

AGENDA FOR OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING, January 30, 1978

I. Prayer

II. Points

1. Church Clerk:
 - (1) Minutes
 - (2) Letters of Transfer of Membership
2. Trustees:
 - (1) Treasurer's Report
 - (2) Various - Bro. Luff
3. Elders:
 - (1) Water Baptism
 - (2) Living Word Community
4. Pastor:
 - (1) Words of appreciation
 - (2) Reports (will not require any official decisions)
 - (a) Charles Johnson
 - (b) Sunday School
 - (c) Physical improvements
 - (3) Projected Ministries
 - (a) Signs of Love Singers - March 12, P.M.
 - (b) Valley Forge Ch. C. Choir - April 16, P.M.
 - (c) Rev. Larry Andes - May 5 to 7
 - (d) Bro. Perna
 - (e) Dr. Dobbins

III. Various

The Official Board held a meeting Monday, January 30, at the Church. Present were: Pastor Stone, Bros. Cook, Davis, Gerhart, Luff, Sakash, Sampson, Spuler, Weinacht and Wiktorchik; Sisters Huff, Manor, Sampson, Wallen and Muir (15)

The first part of the meeting was devoted to prayer.

The Church Clerk read an analysis of the minutes of July 24, 1977, October 2, 4th, 9th, 16th, 12rd and 29th, November 11th and 13th, and December 11th; the minutes of the first Board meeting with Pastor Stone on January 8th, 1978; these minutes were accepted by blanket motion made by Bro. Luff, seconded by Bro. Sakash.

The Church Clerk then presented the request for Letters of Transfer, signed by Rev. Fortunato of Calvary, Wyncote, for Ken and Linda Ambrose, David and Nancy Kehler, and Luba Golubkowicz. The Kehlbers and Sister Luba had requested this by phone but we had no such request from the Ambroses. It was the decision of the Board, motion by Bro. Wiktorchik, duly seconded and carried, that as in previous action, we transfer those who had personally requested it. Letter to this effect will go to Pastor Fortunato. Letters of Transfer being granted are: to Calvary, Wyncote, David and Nancy Kehler and Luba Golubkowicz; to New Life Assembly (request by phone) the Kutzner family. Mr. R. Dale Harris' Letter of Transfer from St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church was read; the Elders will interview Mr. Harris.

The membership of Sister Laurretta Bonkowski will be reactivated (L.B. left the City from Teen Challenge in 1976, returned briefly to take part in the Bartlett episode against the Church and the Board, has since separated herself from the Bartletts and is now Director of the Teen Challenge Girls' Home) Motion was made by Bro. Sakash, seconded by Bro. Luff, that she be taken back into full membership privileges; this motion was carried. Sister Laurretta will be notified by letter.

Trustees

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted by motion by Bro. Spuler, seconded by Sister Manor. The Official Board then expressed by second motion, Bro. Sakash and Sister Manor, their appreciation for the very fine job done by Bro. Al Davis as Treasurer. Motion was duly carried with the qualifying statement that this appreciation will be expressed to the entire congregation.

Brother Al Luff then brought up the matter of the Faith Pledges for Missions; these have expired; Bro. WEinacht reports that the Missionary Giving is going down - that there has also been a depletion in the offering given from people who come into the meeting and use the envelopes in the pews. The question: Should the Faith Pledges be removed?

Pastor Stone stated that Highway was #90 in Missionary Giving in 1976; that he will consider the problem and talk in the near future with the Trustees-again; that he may chose the 2nd Sunday in March to take Faith Missionary Pledges but he will first prepare the congregation for the offering. On February 12th he will speak from the pulpit concerning those who desire numbered envelopes and there will be an emphasis in the Church Bulletin about the matter.

The matter of the tapes desired by the Pastor was brought up by Bro. Sampson; this has been started by Bro. Sampson and Bro. Doak, the taping of messages. Bro. Doak has several suggestions that will be presented to Pastor Stone.

Returning to the matter of Faith Pledges, the Pastor advised that it was his philosophy to have the people commit themselves to Faith Pledges ... and perhaps to a Building Fund ... "I am not suggesting in any way, shape or form, that we are going to relocate, but I am going to strongly recommend that we be conservative and prudent and not hinder God's work in that we might not cut back expenses so that we can increase a Building Fund."

Regarding the Ladies' Rooms, which have had to have plumbing repairs, the Deaconesses will assist in monitoring the Ladies' Rooms, particularly in the sanctuary.

Elders

Brother Sakash spoke of the \$1000 contribution which was given to the church during former Pastor Bartlett's time for the express purpose of lighting of the steeple, altho one of the Board members stated that former Pastor Bartlett had said the donor's desire was to have the fund used for some good purpose if it was not used for the steeple. The church never received the money, altho it was given, and Brother Sakash felt that we must try to locate the donor to acknowledge the contribution even under the circumstances of not having received it into the church treasury. If we can locate the donor's name, we will advise him that the fund will be used toward the purchase of a new outdoor sign (the former sign having been blown down last week by high winds.)

Brother Sakash also stated that he felt we should begin to look for a new sexton, since Leon G. has informed quite a few members of the Board that he is going to retire - and we need to have someone in mind to train.

Brother Sakash also brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Living Word Community, asking to use our auditorium in March and May. John Hoehn has been contacted (Associate Pastor of this group) and he will be sending us a doctrinal statement from which the Elders will make their decision. At previous times in the last couple of years, we have refused the use of our auditorium to the Living Word Community since it is the strong conviction of the Board that their doctrine is adulterated.

There are three people who desire Water Baptism - John Grossman, Jonathan Jackson and Mr. R. Dale Harris.

The Pastor then spoke to the group

Words of appreciation for the efforts of the Board and membership, and for the efforts pertaining to the Installation Service he spoke of his committed schedule at the College and asked for the full understanding and prayers of the Board until he finishes in April at the College.

Re Youth - Charles (Chuck) Johnson Chuck is 24, his wife, Cindy, is 22. He was reared in an A/G church in California, Mississippi and Maryland; his father is a retired serviceman. He's always been on the Quiz teams. After his second year in school, they were married and he was asked to be Assistant Pastor in Michigan; he was there two years and then came back to College - he will finish the first half of his Senior year in April.

Pastor stated, "I am very much impressed with Chuck Johnson; several of the seniors at the College have approached me about being Assistant Pastor but Chuck Johnson

did not do that. His being Asst. Pastor here at Highway is only in the realm of possibility; I want to move slowly in this and to make sure that his philosophy is agreeable with mine. He will be in charge of the Youth this Saturday night; I will be here. If we feel he is the man for the Church, I will bring him to the Board Meeting next month and you can interview him.

"As far as finances are concerned, I thought that we would help him with his gas expense during this month - I thought I was in balance saying that. If he were to come in the end of February, then we could think about some remuneration. They both work so it does not have to be a large amount

"Then he could be with us from the end of the school term until September full-time, and from September to December, part-time, finishing up with his college training in December. I don't want to bring a man in here unless we have a minimum of two or three years' service.

"I like the spirit of Chuck, and from what I could see, the kids related to him."

At the request of Bro. Wiktorchik for the reaction of the Elders concerning Chuck Johnson, Bro. Sakash felt that he and his wife had a very nice spirit, that they were humble. Bro. Sakash stated that he hadn't heard him speak; that he felt the couple that comes in must be a good example to the Youth, etc.

Sunday School - Pastor Stone stated that he is moving into this situation slowly - that we are going to make some changes, not entirely clear as yet - that he wouldn't make them on his own but he would sit down with the staff and bring the matters to the Board before he did anything. He may start a class in the Chapel, which he would probably teach, and call it the Middle (Age) Adults; he has asked Sister Stone to work with the Young Adults (she would not be taking over but just helping); that he did not want to be in competition with Bro. Sakash in any way but that Bro. Sakash would have the class of Senior Adults.

Physical Improvements - the sign out front was taken down by high winds a week ago.

Projected Ministries - at the FGBMI meeting he was treated very kindly and was very impressed and moved at what he saw there. This past week Pastor has been asked to be the speaker at a county-wide meeting for Charismatic in March. "I am reaching out and will keep on reaching out. This church was a mother of Pentecost in this area. I am going to ask God to help us again to get out there. The reason people get mixed up is because the A/G churches are not doing their job. We want to have something so good that people will not run around, getting mixed up."

Brother Luff expressed concern that the Pastor would not have an over-extended schedule - Pastor Stone appreciated the concern and asked for the prayers of the Board, stating that in April, after the end of his duties at the College, he and Sister Stone would take a week off.

He also exhorted the Board that our first priority must be seeking God. "My concern is for the spiritual life of everyone." The brethren of the Board will meet with him every Sunday morning for prayer before the Morning Service. Pastor stated that he was praying that the Trustees would find it possible to be in the services.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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