

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY

December 3, 1996

IBS - Manitoba Chapter organizational meeting

6:30 - 9:00 P.M. at St. Vital EMC

Agenda:

6:30 Arrival Window

6:45 Welcome/Grace/Devotional before Pizza - Rev Al Friesen

6:50 Enjoy complimentary Pizza

7:15 Introduction of speaker - Raymond Dueck

7:20 Presentation of Program and Vision

Douglas A. Perkins, Ed. D.

IBS Director of Operations

8:00 Q & A

8:15 Membership Application Submissions

8:30 Discussion of

1. Chapter Vision
2. Chapter Name
3. Chapter Constitution
4. Chapter Leader responsibilities
5. Appointment of interim leadership
6. Initial Scripture order
7. Place and Time of next meeting

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Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome/Grace/Devotional before Pizza - Rev Al Friesen
2. Attendance - Mark Heron, Gladwin Plett, Al Friesen, Henry Plett, Sid Dueck, Pete Dueck, Donald McKenzie, Raymond Dueck, Doug Perkins
3. Appointment of recording secretary - Mark Heron (till 8:30)
4. Doug Perkins introduced by Raymond Dueck
 - a) "Let there be Light" concept release scheduled for March
 - b) Doug shares about his recruitment tour across Canada to recruit 50 students for a Romanian Scripture project to give Bibles to the people in their homes, public schools, prisons and in street ministries
 - c) The Winnipeg Light Chapter is a pilot project. There are others interested in starting chapters in Canada. It is a simple system with low overhead
 - d) IBS has always been in the forefront of evangelism & discipleship w 50 offices around the world. Started with Scripture distribution on the docks of New York. We have a Seminar, "Loving your Neighbor to Life" renamed "Contagious Christians". IBS is looking forward to participating with Gospel booklets in the PanAm Games in Winnipeg in 1999. We expect more participants than at the Olympics
 - e) Doug reviewed the document presenting the program. The finished copy was faxed to Winnipeg today
 - i) Purpose, Reasons, Objectives
 - ii) Volunteer Qualifications
 - iii) Core Values
 - iv) Light Chapters
 - v) Job Descriptions

- f) The purpose is to put “tools” in our hands to do ministry. Integrity, excellence and quality products at lowest possible cost. What is that? The published price in the catalogue covers the cost of Scripture
 - g) Doug reviews the Statement of Faith as published by IBS - all IBS Board Members must sign agreement - copies to be distributed at the next meeting
5. Q&A - Winnipeg Chapter - Al Friesen asked about the required time commitment - depends on the vision and how much time you are prepared to commit
Can we sell Scripture?
No, we give them away. People are free to make donations to the ministry with no obligation
The chapter becomes a part of IBS Canada
We don't want all kinds of overhead - how many Scriptures get distributed is what matters
6. Sharing Time
Participants are asked to share their response to the presentation. Some want to get involved immediately, others want time to think or help recruit others. There is excitement. How can we get involved? Let's find schools where we can get distribution going. Will this compete with the Gideons? No, we want to compliment other church organizations
7. Next meeting - “Creative Ways of Using Scripture” seminar in January or February with lots of notice time
8. Doug accepts the submitted memberships and leaves Scripture with the interested participants for distribution and PR