

MINUTES - September 8, 1970  
Montgomery, Alabama

The Montgomery County Democratic Conference met on the above date at the Regal Cafe with Mr. E. H. Ligon Presiding. Father Betzenhauser offered prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting was read and adopted as read.

The scheduled luncheon with the Pastors was discussed and postponed until a later date because of the Baptist Convention which convenes in New Orleans-most pastors are out of town attending this convention.

Mr. Hall expressed his regret for not being able to attend past meetings. He stressed the importance of planning in such away to identify and clarify our position and to handle the situation carefully.

Mr. Dickerson suggested that we along with the other counties in the Second Congressional District should sponsor a strong Democrat from the state of Georgia in October. His church which have made contact with the Georgia Democrat is unable to sponsor him. This suggestion was dicussed. It was agreed by the body that a committee be appointed to look into this and report back to the body. The committee was appointed by the Vice-Chairman. They are: Mr. West Powell, Mr. Joseph Dickerson, Father Betzenhauser, Mr. Henry Mitchell, Mrs. Willie Mae Whitlow, Mr. James Hall and the six Committeemen. Mr. Dickerson was ~~appointed~~ Chairman of this committee.

The Newsletter to the pastors was read. after which a discussion followed: "Why We Should Stick With The Democratic Party", Mr. Hall pointed out that because of intergration of the athletic program in Alabama, it now have the best Program in the United States. He further stated that he is a living witness to what it means to be in the Mainstream. The Achievements of the Democratic Party have out-weight what other parties have done. Father Betzenhauser said that the athletic program is an eye opening, we must have intergration-unity; we must be convenced that dealing with Whites in the Mainstream is best for all. The big thing is Party, if we stick with Party we can go to the Party and demand rights. We must make it known that we

are behind Party.

It was recommended that we all should attend the Second Congressional District Meeting Sunday, September 13, in Luverne, Alabama. Seven persons said they could drive their car. Everyone were asked to meet at the Regal Cafe at 1:00 P.M. The question was asked as to what will the charge be to go to Luverne. Mr. Dickerson motioned that each person pay \$1.50 and the Conference would make up the difference so that each driver will be paid \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dillard ~~xx~~ and carried.

The secretary presented the telephone bill. It was motioned, seconded and carried that the bill be paid.

Mr. Smith stated that his Pastor read the Newsletter in Church Sunday, but he will be out of town for 2 weeks.

The Appointed Committee will meet immediately after the meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alean S. Jackson