

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETINGBeirut, LebanonApril 5, 19669:00 A. M.PRESENT

R. A. Wilcox, R. W. Wilmot, C. V. Brauer, D. L. Chappell,  
V. A. Fenn, A. A. Haddad, George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D.,  
Manoug Nazirian.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by A. A. Haddad.

IRAQ SECTION CALL  
FOR SHEHADA HALABY  
66/78

VOTED, To pass on to the Lebanon Section the call from the Iraq Section for Shehada Halaby to connect with the Baghdad academy as a Bible teacher.

IRAQ SECTION CALL  
FOR SAMIR DAWOOD  
66/79

VOTED, To pass on to the Egypt Section the call from the Iraq Section for Samir Dawood to serve as a Bible instructor with the understanding that he plan to enter Middle East College in the future, on his own responsibility, to continue his education.

SAMIR DAWOOD  
SALARY RATE  
66/80

VOTED, To set the salary rate for Samir Dawood at 40 per cent of the ordained minister's salary in Iraq.

1966 VACATION PLANS  
FOR DIVISION OFFICE  
WORKERS  
66/81

VOTED, To approve the 1966 vacation plans of the Division office workers. These plans are on file in the treasurer's office.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS  
1966 OPERATING  
BUDGET  
66/82

VOTED, To approve the 1966 operating budget for the Middle East Press, a copy of which is on file in the treasurer's office.

WORKER IN-SERVICE  
TRAINING POLICY  
66/83

VOTED, To amend the Worker In-Service Training Policy to include the following:

"e. In the case of a married beneficiary the business manager of the college shall arrange suitable living quarters for the family and the worker's local Section shall arrange for proper storage of any furniture that he does not bring with him. The storage expense will be the responsibility of the Section."

EQUIPMENT  
APPROPRIATION TO  
MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE  
FOR FURNITURE FOR  
WORKER IN-SERVICE  
HOUSING  
66/84

VOTED, To appropriate from Division funds the sum of LL 1,500.00 to purchase basic furniture for Worker In-Service housing. It is understood that one unit will be provided in 1966 for this purpose.

LOANS TO STUDENTS  
OF MEDICINE AND  
DENTISTRY, POLICY  
66/85

VOTED, To adapt the policy for Loans to National Students of Medicine and Dentistry to apply to any school where one of our students may attend and that we prorate the fees charged to come into harmony with what is already mentioned in the said policy; further, that this section be added to the provisions of the policy.

VISUAL AIDS  
DEPARTMENT  
66/86

VOTED, To favor the plan of setting up a visual aids department for the Division and that study be given to ways in which this plan could be put to use for the various departments concerned.

HARAND MELIKIAN  
SUMMER WORK  
66/87

VOTED, To ask Harand Melikian to assist with the Division transportation work for the summer months and that he also be available to do Division maintenance or any other work as arranged when he is not doing transportation work. His salary is to be LL 300.00 per month.

SALE OF OLIVETTI  
CALCULATOR  
66/88

VOTED, To approve the sale to Middle East College for a sum of LL 900.00 the Olivetti calculator that has been in the treasurer's office.

DR. JOSEPH KHOURY  
LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
66/89

VOTED, To accept the recommendation of the Middle East College Board granting a leave of absence to Dr. Joseph Khoury, beginning July 1, 1966 and ending June 30, 1967.

MEDICAL EXPENSE  
POLICY REVISION  
66/90

VOTED, To add the following sentence to the Medical Expense Policy, par. 1, p. 98 of the Middle East Division Working Policy.

"Assistance as provided for above may also apply on the expense of medical and orthopedic appliances when prescribed by a qualified physician."

MEDICAL EXPENSE  
FOR SUSTENTEEES  
POLICY REVISION  
66/91

VOTED, To revise the first part of par. 45, p. 141 of the Middle East Division Working Policy, Medical Expense for Sustentees, to read as follows:

"A beneficiary having medical and/or dental and/or optical and/or hearing aid expense may receive assistance on such expense in an amount equivalent to three-fourths of such expense."

DR. K. VINE AND  
DR. S. J. SCHWANTES  
SDA ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
TEAM  
66/92

VOTED, To accept the recommendation of the Middle East College Board that Dr. Kenneth Vine and Dr. S. J. Schwantes join the SDA archaeological team under the direction of Dr. Siegfried Horn of Andrews University. This team is to conduct an excavation in the summer of 1967.

BENGHAZI PHYSICIANS  
TRAVEL BUDGET  
66/93

VOTED, To set the travel budget for physicians at the Benghazi Hospital at 14,000 kilometers a year.

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SABAH ESBER  
DIVISION TRANS-  
PORTATION WORK  
66/94

VOTED, To ask Sabah Esber to assist in driving the Division microbus in connection with Division transportation work.

H. C. LAMP, M.D.  
ACTING TEMPERANCE  
SECRETARY  
66/95

WHEREAS, Elder Anees Haddad will be attending Andrews University for a period of study, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference that Dr. H. C. Lamp be appointed acting Temperance Secretary of the Middle East Division as of May 15, 1966.

EGYPT SECTION  
REQUEST FOR  
SUMMER SCHOOL  
66/96

VOTED, To pass on to Middle East College the request of the Egypt Section for a summer school to be conducted in Egypt during the summer of 1966 and that the College work out proper arrangements and inform the Egypt Section of the possibility of being able to comply with their request

ROBERT DARNELL  
STUDY PLANS  
66/97

WHEREAS, The Middle East Division has given considerable study to the spiritual needs of the large non-Christian population residing within its territory in an endeavor to give a broader emphasis to reaching these peoples with the third angel's message, as well as discovering new methods of approach to those without a Christian background;

WHEREAS, The Division committee in 1961 organized the Religious Research project naming Elder Robert Darnell as its executive secretary to pursue a religious research project in the area of Islam and to select, prepare, and make ready for use literature, Bible lessons, books, manuals, and other necessary means for working among non-Christians;

WHEREAS, Elder Darnell has felt a special burden and possesses unusual capabilities and talents in the field of Eastern languages and religious backgrounds, and has had long years of mission experience, and

WHEREAS, Elder Darnell at present is studying at the University of Michigan and has presented to the committee his desire for guidance in his future study program toward a doctorate in Eastern Studies, it was

VOTED, To recommend to the General Conference for approval that Robert Darnell be granted time to continue his present study program in order that he might complete a doctorate in Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan, with the possibility that the time required could extend to the summer of 1968, it being understood that he would return to the Middle East Division to take up the work of the Religious Research Department as his primary responsibility.

V. A. FENN  
APPRECIATION  
66/98

VOTED, To record a vote of appreciation to Elder and Mrs.  
V. A. Fenn for their years of devoted service to the  
Middle East Division.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Prayer was offered by V. A. Fenn.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. W. Wilmot, Acting Secretary

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R. A. Wilcox, R. W. Wilmot, C. V. Brauer, A. A. Haddad,  
George Khoury, H. C. Lamp, M.D., Manoug Nazirian, K. L. Vine.

OPENING

Prayer was offered by H. C. Lamp, M.D.

MINUTES APPROVED

VOTED, To approve the minutes of February 22, March 16,  
and April 5.

C. L. BROOKS  
CAIRO CENTER  
INVITATION  
66/99

VOTED, To pass on to the General Conference and the  
Columbia Union Conference an invitation for Elder C. L.  
Brooks to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the  
Cairo center, Egypt, for a period of three months beginning  
September 15, 1966.

LEBANON SECTION CALL  
FOR MR. AND MRS.  
MICHAEL KATRIB  
66/100

VOTED, To pass on to the Jordan Section the call from the  
Lebanon Section for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Katrib, he to work  
in the Lebanon VOP school and Mrs. Katrib to teach in the  
Museitbeh school, with the understanding that the salary of  
Brother Katrib will be paid by the Jordan Section through  
1966 and that of Mrs. Katrib until October 1, 1966.

IRAN SECTION  
INCOME TAX AND  
UTILITY ALLOWANCE  
66/101

VOTED, To approve the request of the Iran Section to  
implement Actions 66/46 and 66/67 regarding assistance on  
utility allowance and income tax retroactive to Jan. 1, 1966.  
The treasurer has been informed that there are sufficient  
funds to cover this added expense.

IRAN SECTION  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
LAND PURCHASE  
66/102

WHEREAS, The Iran Section is in need of property for the  
proposed elementary school in Tehran;

WHEREAS, The land adjoining the present mission head-  
quarters is up for sale and meets the need of the proposed  
school, and

WHEREAS, The Iran Section is to benefit from the Second  
Quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering for this  
project, it was

VOTED, To approve in principle the request of the Iran  
Section to investigate the possibilities of purchasing the  
property in question and that they have written government  
permission to operate the school before final settlement  
is made. It is understood that the land will cost  
Rials 7,000,000.

FILIPINO PHYSICIANS  
AND NURSES FURLOUGH  
POLICY  
66/103

VOTED, To incorporate into our policy for Filipino  
physicians and nurses the furlough policy as outlined in  
the General Conference Policy.

MANUK BENZATYAN  
MEDICAL  
CONSULTATION  
66/104

VOTED, To approve the request of Manuk Benzatyan to consult a specialist while he is in the United States concerning his diabetic problem. This is to come immediately following the General Conference session and before the Field School of Evangelism. He will not be required to take the Andrews University post-session course.

GENERAL CONFERENCE  
DELEGATES TO VISIT  
EUROPE  
66/105

VOTED, To authorize our delegates to the General Conference session permission to visit certain of our denominational evangelistic centers and other important organizations on their way to the U.S. for a total period of not more than 6 days.

JERUSALEM CENTER  
APPROPRIATION  
66/106

VOTED, To appropriate the sum of LL 9,000.00 to the Jordan Section for remodeling the Jerusalem center to provide a place of worship within the center.

BORJ HAMMOUD  
AND BISHMEZZINE  
APPROPRIATION  
66/107

VOTED, To appropriate to the Lebanon Section an amount of LL 16,000.00 to complete the Borj Hammoud center and the Bishmezzine school, with the understanding that the Section and church will raise LL 6,000 to aid and complete the project.

ANEES HADDAD  
ADVANCED STUDY  
AMENDMENT  
ACTION 66/56  
66/108

VOTED, To amend Action 66/56 to read as follows:

"To authorize Anees Haddad to attend Andrews University to complete a Master's degree in the field of Behavioral Sciences under the provisions of the Policy for Advanced Study by Workers of the Middle East Division. Elder Haddad is a delegate to the General Conference and will begin study immediately following the session. He will leave the Middle East Division May 29."

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 3:35 p.m. Prayer was offered by Anees Haddad.

R. A. Wilcox, Chairman

R. W. Wilmot, Acting Secretary