

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon

April 12, 1951

2:30 P. M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, George Keough, G. M. Krick, S. Nogeimie, R. H. Hartwell, and C. C. Morris.

PRAYER

Prayer by G. M. Krick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the minutes of March 28 be approved.

PUBLISHING HOUSE BOARD

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VOTED, That the Division Committee, the press manager, editor in chief, and the East Mediterranean Union publishing department secretary constitute the Middle East Publishing House Board.

TEMPORARY LOCATION OF LITERATURE STOCK

104

VOTED, That a request be made to the East Mediterranean Union for permission to continue to use the present room in which the press stock is stored, and further, to ask the East Mediterranean Union for a room to be used by Brother Dinning as a temporary office.

R. C. DINNING RESPONSIBILITIES

105

VOTED, That we ask Brother R. C. Dinning to assume responsibility for the press stock and sales beginning May 1, with the understanding that his major work at present shall be language study.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS STOCK AND ACCOUNTS

106

VOTED, That C. C. Morris, A. B. King, and R. C. Dinning, be appointed to study the matter of press stock, method of handling the accounts, etc., with power to act.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSLATION RATES REPORT

107

The committee on rates to be paid for translation work reported through Elder George Keough, and recommended the following:

For experienced translation work per page (size of Great Controversy) 65 to 125 Lebanese Piasters.

TRACTS COMMITTEE

108

VOTED, That Elders Hartwell and Appel be a committee to recommend subject material for twelve tracts both in the Arabic and Armenian languages.

DR. SAATY TIME OF RELEASE

109

Dr. Saaty is very anxious to know when he can be relieved of his responsibility at the Baghdad Hospital, thus enabling him to make preparations for his trip to America.

VOTED, That Dr. Saaty be released from his responsibilities at the Baghdad Hospital, July 1, 1951, or earlier if another doctor arrives for the Hospital.

IRAN MISSION
INGATHERING COME-
BACK REQUEST

110

VOTED, That in response to the request from the Iran Mission, permission be given for the use of Rials 5,000.00 from their Ingathering Comeback with which to purchase chapel seats for the Tabriz Chapel.

CYPRUS & ISTANBUL
WORKERS - ASHOD
AND KALUSTIAN

111

Study was given to the work of Brother Ashod in Cyprus, and Brother Kalustian in Istanbul. These brethren have been with us as workers for many years, and are now eligible for sustentation. After careful consideration, it was

VOTED, That Brethren Ashod and Kalustian be placed on sustentation as of July 1, 1951, with full salary being continued for a period of six months, or to December 31, 1951.

SUMMER LANGUAGE
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

112

VOTED, That the following individuals be assigned for language study this summer.

R. C. Dinning
Alger Jones
A. W. Fiedler
Syria-Lebanon Evangelist
Miss Edith Davis
T. S. Geraty

and others as may be arranged.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

EAST MED. UNION
CALL FOR MISS
WILLIAMS

118

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East College, the call from the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Miss Ruby Williams for Bible work during the summer of 1951.

BUILDING CONTROL
POLICY

119

VOTED, That the following building control policy shall be the policy for the Middle East Division:

1. When the controlling board of an institution or organization desires to enlarge or improve its properties and increase the facilities for carrying on its work, this shall be done without increasing indebtedness.
2. In the territory of the Middle East Division, projects costing more than the equivalent of US\$ 250.00 and not exceeding the equivalent of US\$ 750.00, shall be approved by the Union Mission Committee concerned; for projects above the equivalent of US\$ 750.00 and up to the equivalent of US\$ 7,500.00, approval shall be given by the Middle East Division Committee.
3. For projects exceeding the equivalent of US\$ 7,500.00, the Middle East Division Committee shall secure the approval of the General Conference Committee before construction is begun or before financial commitments are entered into.
4. In institutional and mission equipment improvement, and building projects, the full amount of the funds needed shall be in hand before commitments are entered into.
5. Only reliable estimates from experienced builders and contractors shall be submitted by local committees for the approval of Union, Division, or General Conference committees concerning contemplated building and improvement projects.
6. Financial responsibility for the erection of church buildings should be placed upon the church members themselves, the mission rendering all possible assistance in securing necessary funds for this purpose. Such funds shall, however, be held in the mission treasury until requested for the church building, and all interest accruing from same shall be credited to such fund. Church Extension funds shall be held by the Division treasurer until such time as they are required for actual building purposes.
7. Funds appropriated by the Division for building purposes or the purchase of land or other major investments, shall be held by the Division treasurer until he is notified by the respective Unions that they are ready to proceed with the work.

CAMILLE NOWFEL

120

The chairman read a letter from Mrs. Camille Nowfel, which was a reply to a letter he had written her at the request of Camille. In this letter Mrs. Nowfel stated that she did not see her way clear to return to Beirut, and expressed the desire that her husband join her in the near future in America. After careful consideration, the Committee reluctantly took the following action:

VOTED, That while we regret the loss of the services of Brother Camille Nowfel as editor of the BLESSED HOPE Magazine, we feel that under existing circumstances he should be released from his present responsibility as of July 1, thus enabling him to join his family in America. Further,

VOTED, That one month's salary be allowed Brother Nowfel beyond July 1, the same to apply as credit to his account. In the event there is any delay in departure, due to passport formalities or the like, Brother Nowfel be offered translating work at the approved page rate.

YOUSIF BARBAWY
CALL FOR

121

VOTED, That a call be placed with the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Brother Yousif Barbawy as editor of the BLESSED HOPE Magazine.

DIVISION
TRANSLATING WORK
WILSON BASTA

122

VOTED, That a call be placed with the Nile Union for the services of Wilson Basta as translator for the Middle East Press.

SABBATH SCHOOL
SUPPLIES

123

VOTED, That Sabbath School supplies, such as report cards, envelopes, etc. be supplied to the fields at Division expense. Memory Verse Cards, Quarterlies, and other such materials be billed to the fields concerned.

INGATHERING WALL
CALENDAR

124

VOTED, That we authorize the publishing of an Ingathering Wall Calendar for 1952 prepared somewhat similar to one that was shown to the Committee. The cost of printing would run at one Lebanese pound each for the first five thousand, and above five thousand, the cost would be sixty piasters each. It was agreed to submit a printing order for six thousand copies.

ELDER GEORGE
VANDEMAN - IRAN

125

VOTED, That in response to the request of the Iran Mission, we invite Elder George Vandeman to include a trip to Iran in his itinerary while in the Middle East.

IRAN MISSION
STUDENT AID FUND

126

VOTED, That we approve of the request from the Iran Mission that they be permitted to use Rials 60,000.00 out of their allotted 1951 Special Appropriations for use as student aid.

THE MINISTRY
MAGAZINE
127

VOTED, That the "Ministry" Magazine be made available to all ministerial and departmental workers who read the English language, at Division expense.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

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May 13, 1951

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, George Keough, R. H. Hartwell, G. M. Krick, S. Nogeimie, and C. C. Morris.

PRAYER

Prayer by Elder Keough.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

VOTED, That we approve of the minutes of April 12 and 15, as read.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR
READING COURSE
BOOKS

128

A committee appointed to bring in recommendations on Arabic Reading Course books reported, and the following selection was VOTED:

Junior Reading Course - Pilgrim's Progress
Reasons For My Faith
Out of The Depths
Field Marshall Smuts

Senior Reading Course - Pioneers Of The Kingdom
Steps to Christ
Life of Christ
Life of Paul

BLESSED HOPE
MAGAZINE - CHANGE
OF NAME

129

Reasons were presented indicating the advisability of renaming our magazine. After consideration of various names, it was

VOTED, To give our magazine the name, "HOPE."