MINUTES - CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1982
NEW YORK CITY

PRESENT: Lucien H. Holman, Chairman, Ben Andrews, S. L. Deckard, John H. Johnson, Dr. William H. Gibson, Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Odail Thorns, Jr., Richard Taylor, Boston Representative, and Mrs. Menola Upshaw, Denver Convention Representative.

STAFF: Benjamin L. Hooks, Michael Meyers and Mildred Bond Roxborough.

GUESTS: John Mance, Marjorie Perry, Leon Russell, Ina Boon, W. Gene Howell.

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Motion made and VOTED to accept Minutes of previous meeting as sent out.

The Chairman suggested the following Agenda, which was ADOPTED.

1. MINUTES
2. REPORT FROM DENVER - Mrs. Menola Upshaw
3. REPORT FROM BOSTON - Richard Taylor
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. ADJOURNMENT.

Mrs. Upshaw informed the Committee that the Treasurer of the Convention Planning Committee, Rev. Williams had died December 1 and she was making the final report for period September 9-January 8, 1982. She informed the Committee that she had brought a check with her in the amount of $5,000, net proceeds to date from monies made in Denver area from Convention. They netted another $7,000.00, from the business community. Of this amount, $1,200 was given to each of the three (3) Denver Branches and $700.00 to the Colorado-Wyoming State Conference. The National Office received a total of $16,503.85 from Denver Convention Planning Committee. All of the Denver representatives expressed appreciation to the many volunteers for their dedicated work for the Annual Convention.

Mrs. Ina Boon presented the check for $5,000.00 to Mr. Hooks who expressed his appreciation for the work done by the Denver Committee in making the Convention a success.

Dr. Holman inquired of Mrs. Upshaw as to when certified accounting report would be available for the Committee. Mrs. Upshaw informed the Committee that the Denver Committee expects to have the audited report available in 30 days.

Dr. Holman then complimented Mrs. Upshaw on the excellent job she had done for the Annual Convention.

Richard Taylor, the Boston representative on the Convention Planning Committee, explained the situation re the matter of office space for the Convention Planning Committee. Mr. Taylor passed out materials to the Committee which are being used to solicit volunteers.
and meeting has already been held with those signing up to-date, Committee chair-
persons and national office staff. The one committee that is not yet active is
Youth Work Committee. He also reported that Mr. Hooks had visited Boston and met
with various corporations in order to insure support from corporations, media groups
and Boston GLOBE. Meetings have been held with Associated Industries of Massachu-
setts and commitments obtained as result of Mr. Hooks' visit. Media group is being
organized with assistance of Dexter Eure of Boston who is a member of NAACP CRISIS
Advisory Council.

Mr. Taylor stated that there were three areas that are being worked on:

1. Labor Pool of Support
2. Corporate Support
3. Support of mass media.

Mr. Taylor also reported that commitments have been received from MIT and
Northeastern University re: dormitory accommodations suitable for our Youth dele-
gates. MIT offered 400 rooms @ $22.00 per night and Northeastern offered similar
rates.

The recommendation was that ACT-SO and other Youth program might be held in
University surroundings.

Mr. Taylor reported that Branch is still working on Monday night reception
and at this point they are negotiating with the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. They
are also working on transportation from airport to hotels and from hotels to
Auditorium. Most hotels which are to be used are within walking distance or no
more than 10 minutes from Auditorium.

Mr. Taylor also reported that Branch opened a Convention Planning Committee
account with $2,000.00 as seed money. Committee has made plans for several fund-
raising affairs, i.e., ski weekend, raffle with 65% of profits going to NAACP. A
car has been donated; as well as a trip to Hawaii for the raffle.

Branch together with Prudential Center is making arrangements for Minority
Vendors to have booths at Center at a cost of $100.00 each, which comes to the NAACP.
The NAACP will be making money from Booths and the Vendors, who cannot afford to take
Booths at the Auditorium, will be making money from sales to delegates and others
attracted to the area by the Convention, if the plans are developed.

It was also reported that officers and key Board members have set up
Steering Committee which will meet regularly. A full time coordinator, Joyce
Mitchell, has been hired.

Dr. Holman inquired again about the Seed Money used to set up office.
Reply was, $2,000.00, but that they have on hand in bank approximately $3,800.00
now. The Chamber of Commerce has pledged to raise approximately $100,000 to assist
the Local Committee. Total overhead is budgeted at $100,000.

The matter of the Park Plaza Hotel office rent was raised and it was
explained that the $150.00 per month would not come from the Branch.
Dr. Holman raised question of four items on page 2 of report passed out by Richard Taylor. Wanted to know whether certain special projects are contained in budget. Mr. Taylor explained that they were hoping that items like painting of Branch office, etc. would be done by labor unions, volunteers and others interested groups, to put a good face forward for people coming to Boston for Convention. He further stated that these items were not part of Convention budget.

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that approximately $12,000 had been raised to date and most had been used for receptions, etc.

Dr. Holman stated that Branch should consider discussing programs with Mrs. Roxborough before moving on them. We have had past experience with dealing with corporations and others about underwriting programs and we need to avoid possibility of asking companies to underwrite several items. He also said that some programs take precedence over others and this is something National Office would be aware of. Dr. Holman also requested that a more detailed financial report be submitted to the Committee at the April meeting in Houston.

Ben Andrews informed the Committee that Connecticut has formed a sub-committee to assist Boston Branch in soliciting contributions.

Mrs. Roxborough informed the Committee that Hotel Information/Reservation kits will be in mail end of January. We have eleven (11) hotels listed with 3,000+ hotel rooms. All hotels, except the Hyatt, are within six (6) blocks of the Auditorium. She also informed the Committee that the initial mailing to Exhibitors was sent out and that we have already signed up one-third of those exhibiting last year. We are holding our own with respect the Exhibitors, she reported, the main question marks are the Government Agencies. Mrs. Roxborough told the Committee that she will assist the Boston Branch in obtaining contributions from corporations.

Dr. Holman spoke about the Site Selection Committee and asked for report. The Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Thomas Turner, reported that at meeting in Chicago, October 23, 1981, to make selection of 1984 Convention between Fort Worth and Kansas City; in view of the longstanding policy of making selection on basis of what is presently in place, it was decided that Fort Worth does not have required 3,000+ hotel rooms in close proximity and Center has inadequate space. The Hotel Association in Kansas City informed us that they would refund to the NAACP, $3.00 per person, per night. They anticipated giving the NAACP over $50,000 and the City Council Voted to donate facilities to NAACP. They would also pick up costs for transportation (shuttle bus).

Mr. Turner reported that Fort Worth's proposal was very similar except for the rebate on hotel occupancy, and the adequacy of hotel accommodations and convention center facilities.

Mr. Turner further reported that the Site Selection Sub-Committee reported the above information, with a recommendation, to the Convention Planning Committee and the Executive Committee. On October 24, 1981, the Executive Committee Voted Kansas City as the site for the 1984 Convention. It is expected that the Board of
Directors will ratify the Executive Committee's decision on Monday, January 11, 1982.

Mr. Turner also stated that telegrams have been received from Fort Worth disputing the choice of Kansas City.

Dr. Holman reported that Fort Worth was out in force at the Site Selection Sub-Committee meeting today and that they are looking for a method by which they can appeal decision. He feels that matter should not come up at Annual meeting as it is not a matter for discussion and that Committee members will stand by decision.

Motion Made and VOTED that the Convention Planning Committee ratify action in Chicago, October 24, 1981 by Executive Committee re selection of Kansas City, Missouri as the site for the 1984 Annual Convention.

Mrs. Richardson informed the Committee that all of the State Conference Presidents, Board members, etc. in Region VI Voted to support Fort Worth in its bid for the 1984 Convention and that she would have to cast her vote that way.

Mr. Turner informed the Committee that Fort Worth had made public statements to the effect that they had the Convention and now wanted Committee Chairman and other persons to go to Fort Worth and meet with the media in order to help Branch get out of situation they were in. Convention Bureau personnel stated that they would pay for temporary facilities if construction on Convention Center was not completed in time for use in 1984. He further stated that they were informed that ratification is going to be for Kansas City and not either, or.

Marjorie Perry, Treasurer, Boston Branch, was introduced and she stated that Branch completely supports Richard Taylor as Boston Convention Chairman.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:28 P. M.