League of Women Voters of North Carolina

Winston-Salem / Forsyth County

ANNUAL MEETING

May 9, 1990

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Some basic rules of parliamentary procedure are listed here; it is not possible to cover them all. Please consult the Parliamentarian with questions or problems.

MAIN MOTION: Once a topic is introduced by a main motion, seconded, and stated by the Chair, it must be disposed of before the meeting can proceed to other business.

SUBSIDIARY AND INCIDENTAL MOTION: While a Main Motion is on the floor, motions can be made:

TO AMEND:	Debatable	Majority Vote Required
TO REFER:	Debatable	Majority Vote Required
TO POSTPONE DEFINITELY:	Debatable	Majority Vote Required
TO LIMIT OR EXTEND DEBATE:	Not Debatable	2/3 Vote Required
TO CLOSE DEBATE:	Not Debatable	2/3 Vote Required

MISCELLANEOUS MOTIONS: Not necessarily related to the Main Motion. There is no debate or vote, and the Chair rules immediately on the request or provides the information sought.

QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE
QUESTIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY
POINT OF INFORMATION
POINT OF ORDER
CALL FOR A DIVISION: A delegate can require a standing vote if unsatisfied with a voice vote or show of hands.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee. Paper ballots are in order if there is more than one nominee for each office; otherwise, voting shall be by voice or show of hands. A majority of voting members present shall consitute an election.

ANNUAL MEETING
of
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY

Wednesday, May 9, 1990 Pine Room, YWCA

Sherry Hollingsworth, Chair

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER, RUTH COLE BURCAW - Eunice Heilig

CALL TO ORDER - BUSINESS MEETING

ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1989 ANNUAL MEETING

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY

ANNUAL MEETING

May 17, 1989 YWCA Living Room

Call to order - 6:30 p.m. by Eunice Heilig, President.

Welcome, Announcements - Eunice Heilig asked if there were any announcements. Lois Ward spoke about the National Museum for Women and the Arts in Washington, D.C. Eunice reminded members of the garage sale and the Picasso for sale for which she has a $100 opening bid. Mildred Naugle said that volunteers may be needed Sunday for disaster relief training session if Winston-Salem is declared a disaster area. Eunice informed members regarding pilot program at Food Fair for donating to Crisis Control through "coupons" available at check-out. Members were reminded to fill out membership surveys. Guests to the meeting were introduced. There was discussion as to whether dues for the next year were $33 or $35. Dues were confirmed to be presently $33 for individual, $50 for household. After a short break, Nirma Perricone thanked attendees for donating recyclables. Nirma showed stacking recycling bins available for $18 per set. Maria Smithson asked for members to call Congressman Neal and Senators Helms and Sanford in support of HR2190 and S874, the National Voter Act of 1989. Concensus not to discuss request from Mecklenburg County LWV on a concurrence statement.

Adoption of Order of Business - Eunice asked to move her Report of the President until after the election of officers. Bonnie Covey asked to be recognized prior to her remarks. Katherine Rhew asked about dues increase. Bonnie Covey informed membership that dues increase would be covered under budget. Silvia Maya made a motion to adopt the proposed order of business as amended. Seconded. So carried.

Order of Business, as amended.

Approval of Minutes of the 1988 Meeting
Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement
Adoption of the 1989-90 Budget
Adoption of Bylaw Changes
Consideration of Local Program
Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers
Report of the President
Newly Elected President's Remarks
Direction to State Convention Delegates
Direction to the Board

Approval of 1988 Annual Meeting Minutes - read silently by members. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Mildred Naugle. Seconded. So carried.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement - Jann Scarborough gave current figures for League accounts. Jann went over the proposed budget. She noted that we budget for various items such as State Convention even though often the expenses are paid for by individual League members as "in-kind" contributions. She also pointed out that Integon provided funding for the "They Represent You" booklet. Pam Kahl asked if the additional expenses of $650 meant we would need to raise that much more. Jann responded that the additional expenses were really pass-throughs and did not affect our net income. It was pointed out that the budget reflects individual member dues of $35 and adopting of the budget would raise dues accordingly. Household membership dues of $50 would stay the same. Motion by Bonnie Covey to adopt the 1989-90 budget as presented, based on $35 individual dues and $50 household membership dues. Seconded. Short discussion. Motion carried.

Adoption of Bylaw Changes - Eunice Heilig referred members to page in annual meeting booklet. Fiscal year would run from July to July in accordance with State and National LWV. Motion by Silvia Maya to adopt proposed bylaw change as presented. Seconded. Motion carrried.

Consideration of 1989-90 Local Program - Eunice Heilig referred members to annual meeting booklet to review local program as proposed by the Board of Directors. The Board recommended continuing program from last year with no new study proposals. Motion by Alyson Pauls to adopt local program as presented. Seconded. Members given time to review local program items. Motion carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers- Pam Kahl thanked the members of the nominating committee. She asked if anyone had any other nominations with the okay of the nominee. There were none. Bonnie Covey moved that we accept the nominees for office as presented by the nominating committee. Seconded. Motion carried.
Newly elected officers and directors:

President: Sherry Hollingsworth (1989-91)
1st Vice President: Marianne Steintrager (1989-91)
2nd Vice President: Dody Zachmann (1989-90)
(to fill unexpired 1988-90 term)
Secretary: Ruth Cole Burcaw (1989-91)
Directors: Bonnie Covey (1989-91)
Eunice Heilig (1989-91)
Maria Smithson (1989-91)
Alyson Pauls (1989-90) to fill unexpired 1988-90 term
Nona Reeves (1989-90) to fill unexpired 1988-90 term
1989-90 Nominating Committee:
Anne Hartz
Jean Humbert
Betty Kunz

Report of the President- Eunice Heilig thanked Board members and some off-Board Directors for their help and assistance through her term as President. She talked about highlights of the year including Legislative Day, the visit with Steve Neal, the Holiday Luncheon, etc. She said that she will continue to be active as membership chair for the upcoming year.

Remarks from Newly-Elected President- Sherry Hollingsworth said as she has not been recently active she will need a lot of help from members. She pointed out on membership survey the sign-up place for one-shot chairs of special projects and asked members to please consider volunteering. Sherry plans to have a joint old/new Board of Directors meeting in June.

Direction to State Convention Delegates-Sherry asked for input from members on proposed State program items. On studying the Gubernatorial Veto, Bonnie Covey who served on a State Board committee on the proposed veto, stated that the background has already been started and that the study is timely and ready to go. The League currently has no position on this. Comments were favorable for this study. Criminal Justice- the additional words gave members no problems. Under Education the additional words were okay with members as well. Natural Resources- Sherry asked Nirma what her feelings were about the proposed consolidation of agencies. Nirma replied that everyone she had talked to was in favor of such consolidation. Sherry asked about the items not recommended. Bonnie Covey said that there should be a study on voter turnout in N.C. but that there is a proposed federal study by National and if that occurs a State study would not be necessary.

Directions to the Board - Sherry asked for member input.

Pam Kahl stated that recycling appeared to be an issue of momentum and that we should testify as appropriate towards a possible city-wide recycling program. Also the landfill issue would be a good program item.

Alyson Puals said that we should continue doing more locally in regard to waste oil. Eunice interjected that the Health Dept. is doing a telephone study on that. Nirma added that the Health Dept. was eventually going to try to educate the public and we could plug into that.

Mildred Naugle applauded the Wednesday noontime meetings, hoping we'll continue those programs.

Caroline Davenport-Ersoff said that possibly the Education committee could work with in conjunction with Natural resources in particular on educating school-age children on recycling. She said that there was not enough momentum in the after school study area.

Pam Kahl said we need to keep up voter registration efforts and capitalize on what the League does well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Rhew, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY
9 Month Report - for fiscal year 1989-90
beginning July 1, 1989

Balances, March 31, 1990:

Wachovia Checking Account	$ 1,838.51	
Piedmont Federal Savings	1,387.90	
LWV-NC Education Fund	1,010.45	($56.40 withdrawn 1-5-90 and received for Mayor's Forum 9-20-89)

Checking Account Activity July 1, 1989 through March 31, 1990 (9 months):

Balance June 30, 1989	$ 1,199.91
Gross deposits	5,369.39
Gross disbursements	(4,730.79)
Balance March 31, 1990	1,838.51

Former Fiscal Year 1988-89 which began April 1, 1988 thru March 31, 1989
Stub Year 3 months - April 1, 1989 to June 30, 1989:

Balances as of June 30, 1989-

Wachovia Checking Account	$ 1,199.91
Piedmont Federal Savings	1,331.82
LWV-NC Education Fund	1,066.85

Checking Account Activity April 1, 1989 through June 30, 1989 (3 months):

Balance March 31, 1989	$ 1,458.18
Gross deposits	1,480.45
Gross disbursements	(1,738.72)
Balance June 30, 1989	1,199.91

Winston-Salem Forsyth County League of Women Voters
Proposed Budget 1990-91

Expenditures

Source of Expenditures	1989-90 Budget	1989-90 Actual thru 5/4	Variance	1990-91 Budget	Difference fr. 89-90
A. Operating Costs					
1. Maint. of Equip.	25.00	0	(25.00)	25.00	
2. General Supplies	50.00	41.05	(8.95)	50.00	
3. Telephone	550.00	341.89	(208.11)	30.00	(520.00)
4. Rent	400.00	400.00	0	400.00	
5. Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	
6. Pass throughs	800.00	849.00	49.00	800.00	
Totals	*1825.00*	*1631.94*	*193.06*	*1305.00*	*(520.00)*
B. Board and Administrative Activity					
1. President	50.00	11.75	(38.25)	50.00	
2. Secretary	75.00	6.75	(68.25)	75.00	
3. Treasurer	25.00	18.13	(6.87)	30.00	5.00
4. Board tools/expenses	150.00	152.63	2.63	200.00	50.00
5. Administrative Committees					
a. Finance	275.00	96.87	(178.13)	150.00	(125.00)
b. Membership	100.00	170.00	70.00	200.00	100.00
c. Hospitality	75.00	37.75	(37.25)	100.00	25.00
d. Public Relations	25.00	34.55	9.55	25.00	
Totals	*775.00*	*475.77*	*(246.57)*	*830.00*	*55.00*
C. Meetings, Delegates, Travel					
1. State conv./council	400.00	0	(400.00)	400.00	
2. National Convention	500.00	574.48	74.48	500.00	
3. Workshops	60.00	0	(60.00)	60.00	
Totals	*960.00*	*325.00*	*(385.52)*	*960.00*	
D. Financial Support for League					
1. State PMP	890.00	1043.75	153.75	780.00	(110.00)
2. National PMP	1503.00	1503.00		1404.00	(99.00)
Totals	*2393.00*	*2546.75*	*153.75*	*2184.00*	*(209.00)*
E. Bulletins, Booklets					
1. Bulletin	650.00	651.95	1.95	800.00	150.00
2. Annual meeting booklet	100.00	0	100.00	100.00	
Totals	*750.00*	*651.95*	*(98.05)*	*900.00*	*150.*

Source of Expenditures	1989-90 Budget	1989-90 Actual thru 4/1	Variance	1990-91 Budget	Difference fr. 89-90
F. Educational Activities					
1. Publications	50.00	202.91	152.91	100.00	50.00
2. Other Committees	100.00	56.66	(43.34)	100.00	
3. Voter Service					
a. "They Rep. You " Update	20.00	58.75	(38.75)	0	(20.00)
b. They Rep.	0	0	0	700.00	700.00
c. Voter Reg. Act.	0	0	0	0	0
d. Election activities	50.00	0	50.00	50.00	
Totals	*220.00*	*318.32*	*98.32*	*950.00*	*730.00*
G. Action	50.00	0	50.00	50.00	
Totals	*50.00*	*0*	*50.00*	*50.00*	
H. UNICEF	0	20.50	20.50	0	
Totals	*0*	*20.50*	*20.50*	*0*	
Grand Totals	***6973.00***	***6272.37***	***(700.63)***	***S7179.00***	***206.00***

Income

Sources of Income	Budget 1989-90	Actual 1989-90 thru 5/4	Proposed 1990-91
A. Dues	2959.00	2930.00	3150.00
B. Membership Contributions	750.00	860.00	500.00
C. Nonmember Contributions	910.00	600.00	600.00
D. Education Fund Contributions	400.00	626.50	600.00
E. UNICEF	390.00	505.83	379.00
F. Pass throughs	800.00	812.30	775.00
G. Voter Service	0	0	0
H. Interest from Savings	64.00	56.08	75.00
I. Other			
1. Integon	0	0	700.00
2. Accrued funds	0	21.21	0
3. Ed. Fund		56.40	0
4. In-kind contributions	200.00	90.48	200.00
5. Misc.			
A. Publications	0	35.50	0
B. Hospitality	100.00	0	0
C. Yard Sale	400.00	616.65	0
D. VISA	0	7.19	
Total	6973.00	*	7179.00

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sherry Hollingsworth

This, the 70th year of LWVUS, has been another busy and productive year here in Winston-Salem. A small group of people have turned out an amazing amount of work. The Board, in particular, has worked many long- and fun filled - hours.

The projects which involved the most members were UNICEF and Voter Service.

We had the most productive UNICEF year we have every had - over $4,000 worth of sales! - thanks in great part to Margaret McCoy and Blanche Wellman who did yeoman work in setting up places to sell, ordering, and carting all those boxes around from place to place.

Bonnie Covey again coordinated Voter Service - a big job in itself - but harder this year because Jann Scarborough had to resign as Treasurer and Bonnie took that on, too. Voter Service seems to be what people in Winston-Salem think about when someone mentions League, and that's because of the really good service we give to the city and county in registering voters and conducting candidates' forums. The Mayorial Candidates' Forum this year was held in conjunction with the Sierra Club, the JayCees, and the Wake Forest University Club. Over 250 people attended. (We received a thank you card from one candidate saying it was the best organized and conducted forum he attended - we weren't surprised!)

Eunice Heilig has done an exceptional job in membership - we have 11 new members this year, all of whom seem energetic and enthusiastic, and ready to work.

Much of the work was done, as usual, by committees.

Nirma Perricone and the Natural Resources Committee have probably been our most active committee this year. They continued the good work that they started last year and built on it. (See Nirma's report for details).

Women's Issues, a long-time committee but one which has not been active recently, was reinstituted. Ruth Cole Burcaw is chairing it. Because Ruth was so busy managing Martha Wood's campaign for Mayor and then getting settled into her position as Assistant this committee got off to a slow start. But, she is going to continue in the position next year and she and her committee have been making interesting plans for the coming year.

Marianne Steintrager, our resident expert on Housing, chaired the Housing committee again this year. We had great hopes for a really big forum on housing, but the speaker fell through. None the less she has kept us abreast of the situation here. It's always good to

have someone with that much experience who understands all the things that went before.

Maria Smithson and Grey Sellars continued with their usual good work in keeping us informed about what we should be writing to our Congressman about. They also set up a meeting with Steve Neal in which he very politely listened to what we had to say for over an hour.

Dody Zachmann continued with public relations; she even got us mentioned in an editorial. It was a pleasant surprise to open the newspaper one morning and find a favorable report about the League of Women Voters looking back at me.

Alyson Pauls started out the year as Publications Chair, unfortunately she had, as most of you know, severe problems with her eyes and had to give up working on it for us. Jean Humbert took over the big job of keeping nine branches of the public libraries stocked with League publications, Caroline Davenport-Ersoff gathered the update information for our "They Represent You" and got it to the publisher, and Nona Reeves handled orders in addition to serving on the Board and being Hospitality Chair.

Lois Ward did a particularly good job with our Bulletin - I think there was at least one month when she didn't have to remind me that my column was due. Because attendance at meetings was down this year, we felt that it was unusually important to have good communication and let everyone know what was going on.

Early in the year, Nancy Sommer changed positions with Ruth Cole Burcaw and took on the necessary, but tedious, task of taking minutes at Board meetings. I drove her crazy by talking so fast, but she did a good job of getting it all down anyway.

We also published an expanded membership book. Eunice started it last year and it was so handy that we felt it ought to continue with even more information in it. Susan Ott and her son Stephen took on that task for the rest of us.

One of our objectives this year was to expand our networking. And, we did this very well. As I mentioned above, we worked with other organizations to conduct the Mayorial Canidates' Forum, we have also been working in coalition with Family Services, NOW, the Council on the Status of Women, and other groups to convince the <u>Winston-Salem Journal</u> to stop publishing the names of rape victims.

As President, I represented you on several committees: The Women's Health Exchange Advisory Board, which have advice about the new Women's Health Center at Forsyth Memorial Hospital (although we can't take much credit); the Forsyth County Water Quality Task Force whose purpose is to "identify the current situation in terms of Forsyth County's water quality and make recommendations for educational programs which could be conducted to help improve the

public's perception and awareness of water quality concern"; and the Community Coalition for Rape Victims' Privacy, mentioned above; there were also several other committees which took lesser amounts of time, such as the Women's Leadership Program sponsored by the Council on the Status of Women.

I also represented you at the State Convention last May and at the Presidents Workshop in July. I look forward to my first national convention in June.

It hasn't been all work. We had a good time at both our "Back to League" party in the fall (coordinated by Peggy Bowman) and at the Holiday Luncheon in December (coordinated by Pam Kahl).

I'd also like to give special thanks to Margie Pearson for stepping in and doing odd jobs - like this annual meeting - when I was feeling desperate for a "volunteer".

Despite the successes, there have been some disappointments. As I said last month in my column, attendance at most things have been dismal. We cancelled one of the April meetings for that very reason. The Finance Drive brought in about half what it did last year. Because we have had such a hard time finding people with time to be involved, we cancelled the garage sale, but we are going to have to find another major project to make up the lost revenue if we are to continue being active next year.

We did some retrenching. We could find no volunteers to man the office, so we cancelled the telephone (we had the calls transferred to my business telephone, which is a fine stop gap measure, but the next president may not have a business line.) Cancelling the phone saved us $600.00 per year.

Being President of the League this year has been a growing experience for me. I have enjoyed it very much; I have learned a lot and I have gotten to know some incredibly wonderful women. As a group, we have added to the community we live in and we have done some good. And, in reality that says a lot for us. But, there is so much that neeeds to be done, so much in which the League of Women Voters could make a significant difference that I sometimes dispair.

Everyone is so busy now that it is really hard to find time to work in volunteer organizations like the League, but we do so much and could do so much more that I am hoping that over the summer we can recharge and set programs and priorities in which we can all believe and for which we can all work.

LOCAL PROGRAMS 1989-90

The L.W.V. Board recommends that these four items be our priorities for 1989-90:

I. Housing
II. Natural Resources
III. Women's Issues
IV. Voters Service

Candidates Forum — United Prof Edu

I. LAND USE: The League supports careful planning to ensure that our county will accomodate the various land uses we need in a way which will be harmonious for all residents of the community. The L.W.V. supports countywide curbside recycling.

II. EDUCATION
   A. School Board: The League supports a non-partisan school board for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. (69;86)
   B. School Finance: The League supports sound financing to provide a thorough education program for Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County public schools and the Forsyth Technical College, encompassing the instructional program, personnel, and the capital construction needs. (86)
   C. Health Services: The League supports adequate and consistent delivery of health care services through the public school care system. (77;86)
   D. Health Education: The League supports a comprehensive health education program K-12 with emphasis on K-9.(78;86)
   E. Advisory Councils: The League supports strengthening school and community dialogue through mandated Advisory Councils at each school site and district-wide, with a majority of representative elected from parents, teachers, junior high and secondary students, administration, and non-parent citizens with limited terms of service and providing regular reports to the local Board of Education. (86)
   F. The L.W.V. recognizes a need for consistent quality before and after school care based on the principles of child development and recommends that the programs be monitored closely. (89)
   G. The L.W.V. education and natural resources groups work with the schools to educate children about recycling. (89)

III. VOTERS SERVICE - "Voters Service is a long standing activity that serves to raise community awareness, understanding, and participation in government and political process." The local League performs this activity by means of:
   1. Voter Registration Drives. Approximately thirty-plus League members are Special Registration Commisioners who register voters in local high schools, at all-day drives at Hanes Mall, and on request for public libraries, businesses, and other groups.
   2. Candidates Meeting open to the public and Candidate Interviews.
   3. Publication and distribution of Facts For Voters, giving

up-to-date information on registration and voting procedures.

4. Telephone Answering Service. On and near election days, members "man" the League office phone to give polling place locations, hours of voting, and receive other public inquiries about voter registration and elections.
5. Service on election days as precinct officials, and as "key" precinct reporters for a joint project of ABC NEWS and LWVNC.

Other opportunities for service to the voter include:

1. Publishing voter guides and candidate questionnaires;
2. Designing "get-out-the-vote" campaigns; and
3. Providing transportation for citizens to and from registration and polling places.

PROGRAM PLANNING REPORT

For consideration at Annual Meeting:

Recommended: That the League drop Item III-4 from the "Voters Service" activity list: "Telephone Answering Service. On or near election days, members "man" the League office phone to give polling place locations, hours of voting, and receive other public inquiries about voter registration and elections." Reason: we no longer have an office phone.

Recommended: That a study be made of the local Headstart Program (under LWV national social policy position and local education position) with a view to appropriate action. (Headstart is endangered locally.)

Not Recommended: Elimination of II-E under "Education" (supporting local school advisory councils).

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

2nd Vice President: Dody Zachmann		2 year term (1990-92)
Secretary: Gladys J. "Jimmie" Sudler		1 year term (1990-91) (to fill unexpired term)
Treasurer: Bonnie Covey		2 year term (1990-92)
For Directors:	Lauren Clapham	2 year term (1990-92)
	Nancy W. Sommer	2 year term (1990-92)
	Mary Frances Cram	2 year term (1990-92)
	Diana Smeeton	1 year term (1990-91) (to fill unexpired term)
	Nona Reeves	2 year term (1990-92)

Nominations may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee, in accord with the by-laws.

NATURAL RESOURCES - Nirma Perricone

The Natural Resources Committee focused their efforts on raising the awareness level of our members and encouraging personal participation in protecting and preserving our local environment. We have held 2 "recycling events" in conjunction with Eaton Recycling to encourage members to recycle. We have provided information on waste reduction, household hazardous waste and suggestions for safer alternatives through the Bulletin.

Barry Shearin, engineer with Winston-Salem City Water Department, spoke to the group on the quality of our local water and responded to the Leagues' study "The Water We Drink". Brenda Letzler gave us an update of the local task force's recommendations on the status of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County's solid waste problems.

We will culminate the year by providing a booth on household hazardous waste at the Earth Day 1990 Fair at Miller Park on April 22nd. The event is sponsored by the Sierra Club. Cost of the booth will be defrayed through the sale of Earth Day T-shirts and Hazardous Waste Wheels. We're also continuing to work with Kay Rogers, of Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful, to develop a recycling education program in the schools.

UNICEF - Margaret McCoy & Blanche Wellman

The UNICEF sales for the League of Women Voters of Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County during the fall of 1989 totaled $5,058.30, which earned our League $505.83 (10% of the sales).

Special appreciation is due Maria Smithson, Betty Kunz, Betty Barber, and Dody Zachmann and to the forty-four League members who helped with the sales.

We had nine sales days in seven different locations.

VOTERS SERVICE - Bonnie Covey

Twenty-seven intrepid League members trained and took the oath to be Special Registration Commissioners by the Forsyth County Board of Elections in late summer 1989 and early spring 1990. This enabled them to register Forsyth County voters for a two-year period. During the current year, two League all day voter registration drives took place at Hanes Mall: Saturday, October 7, 1989 and Saturday, April 7, 1990 with at least fifteen League members participating in each.

The big event of the fall activities for Voters Service was the Mayor's Forum, September 28, 1989, with the Winston-Salem Jaycees, The Foothills Group of the Sierra Club, and the Wake Forest University Club, held in Brendle Recital Hall at Wake Forest University. Seven candidates for Mayor of Winston-Salem participated in the forum, ably moderated by League member Joyce Glass. Without the guidance and expertise of Sherry Hollingsworth, Marianne Steintrager and Pam Kahl of the LWV, as well as the resources and hard work of the representatives of the co-sponsoring groups, this opportunity for 250 citizens to hear and question the mayoral candidates would not have likely occured.

This past winter the LWV invited the newly elected city aldermen and mayor- along with the incumbent aldermen - a total of nine - to be our guests at a "Breakfast With the Aldermen" at the downtown Ramada Hotel on Thursday, February 1, 1990. Approximately twenty League members shared their civic concerns with the seven attending representatives on a wide range of issues facing the community. We hope to continue the dialogue between aldermen and League members as several issues become more defined and specific in ensuing weeks and months.

Publications Report:

Publications were handled a little differently this year. Alyson Pauls, long time Publications Chair has been ill and three other Leaguers volunteered to fill her position. (It's a big job!) Jean Humbert kept the special League publications boxes at all nine of the public libraries full, Caroline Davenport-Ersoff updated "They Represent You", and Nona Reeves kept up with orders.

As usual, "They Represent You" has been in great demand. City County Government, Congressman Steve Neal's Office, numerous businesses, teachers, and individuals requested copies. First Union National Bank requested enough copies to add to their "Newcomers" packets.

MEMBERSHIP - Eunice Heilig

11 new members were added this year but membership is down due to more drops than additions. As of April 1, total membership is 87.

A fall and spring wine & cheese was held for prospective and new members with 18 attending each event.

Membership books were again prepared and passed out to all members.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - Dody Zachmann

All the members of our League are a vital part of the public relations network and can contribute greatly to the visibility and impact of League with their letters to national, state, and local representatives.

Publicity on League events and meetings has been sent regularly to the media and appeared sporatically in the Journal Calendar, ASK SAM, editorial page, Letters to the Editor, and used on WFDD Public Affairs announcements.

HOUSING — Marianne Steintrager

This spring's housing meeting "Past Performances/Current Plans-An Update" was a very informative follow-up to last spring's very successful low income housing tour. Monica Lett, a new LWV member and Director of Housing/Neighborhood Development, and Richie Brooks, Director of Housing Services were our speakers.

Individual LWV members serve on boards and committees which show our interest in low income housing: Jean Humbert serves on the Habitat board and is also in the Human Relation's Assistance to Low Income Housing Committee. Jean was responsible for a much needed meeting on home ownership for low-middle income people. Marianne Meyer was responsible for planning leadership in Winston-Salem's Housing program. Diana Smeeton is on ESR's board and I am a member of the Crisis Control advocacy committee. Maria Smithson, Action Chair, stressed the need for subsidized, workable, local housing programs at her committee's meeting with Steve Neal. The same subject as well as the City's Housing Task Force recommendation were also discussed at the LWV breakfast meeting with the Aldermen.

The LWV, with the support of Mike Ford, WFU Director of Student Development, assistant Professor Katie Harriger, and associate Professor of Commerce, Claire Hammond, invited Jack Kemp, Secretary for HUD, to lead a public discussion of the ways in which communities can and should address local low income housing needs. Mr. Kemp graciously declined, as the "Challenges facing the Department (HUD) at this time are numberous, and require a great deal of time and energy." So, too are the challenges facing the LWV as we address local low income housing needs.

WOMEN'S ISSUES COMMITTEE

The goal of the Women's Issues Committee is to promote social, economic, legal, and constitutional rights for women. The committee is still in the beginning stages of developing its membership and purpose. As a member of the committee, Sherry Hollingsworth has represented us in the activities of a rape victims' awareness coalition which is the combined efforts of the Council on the Status of Women, Family Services, Rape Crisis Council, NOW, and the League of Women Voters. The coalition feels strongly that the Winston-Salem Journal should change its policy of printing rape victims' names - a policy that often causes physical, emotional, psychological, and social trauma for the rape victims. The coalition has been collecting names for a signature ad to be printed in the May 10, 1990 Winston-Salem Journal. The committee will continue to support the efforts of this coalition.

In the future, the Women's Issues Committee hopes to explore a variety of issues affecting women, including non-traditional alternatives for women in the workforce (child care options, maternity leave, job-sharing, etc.), and the needs of the displaced homemaker and other older women who fall through the cracks. We will continue to actively support the right of a woman to make her own reproductive choices.

Anyone who would like to become part of this committee is welcome to join us.

Ruth Cole Burcaw

NATIONAL ACTION - Annual Report Grey Sellars and Maria Smithson

Early in the program year we broadened our committee to include Jennie Reed, Nona Reeves, Nancy Sommer and Marianne Steintragger, and we met to decide on the main issues we would work on. They were:

- Comprehensive Clean Air legislation
- Voter Registration Reform
- Campaign Finance Reform
- Low-cost Housing
- Affordable Child Care legislation

We all agreed to follow through on legislative alerts from National by call or writing our senators and representative, and to help spread the word to other League members. Regular contributions to the Ieague Bulletin helped to keep the membership informed. Committee members were also encouraged to write letters to the editors of both local newspapers.

As this report is being written Senate and House conferees are attempting to reconcile Clean Air bills S 1630 and HR 3030, in hopes of sending a bill to the President before Earth Day, April 22. Voter Registration Reform bill was passed in the House and awaits action in the Senate. Campaign Finance Reform has gained some momentum with recent announcements that House and Senate Democratic leaders intend to schedule legislation for floor action by summer. Action on a Child Care bill has been stalled in the House. The Ieague continues to lobby for the Dodd/Hawkins compromise bill that would provide $1.75 billion to support state child care initiatives (the ABC program), to increase before and after-school care programs, and to expand Head Start. Any significant action on low-oost Housing seems remote.

A group from the Ieague, including Sherold Hollingsworth, Jenny Reed, Nona Reeves, Nancy Sommer and Maria Smithson met with Congressman Neal in December, 1989, to discuss top League issues. There was helpful give and take about pending legislation, and we left with the impression that, for the most part, Mr. Neal was supportive of our positions.,

Dolores Cheney represented our Ieague at a conference at Appalachian State University, Oct. 7-8, 1989, which featured Building Bridges - Soviet and North Carolina Women in Dialogue. This is an on-going effort by a coalition of N.C. women's organizations to foster better understanding between the people of the USSR and the USA.

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