

JULY 13, 1964

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The Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Graham, 611 N. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, on Monday, July 13, 1964, at 8:30 pm, Chairman Robert Hunn, presiding.

On motion by Mr. Richard Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Ben Graham, and carried, reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Mrs. Arthur Carstens introduced Miss Dorothy Townsend, reporter from the Los Angeles Times, and upon agreement of the group, she was invited to sit in on the meeting.

The Chairman gave a brief outline of the group's beginnings, and new people were welcomed. Mrs. Gogol introduced Mr. Smith, of CORE. Also present was Mr. Levi Kingston, Executive Director of L.A. Friends of SNCC.

Mrs. Owen reported on the incident in Hattiesburg involving her son, David, who was attacked and injured. She supplied information on how and whom to phone in emergencies such as theirs.

Several parents gave encouraging reports, based on their son's and daughter's experiences in various locations in Mississippi.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Bail Committee, gave a complete report on the Committee's efforts, - their contacts with COFO in Jackson, and with a New Orleans attorney, regarding bail procedures. A plan whereby a revolving fund would be deposited with Western Union; a 24-hour answering service to be maintained to receive emergency calls from COFO and contact trustees (3 or so to be appointed); they in turn would notify Western Union to forward necessary bail money; depletion of funds would be reported and replaced. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Harold Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Graham and carried, that the Bail Committee be empowered to set up a system, patterned after Mr. Wilson's outline, and an invitation be extended to parents to contribute to it. Pledge papers were distributed to those parents present, in order to ascertain amount immediately available for the revolving fund. At Mrs. Graham's suggestion, a vote of thanks was given Mr. Wilson and his Bail Committee for their efforts.

Mrs. Margie Albert, representing Californians for Liberal Representation, offered to co-sponsor (with the Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee) a garden-reception to raise funds which will go to COFO (Council of Federated Organizations), to be used primarily for the Mississippi Summer Project. This party will be held on July 26th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Licht, 1500 Old Oak Road (Mandeville Canyon). It was moved by Mrs. Seigel, seconded by Mrs. Newman, and carried, that we participate in this garden party. The following volunteered to help with publicity for the project: Mr. Klaus Brill, Miss Joanne Sitzer, Mr. Smith (of CORE).

Mr. Wilson announced that among the 16 contributors present, a total of \$2150 was raised to set up the bail revolving fund, and that absent parents will also be contacted. Checks are to be made payable to LA Mississippi Emergency Fund and sent to Mr. Wilson. An account will be set up by Mr. Harold Johnson, Financial Chairman.

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It was suggested that a political action committee be set up in our group, and that letters be written commending the California Congressmen who went into Mississippi.

Mrs. Martha Hart reported on activities of the San Francisco Parents Committee (45 in number).

Ways and means of obtaining good publicity were discussed. In order to lose no time, members of the Publicity Committee volunteered to meet and prepare publicity releases to present to Dr. Arthur Carstens, Chairman, upon his return from out-of-town. This group included Mrs. Judy Newman, Mrs. ~~XXXX~~ Hart, Joanne Sitzer and Mr. Smith.

It was moved by Mr. Seigel, seconded and carried, that a proposed art show and auction, to raise funds for COFO, be given our vote of confidence if it appears workable.

Mr. Bob Singleton offered to distribute appeals for help, to U.C.L.A. personnel, and this was approved on motion by Mr. Seigel, seconded by Mrs. Seigel, and carried by vote of the group. Mr. Singleton also offered to enlist workers for the art show, to build racks, collect art works, etc.

It was moved by Mrs. Carstens, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and carried, that the Los Angeles Times be asked to send Miss Townsend and/or a team of reporters, to Mississippi for first-hand reports on conditions there.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mrs. Newman and carried, the next meeting was set for Monday, July 20th, at 8 PM in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

It was agreed that copies be made of the minutes of this meeting and sent to all parents.

The meeting adjourned at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

*Haroldly Hunn*

Recording Secretary Pro Tem