

There was a short Official Board meeting immediately after the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, September 11th. Present were Bros. Cook, Davis, Gerhart, Luff, Sakash, Sampson, Spuler; Sisters Huff, Manor, Wallen, Zehner and Muir. (12)

Brother Sakash advised the group of the calls of the Church Clerk to former candidates, Bros. Harrup and Norcross. Brother Harrup stated that he would not be a candidate; Bro. Norcross said he would pray about it, that he would have to meet with the full Board before going to the pulpit again (he met with only part of the Board on the Decoration Day weekend), to go over the situation carefully, that he had previously gone to troubled churches, that he would want 100% support from the Board, and that he was used to getting 94% support from the membership - that this is the way he proves the will of God; that he would not be in competition to any other brother. He felt that anyone who comes into the church must have the will of God because of coming into a troubled situation.

After discussion, it was moved by Sister Lois Manor, seconded by Sister Mae Wallen that we recommend to the membership that we begin our pastoral search with new candidates. This was put to vote and carried.

(It had already been moved in a previous Board meeting that we recommend to the Membership that we take one candidate at a time and vote on him; if he does not get the 3/4 vote required, the next candidate would be called in.)

These two recommendations will be listed in the notice that will go to the Membership concerning a meeting after the service on Sunday, September 18th.

It was also decided at this time that Brother David Norcross from Ohio would not be considered as a candidate since he may be a relative of Bro. T. Kenneth Norcross mentioned above.

Since there was still some discussion concerning Bro. Christiansen's decision not to come as pastor, it was decided that the Church Clerk will call the New Jersey District Superintendent, Bro. John Paproski, and find out from him if Bro. Christiansen is still in his Wyckoff, N.J., church, or if he had taken another church, as it had been reported to us. This will be done on Monday, the 12th.

Bro. Reginald Yake, Executive Director of Teen Challenge, has been invited to fill the pulpit on Sunday, September 18th. He will bring his film, The Jesus Factor, to be shown Sunday night. Some of the members of the Board had requested that we contact Brother Yake to speak, since Highway's contributions to Teen Challenge had been held up since the Bartlett situation ... and the new set-up of Teen Challenge needs to be given to Highway's congregation .

This action prompted a motion by Brother Luff that Highway pick up where we left off in contributing to Teen Challenge, and send our monthly contribution of \$100 to Rehrersburg, beginning this month, September. This motion was seconded by Brother Davis, put to vote and carried.

Brother Davis advised that our Missionary offering has been falling off and we are obligated to \$800 a month. Brother Gerhart will speak of this from the pul-

pit next Sunday morning, the 18th.

Brother Sakash stated that the Board must remain faithful in this crisis time and felt strongly that members of the Board who are not being faithful in attendance and tithing must be exhorted to do and be so ... stating that the Board is a wheel within wheels, on the inside of the membership, keeping things going, etc. "God expects faithfulness," continued Brother Sakash, and he is much disturbed when he does not see it.

Brother Roberson's letter of appreciation for the cash gift of \$4000 from the membership (at the sale of the parsonage) was then read.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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*Accepted by Synopues
See Action Oct. 4, 1977*