

MINUTES OF MEETING ON BUDGETING OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

At a meeting of the Committee on the Budgeting of National Organizations held on May 24, 1926, at the Cleveland Hotel, the following were present: William J. Shroder, Chairman, Dr. Charles D. Spivak, Solomon Lowenstein, Dr. A. Kavinoky, I. Irving Lipsitch, Isidore Hershfield, Samuel A. Goldsmith, and Louis M. Cahn.

1. To limit any work to be done in organization, to those organizations that had been represented in committee discussions at the Denver Conference; namely, The National Jewish Hospital at Denver, the J. C. R. S. of Denver, the J. C. R. A. of Los Angeles, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and the National Desertion Bureau.

2. It defined the scope of its work as an endeavor to proceed along the lines of the Denver resolutions which called for the holding of a meeting at which would be present representatives of these national organizations and also certain designated laymen from the country at large, as well as certain representatives of this Conference.

3. The Committee discussed the proposition of whether or not it ought: (a) through individual members of the Committee or through the Committee as a whole, to endeavor to do the work of calling together the meeting above indicated; or (b) it ought to hire an agent to do this work.

4. It was decided by the Committee that it would secure contributions already voted by certain of these national organizations and would further endeavor to secure contributions from individuals in order: (a) to obtain further information concerning facts of work, budgets, budgetary procedure, etc., of the national organizations; and (b) to organize this information so that it would be useful for the Committee's purposes. It was agreed that an initial budget of approximately \$15,000 would prove sufficient for the first year's work and for the work of assembling the meeting described above. This would include the salary of an agent of the Committee for these purposes.

5. The Committee decided after a full discussion of various personalities throughout the country, that it would endeavor to secure in the following order of preference, one of these persons as Chairman of the meeting to be called and also as Chairman for the Committee and its work:

1. Jacob M. Loeb, of Chicago
2. Jules Mastbaum, of Philadelphia
3. James Becker, of Chicago.

It designated as Secretary-Treasurer, pro-tem, Mr. Samuel A. Goldsmith of New York City.

6. The Committee gave opportunity for presentation of information concerning the organizations to representatives of the Ex-Patients Home of Denver and the Leo M. Levi Memorial Hospital of Hot Springs.

7. After a somewhat full discussion of various factors in the situation, including such factors as the representatives of the last named institutions had presented—the Committee decided that for the present no additional agencies, no matter how apparently worthy, should be taken into membership in the Committee until after the preliminary work indicated above had been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH, *Secretary and Treasurer, Pro-tem.*

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