

The Executive Board of the Parents Mississippi Freedom Association met at the home of Mrs. Judy Newman on Saturday, November 7, 1964, at 3 PM, with nine members present.

Mr. Harold Johnson reported the interview of several of the parents with Senator Hubert Humphrey, during his pre-election visit to Los Angeles.

The following newly-formed committees and their functions were outlined:

1. Scholarship & Education Committee - Formed primarily to sponsor a scholarship program for Mississippi students. Mrs. Martha Hard, Co-chairman, announced plans for bringing 5 students to Los Angeles at an estimated cost of \$400.00 each, and reported progress being made.
2. Fund-Raising Committee - Money will be needed for operating expenses of the Association; bail fund; financing projects as undertaken by the group, including delegations similar to those during the past summer; and for direct assistance to the Mississippi Freedom work. Mrs. Robert Davidson, Chairman, outlined ideas for giving a party in the Pasadena area to raise funds.
3. Legislative Action Committee - Mrs. Ray Owen, Chairman, presented the following policy, concurred in by the Board: That we limit our concern solely to work as parents in relation to the Mississippi Project, and not be involved in other activities, no matter how worthy, which would require our participation. One of the first projects would be to outline a letter campaign to key political persons, letting them know that we will be watching to see what happens during the pending reorganization of Congress, and enlisting their support in reducing the power and patronage of Southern congressmen.
4. Bail and Legal Committee - Mr. Sidney Harris, Bail Chairman, reported that he and Mr. Siegel had met to discuss handling of bail, two problems of which are (1) no way of evaluating need for bail, and (2) no method of sending bail money. Mr. Harris suggested that the bail funds be deposited in the Association's treasury, until next summer's greater volume of students going to Mississippi, would increase the need. Mr. Robert Hunn asked that the Bail Committee reconsider, on the basis of those students presently working in Mississippi, and urged that the \$700 on hand be built up to a sum of \$1,000 and set up as a current bail fund. Discussion of recent incidents and resultant needs followed.
5. Public Relations Committee - Mrs. Judy Newman, Chairman, enumerated the following functions of her committee: (a) Gather information for the Newsletter; (b) Establish contacts - Press - TV - Radio; (c) Learn protocol and best practices for Press Conferences; (d) Write news releases; (e) Establish relations with other groups, i.e. civil rights, and religious groups, SNCC and CORE, etc.; (f) Possible brochure publicity from Mississippi; (g) Liason with our own group, in which are involved the difficulties of keeping up with communications from Mississippi; (h) Work with the Secretary, whose duties are defined in relation to publicity. Mrs. Newman stated that she cannot keep the Chairmanship at present for reasons of health, and asked for a leave of absence. It was suggested that Mrs. Dick Wilson or Mrs. Ben Graham be requested to take over the job during this leave of absence.
6. Membership Committee - No report. Mrs. Clara Harris, Chairman, absent.

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It was brought to the attention of the Executive Board that a parent-representative was also needed to serve on the Sponsoring Parent Program Committee.

It was ~~also~~ pointed out by Mr. Johnson, Treasurer, that a budget or finance committee should also be formed in the near future.

In order to facilitate business at the meetings, Mrs. Owen moved that each chairman have a report in writing, with limited time for discussion. This was seconded by Mrs. Hard and carried. It was also agreed to set a specific time for the regular evening meetings of the Association, i.e. 8 to 10 o'clock.

Mr. Edwin Wilson presented the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws for signatures, which were completed by those present.

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary - PMFA