

July 27, 1964

The Parents Mississippi Emergency Committee met at the Benjamin Graham's home in Beverly Hills, on Monday, July 27, 1964, at 8 PM. with Mr. Harold Johnson presiding, in keeping with a rotating chairmanship.

Newcomers were welcomed and introduced while the attendance list was being circulated for signing.

Minutes of the July 20th meeting were read by Mrs. Robert Hunn, and approved as amended.

Secretary Mrs. Adele Siegel presented bills for payment, which were approved on motion of Mr. Richard Wilson, seconded and carried.

The Secretary read (1) a communication from Mr. Hal Light of the San Francisco Parents Group, in which he stated that his committee had not concluded on the matter of sending a delegation to Mississippi; (2) a copy of a resolution which had been sent by the Northern group to the Council of the City of Richmond, California; resolved that the President of the United States take action to protect the student workers in Mississippi.

Mr. Arthur Carstens reported having talked with Los Angeles City Councilman Thomas Bradley about presenting a similar resolution to the L.A. City Council. After discussion it was agreed to wait until Councilman Bradley arrived to speak to the group.

Mrs. Siegel read a request by the Washington Human Rights Project for \$30.00 to cover costs of mailing copies of the petition from our group to each member of Congress, the Justice Department, the President and the Attorney General. Mr. Richard Wilson moved (seconded by Mr. Carstens and carried) that we authorize the expenditure of the \$30.00, contingent upon our learning a little more about the Washington Human Rights Project. Mr. Wilson offered to try to do this, and also to find out if the petitions can be sent out under our name. Upon motion by Mr. Sidney Harris, seconded by Mr. Carstens and carried, Mr. Wilson was authorized to handle this.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Bail Fund Committee, reported a total on hand of \$4,000, applicable to the Bail Fund, covering 25 students, \$100.00 of this being contributions to the General Bail Fund.

He emphasized that the answering service phone number be given to our sons' and daughters' project centers, namely 213 - CR 5-5396.

Mrs. Carstens presented a request from a Mr. Davies, representative of the Urban League, who was going to Mississippi as an observer. He asked for coverage by PMEC's bail fund and indicated that he would also contribute to it. After discussion, the matter was deferred to the Bail Committee for consideration, if and when Mr. Davies appears.

Mr. Carstens, Publicity Chairman, reported receipt of letters from six Congressman; he reported on the press conference arranged by Mrs. Judy Newman, press coordinator, and held on July 23rd. Due to an automobile accident in which Mrs. Newman was injured, she was unable to be present at either the press conference or tonight's meeting. Mr. Carstens reported that on Sunday, July 26th, Mr. Edwin Wilson appeared on a half hour television program regarding our students in Mississippi. Mrs. Siegel announced formation of a telephone chain to notify members of the group about all TV and radio appearances.