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The Committee meeting of the Montgomery Branch Executive Committee and ^{Exec. Board of the} CCC was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mr. E. D. Nixon Chairman of both groups. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Parker.

Opening remarks by Mr. E. D. Nixon in regards to the Claudette Colvin Case. Mr. Matthews gave the NAACP Legal Redress Committee the go signal on the case. The CCC is also working on it. There is some conflict of the two organizations. It was stated that the case be turned over to the NAACP after the first appeal. Mr. Matthews said attys. Gray and Langford and Miss Colvin agreed to turn the case over to the NAACP.

A communication was read by the Secretary, Rosa L. Parks. It was from atty Langford to Mr. W. C. Patton, State NAACP Field Secretary. Mr. Nixon questioned changing the case from a City to State offense, tried by Wm. H. Thetford.

On appeal, the case will be tried as if it was the first trial. The next trial will be in the Circuit Court. Mr. C. R. Williams moved the communication be received. Mr. J. J. Allen seconded the motion. It was carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, with some clarification by Mr. Allen. Rev. A. J. Se

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moved for adoption of the minutes. Rev. H. H. Hubbard seconded the motion. It was carried.

The question was raised by Rev. Parker of the NAACP's responsibility of the Atty's fee through first appeal. Mr. Matthews said he had requested the Pres. Secretary and treasurer of the Citizens Co-ordinating Council, to be in this meeting. They are absent. Rev. Abernathy asked if NAACP would pay remaining lawyer fee. Mr. Matthews said "No, not under terms as stated."

Rev. Seay said CCC is responsible for the case till \$500.00 is paid the lawyers. The NAACP is to take over. Mr. Allen said \$500. fee should take care of the lawyers through the first appeal. Rev. Fields said the organization should work on "what we have committed ourselves to do."

Mr. Allen moved the NAACP continue work on the case and the CCC carryout its contract with the attorneys as stated, through the first appeal. The motion was seconded. A spreader by Rev. Abernathy that it is not known if the NAACP will agree to employ the same lawyers. His substitute motion: that the NAACP will enter agreement with its attys and the CCC will settle its agreement with its attys. The motion was not carried.

Mr. Nixon, speaking for the CCC, ruled from the chair that the CCC carryout the obligation of paying the lawyers as agreed through the first appeal.

Mr. Matthews speaking for the NAACP, said he would not make any commitment until after the next meeting.

Mr. C. R. Williams the NAACP go on with the case, hiring lawyers in a new agreement. Mr. Bray seconded the motion. It was carried. Rev. Hubbard said we are divided in too many units. We should have a strong NAACP.

Rev. Fields spoke of the City election. He urged all to go to the polls and vote for the men we believe have our best interests. Rev. Seay said we must go back and vote in the run off for our men to win. We must try to get other people to register.

Mr. P. M. Blair entered late and made the following report as Treasurer of the CCC:

Contributions to the Colvin Case

Clinton Chapel A. M. E. Z. Church	815.70
First Church of Christ	29.15
Beulah Baptist Church	25.00
First Baptist "	50.30
Hutchinson Street Baptist	30.61
Trinity Lutheran	9.33
Church of the Living God	5.00
Dexter Ave. Baptist Church	20.00
St. James "	10.49
Metropolitan M. E. "	10.00
College Hill Savings Club	10.00
Roger Chapel A. M. E. Z. (Dr. I. D. Seay Pastor)	25.00
Hall Street Baptist Church	11.00
Lily Baptist "	8.70
Old Ship A. M. E. Z.	27.00
Bethel Baptist Church	57.50
Holt Street "	36.29
Agnes Lewis Federated Club	10.00

Persons present

1. Mr. E. D. Nixon
2. " R. L. Matthews
3. Rev. S. L. Seay
4. " J. C. Parker
5. " M. L. King
6. " H. H. Hubbard
7. " R. D. Abernathy
8. Atty Charles Langford
9. Mr. Frank Bray
10. " I. I. Allen
11. Rev. D. Jackson
12. Mr. C. R. Williams
13. Rev. U. J. Fields
14. Mr. P. M. Blair
15. Mrs. Rosa L. Parks

The meeting adjourned

Mr. E. D. Nixon, Chairman
Rosa L. Parks, Secretary