

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon May 14, 1953 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, S. Nogemie, R. H. Hartwell, M. J. McCulloch, Geo. D. Keough, Wadie Farag, T. S. Geraty, A. R. Mazat, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by S. Nogemie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the Minutes of meeting held April 30 be approved as read.

IRAN MISSION
V.O.P. READING ROOM
742

VOTED, That the request from the Iran Mission for an enlarged V. O. P. Reading Room, chapel, and offices at the Iran Mission headquarters building be referred to the Division November Council for study.

THOMAS ISIAIN
SUSTENTATION
743

VOTED, That Brother Isiain's sustentation rate be revised and audited according to the policy, revised rate to be worked out by the Iran Mission and to become effective June 1, 1953.

BROTHER KESHISHZADE
SUSTENTATION
744

VOTED, That Brother Keshishzade be placed on sustentation and his rate be set according to policy, namely 38% of his last rate of pay.

PASTOR DOSE
SUMMER WORK
745

Middle East College has made available the services of Pastor Hilal Dose to the Division for the summer of 1953.

VOTED, That he be assigned to translating work for the summer.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE
CALL FOR E. J. GREEN
746

VOTED, That E. J. Green be assigned for service at Middle East College for the school year 1953-54, it being understood that he is available to take up work with the college as of this date.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT
PLANS FOR
COLPORTEUR WORK
747

The question of implementing the policy on plans for colporteur work was reviewed, and it was

VOTED, (1) That in applying the colporteur policy, the three days' assistance to new colporteurs be given within thirty days after the colporteur begins his work.

(2) That in student colporteur aid the Division appropriate to the Unions one-fourth of the amount granted colporteurs putting in 400 hours canvassing for the summer of 1953, to get the plan started. If the plan becomes permanent, provision should be made in the regular Section I budget for this expense.

(3) That in order to provide help for student colporteurs this summer requests be made for the services

of Henry Melke from the East Mediterranean Union, and Hilmy Berbawy from the Nile Union, to attend the Middle East College Institute, June 29 to July 1 and to assist the colporteurs in their respective fields, Bro. Hilmy Berbawy being invited to come at Division expense for this year, providing the Nile Union can make his services available.

MISS WILLIAMS
JULY APPOINTMENT
748

The Middle East College has offered the services of Miss Ruby Williams for the month of July.

VOTED, That we refer Miss Ruby Williams' name to the East Mediterranean Union for assignment during the month of July.

ARABIC TRANSLATOR
749

VOTED, That a call be placed with the East Mediterranean Union for the services of Jad Catreeb to serve as a translator in the Middle East Division office.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

G. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Beirut, Lebanon May 28, 1953 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

Geo. J. Appel, G. D. Keough, Wadie Farag, M. J. McCulloch, T. S. Geraty, R. H. Hartwell, S. Nogelmeier, A. R. Mazat, and C. C. Morris.

OPENING

Prayer by C. C. Morris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED, That the Minutes of meeting held May 14 be approved as read.

STENOGRAPHER
RADIO SECRETARY
750

VOTED, To request the Middle East College to endeavor to arrange for temporary stenographic help for the Radio Secretary for the month of June, on the basis of about eight hours per week.

BROTHER MOROVATI
SALARY RATE
751

The Iran Mission referred the matter of Brother Morovati's salary rate to the committee, and it was

VOTED, That for the remainder of 1953, Brother Morovati's rate be set at rials 6,200 per month.

ELDER RICE'S ITINERARY VOTED, To leave the matter of Elder Rice's itinerary with the officers to work out.

DIVISION COUNCIL
DATE
753

Word has been received that Brethren Rudy and Rebok can come to our field a little earlier than previously thought possible, so it was

VOTED, (1) That our Division Council date be changed to November 11 to 16 at Beirut, and November 17 to 21 at Baghdad.

(2) That Elders Rudy and Rebok be encouraged to visit Egypt before the opening of our Council, if possible.

IRAN CAMPMEETING
DATE AND HELP
754

VOTED, In response to a request from the Iran Mission Committee, that the date for the Iran campmeeting be set for September 3 to 13, and that Elder Guenther be added to the list of those previously authorized to attend.

ELDER GUENTHER
ITINERARY
755

VOTED, To approve the following proposed itinerary for Elder Carl Guenther:

Aug. 12 - 26 Ministerial Institute in Beirut
 Aug. 27 - 30 Jerusalem
 Aug. 31 - Sept. 2 Amman
 Sept. 3 - 13 Iran Mission
 Sept. 14- 20 East Med. Union (Suggest Iraq Mission)
 Sept. 21 - Oct. 14 Nile Union
 Oct. 15 - 20 East Med. Union (Suggest Beirut or Turkey)

IRAN MISSION
ASOORTOORIAN MEDICAL
756

VOTED, That the regular medical policy apply in granting aid to Brother Asoortoorian, who is on sustentation.

LEGAL PROPERTY
HOLDING COMMITTEE
757

The question has come up from time to time in regard to legal authorization for holding title to properties in various parts of the Middle East, and it was

NILE UNION
MISS DAVIS REQUEST
758

VOTED, That this matter be referred to the Division Council for study.

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East College Board the request from the Nile Union for the services of Miss Davis beginning July 9 as counsellor for the Y.P.M.V. camp.

NILE UNION INSTITUTE
WADIE FARAG
759

VOTED, To grant the request of the Nile Union for the services of Wadie Farag to attend their colporteur Institute, June 17 to 21.

NILE UNION
ADVENTIST INSTITUTE
BUILDING
760

The Nile Union for the past two years has been in the process of moving their training school, and have been without proper educational facilities for their young people. The need is urgent for provision for their young men in the upper grades, and inasmuch as land has been purchased for a new school site, it would be very desirable to plan early for a portion, at least, of the administration building so that school work could be carried on at an early date. However, funds are not available for this project, although a request is being placed in the 1954 Class IV Budget for the school buildings.

The Union Committee has appealed to the Division for an advance of £Eg. 3,000 against any 1954 specials that may be coming to them as granted by the coming Autumn Council. As a committee we are sympathetic with the appeal from the Nile Union Committee, yet on the other hand we do not feel that it is a good plan to advance funds that have not already been voted. However, in view of all the circumstances, it was

VOTED, That we authorize an advance of £Eg. 3,000 to enable the brethren to proceed with providing educational facilities for the new Adventist Institute, with the understanding that in so doing, other fields and interests of the work shall not be penalized in the making of this advance, and it shall be taken from any funds available for the Nile Union for 1954 special appropriations.

NILE UNION--BENJAMIN
BUTROS SUSTENTATION
761

VOTED, That a regular sustentation blank be forwarded to the Nile Union, requesting that Benjamin Butros fill out the same and return to the Division for study prior to any action placing him on sustentation.

NILE UNION--CALL
FOR HILAL DOSS
762

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East College Board the call just received from the Nile Union for the services of Pastor Hilal Doss.

NILE UNION--CALL
FOR LATIFA FARAG
763

VOTED, To pass on to the Middle East Press Board the call from the Nile Union for the services of Latifa Farag.

AMMAN CHURCH
BUILDING PLANS
764

VOTED, To refer to the Building Committee the plans submitted for the church building at Amman.

GEO. J. APPEL
TRIP TO JORDAN
765

VOTED, To authorize Elder Appel to make a trip to the Jordan for a baptismal service, June 8 and 9.

DENOMINATIONAL
ACCOUNTING
766

At a recent meeting of the Middle East College Board consideration was given to the advisability of giving some practical instruction in denominational accounting, and it was thought desirable to secure standard forms for various phases of denominational accounting. In order to secure such material, it was

VOTED, That a committee consisting of C. C. Morris, A. W. Fund, George Yared, M. C. Grin, and E. J. Green be set up to get the desired materials and assist in any other way possible with the program of the college to offer some training in denominational accounting.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED, To adjourn.

Geo. J. Appel, Chairman

C. C. Morris, Secretary