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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Held in the Office of the Vice-President
7:30 P.M. May 9, 1955

The meeting was called to order and C. W. Helman was asked to pray for wisdom in dealing with the problems of the sub-division and that all the decisions made will redound to the glory of God.

The chairman now showed a table of figures:

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| Cash in hand | \$15,700.00 |
| Excess in savings | <u>11,400.00</u> |
| Total Working funds | 27,100.00 |
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| Average tithes and offerings per month | \$ 8,000.00 |
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| Mt. Carmel Expense per month | 3,600.00 |
| Personal Exchange for U.S. cash per month | 2,250.00 |
| Postage per month | 320.00 |
| Medical per month | 300.00 |
| Field Workers (Transportation, postage, living expenses & home expenses) per month .. | 4,860.00 |
| Benevolent Expense per month | 300.00 |
| Foreign expense per month | <u>100.00</u> |
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| Total average expense | 11,730.00 |

From these figures it can be readily seen that the Association cannot go too fast nor too far in the development of the subdivision. However there will be funds coming in this summer from the sale of the lots which we have yet to collect. Then there will be a refund from the water department at the end of the year.

Now the maps of the 30 acre plot and also the 50 acre survey were spread out for inspection. The question before the Council was, should the sale of the land be restricted to the sale of the farm land, or should the 50 acres be opened up? It was contended that there are customers for the rough land who would not want the almost level farm land. Mr. Chastain tells us that there are about 30 persons waiting for the opening of the 50 acres. Furthermore there are so many subdivisions opening up that it is imperative that the Association sell the property more quickly than we have been or it may be left with very little sold.

Should the Association sell some of the land in tracts by the acre and what could be realized by so doing? If a better price is to be secured it will be necessary to subdivide the land. In the 30 acres the cost per acre has been \$2,600.00 and the net income per acre when all the money comes in will be \$1,800.00. Of course there has been some expense such as bringing in the utilities and some of the cost of construction of Mt. Carmel Drive and too the cost of surveying the 50 acres which naturally should be spread over the cost of the entire subdivision. That will make the net income of the 30 acres come up when the figures all come in.

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President of the Davidian Association of Seventh-day Adventists the Council merely assisted the President in this transaction - a transaction which all knew to be a perfectly natural one, like signing for a notary public.

Ques. Would it not be a good plan to groom someone to take the place of the Vice-president should anything happen to that one? How would a new one be selected?

Ans. The one who would be chosen would be one who is found trust worthy to see that the aims and principles for which the Association stands are carried out. The Constitution says that the duty of the Vice-President are to assist the President in the religious phase as Aaron did, ie, by speaking the Presidents words--teach the message he brought. He is also to administer the affairs of the Association. The one who would be most likely to do this would be chosen.

It will be my plan to present more and more things to the Council than I have presented and I don't intend to veto anything but I do feel that I have a perfect right and duty to do so when I see the need of it. This is not a worldly concern or even like the government at Washington. This is God's work and it will have to be conducted in God's way--"contrary to all human planning." In other words, the Lord's plan for His church is not that it be directed by the Voice of the people to God, but by the Voice of God to the people. On this point see Desire of Ages, p. 369, par. 2.

When the idea was presented that all make a statement as to their stand on this question it was decided that more time should be given so that each member would be clear on it.

Another question came up. Should the present Vice-president be incapacitated or die and a new Vice-president were elected would he too have the power to veto the Council's decision.

Ans. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that that would be so because this is the work of God and that whoever would have the leadership should have the authority.

The meeting was dismissed by Bro. Conrad offering the closing prayer.

Members present

Mrs. Florence Houteff
Mrs. Sopha Hermanson
M. W. Wolfe
A. Quackenbush
C. W. Helman
T. C. Hermanson
J. O. Conrad
G. W. Saether

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Mrs. Florence Houteff, Chairman

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J. O. Conrad, Secretary

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G. W. Saether, Ass't Secretary