

June 7th, 1942

There was a meeting of the Official Board at the close of the Sunday evening service, on the above date, concerning the matter of Brother and Sister Shirer's return from Africa. The following members were present

Wesley R. Steelberg - Chairman
Sister McKewen
Sister Maud Nethery
Sister Clark
Brother Bob Lafferty
Bro. Albert Clark
Bro. Fred Hepworth
Bro. Elwood Hollahan
Bro. I. Day
Bro. Elmer Day
Bro. Walter Hepworth
Bro. Fred Heintz
Bro. Allen Hummel
Bro. Howard Fern
Bro. Tom Griffith
Bro. J. J. Simokat
Bro. Marshall

In the absence of the Church Clerk, Sister Clara Payne, Bro. F. J. Simokat was appointed to take a record of the meeting's Minutes.

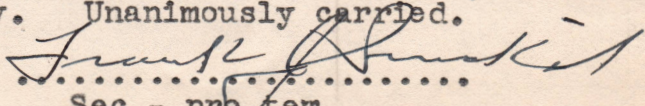
Bro. Steelberg read a number of recent letters exchanged between the Shirers, Springfield and himself, and it was brought to the attention of the Board that the sum of \$2,000 was necessary to take care of the fare in bringing back the Shirers.

The Sec'y of the Board of Trustees, Bro. F. J. Simokat, gave a brief report on their decision to back up the Shirers to the extent of \$1,000, pointing out that this amount was all they could assume under the present condition of the church treasury.

Bro. Fred Hepworth made a motion, seconded by Bro. Marshall, that the Official Board uphold the decision of the Board of Trustees, viz. to assume the sum of \$1,000 for the expense of Shirers' return. Duly carried.

A motion was made by Bro. Elmer Day, seconded by Bro. Bob Lafferty, that a letter be drafted and sent to the Missionary Department in Springfield outlining the decision of the Official Board pertaining to the matter of the Shirers' return. Duly carried.

A letter drawn up by Brother Steelberg was approved, and Brother Steelberg was authorized to get this letter off immediately to Springfield, retaining a carbon copy for the files of the church. This letter to be dated June 7th, outlining the decision of the Official Board as to their position in taking care of the finances for the Shirers' return. This was put in form of a motion by Bro. E. Day, seconded by Bro. Bob Lafferty. Unanimously carried.


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Sec - pro tem

June 7, 1942

Rev. Noel Perkin
336 W. Pacific St.,
Springfield, Mo.

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord.

At a Meeting of the Official Board of Highway Mission Tabernacle which met together on Sun., June 7th, the Following matters pertaining to the Shirers and their return from the field were considered and passed.

1. We are leaving the Matter of the request by the Shirers to be privileged to return from the Field, entirely to the Discretion of the Missions Dept, at Springfield.
2. We agree that the view taken by the Missions Dept., as regarding the unfortunate circumstances connected with the Shirers returning at this time, is the View of the Official Board also, but our sympathies are with our Missionaries, and we can only pray they may be guided of the Lord in all decisions.
3. We Would not like to see our Missionaries, lives endangered in any way, and we recognize the fact that " Air Travel" may be the safest, at this time, but since we are restricted in our financial ability we do not feel that we can assume more than \$1000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) for fares.

This latter decision(with regard to finances) we have made due to the Emergency conditions now in effect, and the Possibility of our having to provide for our Other missionaries still on the Field.

Trusting we have made our position plain, and assuring the Missions Dept of our Desire to be co-operative in all things, We shall appreciate any instructions from Headquarters in an early reply.

In His Service.

The Official Board
Highway Mission Tabernacle.