

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

April 5, 1972

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

By invitation: O. C. Bjerkan, Ignatius Yacoub, Bekele Heye

Prayer by Bekele Heye.

W. M. WEBSTER - TRANSFER DATE

AGREED, That W. M. Webster could be released from the East African Union May 1, 1972 to take up his duties in the Zambesi Union.

ETHIOPIAN ADVENTIST COLLEGE - PROBLEM

Considerable time was spent discussing the problem existing at Ethiopian Adventist College as set forth by Elder H. W. Palm in his letter to Elder M. E. Lind, dated March 30, 1972.

Some indicated disagreement with the action taken to close the secondary section of the school for the remainder of the school year and allow the college section to continue. Others indicated that the action taken was in harmony with action taken by the Ethiopian government in government schools where similar problems exist.

It was felt that the actions taken by the College Board should be supported and that an effort should be made to place R. E. Blinci elsewhere in the Division.

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY - SEMINARY EXTENSION SCHOOL

From a letter to Elder M. E. Lind from R. E. Hammill of Andrews University it was learned that a Seminary Extension School has been approved for the Afro-Mideast Division in 1974. It was

VOTED, That we look with favor on the plan of holding such an Extension School in 1974, and that further details for this school be presented to the 1972 midyear meeting of the Division Committee for approval.

ANDERS ENGAHL - APPROVE ATTENDANCE BEIRUT OVERSEAS SCHOOL

WHEREAS, a cable has been received from Gunnar Engdahl of the Ethiopial Adventist College, requesting that his son, Anders be accepted in the Beirut Overseas School, it was

VOTED, To approve his request provided the College accepts him for dormitory accommodations and the school is able to accept him. The change in schools in the middle of the year is necessitated by the situation prevailing at Kuyera.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

April 10, 1972

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

Prayer was offered by C. E. Schmidt.

ROBERT THOMAS, M.D. - APPOINTMENT TO HERI HOSPITAL

VOTED, To agree with the appointment of Dr. Robert Thomas of Chico, California to Heri Mission Hospital in Tanzania. Some concern was expressed over the fact that the Thomases have four children of school age, though they have agreed to come with the understanding that Mrs. Thomas would teach them with the help of the Home Study Institute.

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS - PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

After discussing the letter of Elder R. H. Pierson regarding the purchase of property for the re-location of the Division headquarters, it was

VOTED, To advise the General Conference that in view of the attitudes of the leadership in the Middle East, it is not felt wise to present this matter to the committee at the present time.

FURLOUGHING WORKERS - AUTOMOBILE DEPRECIATION

VOTED, To recommend that the policy of granting car depreciation to workers on furlough be interpreted as follows:

a. The worker must own or rent a car during furlough to be eligible for the furlough car depreciation allowance.

b. Allowance to be paid on the basis of the amount granted in the homeland of the furloughing worker if a car is owned or rented there during furlough.

c. If an authorized car is owned and left in the field during furlough, the depreciation would be paid on the basis of the regular rate in the field upon the worker's return from furlough, it being understood that depreciation is paid on only one car.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

April 6, 1972

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

Prayer was offered by M. E. Lind.

AVSC TEACHER - BUGEMA EXPATRIATE SCHOOL

VOTED, To recommend the approval of the proposal that Dr. & Mrs. W. E. Belleau be invited to Bugema Adventist College for teaching overseas children on the Adventist Volunteer Service Corps basis with the understanding that there is no financial obligation to the Division in bringing this couple to Bugema.

Meeting held April 7, 1972 with same members present.

Invited: I. Yacoub, B. Heye

Prayer was offered by E. J. Gregg

ETHIOPIAN ADVENTIST COLLEGE - COUNSEL re: VICE-PRINCIPAL

Pastor Lind had received a letter from Elder Palm giving further information concerning the situation at Ethiopian Adventist College. Advice was sought concerning the suggestion that a vice-principal be appointed. It was

VOTED, To call to the attention of the brethren in Ethiopia that the "academic dean" of the college already stands as second in command and that a fourth administrative official would create further problems. It was felt that the principal (or president) could be advised to delegate more authority to his academic dean and business manager. It is also suggested that the academic dean be assigned the responsibility of supervising the secondary school.

JORDAN ORPHANAGE - COMMITTEE MEMBERS

VOTED, To authorize A. H. Brandt and R. L. Jacobs to serve on a committee appointed by the Middle East Union to study the future of the Jordan Orphanage.

DR. ARZOO - FARSI LITERATURE FUND

VOTED, To recommend that the General Conference be authorized to suspend payments of sustentation to Dr. Arzoo for the period which he shall indicate to them and that the equivalent of his sustentation be sent through to the Iran Field for the preparation of Farsi Literature.

M. E. Lind, Chairam

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

April 12, 1972

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

Prayer was offered by M. E. Lind.

D. A. GRANKOW - ADOPTION AUTHORIZATION

D. A. Grankow has sought counsel from the Division concerning their desire to adopt a child. It was

VOTED, To approve the request of the Grankows' for permission to adopt the child on the understanding that the Division's responsibility would be limited to 50% of the adoption expenses up to a maximum of \$200.00 assistance plus the air fare of the child.

SUSAN ASMAR - EMPLOYMENT

VOTED, To employ Mrs. Susan Asmar on a part-time basis for secretarial work on a trial period of three months - salary percentage to be 70% during this trial period.

Meeting held April 13, 1972 at 8:00 A. M. with same members present.

Invited: O. Bjerkan, B. Heye, A. H. Brandt.

Prayer was offered by A. H. Brandt.

LAKE AWASA PROPERTY - ETHIOPIAN UNION

Further information concerning the proposed South Field Headquarters in Ethiopia at Lake Awasa has been received. It was

VOTED, To re-affirm our previous approval on the following conditions:

- (a) That increase in water level of the lake would not at some future time flood the property.
- (b) A suitable detailed plan of finance is to be submitted showing source of funds to be used and provided that the financing of this project will not in any way affect the operating capital.

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ETHIOPIAN ADVENTIST COLLEGE - RIOT DAMAGE TO VEHICLES

Counsel has been sought concerning the damage to vehicles during the disturbances at Ethiopian Adventist College, it was

VOTED, To advise that workers with authorized vehicles should be covered by the Ethiopian Union insurance plan. The Ethiopian Union would be responsible for any repairs to such vehicles.

Information is requested concerning the amount of damage to those vehicles not authorized.

A. H. BRANDT - IRAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF ASSISTANCE

VOTED, To acquiesce to the request of the Middle East Union for the services of A. H. Brandt in connection with the possibility of relief needs arising out of the recent earthquakes in Southern Iran.

W. M. WEBSTER - RELEASE MAY 1, 1972

Whereas, the Trans-African Division has requested the release of W. M. Webster by May 1, it was

VOTED, To accede to this request and that W. M. Webster be requested to leave a detailed written list of information for the benefit of his successor who will not yet have arrived in the field before his departure.

W. M. WEBSTER - CLASS B FREIGHT

VOTED, To settle with W. M. Webster as far as furlough freight allowance is concerned on a Class B basis.

Meeting held April 13, 1972 at 4:00 P.M. with same members.

PAT SWAN - APARTMENT

VOTED, To assign the guest apartment No. 3 to Pat Swan.

PAUL REMINGTON - KENDU HOSPITAL

VOTED, To advise the East African Union that the Division will provide the return ticket for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Remington coming to Kendu under AVSC program. East African Union and Kendu to be responsible for living allowances, travel documentation, and all other allowances.

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GEORGE NEHME - RESIGNATION

VOTED, To recommend to the Committee that the resignation of George Nehme be accepted.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

April 18, 1972

PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

Prayer was offered by E. J. Gregg

JACK THOMPSON - RENTAL REDUCED

VOTED, That rent charges for Jack Thompson be at the rate of 10% instead of 15% for the period he is living in the sisters' dwelling unit.

PAT BEAMAN - DEPRECIATION ADVANCE

VOTED, To approve a two years depreciation advance to Miss Pat Beaman who is authorized by Middle East College to operate a motor car.

HENRI MELKI - RENT ALLOWANCE MAXIMUM

VOTED, To authorize the General Conference to pay a rent allowance of up to \$75.00 per month to Henri Melki for the period he has been renting a single apartment in Washington D. C.

R. L. Jacobs, Chairman, Pro tem

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon

April 24, 1972

PRESENT: R. L. Jacobs, D. K. Bazarra, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

By invitation: A. H. Brandt

Prayer was offered by A. H. Brandt

JUDY KUESTER - RETURN TO HOMELAND

Whereas, Miss Judy Kuester, a student missionary in Ethiopia has had typhoid fever and is suffering complications which have required medical care and hospitalization, and

Whereas, Doctors Bokovoy & Incocencio recommend her immediate and direct return home, it was

VOTED, That Miss Judy Kuester be released immediately and be urged to return directly to her home.

HERI HOSPITAL - PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

VOTED, To advise the Tanzania Union that the Division would approve the purchase of equipment belonging to Dr. Twing valued at Shs. 14,400 provided that the Tanzanian Union is willing to have the Division assistance treated as the first call on 1973 special appropriations.

MRS. T. G. STAPLES - CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

VOTED, To grant 50% assistance to Mrs. T. G. Staples on the cost of correspondence studies in German. Assistance is to be granted upon the successful completion of the course. This is a required course in her B. A. study program but is not given at Middle East College or Home Study Institute.

R. L. Jacobs, Chairman pro tem

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon 8:00 A.M. April 26, 1972

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, E. J. Gregg

Prayer was offered by E. J. Gregg.

SUSTENTATION WORKERS - ANNUAL REVIEW

VOTED, To recommend to all fields that the list of all sustenta-
tion workers in each field be reviewed annually and that their recommen-
dations be passed through the unions to the Division.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY BOOK POLICY - REGULAR WORKERS ONLY

VOTED, To advise the Tanzania Union that the privilege of purchasing
Spirit of Prophecy books at special discounts can only be extended to
regular workers.

N. SEENYEN - ALLOWANCES

VOTED, That outfitting and other allowances for N. Seenyen be
on the basis of those given Filipino workers.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

OFFICERS' MEETING OF THE AFRO-MIDEAST DIVISION

Beirut, Lebanon 8:00 A.M. April 28, 1972

PRESENT: M. E. Lind, R. L. Jacobs, C. E. Schmidt, D. K. Bazarra, E. J. Gregg

Prayer was offered by D. K. Bazarra.

BENGHAZI HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS - COLECTION

VOTED, To approve the payment of the cost of travel and hotel, etc., for Habib Banna and Rafic Issa to visit Benghazi, Libya for the purpose of collecting hospital accounts.

EGYPT FIELD - 1969 EVANGELISM ASSISTANCE

VOTED, To recommend that LL. 20,000 be appropriated from the Evangelism fund to the Egyptian section to assist with efforts held in 1969 for which no Division assistance was given.

GEORGE UNGER - BOOK & EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE

VOTED, To grant to George Unger two years book & equipment allowance for the years 1970 & 1971 the amount LL. 200.00.

E. H. SEQUEIRA - FREIGHT BROUGHT FOR B. WHEELER

VOTED, To approve the payment of freight costs for goods brought by E. H. Sequeira for B. D. Wheeler.

BOS - ADVERTISEMENT IN ANNUAL

VOTED, To authorize the insertion of an advertisement in the Beirut Overseas School annual.

JAMES TWING - OVERWEIGHT FREIGHT ALLOWANCE

Whereas, repeated requests to the late Dr. James Twing for information concerning freight brought for others failed to provide a response, it was

VOTED, To authorize the treasurer to settle on the basis of weight brought and on compassionate grounds to charge the cost, including the overweight, to the appointee reserve.

M. E. Lind, Chairman

E. J. Gregg, Secretary

*sent to
C. E. Schmidt*