

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 19, 1987

Black Panther Foundation

UPDATE FROM THE LAST MEETING

1. Archive & Burial Committee Reports
2. Contacting Other Panthers To Participate
3. Leadership Issue

* Note: Only 4 persons attended this meeting. Those in attendance decided to go ahead with business. Those who're not going to attend, especially if you have any responsibilities to report, should inform the group or any individual who'll be there about why or whats up.

ARCHIVE COMM. REPORT

Malika's trip to Howard University's Mooreland-Springard Research Center. Here we'll gather & forward B.P. memorabilia & such. Trip made at request of P. Coates who'll supervise our material and is employed there. Main tasks: E Collection & preservation of BP material.

Discussed at the Research Center:

- Different ways of gathering info, material. Oral histories considered.
- How to file & send info to Howard
- Submitting material: as individuals, as a group. We lean towards 'group'.
- Agreement between donor and Howard must be made & signed
- Howard to treat material (like old newspapers) for preservation, index, file, etc.
- Files not open to public until above process is completed
- This all costs money - making fund-raising necessary
- Encourage all to visit the Research Center

BURIAL COMM. REPORT

* Note: Some of the work of this committee relates to whole of group's work. Marsha Bonner of North Star Foundation also works with Atty. Bob Boyle on the B.P. Files. This is more directly the province of the Archives Committee.

M. Bonner asked by this committee to see if North Star would be willing to be responsible for collecting and overseeing \$\$ in our name. Said they could not assume sole responsibility for it, as it would be a conflict of interest. She suggested other alternatives, like using other foundations (like CAP Street Foundation) or churches to handle the \$\$ we raise in the specific way that we wish.

Possibility of a church: Members of this committee met with Rev. Daughtry of the House of the Lord Church (Brooklyn) as possible alternative. Rev. Daughtry excited about doing it. Only a few concerns. He does not want church to have sole responsibility for the \$\$. They

will collect \$\$, but want someone from our group to be there to have sole responsibility for anything having to do with overseeing and using the \$\$.

Church would basically oversee bank account.
Rev. Daughtry wants us to submit written proposal for church's Board of Directors. Committees wrote draft proposal for Board in reference to request for the church to handle our \$\$.

CONTACTING OTHER PANTHERS

We went around the room asking those present who they'd contacted. Everyone had contacted at least one Panther, explaining what the work is about and asking their participation in it. It was emphasized, again, to explain the purpose of our work and our openness to accept whatever a Panther is willing to contribute of her/his time, \$\$, skills, services, etc.

Suggestion: Take names from mailing List to contact folks. If there's a phone#, give'em a call.

LEADERSHIP ISSUE

From the last meeting the different ideas on leadership were not able to be resolved. So the issue was tabled until this meeting so that everyone would have time to think it over carefully and decide on how the group should function.

"What are the feeling on it now?"

The common agreement was that the concept of Responsibility should be our focus now. Collective leadership is premature at this time. Lets deal with Areas of Responsibility and place the most responsible members in charge of certain areas.

Put forth names for areas of responsibility. Names & qualifications. Difficulties caused by small attendance, but here are the areas and names put forth so far:

Recorder: Bro. Ashanti
Finance: Bro. Brothers

Communications: Sis. Melika
Coordinator: Sis. Aeni,
Bro. Brothers

* Note: All names suggested above are just that, at this time ... 'suggestions'. Lets be sure to attend and move on.

NEXT MEETING (tentative) - May 17th, 1987, I-CRY Office, 12 Noon !

* Note: Please be on time ! Or call I-CRY if you're gonna be late or no show.

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