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WEST CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASS'N

May 14, 1958

A meeting of officers and directors of the West Central Educational Development association was held at the Del Monico Cafe Wednesday, May 14, 1958, at 12 o'clock noon.

In attendance were Chairman C.A.Gay, Bob King, Dr. M.K. Anderson, Dr. F.W.Behmler, George Brooks, Ed Weeding, Warren Gahlon, Mrs. Harris Gausman, William Sandberg, Leif Lie, Arnold Thompson, Arnold Drange, Ed Morrison, J.J.DeBevec, Dr. R.W.Merrill, Oscar Mielke.

Sen. Behmler reported to the group on the meeting of the Legislative Interim Commission on Agricultural Schools, of which he is chairman, in St. Paul on May 7 and 8. This commission recommended to the Legislative Commission on Higher Education the establishment of two-year college-level branches of the University of Minnesota at Morris and Crookston, and that over a period of years these become complete four-year liberal arts branches of the University.

Chairman Gay reported to the group on a meeting at Redwood Falls on May 8, attended by himself, Supt. Oscar Miller and Arnold Thompson. This was a meeting of school officials and civic leaders from southwestern Minnesota to discuss the question of additional junior colleges in the western half of the state. This meeting recommended that additional junior colleges, if established, be on a state-supported basis.

Mr. Gay said that he felt that the proposal of 100 percent state support of Junior Colleges would likely meet with legislative opposition. But he pointed out that other towns in the area will likely oppose the Morris proposal for establishment of a University branch here, feeling that they may have a chance to be designated as sites for junior colleges.

Mr. Gay advised the group that he was meeting on May 20 at Fergus Falls with the Crookston delegation seeking establishment of a U branch at that city.

On motion made, seconded and duly carried, the group favored a proposal to try and obtain a four-year branch at Morris instead of just two-year facilities.

Dr. M.K.Anderson and Bob King will head the WCEDA membership drive and plans for such a drive were briefly discussed.

The need for an area meeting in early fall was discussed. Chairman Gay appointed the following committee to plan for the area meeting: Warren Gahlon, chairman; Mrs. Harris Gausman, Leif Lie, Wm. Sandberg and Dr. Merrill.

Mr. Gay appointed the following to a committee to prepare a brochure for the WCEDA: Ed Morrison, Geo. Brooks, Arnold Thompson, Supt. Miller, Ed Weeding and R.B.DeWall.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary