

12-13-55

Mr. R. L. Matthews, Pres. presiding.

Special NAACP Ex Com mtg.

Prayer by Mr. W. W. Jones.

A meeting called at request of Mr. W. C. Patton

Field Secretary. Interest in recent case, called Atty

Gray almost daily. Local NAACP should be

first on scene, want to know what action will

be taken. Commended ^{Montgomery Improvement} Association for protest

of bus ~~was~~ condition. Patton had conf. with Atty Gray,

King - Parks. She is willing ^{NAACP} to take case to the the

fullest extent of the law. Atty Gray answered

several legal questions pertaining to the case.

The next step is the Circuit Court unless it could be

put in Federal Court.

Mr. Pierce move NAACP defend Parks case.

Barnes sec. Mrs. Carr unready. Will Dr King's

~~Committee~~ asked if it Dr King's Committee continue

^{Mr. Patton said} it will continue as is on pressure + NAACP will

take legal side. The motion carried.

Rev. Mernathy asked who is responsible for Branch

not making statement on case. Mr. Patton sd

~~should~~ the Pres, in the absence of Ex Com + Branch

should act. ^{be paid} Retainer fee. Bray

Mr. Pierce m. Atty Gray \$100.00 Retainer fee. Bray

sec. met. Carried.

Rev. Mernathy was named chairman of the fund

raising campaign for Parks case.

Mr. Pattons said he would serve on membership
campaign for the Spring

Athy Gray said now is a good time to have
a membership campaign. Rev. King sd campaign

should be well organized:
membership + fund raising

Campaign should be organized in Jan. to
climax in Feb.

he invited down to

Barnes moved Mr. W. C. P. A aid the Ch. of,
membership Dr. when needed. Rev. King sec., not carried