

May 23, 1968

MEMORANDUM

To: Steering Committee Members of Bedford-Stuyvesant Coalition  
From: Al Vann, Chairman  
Re: Summary of Coalition Meeting of May 18, 1968

*Team* So that our ~~Coalition~~ <sup>Steering Committee</sup> can function effectively as a unit, competently in negotiating with City University, and maintain adequate and accurate communication with our community, the suggestions listed below were made in order to define the relationship of the Steering Committee to the community's members of the ~~Presidential Search Committee~~ <sup>Negotiating</sup> as manifested through these procedures:

1. The Bedford-Stuyvesant ~~Coalition~~ <sup>Steering Committee</sup> will set policy and make decisions on the behalf of the community regarding all aspects of the proposed college number 7 in their deliberations with City University.
  - a. The ~~Coalition~~ <sup>Steering Committee</sup> will provide direction, and, when possible, approve of all decisions that the community's representatives to the Presidential Search Committee must make in their negotiations.
  - b. The chairman is responsible for executing the decisions of the Coalition.
  - c. Removal of chairman or other ~~Coalition~~ <sup>Steering Committee</sup> member.
  - d. Replacing or adding to the ~~Coalition~~ <sup>Steering Committee</sup>.
2. The community's members to the Presidential Search Committee are responsible to the Steering Committee of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Coalition on Educational Needs and Services.
  - a. They will keep the Coalition informed of the progress of the Presidential Search Committee and will offer recommendations as to direction and courses of action.
  - b. Whenever possible, the community representatives will get the approval of the Coalition before making any major decisions.
  - c. The community's representatives to the Presidential Search Committee will be responsible for whatever staff is obtained.
  - d. The chairman of the community's representatives to the Presidential Search Committee is responsible for executing the decision of his committee.
  - e. This committee of the Coalition should have two alternates (one more to be elected) who will sit at all committee meetings and at the discretion of the chairman when the total Presidential Search Committee meets.

The Steering Committee will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, beginning with May 23, 1968 at the Salvation Army Center at 7:30 p.m. This center is located at 601 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn.

The community's members of the Presidential Search Committee will of course meet with the Coalition, but also in their committee on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at a place and time to be determined.

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The Coalition Steering Committee was called to order by Chairman A. Vann and attention directed to the memorandum that had been distributed. There was no roll call---an attendance sheet was circulated. (The attendance sheet is attached.)

Discussion was inaugurated by Judge Jones in the form of the following questions:

- What is the Coalition?
- What is the Steering Committee of the Coalition?
- Is the public excluded from Steering Committee meetings?
- What is the nature of the Steering Committee?
- Does anyone have the right to come to a meeting of the Steering Committee, make a contribution to our effort and have a vote?

The discussion encompassed these questions, other areas were voiced, explored and clarified.

Mr. Easton expressed the opinion that any person had a right to voice his opinion but no vote.

The question of the role of alternates was voiced. Judge Jones responded that Mr. Easton was only present to help him to keep track of what was going on but had no power as long as he was present.

Mr. Easton proposed the following motion:

Any individual or person representing any group has the right to sit in any Steering Committee meeting and participate in that meeting. The Steering Committee reserves the right to go into executive session to reach decisions.

Mr. R. Bryant seconded the motion. Discussion on the motion followed.

Question on motion - none.

Vote on motion

7 yes  
1 abstention (Mr. Whitlock)

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Motion carried.

The chairman then redirected the attention of the Steering Committee to the memorandum items 1C and 1D.

He then appointed a subcommittee of three to devise methods and procedures to deal with the aforementioned items.

The Procedural Committee was to be comprised of the following Steering Committee members:

- Mrs. Williams
- Mr. Easton
- Mr. Patterson

This subcommittee is to report back to the committee at the meeting to be held on Thursday, June 13, 1968.

The suggestion was made to change the language of the memorandum specifically to change "community's representatives" to "negotiating team of the coalition."

This suggestion was adopted unanimously.

The budget attached to the memorandum was examined by the Committee.

Chairman Vann explained that in a meeting with Mr. Chandler, Mr. Bowker and Mr. Shenker of the Board of Higher Education that they expressed a willingness to assist us and supply some of the needs that were indicated on the budget. The reasons for the budget were then explored and clarified.

Full accountability and fiscal responsibility were discussed.

Other areas for funds were then mentioned and explored.

Mr. Pinkston: Motion that the report of the negotiating team be accepted forthwith.

Seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Pinkston: Motion that a treasurer be elected from the Steering Committee.

Discussion concerning the necessity of a treasurer.

Motion seconded by Jack Pannigan. Passed unanimously.

Discussion concerning role of treasurer in respect to Steering Committee, Negotiating Team.

Judge Jones: Motion that the Treasurer must be a member of the Negotiating Team.

Second: Mrs. Delores Minot. Motion defeated.

Recommendation by Mr. Rudy Bryant that the Treasurer be elected from the general body of the Steering Committee.

Voice approval of this recommendation.

Mr. Robert Carson nominated Mr. Walter Pinkston as temporary Treasurer.

Second: Mr. Rudy Bryant

Mr. Walter Pinkston unanimously elected temporary Treasurer.

Meeting (A)

Respectfully submitted,

H. Patterson

Present

Vann

Jones

Easton

Patterson

Carson

Pinkston

R. Bryant

Pannigan

D. Minot

N. Whitlock