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MINUTES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE AGENDA - February 19, 1972

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- Robert Vermillion
- Catherine Pemberton
- Robert F. Woodmanson
- Katie Payne
- Daphne Bugbee
- Elizabeth Harrison, P. I. Director

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- b. Bob Vermillion - Radio and Television
- c. Daphne Bugbee - Citizens Corps
- d. Fred Martin - Newspapers
- e. Margaret Warden - Special Projects

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(4) Delegates' Dinner (Katie Payne)

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Others present: Mary (Suzy) Holt
Chuck Johnson
John Kuglin

Chairman Margaret Warden called the meeting to order.

Items discussed were:

1. Old Business

Margaret Warden mentioned there have been some problems getting mail on time both to and from destinations. The best way to mail committee reports is to get them out as soon as possible in 3 or 4 mailings.

Margaret Warden: Dorothy Eck wants following item considered. Try to determine how long to keep analysts on the job for the purpose of writing popularized version of Constitution comparing with the old. The committee chairmen have the discretion to keep them or reassign them. The committees are the ones deciding on the Constitution, not the analysts.

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Fred Martin moved that some thought be given to the research analysts writing a resume' of explanation of how the committees arrived at their decisions.

Bob Vermillion amended the motion to state that the resume' should stress the differences between the old Constitution and the new.

The Committee voted in favor of the above motion.

2. Reports of Subcommittee Chairmen

a) Betty Babcock - Tours

There are 29 tours scheduled, six with 120 people.

The slides arrived last night; slide program will begin Tuesday with interns running the projector, etc.

Margaret Warden suggested that maybe something could be written for press about scheduled tours. She also wondered if it would be possible to see that the P. I. office has a listing of tours.

Betty Babcock said that all tours are listed on calendar in the office, but it is important that all tours be registered in one place.

Elizabeth Harrison said that Betty had worked out the procedure earlier in the week.

Betty Babcock: Heard through the grapevine that the Governor would like to meet the special guests.

Elizabeth Harrison: The speakers are handled directly through Mr. Graybill's office. We have nothing to do with their coming.

Margaret Warden said she would take care of this matter if the P. I. office would write a memo for her.

b) Bob Vermillion - Radio and Television

There will be one more radio program on 18 year old right to hold office at the Colonial.

Frank Arness volunteered for the biweekly TV show. We need 4 delegates who want to talk about some general topics.

Waiting to see how color dubbing is going; there are some problems.

Mary Holt: Will show some of her work but not a complete show.

c) Fred Martin - Newspapers

The delegates are using the weekly news summaries. Kitty Sullivan and young Bowlds are doing a nice job and should be commended. They don't get my help but are getting assistance from Elizabeth.

We are aware that we have had some flak in news media. We are getting excellent response from AP and UP and special correspondents from other areas. They are trying to interpret what the delegates are saying.

If we recognize that newspapers write whatever they want and if we are dissatisfied, we should go to the individual writer to correct situation without aggravating everyone. Mr. Graybill's press release received statewide coverage on what was essentially a local issue.

Catherine Pemberton: The press is not getting some information right away; for instance, the final drafts. They haven't been able to get the roll call except by having copies made at 10¢ each in the printing office. It was suggested that they go to one of the P. I. Committee for this information. We can't always get information either. Maybe we can get our guidelines from press.

Elizabeth Harrison: The lack of money for printing is an overwhelming problem.

Mr. Martin: Mr. Graybill took \$5,000 from the P. I. for the court reporter.

John Kuglin said he was happy to pay 10¢ for roll call.

Margaret Warden said that we didn't realize that this problem existed. We'll look into this.

Elizabeth Harrison said they should come see her to solve copy problems.

Margaret Warden: We should see if the printing of special things are available, such as budgets.

d) Daphne Bugbee - Citizens Corps

Chuck Johnson and John Kuglin did excellent stories on the Executive Citizen Corps.

The packets are going out fine.

Stopped writing letters as there is no reason for any now.

e) Margaret Warden - Special Projects

4-H Simulated Constitution Convention

Katie Payne: The 4-H Convention is February 24-26. Ellis Waldron and Bob Eagle from the U are in charge. Their schedule on Thursday and Friday is:

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

They will be here just a little bit on Saturday.

They would like to meet with some delegates.

Elizabeth is doing all the work.

Margaret Warden asked about committee rooms for their use.

Elizabeth Harrison: John Toole said we can probably have them but we have not received any written confirmation.

Delegates Dinner

Katie Payne: Dinner Tuesday night is a "fun thing." There will be an excellent 30-minute program - delegate performance.

Lynn Sparks: She sent in forms requesting school packets but has received nothing. M. Warden commented that she hadn't either.

Elizabeth Harrison said she would check into this matter.

Booklet

Margaret Warden: We'll be talking about booklet today; we might have something to report next week.

Video Tape - progressing

Several comments were made about North Dakota having \$90,000 for public information.

Margaret Warden received a letter from KYLT in appreciation for February 14 letter regarding cooperation with convention. KYLT "Party Line" offers one hour to delegates which has generated much interest. Bob Campbell has been very helpful making himself available each day.

Margaret Warden: It would be in order to write similar letters to all newspapers and TV stations.

Elizabeth Harrison: All TV stations were invited to a meeting. I have been calling all weekly editors on hot line so we can find out what they lack.

Margaret Warden: Should have a letter, something tangible.

Margaret Warden asked about Frank Small project.

Elizabeth Harrison explained Mr. Small is working on a biographical publication called "Montana Passport - Authentic Record of the 1972 Constitutional Convention." It will be sold for \$3.00. He received approval from Mr. Graybill if he could finance it through advertising, etc., since the convention does not have the money. Common Cause tried to get some money for such a project but were unsuccessful. It is a private project.

Catherine Pemberton: There was a reporter here for a couple of days from the Christian Science Monitor, San Francisco.

Margaret Warden said it would be nice to meet these reporters.

Catherine Pemberton said if we know they are here, we can meet with them.

Elizabeth Harrison said they do not check in the P. I. office so we do not know when they are here. It makes bad relations if we try to make them check in, but we'll try to keep Margaret informed. Chuck Johnson, AP, concurred with Miss Harrison.

Elizabeth Harrison: Visiting reporters have so little time. We have arranged a number of TV interviews - all done on very short notice.

It was mentioned that there wasn't much coverage on Catherine Pemberton.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.