

At a regular meeting of the Highway Ushers' Association, held at the home of Bro. Bob Lafferty, October 2nd, 1939, the following were present;

Pastor Wesley R. Steelburg
Bob Lafferty
Allan Hummel
Fred Hepworth
Howard Fern
Oscar Schmel
Ernest Kalapathy
Walter McAnney
Geo. McKinley
Wesley Steelburg
Robert Anderson
Russel Spain
F. J. Simokat
Arla Green
Bro. Alfred Green
George Jarratt

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held May 5th, 1939, were approved as read. This was followed by the Treasurers report, duly accepted as read.

Both Flower and Membership Committess were called on for their reports, but they did not have anything of especial interest to report.

A letter from Bro. Sam McKittrick was read in which he expressed regret in finding it necessary to step out of the ushers association on account of certain circumstances. The Ushers accepted his resignation with reluctance.

Following the above, the meeting was thrown open for any helpful suggestions to improve the work done by the ushers. Bro. Steelburg offered the thought that the ushers could greatly assist the deacons and deaconesses at such times when the pastor is giving an altar call. He pointed out that they could be on the watch for any raised hands, encourage the seeker to come to the altar, follow up those who have been saved, encourage them to go on, etc. He emphasized the fact that we not only have our secular duties to preform as ushers but also a spiritual obligation as well.

Brother Green also contributed some timely advice, especially as to how ushers could help folks coming in feel at home in Highway.

Brother Howard Fern stressed the need of ushers wearing their badges, which would serve as a sign of authority while ushering. A motion was made by Howard that the officer who makes the appointment during a service, also distribute the badges to those who are to serve. Seconded by Oscar Schmel.

A suggestion was made that in the absence of any of the officers at any of the services, that any other usher present assume responsibility for appointing ushers for that particular service.

A card received from Sister Benckert was read in which she expressed thanks for the floral piece sent for John's funeral.

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Brother Howard Fern made a motion that the secretary write a letter to Sister Benckert, on behalf of the Ushers Association, expressing their deep sympathy and great sorrow over the loss of one of their most faithful co-workers and loyal friends. Motion duly carried.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned with a closing word of prayer.

Signed.....*F. J. Lemak*.....