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AGENDA - Official Board Meeting, Monday, October 25, 1976:

1. Prayer and Devotions
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report
4. Pastor's Inquiries.....
 - (A) Newspaper advertising for Thanksgiving
 - (B) Request of Berean School of the Bible
 - (C) November Meditations
 - (D) Elders' Prayer meetings in December
 - (E) Plans for the Christmas activities of the Church,
namely,
Christmas parties
Christmas decorations, such as trees, etc.
- 7. Update of Membership*
5. Update on the Missionary Convention *D. Cenullo Crusade*
6. Recommendation from the Trustee Board concerning Pat Fiore and his church responsibilities.
(The recommended statement concerning the wearing of slacks)
7. Update concerning the 309 Property as it relates to the Congregational Business Meeting scheduled for next Monday, November first.

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The Official Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 25th. 1976, at the Church. Present: Rev. Bartlett, Bros. Ambrose, Cook, Davis, Gerhart, Kutzner, Luff, Massucci, Sakash, Sampson, Spuler, Weinacht and Wiktorchik; Sisters Huff, Sampson, Wallen and Muir. (17)

Pastor Bartlett opened the meeting with the reading of Hebrews 11, and we were led in prayer by Brother Wiktorchik.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as read with the following addition the expense of the Choir Banquet to the Church was \$101.50.

The first matter of new business was advertising for the Thanksgiving Service:

- (A) Pastor Bartlett would like a good-sized ad, perhaps costing \$150. It was decided that if the money for the advertising can be raised from other sources, we will then advertise.

The business continued:

- (B) We have a letter from the Berean School of the Bible concerning advertising in their 1977 yearbook; this will be tabled for future consideration. Sister Muir will look into their request for a response in 30 days.
- (C) A Program of November Meditations will begin the first Thursday in November at 12:15 Noon. Communion will be served and a short meditation given. This is being held mainly for Christians in the city and some others who find it difficult to get out to our Thursday night services. The Pastor will consider changing the title to "Charismatic Meditations" when the program gets into action.
- (D) The Elders' Prayer Meetings will begin in December. The Pastor recommended that there be no refreshments, no lingering in social contacts, but that the meeting be exclusively for prayer. The prayer meetings will be held in geographical locations and if they are well attended, the sessions may be alternated monthly with a teaching session - the leaders first meeting with the Pastor, going over the lesson to be taught, etc. At the Board meeting in November, an outline for the Prayer Meeting will be given.
- (E) Christmas The Pastor would like to put a large, fully decorated Christmas tree in the Prayer Chapel (near the organ), arrange the chairs in a semi-circle for the month, have a series of messages on Thursdays on the meaning of Christmas, perhaps a candlelight service, etc. He would like to cancel the Thursday evening service on Dec. 16, and make the nights of Dec. 16, 17 and 18 available to the church for Christmas socials, class activities, etc. He would like to place in the Sanctuary two "lovely white Christmas trees," along with the wreaths. No objection was voiced to these plans, although it was stated that there probably would be reactions from some of the membership.
- (F) Update of Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark will be sent a letter, advising them that their names are being placed on the Inactive list of the church. One of the Pedorenkos has attended church in the required time to keep her on the Active list; Sisters Betty Cook and Marie O'Donnell will receive letters, advising them that they will be placed on the Inactive List. Brother Korn has been visited by Brother Massucci. (These letters are mild in character so as not to be offensive should the members decide to return to Highway.)

- (G) The Morris Cerullo Crusade in 1977. Pastor Bartlett advised that the Southeastern Section, in a meeting on Saturday, the 23rd, decided not to sponsor the Crusade as a Section, but the A/G pastors will use their discretion as to whether or not they wish to go into it. As yet the Pastor has not received any literature on the stand of Brother Cerullo on "discipleship", but Brother Kutzner advised he had received a paper that qualified Brother Cerullo's stand and he will bring in the article. Our headquarters in Springfield does not publically endorse the Morris Cerullo Crusades because he is not now an Assembly of God minister.

Update on the Missionary Convention..... Brother Kutzner, chairman of the Missionary Committee, advised that the program for the Missionary Convention November 18-21 would be as follows:

Thursday night - Home Missions centered around Teen Challenge
Friday night - Banquet at Highway; a roast beef dinner with the cost probably around \$2.00 per person. David Womack, the speaker.
Sunday - Brother Womack in both services. Missionary Cantata, P.M.

There will be Missionary Booths in the Church Lobby.

Pastor Bartlett stated that following both services we will receive Annual Pledges for Missions. There will be a thermometer to indicate the faith pledges (and an adding machine to keep tally, etc.) Our minimum goal is for 200 individuals to pledge \$10 a piece, giving us \$24000 more in missionary giving for the year.

Promotional material has already been received from Springfield.

Brother Kutzner also advised that there will be a letter prepared monthly, excerpts from missionary letters, which will be placed in the Church Bulletin on Missionary Sunday. The committee has already written our missionaries, asking for a monthly letter, specific prayer requests they may have, etc.

Recommendation regarding the Fiore Brother Luff read a report from the Trustee Board to the Pastor's Council, which took up the Fiore's situation in detail, copy of which report is attached herewith. After much discussion concerning Pat's ministry with the youth, his salary and benefits, the adverse reaction to some things, for instance, dress code which was in reality set by Brother Bartlett, Pastor Bartlett stated that Bro. Fiore was working to the best of his ability, that he apprehends quickly, is intelligent, good in organization but lacks spiritual maturity (he cannot draw anything from the past as he hasn't had the background). Bro. Bartlett stated that he felt if he had a Youth Director on a full-time basis, doing the youth activities on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and the other days free on a full-time basis to help in what Bro. Bartlett is doing (hospital calls, etc.), that it would strengthen the church. It was decided that a Job Description is needed for the Youth Director - and that perhaps we should call a special meeting with the Fiore and the Board. (Pat and Susan will be a team with the young people.)

It was moved, seconded and carried with one opposing vote that Carol Halter be asked to fill in in the office with Sister Ruth at a rate of \$2.50 per hour.

Update concerning the 309 Property.....at the meeting on November first when this property is to be voted on, the membership will be given a statement prepared by

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Brother Luff, and read, stating our financial condition.

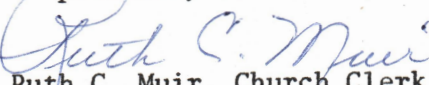
At this time the financial report was given by Brother Davis, copies of which are attached hereto. Our financial condition is critical. After much discussion Pastor Bartlett recommended that the Radio Broadcast over WIBF be terminated to save that cost. However, after continued lengthy discussion, Brother Luff moved that we proceed as we are doing, cutting costs anywhere possible without making drastic operating changes for thirty days, at which time we will review the situation for further recommendations. This motion was carried with one opposing vote.

The Pastor will present a message on tithing; the fourth Sunday of the month the Pastor will take up a Deacon Emergency Fund instead of the present method of collecting the Deacon Fund. The Pastor will look into Day Care and the Community College using our facilities.

Upon questioning by the Pastor, the Board expressed no displeasure at the Teen Challenge activities in any area, but felt they were an addition to the Church.

We were dismissed with the singing of I Need Thee, and prayer by Pastor Bartlett.

Respectfully submitted,


Ruth C. Muir, Church Clerk