

The Parents Mississippi Freedom Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Owen in Pasadena, on Wednesday, October 14, 1964, at 8 PM, Mrs. Klaus Brill presiding.

Secretary Adele Siegel read telegrams and letters from Senators Pierre Salinger and Thomas Michel, Congressmen Gus Hawkins and Phillip Burton in answer to our appeals regarding the safety of workers in Mississippi. She also read a letter from the COFO office, thanking the Parents Group for its recent contribution, and outlining the work now going on in Mississippi.

Mrs. Zirker gave her daughter's latest report on arrests in Indianola.

Minutes of the Sept. 30th meeting were <sup>read and</sup> approved as corrected.

Mrs. Neodres Bridgeforth reported on her attendance at the Citizens Committee dinner in honor of Congressman Augustus Hawkins, and read the speech which she had given at the dinner.

Mr. Henry Siegel read an 'ad' that our organization had been given in the 'ad book', to be available at a <sup>party honoring Dr. Aaron</sup> Henry, on October 19th at the Ambassador Hotel, under the auspices of Californians for Liberal Representation and the California Democratic Council. Since this 'ad' was an appeal for bail funds, Mr. Siegel moved, seconded by Mr. Edwin Wilson, that we contribute \$25.00 toward the publication of the 'ad book'. After some discussion, the motion was carried, with Mr. Wilson's recommendation that this motion reflect the fact that this action in no way favors any political group, but rather reflects an attitude toward people who have shown an interest in our cause.

Mrs. Siegel reported a call from a representative of Dr. Aaron Henry, stating that Dr. Henry would be available for an appearance at a fund-raising event should we wish to organize one. As the time specified in his schedule would not allow enough preparation, Mrs. Siegel was asked to report back with a suggestion that SNCC might be contacted.

The problem of what might be done in the case of any member's inability to pay the \$12.00 yearly dues, was discussed. Mr. Wilson suggested that the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Harris, or her representative, explore the problem in individual cases.

Difficulties of how to contact new volunteers going to Mississippi, and their parents in order to expand our membership, were also discussed.

Mr. Edwin Wilson, Chairman of the Bail Fund, reported on the meeting of the Executive Board, held last week, at which time they recommended that we incorporate, - for greater permanence and stability, and also for purposes of tax exemption as a charitable organization. Mr. Wilson as the group's Legal Counsel, advised that "Articles of Incorporation" and "By-Laws" be prepared and that we establish a bail fund, with Mr. Harris and Mr. Siegel serving as trustees of this fund, - the money to be dispensed by them. Approximately \$700.00 will be turned over from Mr. Dick Wilson. In addition to this, it is planned to ask members to lend \$100.00, to be refunded as projects earn money for the bail fund. Motion by Mr. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Humm and several others, was carried, that we incorporate.