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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUNTINGTON

Huntington, West Virginia
May, 1963

Mrs. Rodney G. Schroeder, President
2707 North Terrace

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 8 PM
Junior League Community Center
617 Ninth Avenue
Subject: County Study Highlights

THE CASE OF THE GOOD EXCUSE

or

Auntie Peggy Needs You

A recent league flyer informed the public that the Huntington League of Women Voters has the Facts and Figures. This play on words can be stretched further in pointing up the fact that presently the Huntington league is minus some figures to carry out all of the league activities in the coming year.

There are 63 members many of whom are inactive for a variety of good reasons. The cause of this dilemma is simply that in recent years a sufficient number of new members have not joined to replace those who are now inactive or gone.

A dedicated handful of members organized the league sponsored activities prior to the recent election. Many hours of planning and work were spent on these activities which were brought to the attention of the public so frequently in the newspapers. To review: we sponsored a panel discussion for the public to develop the true issues of the charter election; two flyers were written and 20,000 copies distributed; a car caravan was formed by members and interested friends to give balloons and candy to children and flyers to their parents; finally we helped in the Citizens for Huntington headquarters and as block workers.

The election is over. Now is the time to evaluate our local league functions and decide just how much we can contribute to the community, state and nation. To operate at full capacity, i.e., studying for consensus, acting on established programs and providing citizens with voter service material, requires more woman power than now exists. The league cannot get into the rut of being concerned with local problems alone; any conscientious civic group can do this.

The greatest problem today seems to be time; however, going on the assumption that one has the time to do those things one wants to do, more members must find the time if the Huntington League is to continue with all of its present plans. The "dedicated handful" which works in any organization is far too small.

In the coming months members of the board will call on you to help telephone, type or serve on a resource committee; so please make your preferences known. Remember, if you have not attended a meeting lately, new members know you only as a name on the membership list.

It is a fact that league effort helped win the recent election, but Constitutional Revision, Water Resources, Foreign Economic Policy and the United Nations require our efforts as well. It would be nice to speculate on whether the league obtained those forty winning votes but there is work to be done. Perhaps there will be time for reflected glory tomorrow.

Peggy Schroeder

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

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TIME FOR ACTION - FEP

The league has studied and supported economic aid to the developing countries over a period of years. All signals from the Hill indicate that this will be the most crucial year in the history of foreign aid. Proposals for 1964 include no major innovations. The intention is, through a series of improvements in policy and administration, to put into effect a more effective practice of the concepts established by the Congress in 1961. This effort has been greatly helped by the intensive review conducted by the Clay Committee. The league favors the following foreign aid objectives as stated by President Kennedy:

Time for Action - cont.

- 1) Stricter standards of selectivity and self-help in aiding developing countries.
- 2) Efforts to reduce and ultimately eliminate our aid by enabling nations to stand on their own feet as rapidly as possible.
- 3) Securing increased participation of other industrialized nations in sharing the cost of aid to developing countries.

It is apparent that what is needed to get adequate legislation for foreign economic aid through Congress this year is a demonstration of enthusiastic support from the public and the League of Women Voters can help lead the way. Now is the time for the league to put its knowledge and understanding of this program to work. League members should begin a sustained correspondence with their Congressmen, both senators and representatives. David Bell, the new director of AID contends that the development of an adequate program is as much the responsibility of the Congress as it is of the Administration. This makes it more imperative that Congressmen, even those already committed to aid, hear from their constituents. Every office on the Hill is always well supplied with letters from aid opponents. It is always surprising to hear when the aid legislation comes to a vote that they have received not one letter supporting aid. This statement is made year after year. This must not happen this time. Write to: The Honorable Jennings Randolph, The Honorable Robert Byrd, Senators from West Virginia and Congressman Ken Hechler, Representative, 4th District of West Virginia.

Joan Weisberg

COUNTY STUDY FINISHED

Why does the County Court have three commissioners and the other courts only one judge? Where does the county get its tax money? What kinds of service are available in Cabell County? What is the relationship between city and county and state?

These and other questions will be answered Wednesday, May 15, at 8 PM at the Junior League Community Center.

A panel will present highlights of the local league county study which many of you have had a hand in compiling.

The county has been called the "dark continent of American Politics". Come and let's shed some light on the subject.

Nancy Matthews

N.B. If you weren't able to get your friends to the membership coffee, May 8, bring them to this meeting.

ELECTION SIDELIGHTS

Planning and arranging distribution of 20,000 flyers (Cost \$140) was an interesting experience as well as enlightening. It was a real thrill to discover how respected the league's position is. One thought for the future - if every member would act as a distributor for just one organization she belongs to, it would be a tremendous help.

Giovanna Deveny

As of this writing the election is won. We hope that the League Caravan helped in some small way to influence those forty winning votes. It was quite an undertaking but everyone who worked seemed to enjoy it. The cars were decorated and sent around town and down town to give out literature, balloons and suckers. In all, excluding literature, it cost \$110. Some of us enjoyed balloons as much as we did in the past. However, after 2500 we are a little breathless!

Anne Bishel

CONVENTION BRIEFS

Peggy Schroeder, Lila Thompson, Nancy Matthews, Jean Dickinson, Evelyn Meier and Annie Birkhead attended the State Convention in Charleston April 5-6. Lila Thompson was elected 2nd Vice President and will continue to serve as editor of the West Virginia Voter.

Annie Birkhead will be Public Relations Chairman on the state board of directors.

ISCORB

Evelyn Meier, local chairman for the 'Water' resources study plans to attend the ISCORB workshop in Morgantown, May 9th.

DUES - DUES - DUES

The league year begins April 1st and dues for 1963-64 are now due. Any new member paying after January 1st is paid up through this year. Send your checks to the Treasurer, Mrs. John B. Davis, 2843 Collis Avenue, or pay them in person at the general meeting, May 15th.

NEW PUBLICATIONS - FACTS & ISSUES

The second set of FACTS & ISSUES, three for each national Agenda item are available. These publications are basic every-member material for the remainder of the 1962-64 Program period. Keep up with the League Program.