

June 20, 1964
7th Floor
Masonic Temple Building
Birmingham, Alabama

The Women's Activities Committee of the Alabama Democratic Conference, Inc. met at 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the above date, and the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Joan C. Cashin, Chairman, who presided.

After giving a brief report on the meeting held previously in Mobile, Mrs. Cashin stated that the chief purpose of this meeting was to complete the organization on the State level, and make some plans for action in the future. She asked whether or not we should have a 1st and 2nd vice-president. Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson, president of the Jefferson County Women's Activities Committee suggested that we have a chairman and co-chairman. This suggestion met with approval by the group, and after each delegate had introduced herself the house was immediately opened for nominations of a co-chairman. The following names were offered and votes received were: Mrs. Bernice Johnson, 10; Mrs. I. Smith, 4, and Mrs. Arlean Jackson, 3. Mrs. Johnson was declared co-chairman. The Chair recognized Mrs. Johnson, who nominated Mrs. Leola Early Smith for State Secretary, Mrs. Roberta Williams, who was serving as temporary secretary was nominated, and Mrs. Leola C. Baker. Mrs. Smith received 11 votes, while mesdames Williams and Baker received 3 votes each. Mrs. Leola C. Baker was nominated for ass't sec'y, and it was moved and seconded that the nomination would close on Mrs. Baker, and she was elected ass't sec'y. For treasurer, the following nominations were made: Mrs. Roberta Williams and Mrs. Irene West. It was moved and seconded that the nominations would close on those two. Mrs. West received 2 votes, Mrs. Williams, 10. Mrs. Williams was elected treasurer.

The Chairman asked Mrs. Johnson or Mrs. Billingsley to give the highlights of the National Democratic Committee Meeting, which was held in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Johnson began by naming some of the Alabama Democrats present. They were: Mrs. Cashin, Huntsville; Mrs. Boynton, Selma, Mesdames Alexander and Bass, Tuskegee; Mesdames Johnson and Billingsley, Birmingham; and Mrs. Brock, Huntsville.

Mrs. Johnson stated that President Johnson spoke the first night, and stressed his anti-poverty program. Mrs. Margaret Price, National Chairman and Mrs. Ethel Payne arranged a rump session for Friday Night at which time ideas were exchanged. The Black Belt was discussed. Mrs. Boynton explained that she ran for Congress to give the Negro something to strive for and want. Everyone wanted to know what they could do to help. A telegram had been sent to the White House. There was a workshop. Organization of Teen Dems was stressed. Teen Dems are used on election days to assist parents and others in getting to the polls, baby-sitting, etc. There was a tea on the White House Lawn. Mrs. Johnson said that she was very much impressed with Lynda Byrd Johnson, with whom she talked. It was noted that Mrs. Boynton did not stand when the Alabama State Song was played. The report was very inspiring.

The meeting was again in the hands of our Chairman, who stated that she has received a request for money for the Johnson campaign. She asked for new business, which led the group into a discussion of "By-Laws". Mrs. Bernice Johnson offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Selena Taylor that we function under and be governed by the By-Laws of our parent body. The motion was carried. Mrs. Leola C. Williams presented some copies of sets of By-Laws, by which her group in Mobile were being governed. She also stated that they have in Mobile 20 women who are working, ringing door bells and reaching the people. They had a meeting last night and have planned a tea for LBJ time for TV.

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Mrs. Bowman moved that the money be sent through the State Women's Activities Committee, seconded by Mrs. E. H. Garrison, motion carried.

The secretary suggested that we should have a public relations chairman and a program chairman. Mrs. Effie Goode was elected public relations chairman; Mrs. Leola C. Williams was elected program chairman.

Mrs. Roberta Williams suggested that we appropriate a certain amount for State expenses. Mrs. Cashin asked Mrs. Williams to name a committee to serve as finance committee and retire to another office to work on a budget for the State. Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Hollins, Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. West left the room to work out the budget. When the committee returned to the room, they made the following report: That each District pay \$15.00 per year to the State and that each member attending the State meeting would pay dues of \$.25. Mrs. Irene West, Finance Chr. - Mrs. Roberta Williams, co-chr. This report was accepted. Mrs. A. M. Molack also served on the finance committee.

Roll call of delegates present brought a total of \$10.00 as follows: Mrs. Helen Jones, .25; Mrs. Bernice C. Johnson, \$1.00; Mrs. Leola E. Smith, .25; Mrs. Etta McChristian, 1.00; Mrs. Mary L. Banks, .25; Mrs. Geselda Billingsley, .25; Mrs. A. M. Molock, .25; Mrs. Estella Adams, .25; Mrs. Florence Moman, .25; Mrs. Bessie Harris, .25; Mrs. Leola C. Baker, .25; Mrs. Essie H. Garrison, .50; Mrs. Selena Taylor, .50; Mrs. Arlean Jackson, .25; Mrs. Mary P. Bowman, .50; Mrs. Vetta S. Wesley, .25; Mrs. Leola C. Williams, .25; Mrs. Emma Hollings, .25; Mrs. Effie M. Goode, .25; Mrs. Louphenia T. Bailey, .25; Mrs. Roberta Williams, \$1.00; Mrs. Belzora Ward, 1.00; Miss Emma Hudson, .25; Mrs. Joan C. Cashin, .50.

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Molock that the secretary be given \$5.00 and the President \$3.00 for postage and other expenses of corresponding, and \$2.00 be turned over to the treasurer to be brought forward.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in Montgomery on August 15, 1964. Mrs. Cashin thanked the delegates for their presence. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joan C. Cashin, President

Mrs. Leola Early Smith, Secretary