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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, WEST TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Tennessee Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union was held on December 11, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. at the Inter Faith Center, 747 Court, Memphis, Tennessee. Present and participating in the meeting were the following Directors: Ralph Groves, Bruce Kramer, Ben Bursten, Mary Wilder, Carol Daniel, Tom Daniel, David Hilley, Jocelyn Bursten, Ann Groves, Bruce Schisler, Walker Montgomery, Alex Hurder, Holly Peters and John McConomy. Also present were two visitors: Lee Marshall, and Kelly Hinman.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Tom Daniel, and the minutes of the Board's previous meeting were read and unanimously approved by the Board. The Treasurer's report was dispensed with until the January meeting due to the absence of the Treasurer.

Holly Peters reported on the financial success of the Adventure Auction. The breakdown as reported by Ms. Peters is as follows:

Receipts	\$2,492.19 (including seed money of \$200.00)
Expenses	(323.97)
Gross Profit	\$2,168.22

Ms. Peters reported that the profit for the Adventure Auction in 1977 was \$3,258.87, based on 125 items being auctioned. At the 1978 Adventure Auction, only 65 items were auctioned. The possibility of utilizing donations to the ACLU Foundation for the Adventure Auction was discussed, and Mary Wilder discussed the distribution of funds by the ACLU Foundation to the local chapters. The President then stated that the next item of business was the selection of the time, place, and honoree for the Annual Bill of Rights Dinner. Bruce Kramer discussed past procedure of nominating the honoree, and it was unanimously agreed that a mailing would be made on or about January 1, 1979, to the general membership requesting nominees for the honoree at the Bill of Rights Dinner to be held in late March, 1979. A chairperson for the event has yet to be determined.

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The President then discussed the progress of the Stanford case. The Stanford's request for litigation was approved at the November 6, 1978 regular meeting of the Board. He stated that the case is currently pending in the United States Federal District Court and the Chancery Court of Shelby County, Tennessee. Judge McRae, of the Federal District Court, denied the request for a preliminary injunction preventing the removal of the Stanford's foster child from their home by the Tennessee Department of Human Services; however, Judge McRae agreed, according to Tom Daniel, that notice and opportunity to be heard prior to removal of a foster child should be afforded by the Tennessee Department of Human Services. A motion for reconsideration of Judge McRae's decision was denied. The President reported that the federal litigation will probably not be successful in returning the child to the Stanfords. The action was certified as a class action on behalf of all foster parents in Tennessee who have had children in their home for greater than one year; and still to be litigated is the question of future procedures by the Tennessee Department of Human Services. The Chancery Court litigation involves an adoption petition filed on behalf of the Stanfords in order to regain custody of their foster child, and a decision is expected on that in the next several months.

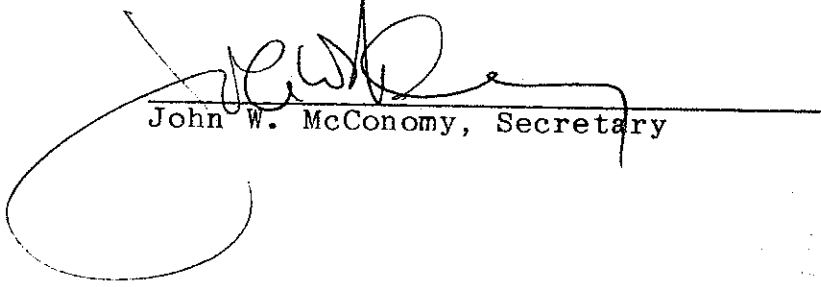
The President then discussed a litigation request from Haywood County involving the use of corporal punishment by a high school principal. Tom Daniel reported that the potential client, a 17-year old female, was paddled by the principal for failing to answer when her name was called. The problems with attacking this action from a legal standpoint were discussed; and the President indicated that he had agreed to represent this individual before the School Board of Haywood County. After due discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Chapter should undertake representation of this individual in connection with her hearing before the Haywood County School Board.

The President then discussed the status of the abortion litigation involving the "informed consent" law, and indicated that a motion for summary judgment will be filed and the matter should be disposed of within two to three months. He further noted that Ira Sachs had reported on his assignment to check on a report of brutality by a guard at the Shelby County jail, and indicated that the individual involved had retained private counsel.

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Bruce Kramer stated that as a result of the "Red Squad" case brought against the City of Memphis, the City Attorney and the Memphis Police Department consulted the Chapter regarding the use of surveillance for the upcoming Democratic Convention. Bruce Kramer also reported on the status of the National Board and his recent attendance at the National Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adjourned.



John W. McConomy, Secretary