

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, April 19  
1977

AGENDA: (Elder John Sakash in charge)

Prayer

- ITEM 1. Matter of Pastoral Candidates  
(Brother and Sister Schmiel and Janice Wiktorchik  
present at this portion of meeting)
- A. Report of Committee on Bro. Harrup  
(Schmiels and Janice leave meeting)
- ITEM 2. Report on Waggoner Farewell Supper, May 6th
- ITEM 3. Synopsis of Minutes of Meetings - Church Clerk  
Church Membership
- ITEM 4. Treasurer's Report
- A. Commitment to Bro. Womack concerning Sister  
Shirer's African trip - made by B.B.  
(letter from D. Womack)
- B. Telephone in Pastor's Study  
(Available locks)

The Official Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 19th, 1977, at the Church at 8 P.M. Present were: Bros. Ambrose, Cook, Davis, Gerhart, Luff, Massucci, Sakash, Sampson, Spuler, Weinacht, Wiktorchik; Sisters Huff, Manor, Sampson, Zehner, Muir. Visitors, Janice Wiktorchik and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schmiel, members of the Visiting Candidate Committee.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Brother Oscar Schmiel.

Brother Sakash was in charge of the meeting and asked for a report on the Candidate Harrup from the committee, which consisted of Bros. Massucci, Wiktorchik, Cook, Bro. and Sister Schmiel, Sisters Sampson and Janice Wiktorchik.

The entire report was favorable, copy of which is filed under Candidates. There was no negative reaction. Brother Harrup has been invited to be with us on Sunday, May first; he and his family will be invited to have dinner with the Official Board, at which time he will be interviewed; the following Sunday the Membership will be asked to come together to vote on him as a candidate.

After discussion concerning the possibility of having just one candidate or more than one, there was a motion by Bro. Luff, seconded by Sister Manor, that the previous motion on the books to have one candidate at a time and vote on him, remain as such. This was carried by majority vote. Most of the candidates will not come in "competition" to other candidates. Brother Williams had advised that because of our previous situations at Highway with Bros. Pundt and Bartlett, if the membership desired more than one candidate before voting, he felt it would be proper to call two, but not more than two.

It was decided that notice of the candidate and the date of the membership meeting for voting will be placed in the Church Bulletin and given over the pulpit. No notice will go out in the mails; this disposition was taken because of members on the roll who have taken a large part in matters detrimental to the church in the Bartlett situation; these are for the most part new Christians and there is a good chance that they may change their minds in the future and again be members cooperating with the church, so for these, the Riccis in particular, there will be no action taken regarding their membership. However, neither do we want any element of disruption in our business meetings concerning the new candidates, so notice will not go out in the mails.

It was further moved by Bro. Luff, seconded by Bro. Sampson, that a recommendation be given to the membership at the meeting on May 8th, that there be an amendment to the Manual that the pastor be elected for a period of four years, after which his term will expire or be extended for another four years by a vote of confidence.

Brother Harrup will be contacted by phone by Bro. Massucci, followed by a letter written by the Church Clerk.

A letter from Brother Roger Casey was read by Brother Sakash. Brother Casey felt it was not the will of the Lord to be a pastoral candidate at this time.

Further regarding the membership, it was moved by Bro. Davis and seconded by Bro. Cook that Duane Henders, Bruce Grigsby and James Gordon be suspended from the member-

*Minutes accepted without reading  
See Action on July 24, 1977  
(By synopsis)*

*Letter held up  
because of typology*

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ship of the church because of detrimental action against the welfare of the church. This motion was carried; these men will be so notified, including in the letter the pertaining section from the Manual, Article XV, Dismissal, paragraph 4.

A report was given on the Buffet Supper to be held in Bro. Waggoner's honor on May 6th. The committee; Chairlady, Ruth C. Muir; Food, Mary Ellen Huff; Decorations, Valeria Cerullo; Entertainment, Betty Roberson. The tickets are going well; people from other churches will be invited. Watches will be purchased for the Waggoners; there will be a Love Offering taken for the Waggoners on May first.

The Church Clerk read a synopsis of the Official Board meetings of November 22, 1976, Jan. 30, 1977, February 21, February 27, March 13, <sup>14</sup>March 19, March 20, March 29th and April 3rd. It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes be approved as entered by the Church Clerk.

The Treasurer's Report was read and discussed - this was a quarterly report.

Brother Wiktorchik stated that in the matter of Associate or Assistant Pastor, the Board should give full consideration to bringing in a young man.

The matter of financial commitments made by Bob Bartlett when he was pastor of Highway then were discussed and, in particular, the commitment made to send Sister Shirer (Missionary) to Upper Volta - that is, to pay her round-trip fare. This commitment was never approved by the Trustee or Official Board. It was moved by Bro. Luff, seconded by Sister Sampson, that Highway honor the commitment to pay this fare to and from Upper Volta for Sister Shirer at the occasion of the dedication of a dormitory in her honor. The motion was put to vote - four votes for, six opposed, and four abstaining. The motion was defeated. Brother Womack will be advised of this action.

Concerning the commitment made to the Home Missions A/G of our Section, i.e., \$1000, at the Sectional Leadership Banquet, the Trustee Board promised ten dollars above the highest offer of the churches present. The highest offer was \$200, so the Trustee Board has authorized payment of \$210 to Home Missions, as opposed to the \$1000 made by Bob Bartlett.

The commitment made by Bartlett for our CA Department to give to a Speed-the-Light vehicle will be investigated by Sister Janice Wiktorchik, CA Secretary-Treasurer.

Brother Massucci presented the name of a singer, Phillip Lunati, for the meeting on Thursday, May 5th. He was advised that we have a singer this Thursday night, April 21st. There was no action taken on this.

Brother Spuler asked for help from the young people to assist Brother Waggoner in his packing for moving. Sister Sampson advised that if Bro. Waggoner gives a Saturday date, some of the boys would help.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth C. Muir*  
Ruth C. Muir, Church Clerk

*Accepted by synopsis 7/24/77*