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JANUARY 22 Tuesday 9:15am

"The Huntington City Charter: Discussion and Consensus" Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, corner of Green Oak and Norway Ave. Babysitting available.

JANUARY 24 Thursday 7:30pm

"The Huntington City Charter: Discussion and Consensus" First Huntington National Bank, third floor (use mini-bank entrance).

JANUARY 29 Tuesday 12:00noon

"The Huntington City Charter: Discussion and Consensus", Brown Bag Lunch, Marshall University Women's Center, Prichard Hall.

** The meetings on the Huntington City Charter are open to the public, however, only local League members have a voice in the consensus-building process.**

FEBRUARY 7 Thursday 7:30pm

Board Meeting - place TBA.

FEBRUARY 19 Tuesday 9:15am

WV State Taxes: Study and Consensus. Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church.

FEBRUARY 21 Thursday 7:30pm

WV State Taxes: Study and Consensus. First Huntington National Bank.

Huntington City Charter Review

Attached to this month's bulletin is a study of the Huntington City Charter and potential changes in it. The League is offering three identical meetings to discuss this material and reach consensus on it. We hope that all of you will have an opportunity to attend one of the meetings so that you can voice your opinion. If possible, please read the material before attending the meeting.

If you can not attend one of the meetings, you may fill out the consensus question form and mail it to Helen Gibbins, 6128 Gideon Rd., Huntington 25705, by February 4. Because the consensus process is limited to member participation, we can honor the form only if your name is written on it and you are a member of the Huntington League.

At our February 7 Board Meeting, we will develop a new position on the Huntington City Charter. This position will be based solidly on our existing consensus position on the city charter, incorporating those changes and additions that you, as members, voice to us this month. The revised position will be used to state the League's opinions to the Charter Board and to comment on the Charter Board's final draft.

-- Helen Gibbins, President, 736-3287



HUNTINGTON CITY CHARTER REVIEW

Consensus Questions

(To be completed by local League members at one of the three January 1985 Unit Meetings or to be filled out and mailed to the President by February 4, 1985. Please bring these questions and the Charter study with you to the unit meeting you attend. Questions? Call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287)

1. Which form of government do you favor for the city of Huntington? (Check One)
 - Council Manager
 - Strong Mayor
 - Mayor-Council
 - Commission
2. If Huntington continues to operate under the Council-Manager form, do you favor the mayor being elected _____ by the Council, or _____ by the voters? (NOTE: the WV Code does not now allow citizens to elect the mayor for Council-Manager governments.)
3. What should be the length of the term for the Mayor? _____
4. Please indicate whether (answer yes or no) you favor the Council selecting...
 - the City Clerk
 - The City Auditor
 - The City Attorney
 - The City Judge
 - Other: _____
5. Do you favor the voters electing any public officials other than the city council and/or mayor? _____ Which officials? _____
6. How should the City Manager be selected?
 - by the City Council
 - by the Mayor with the Council's approval
7. Please indicate whether (answer yes or no) you favor the Manager selecting the department heads...
 - with the Council's approval
 - without the Council's approval
8. How should the the City Council be elected? (Check One)
 - by districts
 - by districts with at-large voting
 - by districts and at-large
9. If the Huntington Charter includes both at-large and district members, would you favor _____ more district members, or _____ more at-large members? (Check one)
10. How many people should serve on the City Council? (Check One)
 - seven
 - nine
 - eleven
 - other: _____

(NOTE: The WV Code limits Council-Manager governments to a maximum of eleven (11) members on the council.)
11. What should be the length of terms for City Council members? (Check One)
 - two years
 - four years
 - four years, staggered terms
 - other (please specify no. of years): _____
12. Should City Council members be elected on a partisan ballot? _____
13. What other suggestions do you have pertaining to the Huntington City Charter? _____

Voters Service

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with League Voters Service Activity during the 1984 election: You have truly "Made Your Mark on Politics."

The Voters Service Committee is now in the process of reviewing the election process in Cabell County. Our recommendations and suggestions for improving the process will be shared with the County Clerk. If you know of any problems related to voting which occurred in the November '84 election, or if you would like to report any situations where you think voting was handled particularly well, please let the V.S. Committee know at 525-5911 by January 31.

--Betty Barrett, Voters Service Chair



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Peggy Collins
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GETTING THE LEAGUE JOB DONE

WANTED: Committee members for

Study of WV State Taxes -- contact
Linda Rowe, 523-4475

International Relations -- contact
Nancy Taylor, 522-3361

★ BE INVOLVED! VOLUNTEER TO ★
SERVE ON A COMMITTEE OR ★
★ DO A "SPOT" JOB. ★

RECREATION

On December 18, 1984, Marcia Daoust, Susan Ray and Helen Gibbins met with Parks Director, Jim McCellan, and his staff to discuss the League's ideas pertaining to the plans the Park Board is developing for the County. We discussed methods for serving less centralized areas of the county, planning neighborhood parks, use of school playgrounds, and safety.



Annual Meeting Coming in Spring

Next month's Bulletin will feature the proposed program for the coming year and plans for our Annual Meeting in March. If you have ideas or suggestions for League Action or Study in the 1985-86 year, please contact Helen Gibbins (736-3287) or a Board member.

MAKE YOUR MARK ON U.S. TAX POLICY

It's easy to participate in the LWVUS fiscal policy study. Just read your Winter 1985 *National VOTER* and be sure to make your mark by sending the tear-off form to the national League office. Deadline for receipt of responses is February 15, 1985. Remember, the success of this national study depends on you!



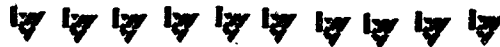
The League of Women Voters

Join the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization open to all men and women. Annual dues are \$20, individual membership, \$30, household membership. To join, send your name address and check to Lila Thompson
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2738 Washington Blvd.
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City Charter Review Board

The Charter Review Board meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:30 pm at City Hall. Meetings are open and public input is invited. The League needs members who would like to observe Charter Board meetings. Call Helen Gibbins, 736-3287, if you would like to be an observer.



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