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minutes - meeting Workmen's Circle (W.C.) #45 - Jan 27, 1974
Dave Rine, temporary chairman.

I minutes of meeting 12/9/73 read and approved

II communications

A. Congress Jewish Culture

1. contribution of 10⁰⁰ approved

B. Workmen Circle Mittel Schule

1. contribution re graduation journal approved in amount

C. Medgar Evers Fund

1. contribution of \$5⁰⁰ approved.

III W.C. office memorandum

A. Discount buying service - local

1. contact R. Wilks - 336 4th. Ave. Park. Bk.

IV Yivo Institute for Jewish Research

A. Publishing 4 volume History of Yiddish

Language → members = \$40⁰⁰ reg. price = 75⁰⁰

no action taken

V 1974 Warsaw ghetto memorial meeting tentatively set for April 21, 1974 - (set up recordings)

VI Election Delegate to W. C. Convention 1974

A. ~~Bess T. Jalsky~~ nominated and elected

VII miscellaneous Expense W.C. Branch #45

A. Postage = \$11⁰⁰

B. Loan to cemetery caretaker = \$100⁰⁰

VIII Hospitaler report = Nathan Weiner

A. None this time.

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IX Election of Branch #45 officers

A. Chairman = Dave Rinne elected

B. Financial Secretary = Bess Topolsky elected.

C. Hospitaler = Nathan Weiner elected

D. Recording Secretary = Dave Siegel elected

E. Branch Executive Board = above officers plus - elected

1. Anna Mallinger

2. Hil Horowitz

3. Eddie Parker

* detailed Financial ^{report} given by Bess Topolsky 1973
A. Bess commended for excellent breakdown of all phases of branch finances

X miscellaneous Branch Expense

A. \$500 to Dave Rinne re secretary supervision

XI Good & Welfare = sale of merchandise for branch finances by Pearl Rinne - candy etc.

XII Executive meeting = set for Feb 4, 1974

next tentative Branch meeting = set for ^{Mar.} ~~Feb.~~ 17, 1974

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Executive Meeting Workman's Circle - Mar 3, 1974

- I. coming visit of Marilyn Baruch - director from Cleveland office
 - A. setting up cemetery financial fees to encourage getting new members
- II. Election delegate to territorial conference
 - A. Jess Topolsky, elected
- III. special consideration noted in favor of art of town member, William Astor
 - A. Branch voted on his release from payment of local dues.
- IV. Discussion re lecture for Mar. 24th - checking into arrangements
- V. Tickets for W.C. + F.L. 2. concert distributed
 - A. set for April 14, 1974 - "Y" evening
- VI. Anniversary = 70th, combined with 22c appeal and Great Lakes District Conference
 - A. set for Oct. 1974 = afternoon luncheon
 1. Saveliniv book being considered
 2. ^{total} W.C. members of 25 years to be honored = plans being set up.
- VII. contacts for prospective new members being planned.

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Workmen's Circle - Br. # 45 - Meeting Mar. 17, 1974

I. Communications

A. Establishment class-room at Rabin Institute in Israel - request for purchase tickets for same = tabled.

B. Contribution to YIVO of \$1500 approved

C. Contribution to Frei Arbeiter Stimme approved

(1) WC # 45 contributing \$500

(2) Lil Howitz adding \$500 personally in memory of her parents

D. Raffle tickets for Aid of White Stone School in N.Y. turned down

1. WC # 45 sending regular \$200 contribution, instead.

E. Contribution to DERNAKER of \$500 approved, for May Day greeting.

F. Subscription of 2 yrs to Yugentum of \$900 approved.

G. Lechem Anyum contribution of \$500 approved.

(1) Plus an additional \$500 for recovery of Isaac & Rivka

H. Request for aid for matrons of Freedom to be distributed to USSR Jews, tabled.

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Minutes of Branch #45 - meeting Mar. 17, 1970 (cont)

B. Approval ^{given} for purchase of 100 copies of Mitzvah of Hope Prayer on request of Pittsburgh Conference for Secret Jewry

C. official sanction given for designating this meeting for election of 24 W.C. National Executive Board members.

1. official returns and names on file with Bess Topolsky.

(a.) this includes New York region plus all other W.C. regions

D. A suggestion by Marilyn Banach following new cemetery policies adopted by Branch #45

1. sales of cemetery plots to be restricted to members only

(a.) Exceptions only in immediate emergency conditions

2. actual figure based on fee of 200 00 per plot, - adopted
a. on file with Bess Topolsky

E. Marilyn Banach's suggestions re getting new members

1. Advise ^{all} W.C. benefits viz Insurance cemetery - buying services - travel / services etc.

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Women's Circle # 45 meeting Mar. 17, 1974

F. All members be on alert for any prospective new members

a. Send information to Bess Topolsky

G. Warsaw ghetto memorial meeting set for April 21, 1974 at W.C. meeting.

a. Plans being implemented

H. Resolution of Lil Horowitz: Adopted - Thanking Cleveland office for sending Marilyn Baruch to our aid in setting up plans for getting new members

a. W.C. # 45 warmly commends Marilyn Baruch for her wise and invaluable suggestions on our behalf.

meeting was adjourned and in honor of our guest, refreshments were served. The branch thanks Pearl Rimm, Ann Wallinger and Bess for the arrangements and Dave Rimm for the transcription of all of the Seraphimaria!

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Minutes

Warren's uncle BN # 45 meeting April 21, 1974

I Warsaw Memorial program

A. Bill Hewitt presented personal recollections of Wladka Meed during personal experience her personal involvement in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in 1943.

(1) Escaped partisans carried on to the end with harassment and sabotage of Nazi military establishments and communications.

B. Tape recording of information from the Book "Martyrs & Fighters" - D. Siegel

II Preliminary report on acquisition of new members

A. Names of 4 new members on file with Bess

1. Cemetery plots sold to Sam & Lily Finner (Finner) and daughter, Barbara

2. Applications for 4 new members received
 - a. Walter and Helen Robbins
 - b. Albert and Mary Bernstein

B. Total so far = 7 new members

III Communications

A. Aid of \$500 approved for Uncle Zeit

B. 200 approved for Howard Bloch Schube

C. UJF = contribution of \$100 approved

D. Aid for YIVO Archival collection tabled.

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Women's Circle Minutes - June 2, 1974

- A. Report of detailed negotiations with cemetery
corp taken
1. Full details and price increases for
cemetery charges on file with
Bess Topolsky.
 - (a) Approval of a ~~save~~ increase and
changes approved by branch
- B. Charasin Family
1. Receipt of 300⁰⁰ to branch for
cemetery care.
 - a. Breakdown being set up by Bess
- C. Decision on Branch membership set up
1. Application for membership by Arthur
Cohen & Wife who are members
 - (a) other family members must become
members also, for cemetery plots
and privileges.
- D. W.C. Convention Report:
1. Bess Topolsky commended for a most
annually interesting and detailed report.
 - (a) Women's Circle taking a vital role
in Jewish-American life in U.S. and
Canada.
 - (i) vigorous leadership and policies
leading to increased

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(1) membership and financial prestige and continued dedication to basic Workmen's Circle principles.

(2) Madva Field led a moving memorial tribute to deceased members and officers who made Workmen's Circle what it is to day!

E. New home of Workmen's Circle established.

1. at 45 E. 33rd. St. at Madison Ave, N.Y.

F. Organization report - of Workmen's Circle

1. Overall picture of activities given by our new Executive Director, Will Stern

2. Financial report, very promising, by Nat Klein.

(a) New member applications up to 10,000

(b) new insurance written for 10 million dollars, expected to go to 25 million

(c) W.C. now has approximately 53,000 members.

3. Local goal of 50 new members for #45

G. Educational report

1. Concert tour was a success nationally

2. Opening of new - Schule's progressing

a. Cleveland and Detroit outstanding

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Q. Educational Report (cont)

3. The U.C. Folk School now celebrating its 70th anniversary.
 4. U.C. Philadelphia Chorus has been on T.V. nationally
 5. Van Wertland Center commended for excellent activities.
 6. Jewish Socialist Verband and HIAS now celebrating their 90th anniversary
- H. Cultural Session = guest speaker Joseph Brundage, son gave talk in English, tribute to Soviet ^{Rev} ₁₉₁₇
1. Workmen's Circle Chorus of Montreal sang
(a) a member of chorus ~~and~~ Russian emigrant
- I. Constitutional report = no important changes
1. Re-wording of some areas
 2. more interest being given to aid for Jewish elderly poor.
 1. Establishing program to meet their needs
- K. Tribute paid to Will Stern, Nat Peskman and Joseph Mlotek for their combined 100 years of activity for Workmen's Circle.
2. Closing of Convention = new National Board of Directors containing children of 3rd + 4th.

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generation members were collectively photographed on stage.

m. local workshop for Aid of Soviet Jews held at "4" Oakland June 2, 1974, ^{leave} Rinne

1- Workmen's Circle was represented on all 4 workshop committees.

2. report given in detail by Dave Rinne

n. Hospital report - Nathan Weinek

1- Jack Rubin at Nightman Manor

2- Mr. Singer of ^{has been hos-}
pitalized

o. memorial tribute by members present given in memory of Rebecca Valysar

p. next meeting tentatively set for July 7th.

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Executive Committee Meeting U.C. #45 Sun. 6/16/74
at Ann Malminger's House 8 P.M.

A. Branch is authorized to place \$8000⁰⁰ of
Doller's Savings Bank account in 4 year
certificate - paying 7.7%

1. Branch officer - Secy - Bess Topalsky
Chairman, Dave Rinne signed
signatures thereto.

B. U.C. #45 Cemetery renovation:

1. some repairs not completed as yet
a. Plans taken to bring these
to completion

C. U.C. #975 Cemetery needs attention

1. Upkeep and physical plant need
repairs etc.
a. Plans put in motion to
see some action to this
end.

D. 70th. Anniversary Luncheon on Oct. 13, 1974

1. Guest list delegates being invited

2. Souvenir program being planned

a. Committee set up for getting
ad's for same

b. Special meeting set up for July 7th
to get committee set up.

c. Plans being made to honor

25 year members & welcome new members

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minutes - meeting, Workmen's Circle #45 July 7, 1973

I. minutes meeting June 2, 1974 - reads approved

II. Payment approved for:

A. To Ulftras Schmidt for load of topsoil for use in new section of cemetery

B. Bill for paving of cemetery area received and approved for payment in amount of \$2500

C. Payment for postage ent lvy of \$1400 approved.

III. Communications

A. approval voted for contribution to Frank Kinsky Fund, of \$50

B. 1000 voted and approved for contribution to Workmen's Circle Committee for ORT

C. approval of \$750 to Jewish Hospital at Denver, Col.

IV. Workmen's Circle 20th Anniversary celebration

A. President, W. C., M. Harold Ostroff could not attend our anniversary, due to other commitments

1. no response received for a replacement

V. Workmen's Circle BTH #975 Cemetery

A. Branch #45 must assume responsibility for same.

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minutes, meeting of Workmen's Circle # 45, July 7, 1974

IV Workmen's Circle # 975 Cemetery

B. Due to complete deterioration of chapel on 975 cemetery, it must be demolished

1. Bids being investigated for this purpose.

C. WCF approached for any aid available

- a. none in sight so far

D. living relatives of people buried on cemetery, being contacted ^{via} ~~representatives~~

E. ^{WC # 975} 1. may be able to come up with \$50000 from sources (e.g. A. Ryave)

E. WC # 45 must see if it can show what it can do to solve problem with material aid, if we contact anyone else for aid.

F. Committee of WC # 45 members formed to this end.

1. include ~~Bob~~ Tedalsky, Dave Rinne and Dave Siegel

a. WC office will be contacted for information as to feasibility of mortgage for solving the problem

V Repair to Chapel WC # 45

A. Bid by Parkview General Contractor for this repair approx in amount \$185500

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minutes, meeting Workmen's Circle # 45, July 7, 1974

- VII Bid for removal of 3 trees on W @ #45 Cemetery in amount \$625.00 approved.
A. Mr. Brinck to be asked to put this bid in writing.
- VIII Charmin Family = 300.00 received \$150.00 delegated for perpetual care and balance for other upkeep.
- IX Certificate of deposit at Dollar Savings Bank in amount of 8,000 entrusted for, and placed in Bess Topolsky's personal deposit box.
A. Any Israel Bonds of Workmen's Circle # 45 also deposited in Bess Topolsky's deposit box
- X Souvenir Book being set up by Anniversary ~~Committee~~ Committee
- XI New Business
A. Approval noted for sale of cemetery plot for sister of Singer Family for \$225.00
next meeting set for Aug 4, 1974

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meeting - Workmen's Circle Branch #45 8/4/74

I. minutes meeting 2/2/74 read and approved.

II. Application for membership

A. Applied for by Mr. Nathan Cohen and Mary Isabel Cohen

1. Approval noted on at meeting 8/5/4 - OK.

III. Communication

A. From New York office to W.C. #45

1. Plans now being set up for 1975 concert tour

2. Re this, YMUHA in P. H. Schmidt will rent Auditorium for same, at \$1000.00

IV. "Y" has notified us - W.C. #45 that each organization meeting will now be \$10.00 as of Sept. 1974.

A. Acceptance of this approved by vote

V. Hospital report: re Nathan Weiner

A. Maria Linder recuperating at home

B. Mrs. Singer is at Hegley House

C. Jacob Runden at Nightman Manor's

D. membership gave silent moments of tribute to our comrade Frank Chazman who passed away Thursday Aug. 1, 1974

VI. New Business

A. check for \$300.00 received from Elton and David Krasik for perfect work of cemetery plots.

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Wentmen's Club Branch #45 8/4/74

II New Business (cont.)

B. Repair on W. C. #45 cemetery chapel contracted for and work in progress.

1. also removal of 3 trees on premises will be done by Sept. 1974

C. Bid on demolition of cemetery chapel of B. #975 being contracted for

1. W.F. notified by W.C. #45, we can give \$10000 toward this work

2. W.F. promises to match that for a total of \$20000 for this work.

3. Living members of B. #975 have been contacted by registered letters for their approval of this work.

4. Some personal upkeep of cemetery #975 being done by relatives of a member

(a.) acknowledgment of this aid noted and rejoiced by W.C. #45.

5. Some discussion of availability of plots at #975 cemetery. approx. #30

a. Tentative plots sale at

next meeting Sept 22, 1974 \$20000 discussed.

① Executive Meeting Br. # 45 WC - 8/19/74

I Communications

A. Labor Day greetings a.k.d for usual yearly contributions for

1. Der Worker.

2. Die Free Arbeiter Stimme.

B. Yearly holiday contributions a.k.d to:

1. Lehen An'yan

C. Request from Levia's House, Israel, tablet.

II Application for new membership for Mildred Block, approved

A. dues for current quarter paid

III Form letter received from Nat. Deskim received for use in advertising W.C. benefits in drive for new members

A. Bev will have corrections made and enclose copies with quarterly bills

a. Return card for application for information ltr. to be sent to interested members.

B. Women's - Male Br. # 45 endorses Amalgamated Clothing Workers boycott against Van Heusen shirt Co.

② Executive Meeting WC# 45 - Aug. 19, 1974

IV Anniversary Luncheon Oct 13, 1974 celebrating
Workmen's Circle # 45 70th Anniversary

A. Decision by executive Board of Directors to
do without a program book this time.

1. Distract committee and other private
sources to try to help defray
expenses for same.

B. Luncheon menu presented and approved

1. \$5.00 charge per member for same, voted
a. This does not cover full payment
for defraying all expenses.

V Permit for demolishing chapel at WC# 975
Cemetery.

A. Bid from Babcock Fence Co. for 48 ft
x 4 ft high chain link fence to
isolate area of demolition

1. In amount of 246.00 = Bid

2. Bid from Sears & Roebuck at
similar amount, under advisement.

VI Notification by registered letter to 975
members of demolition.

A. Answers to majority of letters
(A. K. and approved our (WC# 45)
actions, we have legal
approval of same.

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minutes W.C. #45 meeting Sept. 22, 1974

I minutes meeting 8/4 and executive meeting 8/19 approved as read —

II Communications

A. National office

1. acceptance by Nat Peskin on our invitation as guest speaker at 20th Anniversary and also at Regional Great Lakes meeting Sat. Oct. 12th and Sun. Oct. 13th in Ann.

B. W.C. Educational Dept re J. Mlotek setting up a concert with 2 Soviet Jewish artists

A. Emil Gurelovitz and wife Marguerite Palmokaya in vocal and recitations presentation of Yiddish etc. material.

a. Any branches can contract for date and venue at \$600.00 + expenses of artists.

b. Local Jewish organizations are being contacted for interest in such a concert under W.C. rather auspices.

III Requests for funds + contributions

A. \$1000 approved to Zukunft

B. 1000 approved to Jewish Teachers Society.

C. Bill for invitation by Berger Printing approved in amount of \$407.10

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meeting U.C. #45 - Sept. 22, 1974 (cont.)

III Bill - contributions etc.

D. \$5⁰⁰ approved for American Medical Center at Denver, CO.

E. Contribution of 6⁰⁰ approved to United Fund

F. Approval voted for renewal of damage and liability policy insurance for U.C. #45 Cemetery premises. amounting to approx ~~\$203⁰⁰~~ + 162⁰⁰

G. Payment approved for purchase of new grass trimmer in amount of \$75⁰⁰

H. U.C. #45 Chapel being renovated inside and out

1. 2000⁰⁰ available for same and 1000⁰⁰ already contracted for

I. Demolishment of U.C. #975 Chapel done

a. \$700⁰⁰ already paid on account.

b. Fence to enclose area contracted for.

IV Plans being brought to completion for

20th Anniversary luncheon and Great

LakeC Regional meeting Oct. 13th + 13th

A. 20th anniversary luncheon at Webster Hall, Sun. Oct. 13th at 1 P.M.

(i) invitations sent out for same

B. Great LakeC Regional meeting - plans being set up for Saturday and

meeting W.C.# 45 - Sept. 22, 1974 (cont.)

IV B. Sunday morning sessions

- (1) Saturday evening dinner planned ~~at~~
~~Sunday morning breakfast~~

V Hospital report re Bess and Nathan Weiner

- A. Maria hinder recuperating at home
 - (1) Paid week's sick benefit = \$450⁰⁰
- B. Mrs. Jacob Ruben at Jewish Home for Aged
 - (1) Paid 14 weeks benefit of \$180⁰⁰
- C. Bonnie Siegel paid benefits of \$90⁰⁰
- D. William Kaplan paid benefits of \$550⁰⁰

VI New Business

- A. perpetual care payment received for \$1500⁰⁰
 for Harry and Bella Eisner
- B. Perpetual care payment received from
 Cyril Slavkin in amount \$1500⁰⁰ for
 Lewis Luther
- C. 2000⁰⁰ payment received from M. M. Linden-
 man for cemetery plot for Lilly Wagner

VII J.L.C. Appeal being planned at 70th
anniversary luncheon
W.C.# 45

- A. next years pledge and payment is \$1750⁰⁰
- ~~Bill~~ Bill Horwitz ~~is~~ elected program
 chairman for this occasion.

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minutes

workmen's circle # 45 meeting 12/8/74

I 1975- W.C. concert - yiddish songs and humor

A. Date set for Wed. March 5, 1975; we accept.

1. will be solely a W.C. ~~at~~ project
we will try to set an "ad" program book
\$80000 cost to W.C. ~~at~~

a. Ben Bensus, Emil Gurlewitz, Marguerite
Palonskaya Mayda, vocalist, and
Malke Gettler pianist in cast.

II W.C. # 45 business

A. Sidney and Yetta Mintz accepted as new
members of W.C.

B. Approval asked to relieve these 1st class
members of sick benefits payment,
all now at Home for Aged, Pittsburgh

1- Jacob Reubin

2- Louis Aronson

C. a social security identification #
has been applied for W.C. # 45

III Communications and requests for contributions

A. Request from N.Y. office for correct mailing
list of approval recipients of W.C. # 45

B. \$1000 approved as contribution to Jack
Zukerman cultural fund

C. \$500 approved as contribution to U/PSL
1974 annual benefit.

② meeting W.C.#5 - 12/8/74

III - Communications and requests for contributions

D. Friede Arze New Strueme

1. 500 approved as contribution by W.C.#45
2. Hil Horwitz personally sending 500 in additons.

E. \$1500 approved for yearly contribution to YIVO Institute in N.Y. city.

IV Old business

A. Report on 70th Anniversary luncheon and great Lakes regional meeting by Bess Topolsky

1. Income taken in = \$34500
2. Expenses amounted to 453³⁹ - deficit = \$58³⁹

B. Hil Horwitz, program chairman of this celebration gave an optimistic and stabilized report on the occasion.

C. W.C. pledges connected with this occasion, amounted close to \$250000

V Hospital report by Bess Topolsky in absence of Nathan Weiner - we lost 2 members

- 1- Ben Siegel, died in Florida - buried → W.C.#45
- 2- Sam Stern, died in Florida - buried → Inomosen.

~~VI~~ W.C.#45 Cemetery business

A. Received from Dr. Herman check for perpetual care for 45000 = for Mr + Mrs Isaac Herman and grandmother Mrs. Hermanovich

③ meeting W.C.#5 12/8/74

VI W.C.#45 cemetery business

B. \$450⁰⁰ received for perpetual care for Ida and Max Malin and Marcia Childs - from Louis Childs

C. we received 575⁰⁰ from Leon Baker for 2 plots + opening and closing same
(1) also received \$300⁰⁰ perpetual care for same

VII Damage to premises 975 cemetery due to damage by a runaway car

A. Fence damaged and ~~6~~⁷ stones damaged. Police investigating this.

VIII = Paving of road at entrance of W.C.#45 cemetery ~~next meeting set for Jan. 1975~~
will cost \$275⁰⁰ - negotiations in progress.

next meeting set for Jan. 19th. 1975