

JULY 6, 1964

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The Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee, Los Angeles Area, met at 8:30 PM Monday, July 6, 1964, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Brill, Mr. Robert Hunn, Chairman, presiding.

There were introductions of newcomers, and the roll was signed.

Heading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. Richard Wilson reported on three meetings held by the Steering Committee, one result of which, was a wire sent to President Johnson; this was read by Secretary Mrs. Seigel.

Mr. Henry Seigel read a petition, being circulated by the Parents Committee, on behalf of the workers in Mississippi. Those parents present, signed the master copy of the petition, to be sent to Washington, with over 400 signatures being filed.

Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Arthur Carstens reported on activities of the Bail Committee. Discussion followed regarding setting up fund, to be handled by Atty. Benjamin E. Smith, lawyer for COFO, ACLU and the Natl. Council of Churches, with an office in New Orleans.

Congressman Gus Hawkins, 21st District, reported on his tour of Mississippi, together with Reps. Ryan and Burton. (They were joined by Rep. Don Edwards, San Jose, who has a son working in Mississippi.) He encouraged the parents to keep the pressure on the Attorney General to provide more U.S. Marshals and FBI agents in the area.

Dr. Arthur Carstens outlined certain areas of the situation in which the Parents Group could explore the possibilities for action:
1) Walkie-talkies 2) Look into problem of the mails 3) Surplus books, (U.S. Army) for Mississippi 4) Fund-raising party. Discussion followed.

A Bail Committee was formed to investigate procedures for posting bail. This consisted of: Mrs. Carstens, Mrs. Graham, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bob Singleton.

A Finance Committee was formed, with Mr. Harold Johnson of Glendora, serving as Chairman. The following volunteered to serve on this committee: Mark Weiss (Valley Friends of ENCC), Richard Sullivan (same), and Mrs. Klaus Brill.

Mrs. Judy Newman announced that our letter-head printing was contributed by the printers; Mr. Wilson offered the help of his own attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Seigel, seconded by Mrs. Coryell, and carried unanimously that each family be assessed \$5.00, the full amount to be collected from the newcomers, and \$3.00 additional from those who had previously contributed \$2.00; this fund to take care of mailing costs.

The next meeting was set for Monday July 13 at the Graham's home, 611 N. Maple, Beverly Hills.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hunn
Acting Sec. Secy.