

Feb. 3, 1965

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The Parents Mississippi Freedom Association met on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1965, at 7:30 PM, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Brill, Mr. Carstens presiding.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was postponed, pending arrival of the Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Neodres Bridgeforth reported details of the recent arrest of her son, Ron, in Columbus, Mississippi, where he and a companion were jailed on a minor traffic violation - "parking six inches from a curb". Original bail set at \$5,000 had been reduced to \$1,000. Mrs. Bridgeforth contacted Congressman Gus Hawkins, Gov. Brown's office and the Justice Department. The Siegels wrote letters, in the name of the Parents Assoc. to Senators Kuchel and Murphy, and also to the Justice Dept. \$1,000 was sent by Mr. Harris, Bail Chairman, but upon word from an attorney contacted in Mississippi, it was learned that bail was not needed. Ron was subsequently released. The father of Ron Carver, Ron Bridgeforth's companion, phoned Mrs. Bridgeforth, when he was in Los Angeles last week, and related a similar experience of his own, with the Law in Mississippi, while visiting his son there.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Carstens announced that of the \$869.00 in the bail fund, \$500 was necessary for Mr. Harris, Bail Chairman, in order to pay bail for Ron Bridgeforth. A motion was made by Mrs. Siegel, seconded by Mrs. Brill, and carried that \$700.00 be transferred from the general fund to the bail fund.

Following a discussion on how to meet bail needs, Mr. Robert Hunn proposed that we make the raising of bail our priority, to cover not only our students, but to help Mississippians also in jail. Mr. Harris offered the suggestion that we involve leaders in public affairs to appeal for money for bail purposes.

In order to establish guide lines for our Bail Chairman, Mrs. Siegel moved that at the present time, the bail fund should go only to the children of the members of the Association. This was seconded by Mrs. Brill and carried.

After discussion, the following motion was made by Edwin Wilson, Jr., and seconded by Ed Wilson, Sr., that the goal be to supply the needs of our children, plus the local workers in the South. The final motion, as carried by vote of the group, is as follows: That the group undertake to establish a bail fund to cover (1) the Southern California students and workers in the South; (2) those with whom they work; and (3) if funds are available, extend it to help others.

The January 21st meeting with Bob Moses, and its impact on our group, was generally discussed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Siegel, seconded by Mr. Hayden and carried that we send a telegram to a February 14th dinner meeting of California Congressmen, commending the thirteen Congressmen for having voted to unseat the Mississippi Democratic Delegation.

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A motion by Mr. Henry Siegel was seconded and carried that Mr. Edwin Wilson be authorized to order new stationery for the Association, with the proper inclusion of names of officers of the corporation on the letterhead.

Mr. Wilson reported the total expense for the dinner at their home was \$66.68. Individual assessments will be taken care of at the next Association meeting, to be held in three weeks, the place to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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