

PARENTS MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY COMMITTEE - AUGUST 10, 1964

The Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee met in the Graham's home on Monday, August 10th, Mr. Edwin Wilson presiding. The minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Harold Johnson, Treas. reported proceeds in excess of \$4,000 from the Aug. 1st and Aug. 2nd benefit parties.

Secretary Mrs. Siegel read letters from the LA Times, from Councilman Thomas Bradley, and one from the Hollywood-Los Feliz Jewish Community Center, the latter inviting the Parents Committee to send a representative to a planning meeting on Aug. 17th. They are setting Sept. 30th for a special affair, at which time the workers in Mississippi will be honored. This was referred to "new business" on the evening's agenda.

Mrs. Siegel also read a letter from the Democratic National Committee's Resolutions and Platform Committee, in which they sent us Request-to-Testify Forms. (Action taken later in meeting)

Individual letters of thanks were urged, to radio station KRHM, the Secretary being directed to write them for the group, also.

The first use of the Bail Fund, in the case of Buz Graham, was reported in detail.

Chairman-of-the-Meeting Wilson gave the following report of the Steering Committee's recommendations:

- 1) The Newsletter - Mrs. Newberry will handle the current issue, after which Mrs. N. Bridgeforth and Mrs. Judy Newman volunteered to do the subsequent issues.
- 2) Sending of letters of thanks by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Wilson, to contributors at the benefit parties. A vote of thanks was given the Wilsons for their efforts.
- 3) Personal notes (to be written by Mrs. Dick Wilson) will be sent to the families and wife of Schwerner, Goodman and Chaney, the three murdered Mississippi workers. (Not telegrams)
- 4) Mr. Johnson will wire the Attorney General the group's appreciation and hopes regarding efforts to apprehend the murderers.

Mr. Harold Johnson reported attending a meeting of interfaith religious groups and civil rights organizations regarding the type of memorial to be held for the victims. At that meeting it was decided that this should be a strictly religious service, and 5 pm Sunday, Aug. 23rd, has been set, the church to be announced. After discussion, the following motion by Mr. Ray Owen, seconded by Mr. Dick Wilson, was carried: that we as parents authorize Mr. Johnson to communicate to the interfaith group our sense of fellowship and gratification with the plans as outlined, and in addition, we offer to be of any service we can, particularly, by attending as a group if they deem it helpful to do so.

After discussion, a motion by Mr. Carstens was seconded by Judy Newman and carried, that we send a representative from the parents group to testify and present a resolution, at the hearings of the Democratic Platform Committee in Washington, August 17th-19th. Pledges of individual contributions to finance this action, were immediately made.