

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon      March 18, 1951      5:00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:      Geo. J. Appel, G. D. Keough, R. H. Hartwell, G. M. Krick,  
and C. C. Morris.

PRAYER      Prayer by G. M. Krick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES VOTED, That the minutes of meeting held February 24 be approved as read.

LANGUAGE STUDY      VOTED, That plans be laid for a three months language  
88      school, to be conducted at the Middle East College, asking  
Elder Arthur Keough to head up the school, and that he be  
asked to suggest the teachers that will be needed to  
operate the school prior to the next meeting of the  
College Board, at which time the summer work of members  
of the faculty will be considered.

READING COURSES      VOTED, That a committee of three be appointed to give  
IN ARABIC      study to Arabic Reading Course books for the Y. P. M. V.  
89      and Ministerial Reading Courses. Appointed: C. C. Morris,  
G. M. Krick and Yousif Fargo.

SHAFIK FARAG      Mr. Shafik Farag, a student at E. M. C., has asked  
ASSISTANCE      for assistance to enable him to continue his education.

90      VOTED, That we inform Mr. Farag that it is contrary to  
our policy to render such assistance, and that we regret  
our inability to comply with his request.

MEDICAL EXPENSE      VOTED, That the present policy, as used by the former  
POLICY      Middle East Union, be continued as follows:

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1. A denominational worker may be given financial assistance on medical expense on the following basis:

A worker having medical and/or dental and/or optical and/or obstetrical expenses in excess of one-twelfth of a month's salary may be granted one-half of the bill for an amount remaining above that portion of his wage, up to and not exceeding the equivalent of one month's wage. When the expense is more than the equivalent of one month's wages, two-thirds of any amount between one month's wage and two month's wages will be allowed to the worker, and three-fourths of an additional amount, if the bill is for more than the equivalent of two month's wages. The allowance is made on the foregoing basis when the expense is contracted within a period of twelve months, and may be for a longer period in case of continuous illness.

2. The above allowances are not intended to cover the accumulations of small disconnected medical or dental bills.
3. Where it becomes necessary for workers to travel in order to secure medical attention, it shall be the policy for the cost of transportation to the nearest doctor or hospital to be included as a part of the total medical expense upon which assistance shall be given.
4. Where malarial conditions make it necessary for workers to take quinine or a recognised substitute, and where infectious or contagious diseases make periodic inoculations necessary, these will be considered reportable expense items to be met by the employing organization.

NILE UNION CALL  
FOR HILAL DOS AND  
FARRIS BASTA

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VOTED, That the call from the Nile Union for Hilal Dos and Farris Basta be passed on to the East Mediterranean Union for consideration.

VOICE OF PROPHECY  
ADDITIONAL HELP

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VOTED, To authorize Elder G. D. Keough to employ an additional helper in the Voice of Prophecy office.

DR. MAHER B. BASHAI  
LOAN

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VOTED, That US\$ 400.00 be sent to the College of Medical Evangelists for the account of Dr. Maher B. Bashai on a loan basis, and that a contract agreement be drawn up and signed by the doctor, the same as has been made on previous loans, and further

VOTED, That Dr. Bashai be notified that we will not be able to make any additional loans beyond this one.

DAMAGED BOOKS  
IN EGYPT

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Whereas a shipment of books sent down to Egypt arrived in damaged condition, it was

VOTED, That we authorize damaged Bible Readings to be sold at £Eg 1.000 per volume, and that the undamaged ones be sold at £Eg 1.500. That the Health and Longevity books (damaged) be sold at half price, or 250 mills.

DAR EL SALAAM  
HOSPITAL LAND

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VOTED, That the word be sent on to Brother Melvin Jacobson that the Committee favors locating the hospital on the larger of the two tracts of land being offered by the government.

LETTER TO  
SUSTENTATION  
BENEFICIARIES

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VOTED, That C. C. Morris be asked to write a letter to all those receiving temporary help from the Middle East Division Sustentation Fund, encouraging them in their Christian experience, and indicating that the temporary help being received is on condition of being in harmony with our standards and beliefs, and loyally supporting same in their relationship to the church.

DAR EL SALAAM  
HOSPITAL CABLE

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VOTED, To authorize the sending of a cable to the General Conference urging immediate action in securing a doctor for the Dar El Salaam Hospital. Reply by cable requested.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTESBeirut, LebanonMarch 28, 1951PRESENTGeo. J. Appel, Geo. D. Keough, R. H. Hartwell, G. M. Krick,  
and C. C. Morris.OPENINGThis meeting followed a meeting of the Overseas Workers  
Committee, which was opened with prayer by C. C. Morris.OUTFITTING ALLOW.  
NATIONAL WORKERS

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In view of the fact that from time to time young people from the Middle East undertake entirely upon their own responsibility to go abroad for advanced education, and later are invited to return to their home division as employees, it seems advisable that there be a policy on outfitting and transportation allowances.

VOTED, That the Middle East Division not allow any outfitting allowance, but that transportation from the school to the field of labor be granted, and that a freight allowance be granted to a single worker up to one thousand pounds, and to a family up to two thousand pounds, plus cost of packing. Salary to begin one month before date of sailing.

1952 DIVISION  
COUNCIL

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VOTED, That in harmony with request from the General Conference for information on date and place of the Division Council, that it be agreed to hold our 1952 Division Council at Beirut, December 14-22, 1951, and that a request be placed with the General Conference for the services of Elders Torrey and Roenfelt to attend our Council Session.

SEPARATION ALLOW.

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VOTED, That when a worker is separated from his family in the conduct of his work, in one location, beyond a period of two weeks, a separation allowance of one-half the regular itinerating allowance be given for the time beyond two weeks.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICES  
BOOKS & PERIODICALS

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VOTED, That the subscription rates on books and periodicals for foreign fields and within the Middle East Division be as follows:

BLESSED HOPE	- Foreign -	US\$ 2.00	less 50 %	
	M.E.D. -	Units 350	" "	for yearly subscriptions only.
FRIENDLY TALKS	- Foreign -	US\$ 1.00	less 50 %	
	M.E.D. -	Units 200	" "	
HEALTH AND LONGEVITY	- Foreign -	US\$ 2.50	" "	
	M.E.D. -	Units 500	" "	
BIBLE READINGS	- Foreign -	US\$ 8.00	" "	
	M.E.D. -	Units 1500	" "	

ADJOURNMENTVOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman  
C. C. Morris, Secretary