

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION, INC.

M I N U T E S

Regular Meeting - February 21, 1968

Board Members present were:

Donald C. Jones	Jose Martinez
Elizabeth Tuttle	Jim DeYoung
Walt Jaross	Clyde Grimsley
George Skosberg	Lucille Shaw
Stewart Slinger	Agnes Mandel
Tom Cattron	Sandy Fields
Ken Glover	Orville Nilsen
DeMar Batchelor	Robert Schlegel

Ex-officio Members present:

Elvin Shaw  
Roy Merritt

Visitors:

Gladys Cattron  
Kate Merritt

Minutes of the last meeting were read, and it was noted that Mr. Nilsen's name was omitted from the list of those present, and the correction was made. Motion was made that minutes be approved as corrected; seconded by Ken Glover and motion passed.

The Chairman called for a report from the Health Committee. Phyllis Murphy of staff, and only member present of this committee, reported that two meetings had been held. Dr. Stewart had met with them and stated that the work of the County Health Department was aimed at the low-income people. A clinic schedule has been set up in each of the Neighborhood Centers. Every other clinic date will be Well-Baby, and the other the immunization clinic. Schedule of dates when clinics will be held at each center is available at the CAP office. Clinics which have already been held have had very good response. The Health Department is also promoting the 'Family Planning' clinic along with the others.

Mr. Rosenberg reported that the Dental Clinic is taking referrals from several agencies. The Dental Clinic will also take the Headstart children.

Education Committee: One meeting was held with Claire Argow and Dr. Richie. A letter written by the committee had been mailed to Dr. Billings in Washington, D.C.. There was no final agreement reached on dismissal, but it was agreed that negotiations would be held with Dr. Billings. No action has been taken and it is understood that the program has not been refunded. Discussion followed. It was suggested that the committee contact Dr. Richie with the question as to how the program is going, to indicate that we still have an interest, and at the same time to continue to work with Dr. Billings. It was also suggested that Mr. Rosenberg write a letter to Dr. Billings inviting him to our next Board meeting.

Manpower Committee: A report was given on NYC. A brief proposal has been submitted to Intermediate Education to take over the in-school and out-of-school groups of NYC involving three counties. This would represent approximately 154 slots for jobs. There is a possibility this proposal will be approved. An action will be taken by the I.E.D. in May when the budgets are set up.

Legal Aid Committee: Mr. Batchelor reported that proposal for Legal Aid has been written. This proposal will be presented to the Washington County Bar Association for approval at their next Board meeting next Tuesday, then brought back to CAP for approval and mailing to San Francisco. The proposal calls for a Board of Directors consisting of seven members from the Bar, one member from each community center and one member from the CAP office. Staff outlined as follows; two lawyers, one investigator, one social aide, one secretary, with the principle office to be located in Hillsboro. One lawyer would be positioned in the office and one would be scheduled at each center at alternate times. After the explanation of the proposal a question and answer period followed.

MOTION by Mr. Skosberg that the proposal be accepted and authorize the staff to finish the details and present to the Executive Committee for final approval and mailing to San Francisco. Seconded by Mr. Jaross. An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Glover that the final draft be presented to the full Board, but died for lack of second. Amendment made by Mr. Nilsen that if in the opinion of the Executive Committee a change of drastic nature must be made in the proposal, they should then bring it back to the full Board for final approval. Motion died for lack of second. ORIGINAL MOTION made by Mr. Skosberg was voted on and passed. Mr. Glover asked that his 'no' vote be recorded.

Neighborhood Centers: A Neighborhood Center is now formed in Gaston. A letter was read from their Advisory Council asking that Mrs. Merritt and Mr. Clark be seated on the CAP Board of Directors.. Mr. Cullen reported on the organization of this Advisory Council. Another meeting has been called by this council for next Tuesday to introduce the taff. The council consists of representatives from Cherry Grove, Gaston, and Skoggins Valley. The Center will open March 1, 1968 on Front Street.

MOTION was made by Mr. Glover and seconded by Mrs. Shaw that Mrs. Merritt and Mr. Clark be accepted on the CAP Board. MOTION passed.

Old Business: There were four questions brought up by Mrs. Merritt:

(1) It was noted that the minutes of the meeting of November 16, 1967 were not approved, as the December Board meeting was informal due to lack of Board members present to make a quorum. (2) Voting of officers of Board... there were eleven members of the Board absent and only one voted absentee; question on absentee voting. (3) WCCAO is not following Personnel Practices and Procedures. Mrs. Merritt requested a copy of letters to personnel be sent to Board members. A letter was read by Mr. Rosenberg that was sent to Grass Roots personnel. MOTION was made by Mrs. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Glover that all letters pertaining to Personnel Practices and Procedures matters be brought before the Board before they are sent to personnel. Discission followed; MOTION did not pass by NO votes. The letter that was read by Mr. Rosenberg will be brought before the Executive Committee and a report of their findings to be made at the next Board meeting.

MOTION was made by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Sandy Fields to approve the minutes of the November 16, 1967 meeting. MOTION made by Mr. Glover and seconded by Mr. Grimsley to table the motion...motion failed. Original motion to approve minutes was passed. Mrs. Merritt asked that her 'no' vote be recorded.

MOTION was made by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Stewart Slinger to appoint a 'Blue Ribbon' Committee made up of Mrs. Merritt, Mr. Jaross and a member of the Executive Committee to examine the question of voting absentee and report their findings at the next Board meeting. MOTION carried.

Question number (4) brought up by Mrs. Merritt is she does not feel that the Board is listening to the recipient members.

Mr. George Kurtz has resigned from the Board, and is moving out of the county.

BY-LAW Amendments: An amendment to the By-laws regarding the ex-officio status was read.

SECTION 9: QUORUM: (Now reads) "A majority of the number of voting Directors in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the voting Directors present may adjourn and reconvene the meeting from time to time without further notice."

Amended to Read: "A majority of the number of Directors and Ex-officio members in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn and reconvene the meeting from time to time without further notice."

SECTION 10: VOTE: (Now reads) " Each member of the Board of Directors, excluding Ex-officio members, shall be entitled to one vote. Whenever in the Articles of Incorporation or in the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act it is provided that action shall be taken by the vote of a majority of the Directors in office, the Ex-officio members shall not be deemed to have a vote by reason of any such provision but Ex-officio members shall be counted in determining the majority of the Directors in office."

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MOTION made by Mr. Batchelor and seconded by Mr. Glover to amend Section 10 'Vote'. MOTION carried. It will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting for second reading.

MOTION made by Mr. Glover and seconded by Mr. Skosberg to change the wording in Section 9, Quorum, to include and distinguish members and Ex-officio members. MOTION carried. Section 9 will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting for the second reading.

MOTION made by Mr. Glover and seconded by Mr. Roy Merritt that status of Ex-officio be changed to alternate. MOTION failed. This will be brought before the Executive Committee for study.

Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Nilsen, Mrs. Siegel and Dr. Jones went to Salem and met with Mr. Haggard and persons from San Francisco on the Green Amendment. It requires that OEO ask local County Commissioners whether they want to take over the CAPs and County Commissioners will have the authority to say yes or no. If the Commissioners say yes, they can run CAP themselves or appoint someone to run it. If they say no, then OEO can find another way to operate CAP and the CAPs can negotiate to continue their operations. If the County Commissioners want this, they must hold a public hearing before May 1968. CAP has no authority to help make this decision. Discussion followed.

A joint meeting will be held with Washington and Oregon CAPs at 9:30 AM March 1 at Portland State. Several congressional persons have been requested to attend this meeting. It is hoped that Board members and other interested persons will attend.

MOTION made by Mr. Glover to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Skosberg.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Tuttle  
Secretary