

OFFICIAL BOARD  
HIGHWAY MISSION TABERNACLE

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Meeting of the Official Board held on October 6, 1937,  
the the Church, 19th and Green Streets, Philadelphia.

Present:

Brothers Steelberg,  
Homer Bell,  
Carl Brosky,  
Charles Spain  
Walter Hepworth  
George McKinley  
Isaac Day  
W. Nethery  
Green

Charles Krause,  
Joseph Combs  
Charles Carr.  
Sisters: I. McEwen  
Maud Nethery  
C. Clark  
C. M. Payne.

The Pastor, Wesley R. Steelberg, presided.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Pastor.

Reading of the previous minutes were dispensed with  
by consent.

The Pastor read a letter from the Missionary Secretary,  
Noel Perkins, relating to Sister Louise Hackett's furlough,  
stating that it was the policy of the Assemblies of God for  
missionaries to take up the matter of their need of a furlough  
with Springfield, and get their consent before setting a date;  
that a letter had been written to Sister Hackett to this effect,  
a copy of which was read to the Board by the Pastor.

It was decided that the Church would wait until a  
letter had been received from Sister Hackett before her fare  
would be forwarded to Springfield.

The Pastor gave a brief resume of the investigations  
and efforts made with reference to an Eastern Bible Institute,  
which was voted on at the Convention at Dallas, Texas, the motion  
including three standard bible schools,- the present one,  
Central Bible Institute, at Springfield, Mo., and one in the East  
and one in the West, both to be patented after the Central Bible  
Institute, stating that the Committee, composed of representatives  
of the Potomac, Eastern and New England Districts, had investigated  
properties at Framingham, Mass., West Chester, Pa., and Norfolk,  
Va., and had sent Brother Van Meter to Springfield to confer  
with a Committee there and ascertain if the Assemblies of God  
would assist financially or back up a Bible School in the East,  
but thus far they have not been inclined so to do.



Brother Steelberg also stated that at the Convention in Memphis, Tenn., a new office had been created at Springfield, that of Educational Secretary, and that Brother Vogler, the Assistant Superintendent of ~~the Council~~ had been appointed to that office.

Brother Steelberg mentioned the fact that the brethren of the North Minnesota District had purchased a Hospital property and had secured from Springfield a bond of \$15,000, cash of \$5,000, and were endeavoring to get another \$5,000,- and the Bible School Committee felt that there may be a possibility that the brethren in the East would find favor with Springfield and would be able to secure some financial assistance and backing from them.

The Committee, with Brother Steelberg as Chairman, in their last conference, took into consideration Maranatha Park as the site for the Eastern Bible Institute, and the desire of the Committee is to ask Springfield for their definite consideration; secure a definite statement; and if possible obtain a definite amount of money with which to start building, as they desired to open the Bible School in the Fall of 1938; that should sufficient money not be forthcoming from all sources to begin building the Committee contemplates renting two buildings, one for boys and one for girls, within close proximity to a church, that might be used for class rooms, and requested Brother Steelberg to ask if Highway would be available for such purposes, the details of which could be worked out with the Bible School Committee and the Official Board of Highway.

After much discussion it was moved by Brother Spain, seconded by Brother Krause and unanimously carried, that the Official Board of Highway would be glad to give the matter of the use of Highway as class rooms their favorable consideration and would welcome a conference with the Bible School Committee at some future time.

Brother Steelberg stated that he had written to Bro. T.J. Jones, whom Bro. Carter represents as being the best preacher in England, asking him to be with us at the Thanksgiving Convention, and that he had received a letter from Bro. Jones, who is now in New York, stating that he will be able to be with us from Nov. 14 to Nov. 28, inclusive.

Brother Steelberg requested that the Official Board lay aside other interests and be the primary instigators of nights of prayer before the Thanksgiving Convention, the definite nights to be decided upon by the Pastor and Elders. He stated that the Board, as individuals, were examples to others, especially the Young People, and if they saw the interest of the Board at these prayer meetings it would be an incentive to them to pray.

Brother Day asked how the social visiting in the back of the church could be handled, which received some discussion. There being no further business, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

Clara M. Paynel  
Church Clerk.