

**MINUTES OF SCRIPTURE STUDIES COLPORTEUR FUND
COMMITTEE
July 3, 1964
Drew University—Madison, New Jersey**

Present: Br. P. Kolliman, Chairman
Br. J. Trzyna, Recording Secretary
Br. K. Rawson, Treasurer
Absent: Br. T. Smith

OLD BUSINESS: (From April 4, 1964 & May 31, 1964 meeting)

1. Housing for brothers: Possibility of using "Y." Item still open.
4. Extent of financial aid to colporteurs: It was decided to meet with 4 colporteurs who are at the convention and discuss the matter with them.
5. Completed.
6. Itineraries for 4 sisters engaged in full time service. Discussed.
7. Letter of Colporteur information: It was decided to use this letter as originally drafted to send to Ecclesias throughout the country.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Addresses of Ecclesias: None have been submitted as yet to the secretary.
2. Committee Meeting: Completed.
3. Special meeting of colporteurs with committee: Completed. See minutes of same.
4. Special information meetings regarding colporteur as a service: Completed. Meeting was arranged. See separate minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Additional Meeting held July 5, 1964

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Extent of financial aid to colporteurs: It was decided that the amount of \$25.00 per month plus any needed expenses be provided to each full time colporteur.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Helpful hints to colporteurs, Brochure: It was decided to prepare such a brochure. Brothers K. Rawson and P. Kolliman to prepare script.
(Note: Chicago is preparing such a brochure for use by new colporteurs in the Orchestra Hall public talk effort. Copies will be submitted to committee as soon as they are available.)

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

MINUTES OF MEETING BETWEEN COLPORTEURS AND SCRIPTURE STUDIES COLPORTEUR COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Bros. P. Kolliman, K. Rawson, J. Trzyna, L. Stewart, E. Mundell,
R. Prosken, R. Gray.
Sisters R. Hack, D. Mitchka, S. Corey

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the "Extent of financial aid to colporteurs."

There was considerable discussion as to expenses. It was determined that individual circumstances were largely a factor. Expenses such as car insurance were discussed. This appears to be a major factor. The sisters felt \$25.00 per month was sufficient. This amount appeared inadequate in the Seaford effort.

- a. Suggestion was made that each individual's situation be appraised and taken into consideration.

Conclusion: The committee still felt that some minimum flat rate should be established.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING COLPORTEURING

July 4, 1964

Drew University—Madison, New Jersey

Attendance: 35

Conducted by: Bro. P. Kolliman

The following points were covered:

1. Information on colporteurism available in reprints, Page 3412, 3413.
2. Difficulties that will be encountered.
3. Volumes are obtained free from the Dawn for those in full time service.
4. Committee will supply volumes free to those in part-time service.
5. Example of 2 brothers, who lived on proceeds of volume sales. They were housed free, but provided their own meals and car expenses.
6. Summary of current activities:
 - a. Two sisters on Northwest coast at Bremerton, Washington.
 - b. Two sisters are in Wilmington, Delaware.

7. Purpose of Committee: To provide financial aid to those in full-time service, and provide housing. If necessary, the committee will provide financial aid to those housing colporteurs.
8. Brother Prosken told of his experiences.
9. Meeting was opened to questions:

Q. If one is interested, who does he contact for information?

A. One of the committee who lives closest to him.

Q. What is involved in colporteur work?

A. It includes more, follow-up work, tracting, visiting isolated Brethren.

Q. What direction comes from the committee?

A. None. Colporteurs go into an area where an Ecclesia or Brethren have invited them and they worked under that direction. The type of work engaged in depends on what the needs are of the local Brethren or Ecclesias.

Q. From 2 years of experience, which is the most profitable, door to door colporteur work or follow-up work?

A. Colporteur work. In follow-up work a considerable amount of time is spent on traveling and making return visits when contact is not home. In colporteur work, you go into an area and stay there all day.

Q. By virtue of nature, many Brethren are shy or timid. Could a brochure be prepared for Brethren going out in the colporteur work? This would give suggested canvasses, pointers and suggestions.

A. The committee will consider this idea.

Q. What effect has the colporteur work by the JW's been upon those who are active?

A. They (JW's) have left such a bad reputation that the sisters have a difficult time convincing people that they are not connected with the JW movement. It was suggested that all relations with the JW's be avoided, since they make the selling of books the most important thing.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.