

reston black focus

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Board of Directors Meeting
October 10, 1974; 8:20 p.m.
Home of Clarestine Summey

Present: Bradley, Gilmore, Sharp, Summey, Estelle Gaymon, Mary Butler

Minutes of the August 29 meeting and the September 18 meeting were corrected and approved. Copies of the July 30 general membership meeting minutes were distributed. Estelle Gaymon, Chairperson of the Education Committee, and Mary Butler, Chairperson of the Elections Committee, were introduced. Letters of resignation from Laura Thomas and Sylvia Turner were accepted for the record with regret.

Financial Situation. Doris Gilmore reported that current assets include:

- \$205.38 in the regular account, and
- \$3390.39 in the festival account.

A complete festival financial report should be available in two weeks.

Elections Committee. Mary Butler reported that the committee has been making preparations for our annual meeting on 11/12/74. So far, five names are on the slate and the committee is still searching. It is important that all candidates pay their dues. Provisions are being made for absentee ballots with drop-offs in Lake Anne and Hunters Woods. The November newsletter will contain a write-up on each candidate. A synopsis is due from each candidate on October 15, 1974. The five candidates are: Carol Bradley, Charles Smith, Rochelle Thompson, Thomas Butler, and Clarestine Summey. The group suggested that absentee ballots be placed in sealed envelopes with the voter's name on the outside and a list of absentee ballots be kept to insure that no one votes twice. The next election committee meeting will be on October 15, 10:00 a.m. at the

home of Mary Butler. Barba Merriwether is to design the ballot with the names of candidates printed and space for write-ins. Six persons will count the ballots. A discussion of the function of the elections committee after the election followed. It was suggested that they might become a personnel committee and help staff other committees. This idea will be considered at their next meeting.

Education Committee. Estelle Gaymon reported that the committee has contacted the principal of the new Dogwood School. The committee has also examined the new Students' Rights action being taken by the School Board. Of particular concern are the rules concerning expulsion and suspension, and police interrogation on school property. Kathy Lamkin represents the committee at $\frac{1}{2}$ of the School Board meetings. We still need a representative for the other $\frac{1}{2}$ and to sit on the advisory board for the human relations department. There should be a note in the Nov newsletter urging people to volunteer for these jobs on the committee. Bev Sharp is on the School Board's Committee on Sex Bias.

Membership Committee. In the absence of Eileen Welch, a written report was read and discussed. There are 56 paid families and/or 91 individual paid memberships. The annual Membership Meeting will be held in the Dogwood Elementary School Music Room. Norm Seabrooks will work on the membership committee (instead of chairing the county relations committee).

Employment Committee. No report from chairperson Merrie Holmes. Sharp reported that she and Holmes had met with RHOA staff who would like to hire more blacks as life-guards, etc.

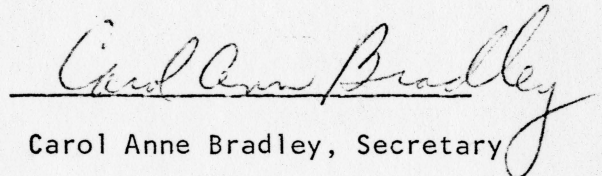
Newsletter Committee. Clarestine Summey reported that Joyce Watson has resigned from the committee due to heavy career obligations. Lucille Wallke has agreed to replace her. Rose Hart and Lil DeGree assist in collating and mailing the newsletter. Copies of the by-laws are to be sent to paid members with the next newsletter.

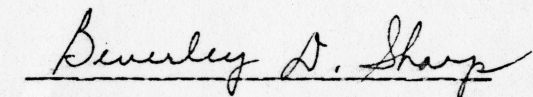
Social Services Committee. No report.

New Business. Sharp reported that Cecilia Spearing who works for the National Science Foundation says that Focus will be ineligible for federal grants with the present discriminatory membership article in the by-laws. We need to bring this problem to the membership soon if we hope to get such grants in time for the 75 festival. The process takes about 9 months. Sharp also reported that the Southgate teen center needs chaperones for their functions. Referral made to Social Services Committee. Marian Secundy appointed as chairperson of Social Committee. Secundy has found someone from Howard University who will run a drama workshop for the children. She is also working on plans for a Christmas party.

Festival. No report. The report should be presented at the annual membership meeting in November at which time the membership can decide on the amount to be donated to the designated charities. We must assume that the committee does not plan to give a thank you party. Therefore, the Board will send thank you letters to everyone who helped with no party invitation.

Adjourned. 10:25 p.m.


Carol Anne Bradley, Secretary


Beverley D. Sharp, President