ACADIANA NEUF CONSIDERS SUIT

A Motion by Rev. McKnight calling for the state NAACP president, opened the meeting by noting that it was being held to consider whether there was a need for a suit to be filed against the board of directors of the Southern Consumers Education Foundation. Elmo Anderson, president, agreed that there was a need to file a suit against the foundation.

Rev. McKnight said he had visited the board members, including Rev. McKnight, and other board members had requested the special meeting and several men were single and others indicated they had contacted McKnight.

"I would like to inform many of the board members about the work that we do, and the general public about what is happening.

Dr. McKnight said that the NAACP has been under pressure for some time now, due to the attempt to discredit the Southern Consumers Education Foundation.

The lawsuit filed by Elmo Anderson, a board member for the Lafayette school board, alleged that the foundation, in the name of a single individual, was in charge of the anti-poverty money being used to help poor and hungry individuals. The lawsuit claimed that the foundation was using the money to benefit itself and its members.

Mrs. Anderson and those who are using him know full well that there are seven different cost categories in any approved budget. The foundation is only one of the seven categories," he said.

"The courts are not interested in the case against the Southern Consumers Education Foundation," Elmo Anderson, a board member for the Lafayette school board, said. He added that the foundation is not a profit-making entity and that there was no need for a suit to be filed against it.

Rev. McKnight said, "Taking the general public in and in order that there is only 5000"
cash left in the Southern Consumers Education Foundation bank account out of $1,382,101 and that there is $500,000 unaccounted for. Mr. Robert, who should know better, is quoted in the Advertiser of Sunday, Oct. 30 as agreeing with these findings and therefore calls for this special meeting.

"Mr. Robert knows very well that all the money for a project is not handed over to a delegate agency at once but is requisitioned monthly based on a monthly budget submitted by the delegate agency to Acadiana Neuf stating the amount of cash left over from the previous month and the amount of money needed for the new month's operation. Therefore, the treasurer continued, "Mr. Robert knows very well that there is around $12,000 in cash that the Southern Consumers Education Foundation has of surplus funds and that over $90,000 of the budgeted program is still in Acadiana Neuf hands."

He maintained that a complete financial statement was not asked for and that the alleged discrepancy was "con-"trived." As treasurer he wanted to be the first to know of any discrepancies, Rev. Mc- Knight added.

Faisance also took the position that the information pub- lished had been misleading and that a full accounting was not asked. The Southern Consumers attorney said he had furnished the answers to the questions asked by Anderson's attorney, Phil Trice. He offered to answer any queries on the other funds if asked to do so. Faisance said he went on to point out that the education foundation was not trying to hide anything from the public. He added that he felt that the contract with Anderson had not been breached. The trial could go on for weeks Faisance told the board. If the court asks for a full financial statement he would provide one, the at- tionary stated.

Faisance said he didn't feel that Southern Consumers was on trial but he said that the public has brought up ques- tions about his standing in the community and felt that the Acadiana Neuf anti-poverty ac- tivities should be explained.

Trice, reached at his home last night for comment, said that the interrogations were not limited to sal- aries but asked for informa- tion for payment on goods, services and other things. He said he would have a de- tailed answer tomorrow. (Next: Trice's Reply)