

There was an Official Board meeting held Sunday, December 11th, immediately after the Morning Service. Present were: Bros. Cook, Davis, Gerhart, Luff, Massucci, Sakash, Sampson, Spuler, Weinacht and Wiktorchik; Sisters Huff, Manor, Sampson, Wallen and Muir. (15)

The first matter Brother Sakash brought to the Board was the request from Brother Stone to consider delaying the Membership Meeting (originally scheduled for the fourth Monday in January) from three to six months until the new Pastor has had a chance to move into the church and can effectively guide in matters of business and the selection of candidates -- this would mean the Board now functioning would stay in office until that selected time. The Board voted to give this recommendation to the Membership body at the close of next Sunday's service, December 18th.

The second matter on the agenda was the need for safety measures in the church offices. Brother John Sakash will supply the name of the firm who did this security work for him to Bros. Luff and Wiktorchik who will look into installing an alarm in the church office - and will consider ways of protecting the offering and those who take it on Sunday mornings.

The letters to go to "Inactive Members" - approved on November 11th - have not gone out since Pastor Stone has expressed the fact that he will begin visitation immediately on those who have left or become Inactive since the Bartlett upheaval. The Board approved of holding up these letters, which would have gone to Cardeluccis, Golubkowitz, Pedorenkos and Sealys. The membership of Sister O'Donnell was reactivated.

Pastor Stone has requested an Installation Service; the Official Board approved the printing of an invitation and a program on the order of that which was used before. Bro. Al Davis will have these items printed for us. Brother Williams will be contacted for an available date for the Installation.

Bros. Luff and Davis then gave a report on their meeting in Carlisle (Brother Stone accompanied them on Tuesday, December 6th) to consider the Specialized Ministries' project, i.e., the relocation of the grounds for the district offices, camp grounds, facilities for the youth, conventions, etc. There was quite a bit of discussion and opposition for three years ago the Presbyters had approved the purchase of three acres of ground for a Retirement home and a Nursing center but the District has been unable to raise the money because the young pastors were more interested in the Specialized Ministries program. (There was an appeal made at the end of this seminar to the 310 voting delegates and the delegates themselves pledged \$22,000. Pastor Stone pledged \$100 to be taken from his salary. The balance, however, will be \$28,000 and the District does not have this money.) Brother Luff asked the Board for authorization to add \$400 to Brother Stone's \$100 and send it on the District quarters. This authorization was unanimously given.

Brother Luff continued to state that the churches will receive a detailed statement on this entire special project. The vote in favor of it won only by a vote of 3; it will be up to the Membership of the churches to have the final vote.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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