

STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
360 Nelson Street SW
Atlanta Georgia 30313

Agenda of the Executive Committee Meeting of
August 23-25, 1965.

Monday - Opening Day

- 3 pm - Organization of the Executive Committee
- 4 pm - U.N. Subcommittee Hearing
- 5 pm - Policy for Independent Programs
- 6 pm
- 7 pm - Break (food)
- 8 pm
- 9 pm - Personnel Committee report
- 10 pm - Finance Committee status

*SACC relation to
~~Sojourner~~
Alegro Hist. Col.
Legal Council*

Tuesday - August 24, 1965

- 11 am - Funds in the organization
- 12 pm - Fund-raising - South & North , financial statement
- 1 pm - Building in Atlant and Freedom Singers
- 2 pm - Break (food)
- 3 pm
- 4 pm - Soj~~ot~~ner Fleet
- 5 pm
- 6 pm - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour break
- 6:30 pm - Program Areas
- 7 pm - Denton & Cambridge, Md. (Migrant)
- 8 pm - Mississippi
- 9 pm - Norfolk, Va.
- 10 pm

Mississippi challenge

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Wednesday - August 25, 1965

11 am - Legal Council for SNCC
12 pm

1 pm - Negro History Coloring Book
2 pm

3 pm - SNCC's Relation to other Organizations
4 pm

5 pm - Programs

6 pm - Campus Traveling

7 pm - Staff meeting

8 pm - Proposal for African Dept. in SNCC
9 pm

10 pm - Peoples Conference

There will be a discussing for the Voting Rights Bill.

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Chairman - John Lewis

Members Present - Md. - John Baptiste

Ark.- Jim Jones
Ben Grinage
Bill Hansen

Miss- Hollis Watkins
Bob Smith
Doug Smith
Mrs. Hazel Palmer
Jesse Harris
Mrs. Unita Blackwell
Don White
Ala-- Silas Norman

Ga.- Roy Shields
Willie Ricks
Isaac Simpkins

Cleveland Sellers
John Lewis
Muriel Tillinghast
Marion Barry
Bill Hall

Members Absent -

Howard Zinn
Mrs. Ella Baker
Dorie Ladner
Lafayette Surney
Mrs. Hamer

Lee Bankhead
Silas McGhee
Stokely Carmicheal
James Jones

① Letters will be sent to all Executive Committee members who did not attend this meeting. Peesons will be asked to let the committee know ~~XX~~ why they were absent and if they still intend to be a part of the committee. In keeping with the ~~XXXX~~ Executive Committee Rule on Procedure, members who miss three consecutive meetings will be asked to submit a letter of resignation.

Staff people who have ideas for new programs should feel free to talk to their area representative about coming to the committee meeting and submit a written proposal.

② SNCC's Relationship to Other Organizations

It was generally agreed that as formal SNCC policy, we will no openly criticize other organizations.

One of the incidents that brought about a need for a stated policy of this sort was an ~~XX~~ a statement made by Willie Ricks regarding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Americaus, Georgia, which was reported in the New York Wall Street Journal. Ricks explained that the statement had been made to an SCLC staff person during a meeting which he presumed was closed. It so happened that a reporter was in the room at the time. Statements made in those kinds of situations fall of course, outside the realm of the above stated policy.

I as suggested that Unity Meeting, ~~XXXXXX~~ similar to those that were held with SCLC

EARLIER THIS YEAR, be set up with The National Council of Church and the Delta Ministry, CORE and SCLC again.

③

Negro History Coloring Book

Ivanhoe and Cleve submitted a proposal for the distribution of the Coloring Book. The proposal ~~XXXXXX~~ included plans to distribute the ~~XXXXXX~~ book nationally (to Freedom Schools in the south, to other organizations and possibly to teachers in the north for use in their schools -particularly in Wash. ~~XXXX~~ and to groups in northern ghettos all well as to interested individuals) through the establishment of a mail order house. Ivanhoe has been gathering information about the possibility of getting money for this project through organizations and unions ~~XXXXXX~~. He and Cleve are at present investigating printing arrangements, gathering information about ~~establishing~~ a mail order house and ~~X~~ compiling a mailing list (teachers, civic groups and other ghetto organizations ~~XXXX~~, etc.)

SEE Betty's list

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

After some discussion on whether Ivan and Cleve could handle this and continue to work on their respective projects, Hollis Watkins motioned that they be mandated by the Executive Committee to continue working on this program.

That motion was carried by:

Hollis, Silas N., Ben Grinage, Bill Hansen, J. Harris, D. Smith, I. Simpkins, R. Shields
J. Jones, H. Palmer, J. Lewis, Cleve, Don White

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Unita Blackwell
Hazel Palmer
Cleve Sellers
Bill Hansen

J. Harris
H. Watkins
R. Shields
J. Baptiste
J. Jones

Doug Smith
Muriel Tiddinghast
cv

Stanley Wise, Bill Potter, Sherron Jackson, Bill Hall, Gwen Robinson,
Ruth Howard, Betty Garmen, Shirley Wright, Ivanhoe,

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Members of the Medical Committee

(4) Civil Rights Medical Committee

Dr. Chalplan and others in town from New York and Boston to set up Medical Committee in Atlanta. Their plan is to have doctor here in Atlanta (local) make their services available to workers. ~~XXXXXX~~ from SMC, SCLC, NAACP, etc. They hope to set up an office and make Atlanta the southern medical committee headquarters through which everything is coordinated (doctors coming south for two weeks, workers going north to hospitals, etc.)

~~There will be shipments of medicine coming down~~

Dr. Chalplan recommended that we investigate (with his help) the possibility of getting medical insurance for the staff. *They + us work on plan*

He also mentioned giving emergency medical (first aid) treatment instructions to the staff. Necessary medical kits would be supplied by the Medical Committee. *class to psych*
Medical Committee is looking into the ~~idea~~ possibility of setting up a Clinic in the south (maybe Georgia) with ~~max~~ northern doctors serving on a volunteer, rotating basis under the direction of a local doctor. Some staff people, however, (particularly Miss. field staff) favor establishing a permanent hospital in the deep south.

*We should meet w/other groups + w/mc
to assess needs of ER groups*

*Southwide people's Conference in Oct
(Jackson + FDR)*

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Legal Counsel for SNCC

Howard Moore said that he will be leaving in September. We will need to find another lawyer and deal with the whole question of SNCC lawyers in the field.

Porter: I suggest that we form a committee of staff persons to find a replacement for Howard; investigate our legal needs; etc. and make a report to us and recommendations.

Betty: Its my feeling that we have a need for two types of legal assistance:
1) Lawyers to handle standard types of things
i.e. cases in the south; corporate procedures, etc.

Standard House Lawyer

2) Committee of lawyers to file aggressive suits in behalf of SNCC.

Doug: We need a good recruiting and orientation system to assure ourselves that we'll have militant lawyers who will carry cases all the way and not yeild to southern courts.

Ruby: Howard is willing to stay if we really want him and if we can get grant to pay him.

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Legal Committee (Appointed by Chairman): Betty Garmen, Roy Sheilds, Jim Jones (Ark) Doug Smith, Ruby D. and someone from Ala. staff.

The Committee will meet with Howard Moore this week and determine (or make recommendation as to) who will be the House lawyer, and review the lawyers recruited to work in the south and outline other legal needs.

Mississippi and MFDP Challenge

MFDP wants to send delegations to Washington to lobby for the Challenge. This would include 1,000 people from Miss., groups from Ala., Ark., Ga., as well as northern supporters. *Come on Sept 10 to 14*

No one knows exactly when the House will adjourn, but we are pushing to get a vote this session. People will leave Miss. tentatively on Sept. 21st. *16th*

Major problem (interms of the lobby) is money for transportation to Wash.

FDP is raising money in the state on a local level, but it will be impossible to raise enough to cover the cost (which may be \$30,000)
We what SNCC TO set up some kind of machinery to raise that money.

Because of the organizations present financial situation, SNCC can't just make and out and out grant to the MFDP the following recommendations

for raising said funds:

- 1) Ruth Howard will send out a memo to all staff asking if they will contribute a portion of their check. Each individual can determine whether he will take a half check or give \$5.00, \$10.00 or any amount next pay period.
- 2) SNCC will of course make available any other contacts and resources in the north.

STAFF MEETING

States will hold statewide staff meeting in Sept and Oct. to discuss their area. These meetings should be attended by Muriel, Ruby, Cleve and Shessie so that they will be available to answer questions about Personnel and Finance, etc. Program S'ecy will make sure meetings take place and will gather information from said meeting and with them make recommendations for the agenda for the staff meeting.

Programs
SNCC General staff meeting will be held some time between Oct. 25th and Nov. 5th ~~at the state~~.

People will receive half check during staff meeting since that will be eating free. (This will help cover some cost - we've not as yet finished paying for the last meeting)

Program S'ecy can designate other persons to work with him if necessary.

Wednesday

Forenoon - Fundraising

South Fundraisers