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REMINDER NOTICE

TO: Board Members
FROM: Dave Nasby
RE: March Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be Monday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center. Items to be considered:

1. Ratification of the by-laws.
2. Budget up-date.
3. Recommendation regarding addition staff attorney.
4. Recommendation for additional Board Members from Isear Watkins.

Please try and attend this important meeting.

DIRECTORS: Carol Batsell, Ed Bearheart, Clyde Bellecourt, David Bennett, Vincent Beyl, Merle Carlson, Earl Craig, Frances Fairbanks, Sidney Feinberg, Peter Heegaard, Raymond Johnson, Bill Means, Harry Moss, David Murrin, Norman Newhall, Ralph Ware, Isear Watkins, Irving Weiser.

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Board Meeting Minutes
November 29, 1977

Present:

Board Members: Peter Heegaard, Earl Craig, David Nasby, Izear Watkins,
David Murrin, Merle Carlson, Clyde Bellecourt

Staff Members: Doug Hall, Mary Jane Wilson, James Krieger, Joanne Levin,
Jerod Peterson

Visitor: Frank Levin

David Nasby called the meeting to order and introduced Joanne Levin, the new fundraiser/administrator at the Center. David explained that the special Dayton-Hudson grant would cover only her first three months of employment at \$900/month. Earl Craig made the motion, seconded by Peter Heegaard, that the Center guarantee Joanne's salary for three additional months. The motion was passed unanimously.

The board then voted to ratify decisions made by the staff during the previous summer and fall to reduce certain of their salaries and to lay off, then re-hire, Jerod Peterson and Douglas Hall, all actions taken as economy measures.

The board then voted the following resolution: (attached)

The board then voted to demand that in the future, the board be made aware of financial crisis at the Center and be involved in steps taken to resolve the crisis.

Earl Craig volunteered the possibility of a loan from the Urban Coalition at the beginning of the calendar year to help avert a cash flow crisis at the Center.

Frank Levin suggested the Center inquire into federal monies available for legal assistance to the Minneapolis Chicano community.

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The question of whether or not to allow the staff to decide whether to use excess 1977 income to pay themselves back for salary cuts and layoffs or to put the money away for 1978 was left unresolved at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Legal Rights Center, Inc., enter into a contract in 1978 with Hennepin County whereby the Center undertakes representation of indigent adults and juveniles charged with offenses in Hennepin County Courts, and the county pays the Center \$30 per attorney hour to a maximum of \$50,000.

That David Nasby and Joanne Levin be authorized to negotiate this contract and bind the Center to the contract.

Resolution passed November 29, 1977.

Dated: _____

DAVID NASBY
Chairman