

The Parents Mississippi Freedom Association met at the Ray Owen's Pasadena home on Wednesday, November 18, 1964, at 8 PM. The meeting, attended by fourteen members, was called to order by Mr. Robert Hunn, Vice Chairman. Mr. Leon Schwartz, a new member, was introduced; his son is now in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Minutes of the October 28th meeting of the Association were read and approved. In the absence of Mr. Johnson, there was no Treasurer's report.

Secretary Adele Siegel read a letter from Senator Thomas Kuchel, including statements from him on "No on Prop. 14" and his support of the Mississippi project, copies of these statements being available should any members want to read them.

In the absence of Mr. Edwin Wilson, there was no report on the filing of the Articles of Incorporation.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board, on November 7th, were read and approved, on motion by Mrs. Hard, seconded by Mrs. Siegel and carried.

Committee reports followed.

1) Scholarship & Education Committee - Mrs. Martha Hard reported that the Teachers Federation was endorsing the Miss. student scholarship program; that 5 or 6 Los Angeles High Schools will be involved; that PTAs will be asked to help in finding homes for these students; tutoring service, dental and medical care and counseling were being arranged. Fund-raising plans were being formulated, and the legal technicalities involved in sponsoring the students, were being checked into. The overall purpose of the program, in addition to providing individual educational opportunities, will be to emphasize leadership training and the hope that these students will return to Mississippi to work in the Freedom schools.

2) Fund-Raising Committee - Mrs. Robert Davidson reported receipt of contributions totalling around \$500.00, some of which have been made payable to COFO and SNCC, etc. She suggested that funds can be solicited and checks can be made to COFO or SNCC as well as to our Association. Mr. Hunn requested that a record be made of all contributions so the total will be known. Mrs. Davidson expressed the hope that in addition to a Pasadena-area benefit party, she can also arrange a Westside party, possibly with the help of Mrs. Paul Albert.

3) Mr. Hunn at this point, acknowledged the need for a Budget & Finance Committee, and asked for a volunteer to head this, and work with the Treasurer. Mr. Ray Owen accepted this responsibility.

4) Legislative Action Committee - Mrs. Ray Owen reported that Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Hayden had agreed to work with her committee. She urged that all members write letters to the President, the Justice Dept. and the Congressmen; That we ask the President to appoint fair-minded judges to Federal courts in the South, support changes in rules of Congress to reduce the influence that the Southern Representatives have so long held through seniority; letters to the Justice Dept. should always identify ourselves as PARENTS of Miss. volunteers and ask support and investigation of harrassment there; letters to the Congressmen to ask support of changes in rules of the House of Representatives, so power won't all be in the

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hands of Southern Democrats; also assert that Southern Democratic Congressmen who supported Goldwater, should be deprived of their status as Democrats; and finally, emphasize that NOW is the time to get rid of the white supremacy label. Mrs. Owen agreed to put in the Association's Newsletter, her advice to members regarding the writing of such letters.

5) Public Relations Committee - Mrs. Adele Siegel agreed to check with Judy Newman and help find someone to handle the chairmanship of this Committee, during Mrs. Newman's illness. Mr. Siegel reported request from Joe Maizlich of Radio Station KRHM, for any letters from Mississippi, to be read over his station broadcasts.

6) Bail & Legal Committee - Mr. Sidney Harris reported there had been no requests for bail recently. He recommended that loans, however, be made by members to the Bail Fund, in order to maintain a workable level. The question of establishing validity of bail requests, is still unsolved, and Mr. Harris supported Mr. Hunn's proposal that an Administrative Committee be formed to help settle these problems and handle emergencies when they occur. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Davidson and carried, that the Bail Committee with the addition of Mr. Hunn, meet to set up without delay, the bail fund and the mechanics of handling it. Mr. Harris will call this meeting.

7) Membership Committee - Mrs. Clara Harris, Chairman, reported that applications for new members have been sent out, which will be self-explanatory. These will be sent to ALL California parents.

Adele Siegel agreed to serve as the Parent Representative on the Sponsoring-Parent Program, to work with the students.

Mrs. Neodres Bridgeforth reported a call from Key McGill, one of the regional SNCC secretaries, asking for sponsors of several Mississippi girls working under SNCC in the freedom movement. Mrs. Bridgeforth recounted her efforts and progress to date, working through her church, to get these sponsors, and also money for transporting to Mississippi food and clothing, already donated. Suggestions were made by the group regarding moving van companies and other sources, that might be willing to handle this <sup>SHIPPING</sup> at reduced rates.

The December meeting will be arranged by Secretary Siegel, and the members notified.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

*Dorothy Hunn*  
Recording Secretary