

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY, NC



# ANNUAL MEETING

1982

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Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, North Carolina

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May 13, 1982

850 Kenwick Drive

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pam Kahl, President - Presiding  
Sandra Weaver, Parliamentarian



CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS ~~AND~~ ANNOUNCEMENTS - WELCOME - PAM KAHL

Note: Incident~~al~~ motions having to do with questions of order, parliamentary inquiry, and requests for information may (because of their urgency) interrupt the business of the meeting and, if necessary, interrupt the speakers.

MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS-from floor-majority vote

MINUTES OF 1981 ANNUAL MEETING - Sandra Weaver

Minutes will be silently read during meeting and approved at the end of the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Liz Sledge

Motion to accept the above as read - from floor  
Second

Discussion

Approved by a majority vote

FINANCE DRIVE REPORT - Gail Fisher

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS-Margie

Nominations may be made from the floor Pearson  
with prior consent of the nominee. Paper ballots are in order if there is more than one nominee for each office. Otherwise the secretary will move to cast a ballot for each nominee for the committee of the whole which will need a second from the floor and a majority vote. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET - Jean Humbert

Motion to adopt proposed budget - Jean Humbert  
Second from the floor

Discussion

Motion to amend (only one amendment to a main motion may be under consideration at a time. When discussion closes, vote will be called on the amendment then on the floor; after the second, a majority vote will adopt an amendment.)  
Vote on the main motion to adopt the budget-majority vote.

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED LOCAL PROGRAM - Marianne Steintrager

Each recommended support position for retention  
on current agenda will be read  
Motion to adopt-from the floor  
Second-from the floor  
Discussion  
Approved by a majority vote

CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF ADOPTED PROGRAM

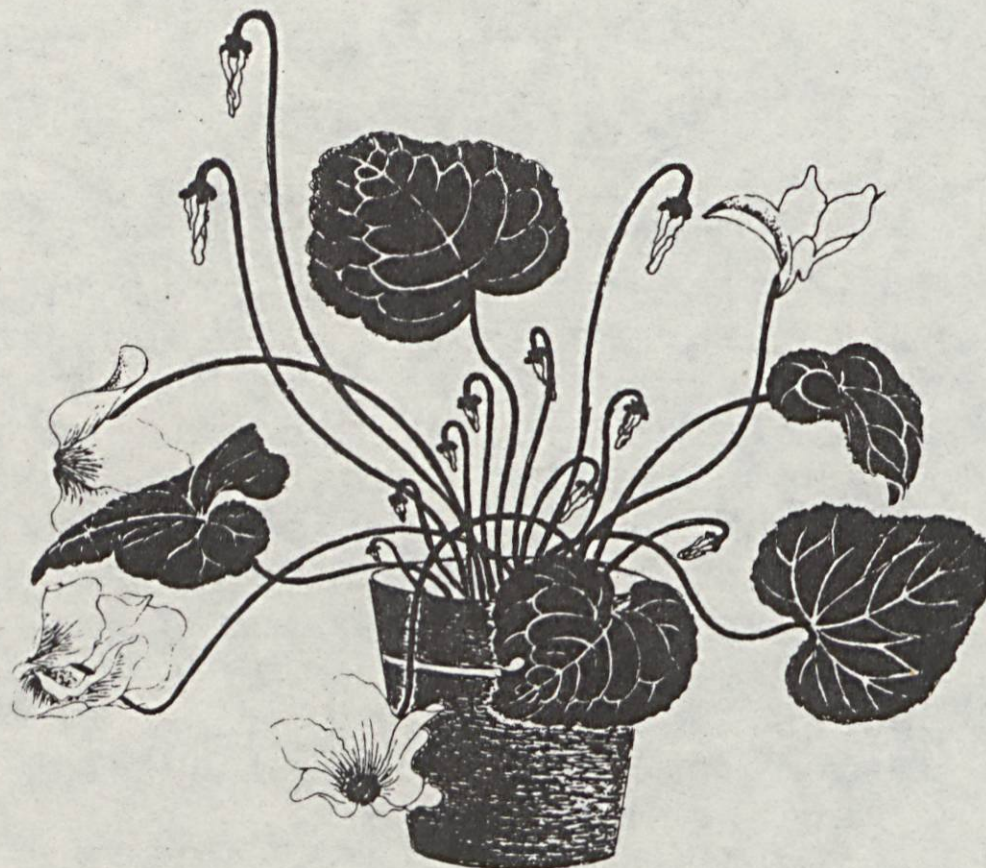
ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Sandra Weaver  
Majority vote

RESULTS OF ELECTION AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS -Margie Pearson

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD FROM THE FLOOR

ADJOURNMENT



## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 1981

The Annual Meeting was held at the home of Peggy Bowman, 850 Kenwick Drive, on May 19, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Bonnie Covey at 7:40 P.M.. There were 32 members present. B. Covey then introduced B. Ashby who noted two corrections that should be made to the Annual Meeting booklet:

- 1). under Natural Resources State Program, one should add to the last sentence: "and the effect of their policies on utility rate-making."
- 2). in the local by laws, Article VI, the phrase "any old member should read "any other member".

B. Covey welcomed those present and asked the invited guests to stand and introduce themselves (2). She thanked those responsible for the planning and the refreshments for the meeting. The following announcements were made:

- 1). The YWCA leadership luncheon will be held May 21, 1981, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The cost is \$5.50. Juanita Kreps will be the speaker.
- 2). A new edition of the league's state government book will be out this summer.

A motion was made by J. Ramquist that we adopt the proposed Order of Business. It was seconded and passed by a majority vote.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Minutes: Those present were asked to read the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting. Additions and/or corrections would be called for after discussion of Program Scope, later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement: Treasurer, L. Sledge, directed the members to the Financial Statement included in the Annual meeting booklet. Our total cash assets as of March 31, 1981 were \$3072.31. She noted a correction that should be made to the report under 1981 Finance Drive: \$1477.00 should be changed to \$1467.00. A motion to accept the corrected Financial Statement was made by M. Pearson. It was seconded and passed.

Finance Drive Report: The treasurer reported that as of May 19, 1981 we had received non-member contributions of \$1,579.00 and member contributions of \$278.00, for a total of \$1,857.00. Our goal for the drive is \$2,200.00. Finance Chairman, G. Gregory, thanked all those who participated in the drive for their efforts.

### Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers:

Nominating Committee Chairman, G. Fisher, presented the following slate of officers:

President - Pam Kahl

1st Vice-President - Marianne Steintrager

Secretary - Marianne Mayer

Two Year Term Directors: Marie Covington, Barbara Ashby,  
Tess Lineback, and Anne Hartz

One Year Term Directors: Bonnie Covey and Kathryn Dancy

Nominating Committee Chairman: Margie Pearson

Members - Gail Fisher, Sandra Weaver

The President opened the floor to nominations. There being none, Secretary S. Weaver moved that, on the behalf of the committee

of the whole, she cast a vote for each of the nominees as provided for in our by laws. The motion was seconded and duly passed by those in attendance. The slate was elected.

By-laws Amendments: M. Covington moved that the proposed changes in the By-laws be adopted (presented in the Annual Meeting booklet). The motion was seconded and discussion was held. The membership voted and adopted the proposed changes.

Changes to the By-laws are:

Article III Membership. (c) Life membership will be granted to any voting member of the League of Women Voters who attains 50 years as a member of the LWVUS. No further dues will be collected and all privileges will be retained as a voting member.

Article VI Financial Administration Section 2-Dues: Annual dues for voting and associate members shall be payable each fiscal year except that the dues of new members joining after January 1 shall be considered paid for the ensuing fiscal year. Any other member who fails to pay dues by December 31 shall be dropped from the membership. When two members reside at the same address in a common household one and one half the annual dues may be paid.

Article IX Program-Section 1. Principles (instead of Authorization).

Presentation of the Budget: A motion to adopt the proposed budget was made by K. Millward. It was seconded and discussion was held. She noted that our interest on savings could be doubled by investing in CDs. In response to a question about our savings amount, G. Fisher informed the members that those monies are there for special projects, purchases, and endeavors of the local league. A majority vote approved the proposed budget.

Local Program: M. Covington moved that the local program items be considered as written. It was seconded and passed. Each item was dealt with separately. The minutes will reflect that for those which were passed without change, the word Passed will be recorded; those that failed to be adopted, the word Dropped; and for those for which changes were made, the minutes shall include the amended local program item statement, as passed by the membership.

Libraries: Passed

Natural Resources - Transportation: Passed

Land Use: Passed

Recreation and Open Space: Passed

City-County Government: The League supports more effective government and the endorsement of larger governmental units and consolidation of services when justified. The League supports enabling legislation to facilitate more flexible structures and to encourage area planning.

Education - Guidance and Counseling: Passed

School Board: Passed

School Finance: Passed

School Administration: Dropped

Personnel: Passed

Health Services: Passed

Health Education: Passed

Local Taxes: The League supports measures to provide a broader tax base for local governments, to supplement existing real property and sales tax. The League supports measures to make property tax more equitable.

Government: Passed

\*Possible additions to Local Program, recommended by Board of Directors:

The two Education items proposed were not passed by the membership.

A. Pauls moved that the recommended items be considered. The motion was not seconded.

Consideration and Discussion of Scope of Adopted Local Program:

M. Blickman moved that the Board be directed to do a study of the secondary curriculum throughout the school system, with respect to equity and availability of courses in all feeder patterns. The motion was seconded and passed. The Board was also directed to continue its efforts to secure a committee to keep abreast of the Council of Governments. Members expressed the need for the Board to review national and state program positions to be sure that the local program items do not duplicate them. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be appointed to accomplish this task. A request was made that the International Relations item on the National Program receive more attention at our local level.

Adoption of the Minutes: J. Ramquist moved that the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

State Convention Report: M. Covington reported that the State Program was approved as it had existed, with one exception: the State Education Program item. It now reads:

Promote measures that provide quality education for all students through the secondary level by assuring well-trained, effective teachers and support personnel, by adequate financing and judicious use of funds, and by improving administrative efficiency.

The new officers were introduced to the membership. B. Covey passed the gavel to P. Kahl. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M. Members were invited to remain for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Weaver, Secretary



## NATIONAL PROGRAM 1980-1982

The following program was adopted by the National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States in May 1980.

### HEALTH CARE

A study of the health care system in the United States, with emphasis on the private and public sector roles in the delivery of services.

### HUMAN RESOURCES Equal Access to:

Education  
Employment  
Housing  
Income Assistance  
ERA Ratification

Promote social justice by securing equal rights for all and combating discrimination and poverty.

Action to bring laws into compliance with the ERA: a) to eliminate or amend those laws that have the effect of discrimination on the basis of sex; b) to promote laws that support the goal of ERA; c) to strengthen the enforcement of such existing laws.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Energy  
Environmental Quality  
Air  
Solid Waste  
Water  
Land

Promote the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life.

### URBAN POLICY

Promote the fiscal well-being of cities and the quality of urban life.

### GOVERNMENT

D.C. Representation  
Apportionment  
Campaign Finance  
Citizen Rights  
Congress  
Presidency

Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive to all citizens and that protects individual liberties established under the Constitution.

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Development  
Trade  
United Nations

Promote peace in an interdependent world, through cooperation with other nations and the strengthening of international organizations.

### TRANSPORTATION

Promote energy-efficient and environmentally sound transportation systems that enhance the well being of cities and afford better access to housing and jobs.

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Whatever the issues, the League believes that government policy and performance must meet these criteria:

- competent personnel with clear responsibilities,
- coordination among agencies and levels of government
- adequate financing,
- effective enforcement, and
- well-defined channels for citizen input and review.

## STATE PROGRAM 1981-1983

These program items were adopted by the State Convention of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina in April 1981.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Promote swift, sure, and fair disposition for every defendant and measures to assure the relief of overcrowding and inmate idleness; support improved services to juveniles through mandatory state-wide guidelines, special training for personnel, community alternatives, and elimination of interagency fragmentation; support improvements in vocational training and family visitation for incarcerated females, special assistance to handicapped inmates, and increased use of alternatives to incarceration. Study problems, treatment, and compensation for victims of crime.

### DAY CARE

Promote the availability of quality day care to all North Carolina families, regardless of socio-economic status, through adequate state and federal standards, financial assistance, and monitoring.

### EDUCATION

Promote measures that provide quality education for all students through the secondary level by assuring well-trained, effective teachers and support personnel, by adequate financing and judicious use of funds, and by improving administrative efficiency.

### ELECTION LAWS

Promote measures which safeguard the rights of voters and encourage clear and democratic election procedures.

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Promote social justice through equal access to employment, housing, and quality education, as well as measures to combat poverty and discrimination.

### TAXES

Promote equitable and efficient system of taxation, including property tax policies which will promote the wise use of land to meet present and future needs.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Promote an environment beneficial to life through the wise use of resources. Study State energy policy-making and rate-setting bodies.



## PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM 1981-82

The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures: (a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a proposed program. (b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members one month (1) before the Annual Meeting. (c) A majority vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors. (d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that: (1) The Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a majority vote.

Continued from 1981-82:

### LIBRARIES

The League supports measures to provide a sound and permanent basis of financing public library expansion. (1963)

### NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Transportation

The League supports the concept of public transportation and other innovative means of mass transit as an alternative to the expanding use of the automobile. The League supports highway planning which considers the long range transportation needs of the whole community. (10/71)

#### Land Use

The League supports careful planning and strict zoning enforcement to insure that our county will accommodate the various land uses we need in a way which will be harmonious for all residents of the community. (4/71)

#### Recreation and Open Space

The League supports legislative and financial measures necessary to obtain adequate levels of recreation resource areas, facilities, and programs. (5/72)

### CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The League supports more effective government and the endorsement of larger governmental units and consolidation of services when justified. The League supports enabling legislation to facilitate more flexible governmental structures and to encourage area planning (65-66)

## EDUCATION

### Guidance Counseling

The League supports adequate funding for guidance counseling programs in the public school system. The League supports encouragement of qualified persons to enter or return to professions in guidance counseling: The League supports flexible personnel policies (such as part-time hiring necessary to encourage this practice). (65)

### School Board

The League supports a non-partisan school board for Winston-Salem/Forsyth county(69)

### School Finance

The League supports sound financing to provide a thorough education program for Winston-Salem/Forsyth county public schools and the Forsyth Technical Institute , encompassing both the instructional program and capital construction needs. (66, update 68)

### Personnel

The League supports measures to supply administrative and supportive personnel which will provide a teacher-pupil ratio in accordance with sound educational practice. In addition, the League supports personnel and budget reporting procedures which accurately depict teacher-pupil ratio and use of professional personnel. (70)

### Health Services

The League supports adequate and consistent delivery of health care services through the public school system. (77)

### Health Education

The League supports a comprehensive health education program K-12 with emphasis on K-9 (78)

## LOCAL TAXES

The League supports a decrease in the extent to which local government must rely on taxation of real property for revenues. Therefore, the League supports measures to provide a broader tax base for local governments to supplement existing property and sales tax. The League supports measures to make property tax more equitable. (74-75)

## GOVERNMENT

The League will continue a study of the role of Council of Government (COG) and the relationship of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County to COG. (79)

## LOCAL PROGRAM

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM CHANGES WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 13, 1982.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

New Program Item:

URBAN GROWTH

A study of local urban growth with an emphasis on citizen participation in the planning and policy making process.

Specifically, the study would consider zoning, annexation, transportation and public services as these affect our communities growth.

The Board of Directors recommends that the following program items be dropped.

LIBRARIES

The League supports measures to provide a sound and permanent basis of financing public library expansion. (1963)  
(explanation: the position as adopted no longer applies, i.e. library expansion is almost completed. Need a new study to address issues of library collections etc.)

CITY-COUNTY GOV'T.

The League supports more effective government and the endorsement of larger governmental units and consolidation of services when justified. The League supports enabling legislation to facilitate more flexible structures and encouragement of area planning.  
(explanation: out of date for current situation.)

TRANSPORTATION

The League supports the concept of public transportation and other innovative means of mass transit as an alternative to the automobile. The League supports highway planning which considers the long-range transportation needs of the whole community.  
(explanation: covered under national program)



PROPOSED BUDGET 1982-83

WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>	1981-82	1982-83
A. Operating Costs		
1. Maintenance of equipment	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
2. General Supplies and Expenses	130.00	140.00
3. Telephone/Telegraph	300.00	325.00
4. Office Expense - Rent	400.00	400.00
5. Capital Expenditures (equipment - to be accrued)	200.00	100.00
6. Budgeted Reimbursements	50.00	50.00
	<u>1,130.00</u>	<u>\$1,065.00</u>
B. Board and Administrative Activities		
1. President	70.00	50.00
2. Secretary	50.00	70.00
3. Treasurer	25.00	25.00
4. Board Tools & Expenses	150.00	150.00
5. Administrative Committees		
a. Finance	150.00	250.00
b. Membership	60.00	80.00
c. Hospitality	80.00	140.00
d. Unit Organization	20.00	10.00
e. Public Relations	50.00	10.00
f. Scholarship Fund	75.00	80.00
	<u>730.00</u>	<u>865.00</u>
C. Meetings, Delegates, Travel		
1. State Council/Convention	200.00	200.00
2. National Convention	300.00	300.00
3. Meeting Space	25.00	25.00
4. Workshops	100.00	100.00
	<u>625.00</u>	<u>625.00</u>
D. Financial Support for League		918.00
1. State Per Member Payment (102 x \$9.00)		
2. National Per Member Payment (102 x \$12.00)	1,862.00	<u>1,224.00</u>
		<u>2,142.00</u>
E. Bulletin		
1. Supplies	200.00	200.00
2. Postage	200.00	200.00
	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>

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PROPOSED BUDGET 1982-83

EXPENDITURES (con't):

	1981-82	1982-83
F. Educational Activities		
1. Publications	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
2. Program Committees	180.00	100.00
3. Voter Service		
a. "They Represent You"	--	450.00
b. Voter's Guide	--	450.00
c. Facts for Voters	125.00	125.00
d. Election Activities	100.00	100.00
e. "Know Your Community"	20.00	
	<u>475.00</u>	1,275.00
G. Action	<u>180.00</u>	100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,402.00	\$6,472.00

INCOME:

	1981-82	1982-83
A. Dues (110 @ \$22.50)	2,200.00	2,475.00
B. Member Contributions	400.00	400.00
C. Non-member Contributions	1,800.00	1,800.00
D. UNICEF Sales	300.00	250.00
E. Budgeted Reimbursements	50.00	75.00
F. Voter's Service	--	900.00
G. Interest on Savings -Investments	200.00	225.00
H. Other Income		
a. Elections Work	150.00	175.00
b. Accrued Funds (cash carry over)	122.00	142.00
c. Miscellaneous (incl.Bull.Sub.)	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total Income	\$5,402.00	\$6,472.00

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee offers the following slate to be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. A majority vote of voting members present shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Treasurer	Elizabeth Sledge
Directors	Donna Eyster, Verlee Fowler
	Rachael Levine, Earline Parmon
Nominating Committee	Bonnie Covey, Chairman
	Jean Humbert
	Katherine Dancy

Submitted by  
Margie Pearson

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Several encouraging trends have emerged in this past year. Over 90 percent of our membership participated in some League activity during the year. It is wonderful to have that interest and response, knowing how busy League members are with work, study, family, other community activities and other interests. It is this caring and concerned response to our community that characterizes our members and makes our modest efforts worthwhile. We seem to be everywhere - at voter registration drives, the Board of Elections work, publications and library displays, observing at the board of county commissioners, selling UNICEF, conducting primary forums in neighborhoods, distributing our new voter's guide, monitoring community developments, working for fair housing, studying the criminal justice system, the cuts in human services, lobbying for the Voting Rights Act, monitoring education and testifying, working on NC 2000, continuing the fight for ERA and learning about the needs of women in this community, meeting at the new Sawtooth downtown, continuing with the work of the Women's Talent Bank, and serving on community-wide committees for education, speaking to other groups and working in coalition with them in housing, and attending our own unit discussion groups. And yet, we always face the inevitable recognition that we could have done more. We are concerned about so many areas of need and so many of these programs face reduction and possible extinction. Instead of retreat we need to redouble our efforts! It is more important than ever to encourage citizens to register, to vote and to participate. We cannot abandon our principles or our programs.



Pam Kahl, President  
Marianne Steintrager, Vice-President

ACTION for the League of Women Voters of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County focused on a few major legislative issues before the House and Senate during the first session of the 97th Congress.


The League initiated a public program on the need for an extension of the Voting Rights Act. Fifth District Congressman Steve Neal spoke before approximately 100 people at the meeting, which was cosponsored by four other local organizations.

The League also worked with letter-writing and phone calls to Washington on the budget cuts and on the Clean Air Act.

On a state level, the League testified before a subcommittee of the General Assembly on the need for the state to allow the city to enact a fair housing ordinance for Winston-Salem. The legislature did vote to allow the city to act.

## ADMINISTRATIVE JOBS

Much of the work of the League is done through various administrative jobs which keep this organization functioning well.


 **BULLETIN** also known as League Lines is the main vehicle for reaching our membership and many others on our mailing list under the direction of Barb Ashby and ably assisted by Roz Chostner.

**MEMBERSHIP** without Tess Lineback and her phone there would be few new members. Our primary membership drive is in the fall and culminates in a get-acquainted party at Margie Pearson's. New household membership allows two related people in same household to join at one and a half annual cost.

**UNITS** Caroline Davenport-Ersoff has kept our two noon luncheon meetings at the YWCA and the East Winston Library running smoothly. Having a light lunch available at cost has been a new feature of this year's units.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** Miriam Blickman and Marie Covington have shared the job of getting information about our meetings, registration drives and voter's service activities to the press, TV and radio.

**PUBLICATIONS** Alyson Pauls has kept track of new publications, from the National League and our own local ones, distributing them and working with the libraries, school etc. A display is planned for May in the Main Library.

 **CALLING TREE** The calling tree members allow the League to contact its members quickly and efficiently when there are special programs, calls to action or information which needs to be given to members. Bonnie Covey has kept this effort working.

**FINANCE** Gail Fisher and her "49" have worked very hard to make this year's Finance drive interesting and productive. Their efforts this year make next year's activities possible.

**UNICEF** The UNICEF committee and all who assist them bring UNICEF cards to our community. Eileen Frost, Trudy Barker, Ellen Shindler, Leila Pungert coordinated the sales and distribution.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** This committee under the direction of Margie Pearson found ~~the~~ people to serve in the elective positions for next year's board.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** Jean Humbert's committee studied expenses and income and designed the proposal for next year's budget found elsewhere in this booklet.



The League also has several program areas; human services and housing, voters service, education, criminal justice, women's rights and natural resources. Our activities may include observing, monitoring existing programs, information gathering and study, publishing information, voter activities and action.

HUMAN SERVICES Nancy Konvalinka has been monitoring the cuts to several human services programs which culminated in a local program on these cuts. This effort will continue in the coming year. The National League has issued a call to action against the new federalism and has urged welfare programs remain national programs.

## HOUSING



The Housing Committee has met with the city's housing coordinator and CD director to discuss the prospects for low and moderate income housing in the near future.

We testified before the Housing Authority that we were convinced the the East Winston site selected for a Turnkey project was not in compliance with Fair Housing and Affirmative Action principles. We have also continued our lobbying for the local Fair Housing ordinance, having lobbied successfully for the state, enabling legislation last spring.

In addition Verlee Fowler and Marianne Steintrager have devoted countless hours to the Neighborhood Housing Service site selection and community relations committee.

VOTERS' SERVICE ACTIVITIES Our fall Voters' Service season played to mixed reviews. Pre-primary aldermanic candidate forums held in a number of wards, voter registration drives at Hanes Mall and Northside Shopping Center, earning money for the League by post-election canvassing, and the first Voters' Guide we've published in some time rated enthusiastic receptions; our mayoral and aldermanic candidates' forum, aborted because of candidate conflicts, was a disappointment.



We have temporarily updated the "They Represent You" by an insert showing the present board of aldermen, and we are searching for funding for republishing entirely after the November election. In conjunction with the Board of Elections, we are having printed 5000 "Facts for Voters", 3000 of which will be distributed to graduating high school seniors. Our voter registration drives are scheduled for four Saturdays in April at Shiloh Baptist Church, which we are conducting with the NAACP, and on the last Friday at Hanes Mall. Due to the diversity of offices sought, we hope to hold some kind of candidate forum in the fall at which a selective group of candidates will participate. (Anne Hartz)

EDUCATION While we have not had an active Education Committee this year, we have nevertheless remained interested and involved. Kathy Millward has attended Board of Education meetings in order to monitor their handling of Education issues in general, and more specifically to be aware of the effects locally of Federal funding cuts.



We testified at the budget hearings and also submitted statistical information to the State League for use in their Education Program Item report. We plan to continue these monitoring activities next year, since the full

effect of the Federal cutbacks has not yet been felt.

Kathy Millward

OBSERVERS League representatives have been regularly attending the weekly briefing of the county commissioners as well as observing an evening meeting of the commissioners once a month. We are monitoring vacancies for appointments to boards and commissions and working in liason with the Women's Talent Bank to suggest qualified nominations of women when appropriate. We are also looking into areas where the commissioners will be acting in the future such as revising the zoning and development plan for the county.

Holly Hilemen

WOMEN'S RIGHTS COMMITTEE The WRC concentrated on working for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in North Carolina with time running out on the June 30, 1982 deadline. The League continued its affiliation with the Forsyth County ERA Coalition, working on its fundraiser for North Carolinians United for ERA, that was held on Woman's Equality Day (August 26, 1981).

The Committee also worked on soliciting new members for the N.C. chapter of the National Business Council for ERA, a lobbying organization started by the League of Women Voters.

The WRC is committed to working for ERA until the June 30th deadline, although starting to watch Title IX and other legislation that may be "revamped" by the Reagan Administration.

Katherine Dancy

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE The State study item for our committee was Problems, Treatment, and Compensation of Victims of Crime. Gordon Smith, director of the Governor's Crime Commission, explained the issue of victim compensation at a General Meeting at the YWCA on November 12, 1981. Over thirty states have some form of victim compensation. North Carolina's only program is the Rape Victim Assistance Program, which became effective in July 1981 and operates through the Crime Commission office. Mr. Smith also gave statistics on the increasing use of restitution payments in N.C. (Restitution is payment made by the offender; Victim compensation payments are made through taxes, fees, or fines.)

Our unit studies and consensus were based on the Study Guide prepared for the LWVNC by Peggy Bowman and Betsy Brown. The consensus was taken at units and approved by the local board. the LWVNC will write the position statement for all N.C. Leagues.

Other activities of the Committee included assisting the Greensboro League as resource people for their general meeting in February and speaking to the Winston-Salem Association of Insurance Women on the subject of Women in Prison.

Betsy Brown

**ERA**

