

Community Church - 40 East 35th St.

This was the first of the regular monthly parents' meetings which were decided upon at our last meeting, held at the Swerlings on Jan. 18th.

IMPORTANT NOTE: At the Swerling meeting, we decided upon the second Tuesday of the month.

WE HAVE NOW DECIDED THAT OUR MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS WILL BE ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH. (better to have them on a non-work-night for better paternal attendance!) Come the summer, when people leave town for weekends, we may have to reconsider this once more.

Thus our next general membership meeting will be Friday, March 12th, at the Community Church, 40 East 35th St.

On Jan. 18th, we decided that each monthly membership meeting should include a report and/or an outside speaker, so that the meetings will be stimulating and informative. Accordingly, Mrs. Annie Devine came up from the Washington FDP office to report on the work of the FDP.

Mrs. Devine spoke feelingly of the work of our children in Miss. "They were always giving up their money, the money they had for food and daily necessities, to help some Negro that they knew nothing about," she said. She told us that many a Volunteer lived on peanut butter at times, until the next "pay-check" arrived from home.

Mrs. Devine stressed the fact that she would not be here - the FDP would not exist - were it not for The Kids - as she called them.

It is clear that the success of the FDP, in getting 149 votes in Congress, against the seating of the 'regular' Miss. Reps. - this was very much beyond the expectations of the FDP leaders themselves. Mrs. Devine told us that on Jan. 4th, the day of the Challenge in Congress, we were only sure of 22 votes against the seating of the "bad guys."

The additional 127 votes obviously came from grass roots works all over the land: such as the work done on Long Island which made 4 out of 5 Congressmen vote on the side of FDP. And in the Bronx, all 4 Reps. voted on our side, showing what hard work can do.

The conclusion is clear: if we work hard between now and June 1st, we can get the remaining 72 votes needed to get Congress to vote for the calling of new elections in Miss.

Bill Kunstler stressed once more the importance of new elections in Miss. IT WOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT SINCE RECONSTRUCTION, IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL RIGHTS, he said. First, there would be a voter registration campaign that would make last summer look like small potatoes. And there would be a fight: every dog catcher in Miss., not to mention the sherriffs, would fear for their jobs, with ~~NEGROES~~ registering to vote in such large number
Negroes

Bill Kunstler stressed that the Challenge is now being taken seriously in the South, since 149 Reps. voted in favor of the challenge. This can be seen from the Southern press, and from the fact that the leading Southern officials are complying with our subpoenas.

~~UNHEARD OF~~ With such a good chance of getting new elections for Miss., with Negroes registered, the work of the FDP takes on more and more ~~IMPORTANCE~~ importance. Its work being the fruit of our childrens' summer in Miss.

It was agreed that we should explore ways of helping the FDP, in our special rol/ as parents. The Osmans, who are Brooklyn parents, will do what they can. Willard Fras

is very involved in the raising of money and other FDP work on Long Island, but he will also help in the work of the Parents Group in support of the FDP.

Jane Hodes said she would contact ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Trudy Orris on this phase of our work. (There is a need for women who can give daytime hours to phoning and office work in connection with the Challenge.)

And Gladys Elum will of course be contacted when she returns from vacation, about Feb. 22nd. The Elums are also working for FDP on Long Island, but will also give some help to the Parents.....

On Sunday, April 11th, there will be a dinner dance for SNCC - FDP, at \$100 a plate. It was felt that the Parents would somehow be able to raise money for a table.... Details later.

LATER INFORMATION - NOT PART OF THE MINUTES - PLEASE NOTE:

A meeting was held in Brooklyn. ^y on Thursday, Feb. 11th, to organize the important job of working on Brooklyn Congressmen, who had such a terrible showing: practically all of them voted vs. the Challenge on Jan. 4th.

The organizer of this Brooklyn meeting was:

Patrick Carter
253 Brooklyn Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y. Phone: SL 6-6047

I think Willard Fraser should phone Pat Carter and sort of officially offer the services of the Parents' Comm. for work in Brooklyn. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I understand (I = Jane Hodes) that Rev. Mellish is already involved in this Brooklyn work. He is a "winter parent". Don't know if the Ozmans
ans were informed of this Brooklyn meeting.....

Jean Kates please note: another winter parent has come to my attention:

Mrs. Louise Heinze
216 East 13th St.
Home Phone: OR 3-8984
Office Phone AL 5-6250

Her son, Fred Heinze, is spending the winter in Jackson, Miss., with Vicki & Martin Nicolaus. Vicki's Mom is another winter parent, who claims she did not get notice of our last meeting:

Mrs. Bobbye Ortiz
11 Riverside Drive
New York City Phone: TR 7-1963

Another winter parent:

Rev. Howard Mellish
905 St. Marks Ave.
Brooklyn - Phone IN 7-1198

Key FDP person in NY area:

Mrs. Susan Kinoy
4705 Henry Hudson Parkway
NYC Phone: KI 9-9582

Trudy Orris is, of course, very interested in doing something for FDP. She is going to circularize the Brooklyn-dwelling parents at Elizabeth Irwin High School, to get them active, by getting some of the facts about FDP in their hands. A brilliant idea, I think.

Tom Jones, a NY Assemblyman from Brooklyn, has been mentioned by several people as a person who should be able to play a role for FDP in Brooklyn.

He is an Elizabeth Irwin parent (as is Galamison, by the way) - but I guess the main thing now is for us to coordinate what we do about Brooklyn - with Pat Carter.

Minutes of Jan. 18th meeting: S.O.S.

Some of you will remember that I was asked to throw these minutes on a stencil - so many vital things were discussed, such as attitude toward lobbying and toward adoption of individual Mississippi towns..... The sncc staff people wanted copies sent to Atlanta, Greenwood, etc.

I sent the stencils of these minutes to the NY sncc office, as KHHHHH instructed. Have been told the stencil was run off the other day, but where-oh-where?

I had sent nicely addressed labels along with the stencil, for those who signed up to receive the minutes, but never mind that.

Could somebody salvage a few copies of this material? If you send me a handful, I will send same to the sncc people who wanted em. And I';; send BE Will Fraser a copy. If the whole mess has disappeared, somebody please let me know, so I can do them over again I kept the rough notes, fortunately.