Discussion of this subject involved the concern about the effects of early projections by the national networks. At the national council the Wisconsin League called a meeting of interested parties to discuss this subject. The consensus was that it is a problem; the networks will not cooperate and hold off reporting; that we are making money and someone will do it if the Leagues don't; and that the problem will not be resolved unless we go to some kind of 24-hour voting period. On this latter question, the national board feels our position is not that broad. If Leagues want that, they sould go to the National Convention with such a proposal. McMahon stated she had three or four Leagues say they would not do it again, but there did not seem to be a great deal of problems. We made $4671 on the last reporting contract. Vanderwater suggested a separate account if we do it again and McMahan suggested a larger stipend for the coordinator and an advance payment.

Albers MOVED we continue election night reporting as a project. SECONDED & CARRIED. The vote was 12 for and 3 against.

After a general discussion on results of the evaluation forms from the state convention, the first plenary session adjourned at 9:10 p.m. for core meetings.

Wednesday, June 8, 1983.

Core meetings continued at 8:45 a.m. with a break at 10:30 a.m., and committee meetings were held from 10:45 a.m. until lunch at 12:30 p.m.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION

The second plenary session was called to order at 7:00 p.m., June 8, 1983.

18. CONCURRENCE STATEMENT-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Bonavita read the wording of the proposed constitutional amendment as it will appear in the state constitution and the wording of the proposed amendment as it will appear on the ballot of the Nov. 8, 1983 general election.

Perrine MOVED approval of the following concurrence statement:

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports efficient and effective means of enforcing court orders for child support, including the assignment of wages.

SECONDED & CARRIED.

Sheridan MOVED reconsideration of the wording of the concurrence statement, specificially the word "effective." SECONDED & CARRIED.

Sturgis MOVED changing the word "effective" to "equitable." SECONDED & CARRIED. The concurrence statement will read:

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports equitable and efficient means of enforcing court orders for child support, including the assignment of wages.

14. CHANGE IN BOAPD MEETING DAYS OF WEEK

Before going into calendar planning Carpenter asked for opinions on changing board meeting days of the week from Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to some other days. Other days of the week were discussed as well as having compressed meetings by arriving one evening, work a full day the next day, and then work until late afternoon the third day. Board members who are salaried workers were heard from and it was agreed that a better plan would be to begin the meeting nearer the end of the week and not take three full days from the middle of the week. After several options were considered, the decision was to have the next meeting from noon Thursday to noon Saturday and see how this works. Details of the location will be looked into by Carpenter.

15. CALENDAR PLANNING

Beginning with June 1983 the calendar dates were worked out through June 1984. Individual board members made notes of the

calendar dates and the executive secretary will send out a printed calendar to the SB members prior to the publication of the June Directory.

16. COUNTERPART WORKSHOPS

Sturgis outlined plans for five counterpart workshops as worked out by the Organization Core. Dates and places are:

Friday, Oct. 7	-Tarrant County
Saturday, Oct. 8	-Baytown
	-Lubbock
Saturday, Oct. 15	-Richardson
	-San Marcos

All are planned to begin at 10:00 a.m. and finish at 2:30 p.m. with a $2 registration payable in advance or $3 at the door. The workshops will be subsidized by a registration fee and by the state League from budget item S.3. - $400, allocated as follows:

$50 to each of the 5 host LLs	$250
$50 each to Edinburg/McAllen & El Paso if they attend	100
Other expenses--phone, materials	50
	$400

The topics will be Presidents, Program (dealing with ballot issues, etc.), Membership, and Voters Guides.

State board members are urged to attend--expenses may be charged to their own line items--and at least one "expert" in each field will be at each workshop.

The second plenary session adjourned at 8:45 p.m. for committee meetings.

Thursday, June 9, 1983

THIRD PLENARY SESSION

The third plenary session was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

17. ORGANIZATION CORE REPORT

Sturgis made reference to items 2.A. and B. of her preboard. The response to 2.B. was that the local Leagues should work out any problems between themselves.

2.A. involved environmental issues (national position) where several Leagues could be affected by siting of nuclear waste disposal plants. General discussion ensued and it was decided the

state president would write a cautionary memo calling attention to In League and the "pink sheet" as a reminder. The feeling was unanimous that we want to encourage action but there must be coordination with the state board and other affected Leagues so we will be saying the same thing.

Taking up item 3. Revision of the Check List for Local League Boards, Sturgis asked for comments. Carpenter suggested two columns on the right side to be entitled No. of Copies and Deadline. A couple of editorial changes were made.

Sturgis stated that the national board has decided that a local League may pay more than 25% of their PMPs from the Education Fund on a case by case basis. The rule is that not more than 25% of the total amount of PMPs from local Leagues may be paid from the Ed Fund--so when some Leagues do not take advantage of this it allows others to apply. Sturgis arranged for Rockwall County LWV to use this method of paying their PMP to national.

18. FIELD SERVICE

Gooch called attention to her preboard which was handed out to board members at the meeting. She reminded us of the confidentiality of the content of this report, and also the need to distance ourselves from our local Leagues, such as staying away from board meetings unless there is something specific we are called upon to do. However, a courtesy call to the LL president is in order after return from a state board meeting.

19. MEMBERSHIP

McMahan reported we have three state units at the present time. Burleson is having problems. State units will be participating in a concurrence and we will be sending them material for consensus on the national security study which will have to be given some thoughtful attention as to how they can participate in consensus.

20. PR CORE REPORT

VOTER. Ferstl stated the recommendation from the PR Core for the time being is to retain the basic 4-page format we've used in the past, but have only one color ink--black. She was asked to get cost figures for inserts and also cost figures for two-colored ink edition.

Publications. Sutherland mentioned the following ideas:

a. National has a listing with the Library of Congress. Because libraries use this before they go to other booksellers, she will make inquiries about LWV-T having a listing.
b. She plans to see what the cost would be for a "slick" catalogue which could then go out to our current and prospective contributors. We could then put out an in-house catalogue on League tools which would not be so costly. Sheridan suggested listing the State Directory in the latter catalogue.
c. She will promote the Texas Covernment Handbook in her postboard. Local Leagues can make $1.25 on each copy.
d. Sutherland asked if we can do merchandizing for local Leagues in our in-house catalogue. It was agreed this is a good idea.
e. Another idea is to advertize subscriptions to the Texas VOTER in our slick catalogue. It was agreed to do this with the price to be $3 for non-members and they would go out in a separate first class mailing.

Arizaga will need help with press releases. Alert her if you have something to be publicized.

The meeting recessed for 15 minutes.

21. PROGRAM CORE REPORT

The constitutional amendments will be taken up at the September board meeting.

Albers stated we have pretty much filled the slots for monitoring program except for the government portfolio. After dividing the subjects among current board members, the following are left: Reproductive Rights, State/Local Relations, Constitutional Revision, and Initiative and Referendum. She asked for suggestions. Rodgers has agreed to do Election Laws and Voting Rights; Smith will take ERA; Arizaga will do Modernizing State Government; and Albers will retain Financing State Government and School Finance until the special session is over.

Bonavita reported the program core plans to put a paragraph in the Legislative Newsletter Roundup saying that if a special session is called to consider brucillosis, TEC, and minimum aid, we do not plan to cover it. But if the session covers AFDC and/or water and/or teachers salaries (because this would involve a tax bill,) we would try to cover it and put out Legislative Newsletters. The committee recommends a subscription fee of $3 for 4 newsletters.

Publications. a. The Index will be a much simpler form naming only the subject matter of local League studies.
b. We Support will be reviewed and updated, hopefully during the summer so it can be used for membership drives in the fall.
c. Perrine will do an update on Texas water planning--which may be T or TEF.

Albers will work on a memo reminding Leaguers to study IN LEAGUE, Fundamentals, and the Policy Guide. Also the committee will put together information on PACs to be ready for the fall workshops.

Perrine MOVED that this board recommend Jan Albers for appointment to the Select Committee on Education. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Albers MOVED that this board recommend Ken Kramer of the Sierra Club for appointment to the Sunset Commission. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Albers outlined a clarification memo the program core agreed should go out to the local Leagues explaining what we can support under our taxation position. The board agreed to these general outlines.

22. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Bonavita asked that all members get their Policy Guide in hand and stated the policy committee recommends the following:

On Page 1 under I.A. NONPARTISAN POLITICAL POLICY switch the order or paragraphs, placing paragraph 1. 2nd and paragraph 2. 1st. Also that the word "only" in the middle of the 2nd line of the present paragraph 1. be stricken and that the words "only a" be inserted at the beginning of the 2nd line of paragraph 1., making it read: 2. A state board member may accept appointment to, or run for, only a local elective office if (a) there... ."

Page 2, II.C.(2). LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS. In the 4th line after the words local League bylaws, change the word "should" to "shall."

Page 4, B. STATEWIDE FUNDRAISING, in the 1st line of the 2nd paragraph delete the word "development." In the 4th paragraph, change the year "1981" to "1983"... .
Paragraph B.2. Restricted Contributions--add "to LWV-T or LWV-TEF." and delete the balance of the sentence.

Page 5. F. THE TEXAS VOTER - 1st line after words "...receive the Texas VOTER" change period to semicolon and add words "those holding household memberships shall receive one copy per household." Also change the subscription price from $1 per year to $3 per year and the single copy price from 25¢ to 75¢.

Page 7, I. SCHEDULE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES 1. Travel Raise the car mileage reimbursements to: 15¢ -- 1 person and 18¢ -- 2 or more persons in car.
1.4. Child Care. Raise the figure $15 per day to $20 per day.

Arizaga MOVED approval of the policy committee's recommendations. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Because some reimbursement checks have already been issued for travel reimbursement for this meeting, it was agreed that the policy changes relating to reimbursement of expenses would become effective after this meeting.

It was decided that the policy committee should prepare a memo for the budget committee with recommendations insofar as the policy guide figures are concerned early enough for their use in preparing the next budget.

23. STATE CONVENTION SURPLUS

Davis MOVED that the amount of money budgeted but not expended for the State Convention 1983 be put into the T budget general fund. SECONDED. Discussion included mention that there is a precedent--an earlier convention held in Tarrant County; the Dallas League decided against having a fund-raising project at the convention; the convention budget had allowed for travel and honorarium for a "name" speaker which did not work out; we did not make a profit on the luncheon or tour/dinner/entertainment; the budget made allowance for several offboard directors, nominating and budget committee members who preferred to attend as LL delegates; and finally, had there been a shortage in the funding, the host League would not have been expected to share the shortage. The motion CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED that a statement be added to the Convention and Council Manuals that break-even budgets should be the goal, but if there is any loss or surplus, it would be absorbed into the T budget. SECONDED & CARRIED.

24. OFFICE LEASE

Davis brought up the matter of our office lease rental contract. We operate under a 2-year lease which was last renewed in March 1983. We are talking about spending League money to redecorate the office and there is a possibility that the landlord might then raise the rent above our price range, thus taking advantage of our improvement of the premises. It was agreed that Carpenter and Lovelace should work with the landlord and negotiate a lease with an escalator clause to avoid one enormous hike in rental charge.

25. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Davis MOVED acceptance of Vanderwater's request that the charge for time and material be raised from 10¢ to 11¢ per page and from $10 to $11 per hour. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Albers MOVED that we convert our office phone system to a 6-button Bell touchtone dialing system with 3 telephones and 2 lines, at an estimated cost of between $400 and $500. This is item N-4 in the budget. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Arizaga MOVED N.6. be increased to provide for one additional parking space at a cost of $45 per month. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Perrine MOVED authorization of expenditures up to $3000 for improvement of the office word processing system up to its capabilities. SECONDED & CARRIED. Essentially this action will mean adding around $900 to the budget under item N.11.

Sutherland MOVED budget item S.6. be increased by $100 making a total of $250 and S.7. be increased by $70 making a total of $270. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Albers MOVED T.2. be increased by $50, making a total of $1250. SECONDED & CARRIED.

26. VOTER ASSIGNMENTS

Ferstl stated she has been making notes the past three days and suggests the following for the July VOTER: A 2-page insert on the child support amendment plus a paragraph of explanation; president's message and blurb for invitation for hosting the November mini-meeting; plug for Texas Government Handbook; possible article about the Garwood gift; membership recruitment and Action Packed Politics; Lovelace will furnish information for an article on what the Texas League does for the handicapped; items for plaudits and Spotlight; article by the treasurer. Ferstl reviewed the format for copy and set the deadline for copy to be in her hands by July 1.

27. CREATING NEW LEAGUES COMMITTEE REPORT

Sturgis reported we will be targeting Temple, San Angelo, and Huntsville for formation of state units. A special memo will go out to MALs asking them to submit letters to the editors in their areas.

The Council Planning and Blue Sky Committees were asked to submit memo reports to be circulated among the board members because time did not allow these reports to be made at the board meeting.

28. EVALUATION OF WHOLE BOARD MEETING/RETREAT

Carpenter commented she has never been to a board meeting in all her six years on the board where people have worked so hard and so much has been accomplished. She commended all members, but

particularly the new board members, for coming prepared to plunge right in and get the work done. She asked for suggestions for structure of the meetings.

Comments were made that we sometimes spend too much time in details at the full board meeting that should be taken care of in core and committee meetings. Also perhaps the preboards could be more detailed and when all members read these they will be better prepared for questions in the committee meetings as well as for the decisions necessary.

Jacob commented she was impressed by the Texas system of committee work then bringing the reports to the full board. Albers noted that this meeting is always the hardest working time, coming after the state convention with a new board, and after the legislative biennial session.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas Board of Directors adjourned at 12:30 p.m., June 9, 1983.

Margie Morrill
Secretary

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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April 14, 1983
NorthPark Inn, Dallas, Texas

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

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MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas was called to order at 1:30 p.m., April 14, 1983.

PRESENT: Arizaga, Bonavita, Brown, Carpenter, Clark, Davis, Johnson, Kidwell, Lava, McCormick, Miller, Morrill, Perrine, Price, Sturgis, Sutherland, and Vanderwater.

Also present for portions of the meeting were Jan Albers, Donna Green, Pat Sabin, and Joann Lovelace.

Clark displayed some historical records the League had received from Mike Cochran of Denton. They included a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Equal Suffrage Association dated the 11th day of Oct., 1919. There also were copies of the minutes of the 1st and 2nd annual meetings of the League of Women Voters of Texas. These records are fascinating. They show that Leaguers still have some of the same problems--even some of the same issues to fight for. One example was the issue of prisons. Two of these documents were blown up and placed on poster board. They will be displayed in the publications room at the state convention. Clark also gave us a glance of the new Fundamentals for Local League Boards, which is being placed in the presidents' packets.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Jan. 11-13, 1983 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Page 2, in the last line of the Treasurer's report, the figure $2,750 should be changed to $2,000. The $750 figure is in TEF.

Page 7, in the last line of the 4th paragraph from the bottom, delete the last phrase which reads "bringing that figure to $650." and place a period after the words "$200 more." Also add the word "committee" after the word "budget" on the last line of the page, making it read "...instructions to the budget committee..."

Page 8, in the 3rd full paragraph, beginning Sturgis MOVED, add the words "for the year 1984-85" after the words "...proposed PMP 50¢..." making it read "...raising the proposed PMP 50¢ for the year 1984-85 making it $8.75."

Page 10, subparagraph f. delete the last sentence.

Page 11, in the 2nd line of the 1st paragraph of section 12, add the word "Dallas" before the word "Mayor", making it read "...the Dallas mayor not the governor..."

Page 12, in paragraph 13. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS, under EXPENSES, section U2 should be U4 and U3 should be U5.

Perrine MOVED that Section 9 VOTER beginning on page 4 of the TEF minutes be removed from the TEF minutes and made the last paragraph of the T minutes and be approved as written. SECONDED & CARRIED.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Vanderwater stated she has three announcements: 1. She would be on vacation May 1 through May 7. She will pay all bills and vouchers before leaving--so SB members are urged to get their vouchers to her promptly. 2. She has purchased a book titled Texas Nonprofit Organizations. It was put together by the University of Houston Law Foundation and used as a textbook. Vanderwater will donate it to the LWV of Texas for use in development. 3. She has "mastered" the computer on her own (see her preboard report) and she handed out strips of the printout to some of the SB members for the period Apr. 1-Apr. 13, so their ledger sheets can be brought up to date.

Vanderwater referred to the budget problems listed in her preboard which need attention. She listed the following specific areas for discussion: Short - A2, MAL dues; B, Interest; C4, Legislative Newsletter; D, Fund raising; O1, President; and R5, TV show. Extra Money - N11, Office overhead; T, Program; & Reserves. TEF Paybacks; R2, VOTER; O3b, Board Meetings seem ok. Other areas elsewhere will probably cancel out.

During the discussion Sturgis commented that the incoming president has no budget item for preliminary expenses. This is a situation that occurs every 2 years and should be addressed now so we will have information for future budgets. By general consent it was agreed to add a line item O-1-b, Presidential nominee - $100.

Bonavita asked whether the costs of the mailing of the Legislative Newsletter Roundup would be under this year's budget or next year's. Vanderwatter pointed out there is nothing in the 1983-84 budget for this so it will have to come from the current budget.

After a long discussion of figures for various categories--legislative office; changes in MALs to provisional League and possible new SUs; a cheaper way to print the next VOTER; National Council expenses being reduced; and other changes, Lava MOVED that budget adjustments be made at the end of the fiscal year after final figures are all in and authorization be given to take any shortages from Reserves. SECONDED & CARRIED.

3. DISCUSSION OF CONVENTION TIMED AGENDA

Pat Sabin, convention local arrangements chair and incoming Dallas president joined the meeting. Clark proceeded to go over the timed

agenda for the convention and listed who would be on the podium for each segment. Meg Kier, Arlington, will be the parliamentarian and since she is not entirely familiar with League procedure, Kidwell will sit beside her. Ruth Lauer, Lubbock; Carol Wilson, Richardson; and Shirley Johnson, Tarrant County, will be the Courtesy Resolutions Committee. Brown will announce there is no longer an Alvin State Unit and then Kerrville will be recognized as a provisional League. The Action Motions Committee will be Carpenter, Bonavita, and Albers. Board members contributed $5 each for the state board reception. The SB, offboard chairs, and Pat Sabin will have breakfast with Dot Ridings Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee will be available in the lobby each morning. Sutherland announced that Majority Leader Jim Wright's secretary had called and said that he could speak at the luncheon (having previously declined.) So we will have two speakers--Mr. Wright and Molly Ivins, political commentator for the Dallas Times Herald. There will be a daily VOTER published for the convention. Patty Crum ley, former editor of the Dallas VOTER, will be the editor.

4. NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Carpenter and Sturgis will be the official delegates to the national Presidents Council in May. Others may go as visitors at their own expense.

5. STATE PRESIDENTS COUNCIL 1984

Clark referred to her president's letter which listed two hotels in Corpus Christi as possibilities for the 1984 Council. They were La Quinta Royale Motor Inn and Holiday Inn Emerald Beach. Morrill read information on prices from Holiday Inn Airport. The latter rates were cheaper for the sleeping rooms but meeting rooms would be charged for if there are less than 75 sleeping rooms engaged. Perrine MOVED that the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi, be chosen as the site for the Presidents Council '84. SECONED & CARRIED.

6. MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR LOCAL LEAGUE STATUS

Brown stated that Montgomery County's application is in order except for a modest adjustment in their budget relating to the fact that the PMPs would be effective at date of recognition as a LL rather than as of Jan. 1, 1983. They are enthusiastic and want to move forward.

Brown MOVED that this board approve Montgomery County's application and recommend to LWVUS that they be recognized as a local League. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Brown stated that this board's approval allows them to be treated as a local League from the date of such approval. It was decided

that after Brown's announcement of the recognition, Sutherland would present delegates' badges to the Montgomery County members giving them voting privileges at this convention.

7. VOTER

Lava stated there is a problem with the VOTER shells--some are defective and we do not have enough to publish the next issue. We will need to order more or do something different. Her recommendation is that we do another type VOTER--go front and back with a 2-page issue with the masthead for the May issue. It would be similar to the advocacy papers we have published. We must publish the 4th issue because if we do not the post office will go back and make a charge for 1st class mail for the previous 3 issues instead of 2nd class rates and they will pull our nonprofit permit. Content will include a legislative "day" by Bonavita; convention summary by Sutherland; president's letter "going"; Spotlight or more in depth from LLs. Lava will talk to Diane Sheridan about the Keystone hazardous waste siting for a possible article and an article about Lubbock's "jailbait election" is another possibility. After discussion it was decided that we might go to 4 pages. The deadline will be May 1.

8. FIELD SERVICE

Sturgis noted that in her preboard she made reference to the format of the "Checklist for Local Board Members" that appears in the Directory each June. Some changes should be made. Sturgis will work with Carpenter and Lovelace on this. Miller has agreed to finish during the summer a Publication Production Kit. It will replace the old Voter Editors Kit and it can also be used by LLs to put out their own publications like Your Elected Officials. She asked for suggestions for field service representatives.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS TO LWVUS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It was noted that Lubbock is nominating Betty Anderson for the national board; Tarrant County is nominating Georgia Kidwell for the board and Ethel Sturgis for the budget committee.

It was agreed that this board will recommend Sturgis for the national budget committee and Anderson, Clark, and Kidwell for the national board. Resumes will be given to Carpenter.

10. LEGISLATIVE DAY REPORT

Bonavita made reference to her preboard which noted that we went over in the expenses of Legislative Day. She recommends: 1. That we raise the registration fee for next time, and 2. That it be in the budget. Perrine MOVED that we recommend to the next board that

the registration fee for Legislative Day be $5 and recommend to the next budget committee that there be in and out items for Legislative Day in the budget. SECONDED & CARRIED.

Clark brought up the matter of the late afternoon reception and stated that it was embarrassing for the legislators to come in after the LLs had gone home. She felt the LLs should be responsible for meeting their own delegations. She recommends that the new board examine the whole matter of the reception carefully taking into consideration the schedule pressures the legislators have. Sturgis stated that the next budget should include new line items E5 and U6 for Legislative Day. By common consent it was agreed this will be recommended to the next budget committee.

11. SAVING THE STATE OF TEXAS

Albers outlined her assessment of the revenue problems facing the current legislative session and posed the question whether or not LWV-T should or could take any action on this issue. Points made:

- We need to look at a source of revenue to get us through the next biennium that would be politically acceptable, would meet League criteria, and generate enough revenue to really do some good.
- Many groups are coming out for some kind of tax increase and putting pressure on house members. Within the last two days the position seems to be hardening against any kind of new tax bill--the easiest way out. Speculations are that a budget will be adopted that falls within Bullock's estimate of revenues and this will not answer the real needs. They will then wait for one of two things to happen 1. Bullock will announce there is more money available or, 2. There will be such a public outcry that they will go back and pass a tax bill--probably in a special session.
- We have no problem with increases in many of the state fees and with the proposal of moving forward the tax collection dates (one-time only) but this would not generate much revenue. The 5¢ gasoline tax increase would not help the general fund a lot because the major portion of that would go into the highway fund.
- The increase in projected revenues of the amount generated in the last biennium will be absorbed in just "keeping up" with inflation and expenses.
- Other organizations have said we have to have a 1¢ increase in the sales tax, which would bring in $2,109,000,000 for the general fund. Our position does not support general sales taxes but Albers suggests we should think about a personal consumption of services tax.
- The LWV should consider it responsible to support some sort of tax increase since we are asking for increases in a number of spending programs.
- The suggestion that a fair tax would be an across-the-board tax on both goods and services with certain exemptions received favorable response among several of the board members. It would be more equitable and has the merit of reducing sales taxes on goods while taxing services.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. and moved to Diana Clark's home for a dinner provided by the Dallas League. A relaxing time was had by all and we enjoyed the delicious food and thank the Dallas League and Diana and Win Clark for their hospitality and the opportunity to spend some time with Dallas League members.

12. CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION ON SAVING THE STATE OF TEXAS

The discussion continued and further points were:
.We have two options--we can support a tax which would (fill in the blanks) or we can support a more specific tax and name it.
.The realities are that we will have a sad economy until the oil industry makes a substantial recovery. Furthermore we really should be considering some means of replacing revenues engendered from our depleting natural resources.
.Do we want to support the motor fuel tax? The consensus was "no" unless it becomes undedicated funds.
.The "sin" tax does not produce much revenue and hits special groups.
.We should make a statement that our state has many great problems and we need to address them with new taxes. Furthermore the LWV need to decide what we can support.

Perrine MOVED that Jan Albers research a proposal for a tax on goods and services, in equal percentages, that would raise about $2 billion in revenue which the League would support. SECONDED.

Discussion included the question when and how the proposal would be approved by the board and whether or not to bring such a proposal to the floor of the convention. The only time available would be during the legislative report time on the convention agenda and it would really cause problems to hit the delegates "cold" with such a new idea.

The vote on the motion was 6 for and 9 against. The motion FAILED.

After responses to Clark's question about the reasons for the negative vote and further discussion about what direction Albers should take, it was agreed that she should research the various options for taxes on goods and services. Further that she would seek to get some feedback from the LLs at this convention about such a tax --it being a very new idea to all of us, the seed needs to be planted. She would ask for input also on the question of imposition of other types of taxation that our position would allow us to support. This short presentation would be made as part of the legislative report with a suggestion that responses might be given in the time allotted for "I Wish the League Would" Direction to the State Board.

13. DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Price reported receipt of the 2nd $500 from the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. The contribution from General Motors has not come in yet. National Gypsum will meet on the 19th--they have given $750 in the past.

14. TEPL - TASK FORCE (to gain) EQUITY (for) PAID-UP LEAGUES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA,

Clark received a packet of material from the above League which states their position and decision to place their PMPs to national in escrow pending certain action by the national board of directors. The mailing included a tear-off slip with two questions. This board's decisions were the following:

1.) Publicize their position in our VOTER? No.

2.) Write LWVUS in support of their bylaws changes? Our answer should be we would like to wait to see the results of national's efforts to correct this major problem before supporting any bylaws changes.

The meeting of the League of Women Voters of Texas board of directors adjourned at 9:25 p.m., April 14, 1983.

Margie Morrill, Secretary