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WEST TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF TENNESSEE

MINUTES

Board Meeting January 10, 1983

Vice-President Rodney Grunes opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, at 54 Lombardy, Memphis, TN after observing a quorum

Present: Terry Beck, Coble Caperton, Jim Easter, Rodney Grunes, Melko Van Hainingen, Woody Hooper, Bruce Kramer, Liz Krupicka, Gail Mathes, Liz McKavna, Carrie Roberto, Irwin Rothenberg, Ric Sullivan, Mary Wilder, Gail Simonton.

Excused Absences: Faye Austin, Carol Daniel, Tom Daniel

Staff: Kathy Hearne, Bill Johnson

Minutes Last Meeting:

Fundraising: Kathy Hearne

Kathy reported that West Tennessee fundraising in 1982, although not a loss, was insufficient to adequately support the Chapter. The Memphis office depends on raising enough money to support it.

This year a State plan has been designed to divide the year into quarters during which a particular activity, such as membership drive, Chapter fundraising, large donor drive, is emphasized.

Mary Wilder moved and Bruce Kramer seconded a motion that the West Tennessee Chapter have a combination Art Auction and Winefasting Event and that a committee be appointed to plan and organize this event. Passed unanimously.

Winefasting and Art Auction Committee: Rodney Grunes, Irwin Rothenberg, Mary Wilder, Woody Hooper and Jim Easter, Chairman.

Other suggestions for fundraising events were: A play and a movie at the .99¢ theater (Bruce Kramer will investigate).

Membership Meeting and Board Election:

Mary Wilson moved and Rodney seconded that the Chair appoint a committee to organize the February meeting as a membership meeting and election of the Board. Passed unanimously. It was suggested that the committee investigate the possibility of combining the meeting with the Legislative Workshop on Saturday, February 12, 1983.

The National Office has changed its policy on sharing the fees with Chapter members it recruits. There will be no sharing the first three (3) years and a 70/30 split after that. The West Tennessee Chapter needs to recruit more members to increase the ability to get funds.



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Legal Committee:

The following recommendations were made on cases from the Legal Committee:

1. A suit against Shelby County Jail for holding arrestees without charge. Accepted.
2. A suit against Memphis Police Department for wrongful arrest on disorderly conduct charge. Rejected. Not strong plaintiff.
3. A suit against various officials in McKenzie, TN for conspiracy and other violations on behalf of the Nazi Party. Rejected. Related to criminal charges, not pure 1st Amendment issues.

State Board Meeting: January 22, 1983

Bill of Rights Lobby Workshop: February 12, 1983, probably at the Main Branch of Memphis and Shelby County Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Beck /105
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Secretary