

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held: January 5, 1977, 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cease, Chairperson; Halvorson, Vice-Chairperson;
Kirkpatrick, Nightingale, Stuhr, Tippens

EXCUSED: Mays

STAFF: Rich, Garbutt, Cross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of December 15, Executive Committee meeting was moved and seconded by Tippens and Nightingale.

REPORT ON BUDGET

Rich presented the Commission's financial statement for the period from December 1976 through December 1977. It is anticipated that all the remaining funds in the travel category will be needed for lobbying in Salem.

In some categories we are very near the limit. We might be able to get some of our duplicating done by Multnomah County. The \$9,000 listed in the Office Rental column is "in-kind" and not a cash figure. One large item of expense was the rental for two typewriters; we were not permitted to purchase this type of equipment, although it would have been cheaper in the long run.

REPORT ON MATCHING FUNDS

Halvorson said the letter requesting funds was sent out by the Portland Chamber of Commerce last week to 23 local business firms. We should expect some response by the end of this week. The business committee will make follow-up calls to those who have not responded.

Cease pointed out that part of the problem of raising money now is the number of requests in connection with the election campaigns.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Cease: Although there may be some feeling that their main work is finished and there is no further reason for attending meetings, the committees still have work to do. They could continue to meet even after February, although as Rich pointed out, there will no longer be staff people to assist them. Bruce Etlinger left the Commission the end of December, Linda Macpherson will leave the first part of February. This will leave three full time staff and two part time clerical people until the Commission terminates in May. CETA is unable to fund a position with the Commission for the next few months, and we have no money in the budget to hire more staff.

There was some feeling that efforts should be made to keep the three committees involved after February, but others thought this would be nonproductive, and Rich noted deadlines for reports.

Rich suggested we may want to amend our bill to include a requirement for citizen involvement. This will be a topic for the January 20 Commission meeting.

Long range possibilities are still being examined, but it is important not to overemphasize this concept. The present legislation is the main objective of this Commission at this session of the legislature.

JANUARY 20 AGENDA

Nightingale felt the main topic should be the discussion of a Tri-County Citizens Organization.

Rich will send Commission members an article on the beginning of the Citizen's League and how it was financed in the Twin Cities area.

Meeting adjourned 8:50.

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