

West Tennessee ACLU Board of Directors

Regular Meeting May 12, 1980

Present: Tom Daniel, Holly Peters, Thad Guyer, Debra Lee, Jim Easter  
Ira Sachs, Wilson Wages, Carla Peacher.

Tom Daniel, Chapter President, presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given for John McConomy by Holly Peters. The current balance is \$2311.00. The profit from the Bill of Rights Reception has increased to \$627.23.

The next Financial Planning Committee will be held Wednesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at John McConomy's home at 1611 Linden. The format for the fall fundraising event will be discussed. All interested persons were invited to attend. The possible formats were discussed.

Ira Sachs asked if it would be appropriate for the ACLU to file an amicus brief with the Tennessee Supreme Court on a petition for re-hearing of a ruling on the D. A's power to question grand jury witnesses. The consensus of the group was that a brief should not be filed because it is unlikely that the court will reverse its position and the initial decision was good.

Holly Peters discussed the eventual need for draft registration counselors. Several people present volunteered to be trained and serve as counselors when registration is put into effect. Tom Daniel suggested that the topic be mentioned again at the next meeting.

The deadly force case (Campbell case) was discussed by Tom Daniel. The case is costing more than what was initially projected, primarily due to the cost of depositions. Only \$100 was initially appropriated. Jim Easter moved that an additional sum of \$750 be earmarked for the case. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Tom Daniel believes the case is a strong one. It is set for trial in late June in McRae's Court.

Wilson Wages reported on the Brownsville Police false arrest case. The consensus of the group was that we should not take the case because the damages were slight and the impact value would apparently be limited. A letter rejecting case will be sent to the client.

Those present also discussed cases involving race discrimination at Humboldt Country Club and Harding Academy's use of Park Commission facilities. Wilson Wages volunteered to investigate the latter situation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Thad Guyer hsp*  
Thad Guyer, Acting Secretary