

Meeting of the Directors of Agni Yoga Society, Inc.

Wednesday, June 5th, 1946

Present were: Sina Fosdick, Chairman
J. J. Weed
Dudley Fosdick
Ingeborg Fritschi
Katherine Campbell
Magdalene Lehrer

1. Meeting was called to order by Sina Fosdick, who read the minutes of the last meeting, Jan. 26, 1946.

2. Mr. Weed moved that the minutes stand approved as read, the motion was carried unanimously.

(a) Paragraph 6 of the minutes read mentioned the amount of \$139.40, a check for the books sold in Connecticut last year, and was referred to Miss Fritschi who gave a check for \$150.00, listing it as follows:

Books sold during 1945.....	139.40
Books sold during first six months of 1946.....	10.60
	<u>150.00</u>

(b) Paragraph 7 of the minutes referred to an inquiry by Mr. Weed as to the income of Agni Yoga Society and whether it covers our annual expenditures. Mr. Fosdick presented an itemized statement showing that during the year 1945 there were sold 538 books, some at a discount, totaling \$777.77. Since our expenses for that year amounted to \$553.57, the above-mentioned sum covered them, but indicates too slow an income to defray cost of printing ~~xxxnew books each year~~. As previously, such costs will have to be met by donations unless new books are sold at a higher price and at a faster rate, and Associate membership fees are increased and the membership greatly expanded.

3. The Board was informed that "Fiery World," Volume II was given to Isaac Goldmann Company, printers, at the price of \$1,800 for 1,500 books. The check for \$600, one-third of the amount, was sent to the printers as per their request. Since the cost of printing will be considerably higher, it was felt that we could not any longer charge \$1.50 for a book as we have in the past, especially so since we give one-third discount on our books to booksellers, stores and various organizations. It was, therefore, decided and unanimously approved to charge \$2.00 per copy plus mailing expenses, as Agni Yoga Society has done in the past. Sample of the paper for Agni Yoga, Vol. II was submitted, and its quality was unanimously approved.
4. Mr. Weed proposed that all Agni Yoga Associates should be informed about Tax Exemption recently granted to Agni Yoga Society by the Tax Department, and that the donations or contributions which they may want to give to Agni Yoga Society will not be taxed by the Government. Mr. Weed volunteered to prepare this letter, which he did at the end of the meeting.
5. A discussion took place in regard to the proposed increase in Agni Yoga Associate membership fee and the Chairman gave the form of a letter to be sent early in August to Agni Yoga Associates in regard to this matter. The proposed letter was read and unanimously approved.
6. The Board was informed that thus far two sendings of pages from the "Letters of the Mahatma" were sent out to all Agni Yoga Associates and letters of appreciation

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from most of the members have been received and are being constantly received, some with small donations enclosed.

7. The Chairman reported that the last meeting of the Agni Yoga Associates took place on April 27 and that the meetings will be discontinued throughout the summer, but will be resumed in the fall.
8. It was proposed by the Chairman to prepare a leaflet of the Agni Yoga Society, which could give an explanation of its aims and activities, as well as information about the publication of Agni Yoga series and statement of Agni Yoga Associate membership fee. Miss Lehrer was requested to prepare, if possible, such a leaflet to which she agreed.
9. Mr. Weed has mentioned the need for some one to be, at least once a week, in regular attendance in the Agni Yoga Society to give information about its work, its publications, and to discuss the Teachings with such members who would be interested to come in for this purpose. It was felt that Miss Lou Jennings, who has been very cooperative in giving her help in many ways, should be invited to come in once a week for a few hours for this purpose. Mr. Weed also felt that since Miss Jennings has done valuable work in preparing paragraphs from the various books of the Teachings as referring to a certain special concept (she recently prepared six pages of paragraphs pertaining to Psychic Energy, compiled from the books of the Teachings, which were mimeographed and sent to those serious students who are constantly working in this direction.) She should be given a fellowship to continue with further research in this direction. A sum of \$200 was voted unanimously to Miss Jennings, as the Fellowship Grant for next season.

The Chairman informed the Board that Miss Jennings has been also active in corresponding with Agni Yoga associates who have written asking numerous questions pertaining to the books of the Teachings and could not be answered personally by Mrs. Fosdick, due to lack of time. Mrs. Fosdick suggested that Miss Jennings be made, therefore, a Corresponding Secretary, with her name and title being printed on our next Agni Yoga stationery.

10. Mrs. Campbell expressed the hope that this extra sum of \$200, as well as other various financial commitments will not make a too deep inroad into the budget of Agni Yoga Society, as it is quite evident that we do not have the surplus but are touching constantly on our initial capital. Mrs. Campbell further stated that donations and contributions should be also given by the Agni Yoga Directors. Mr. Weed welcomed any donations either toward this Fellowship Grant of Miss Lou Jennings or any others.
11. A letter from the Theosophical Publishing House in London, recently received by Agni Yoga Society was read to the Board. The letter offers to carry a number of books of Agni Yoga publications on a basis of either 40% discount or 33-1/3%. In the latter case, that Publishing house will not be our Agent but only carry a certain amount of books in stock. It was decided by the Board that we could not offer to them more than 33-1/3%, since our supply of books is definitely limited and yet they are greatly in demand. The mailing charges are to be extra when sending books to them.
12. At the previous meeting, it was planned to get special book shelves for the Agni Yoga room, placing upon them the books of Agni Yoga Society, for the use of visiting Agni Yoga Associates. Miss Lehrer, who promised at that time to paint the shelves, offered upon the receipt of correct measurements for the shelves, to see if they could not be ordered from a carpenter, which might decrease the cost. It was unanimously voted to defray the expenses of these book shelves by the Agni Yoga Society.

- 13. A letter from an Agni Yoga Associate, Mr. Horniman, London, England dated May 15th, was read. Mr. Horniman offers his services and volunteers to come to New York for the chance of working for the Agni Yoga Society, asking nothing in monetary return. It was felt that this was quite a serious responsibility which could not be undertaken by the Agni Yoga Society and that a letter of deep appreciation for his offer was to be written to Mr. Horniman.
- 14. In announcing the new book "Fiery/World" Volume II to the friends and associates of Agni Yoga Society, it was decided to send out the usual post card announcements.
- 15. It was proposed that appreciation be expressed to Miss Ruth Peter for her mimeographing work on the pages of "Psychic Energy", and was unanimously approved.
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Meeting of the Directors of
AGNI YOGA SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, November 6, 1946
6:00 P.M.

Present were: Joseph J. Weed
Miss Fritschi
Sina Fosdick, Chairman
Dudley Fosdick

1. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Fosdick who read the minutes of the last meeting, June 5, 1946.
2. Mr. Weed made a motion that the minutes be approved, Miss Fritschi seconded it, and it was carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Fosdick had to leave at 6:15 P.M.
3. The directors thanked Miss Fritschi for donating the announcement cards for "Fiery World", volume 2, ordered from her printer in Connecticut.
4. Since the Agni Yoga Associates have been informed that the annual membership fee was raised from \$1. to \$3. we have received to date 42 renewals; 25 did not renew in spite of the first letter and a follow-up, and may be considered as not desiring to renew their membership. We also have to date 25 new members, most of whom came through Mr. C. Stansfeld Jones. Mr. Jones visited Mrs. Fosdick at the end of September, Miss Lou Jennings was also present.
5. In response to a letter from Mr. Fosdick addressed to Agni Yoga Associates mailed in June, in which he informed all Associates about Agni Yoga being tax exempt, we have received to date donations from a number of Associates amounting to \$65.00.
6. Miss Lehrer on July 12th, donated \$50. toward the general fund for Agni Yoga expenses.
7. Mr. Weed made a motion that the reimbursement to ARCA for secretarial services paid weekly by Agni Yoga Society be increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00. The motion was seconded by Miss Fritschi and unanimously carried.
8. Mrs. Fosdick informed the directors that on September 26th, Miss Fritschi wrote her a letter offering to do some part of Agni Yoga work in Connecticut, such as sending out orders for books which are received in New York, from there, stating that she could not come to New York to do that work once a week here. Mrs. Fosdick answered explaining the practical impossibility of sending the orders from New York to Connecticut, which would necessitate daily correspondence and instead of helping the overburdened office in New York would only add to its difficulties. She expressed the hope in that letter that some solution could be found by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Fritschi in regard to this matter. Miss Fritschi however could not offer any further suggestions when this matter was reviewed at the meeting, and it is understood that she will not be able to help with Agni Yoga Society work in New York. Miss Fritschi excused herself at 6:25 P.M., explaining that she had to catch a train for Connecticut.

She requested that in the future the meetings be held much earlier.

- 9. On October 10th, Miss Jennings began her weekly attendance for the benefit of Agni Yoga Associates from 1 to 5 P.M. This possibility which was announced to Agni Yoga Associates to drop in on Thursdays to see some of the directors, to buy books, to have a talk with Miss Jennings, or any other director present, seems to draw more and more members. However, since Miss Jennings is ailing in health, it is felt she should be consulted whether she should continue coming in on Thursdays, especially when the weather will be bad later on.
 - 10. The first meeting of Agni Yoga Associates took place on October 12th with 19 associates and directors present. Mrs. Fosdick read a number of paragraphs up to 65 from "Fiery World", volume 2, and conducted general discussions, questions and answers, which arose in connection therewith. The 2nd Agni Yoga Associates meeting is scheduled for November 9th.
 - 11. The sending of four more pages of the "Letters of the Mahatma", from paragraphs 35 - 66, took place at the end of October. Quite a number of appreciative letters were received by us from the Agni Yoga Associates who received these pages.
 - 12. "Fiery World", volume 2 was published and came out on October 24th. There is an unusual demand for it and orders are coming in daily. It was rather a disappointment that the printers issued the cover in a different color and also Maroon color ink was used for the title instead of red. However, in view of printing conditions, it was decided to accept the book as is.
- The Chairman expressed the hope that now since the address in Connecticut is on the card announcing the issuance of "Fiery World", as well as in the book itself, there may be orders coming directly to Connecticut which could then be taken care of by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Fritsch.
- 13. In reference to paragraph 8 in the minutes of the previous meeting, it was stated that the leaflet was prepared and sent to India - and subsequently approved by Prof. and Mme. Roerich. Several copies of this leaflet will be typed in the future, and sent to the Board members.
 - 14. Re: paragraph 11 in the minutes of the previous meeting, a letter was written to London and there was no answer.
 - 15. Re: paragraph 12 in the minutes of the previous meeting, a bookcase was bought for \$13.86. Miss Lehrer has promised that she will paint it when it is delivered.
 - 16. Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY, INC.
MINUTES OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 1951
AT 319 WEST 107TH ST., NEW YORK, HELD AT 4:30 P.M.

Present were: J. J. Weed, M. Lehrer, S. and D. Fosdick.

Proxies were received from K. Campbell and Prof. Mourontseff, who were unable to come personally.

Chairman, Sina Fosdick.

1. Minutes of June 27, 1950, meeting were read by D. Fosdick. Mr. Weed moved they be accepted as read. Unanimously passed.
2. Mrs. Fosdick reported that a special meeting was held last December when Mr. Bolling came unexpectedly for a short visit to New York. Because of this it was even impossible to inform all members, so that Mr. Bolling, Mr. Weed, Mr. and Mrs. Fosdick met at Mr. Bolling's hotel room. The talk was devoted chiefly to the publication of "Community" and budgetary expenses. Only unofficial notes of the meeting were taken and there has been no meeting since that time.
3. Minutes of special meeting of December 15, 1950, as taken at that time, were read by D. Fosdick. Mr. Weed moved corrections to include official form wording in recording acceptance of Treasurer's report for 1950 and the election of Mr. B. Bolling as Vice President and also re-election of same slate of officers. Mrs. Fosdick moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded by Miss Lehrer. Unanimously passed.
4. Mrs. Fosdick reported that "Community" came out in September 1951 after considerable delays due to difficulties with paper, etc. The number of books received from the printer was 1988 copies, with credit for 12 copies unbound. 5 copies were sent to Mme. Roerich. Each director received one copy. Miss Gulizia received one copy. Mrs. Campbell received 50 copies to be kept in Connecticut as archives. Dr. Mary Roos donated 4 copies of "Community" to be given as gifts to worthy individuals at our discretion. Orders for "Community" are constantly coming in.

Mrs. Fosdick further reported that during the previous season the Agni Yoga Associates meetings were held once a month, with most gratifying results, observed in the obvious interest of these members and their coming closer to the Teachings and aims of A.Y. Society. A number of guests were invited from time to time to these meetings and were brought by the members themselves. The rule of Agni Yoga Society is that a guest can come to any of these meetings once but cannot come again unless he becomes an Agni Yoga Associate. The present group, which is quite consistent and serious in its attendance, numbers between 17 and 20 members.

Beginning with October 1951, it was decided with the approval of Mme. Roerich to hold Agni Yoga Associate meetings twice a month. 4 meetings have been held already, and it is gratifying to observe that many of those who could apparently never come on Saturday afternoon do come to the second monthly meeting, namely at 8 o'clock in the evening on every fourth Saturday. Paragraphs from "Fiery World" vol. 3 are being read and discussed, together with excerpts from Mme. Roerich's published letters and Prof. Roerich's articles.

Following the publication of "Community" it was decided also to add to one of the monthly meetings some reading from "Community".

A request has been recently received from Mme. Roerich to publish as soon as possible the second volume of "Leaves of Morya's Garden" with the sub-title, "Illumination"; and after that, "Brotherhood".

"Infinity", two volumes, which should be published also in the near future, could be in the meantime sent to the Associates as soon as we finish the last pages of volume 1 of "Leaves".

We also are planning to issue eventually Prof. Roerich's book, "Invincible", on which Mrs. Fosdick is working at present, while Mr. Fosdick is working on the 2nd volume of "Leaves".

5. Mr. Fosdick presented a general report of the finances of Agni Yoga Society, from which it is evident that the Society is in good financial position. It was reported the publishing fund, after paying \$1,700.85 for "Community", has now approximately \$1,500, which in itself assures the possibility of the forthcoming publication of a new book.

Bill for recent necessary repairs in the house amounts to \$67.37. The year will be ended well within the budget and with the hope of perhaps a surplus.

The special donation received from Mr. Bolling of \$2,000 in response to Mrs. Fosdick's appeal in the spring, with Mr. Bolling's suggestion that it be used for whatever purpose is desired, has been kept untouched all this time.

6. Mr. Weed moved that this donation be held in reserve, and that if and when it will be needed in order to bring out a new book, we should then appropriate the certain needed amount from this \$2,000, adding it to our publication fund. Seconded by Miss Lehrer. Unanimously passed.
7. Mr. Weed moved that, since there might be some increases in our expenditures due to general conditions, the budget for 1952 be again \$6,000 on roughly the same basis as that of 1951, and that the same basis of occupancy of 319 W. 107 be extended through 1952. Mrs. Fosdick seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.
8. A special discussion was held regarding a loan of \$1,000 from Agni Yoga Society to Roerich Foundation, since Roerich Foundation is in need of initial capital to start its activities. \$1,000 would open a bank account and enable Roerich Foundation to launch its program, but there may be some question as to whether such a loan would violate Agni Yoga charter statutes and jeopardize tax-exempt status.
9. Mr. Weed moved that Mr. Fosdick look into it and, if no danger is seen, a loan of \$1,000 from Agni Yoga Society to Roerich Foundation be made for the calendar year 1952 at the rate of 4%. Mrs. Fosdick seconded. Passed unanimously.

10. Mrs. Fosdick proposed that Miss Gulizia be given a raise in salary as last year. In discussion it was pointed out that the wage stabilization laws would limit the raise at this time to \$2.25 per week, inasmuch as \$2.50 of the \$4.75 limit as of January 1, 1950, had already been granted.
11. Mr. Weed moved that the secretary's salary be increased to \$52.25 per week beginning January 1st, 1952. Seconded by Mr. Fosdick. Unanimously passed.
12. It was proposed and accepted unanimously to make an outlay of an approximate sum of \$85. for Christmas gratuities for this year.
13. Having no more business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY INC.
MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF MARCH 25, 1955
AT 319 WEST 107TH ST., NEW YORK

Present were: J. J. Weed, D. Fosdick, K. Campbell, M. Lehrer, S. Fosdick. Proxies from Mr. Bolling and Miss Fritschi.

1. Chairman, S. Fosdick, opened the meeting at 10:15 A.M. Minutes of A. Y. Directors meeting of April 18, 1952 were read. Mr. Weed moved to approve as read, Miss Lehrer seconded. Approved unanimously.
2. Membership dues were paid by Mr. J. Weed and Miss M. Lehrer for the years 1953-54-55, \$15.00 paid by each for the 3 years. Mr. and Mrs. D. Fosdick gave a check for \$30. for 3 years. Mrs. Campbell requested that a bill be sent to her for herself and Miss Fritschi, so that she could send a check. Similar reminder to be sent to Mr. B. Bolling.
3. J. Weed moved that the same slate of officers and directors be re-elected. K. Campbell seconded. Unanimously passed.
4. The Chairman gave an extensive report of activities of Agni Yoga Society since the last meeting. A discussion took place after the Chairman's recommendation to have a formation of an "Acquisition Fund." Mr. J. Weed moved that such an acquisition fund be started for the purchase of any work of art, primarily for Prof. Roerich's paintings, or any arising need. Seconded by M. Lehrer. Unanimously approved.
5. Mr. Weed moved that the Chairman's Report on the activities of Agni Yoga Society for the past 3 years should be appended to the minutes. Seconded by K. Campbell. Unanimously approved.
6. The Directors of Agni Yoga Society offered to Mme. Roerich the usual royalty of 15% on the retail sales of her book "Letters of Helena Roerich." She graciously refused to accept this offer, saying that all she would consider would be one flat sum of \$50.00 to be used for special purchases of books for her, which she may need in the future. Mrs. Fosdick will take care of the use of this sum as the need will arise.
7. Treasurer's report for 1953 and same for 1954 were read by Mr. D. Fosdick. They were then passed around for individual study. Mr. J. Weed moved that both reports be approved as read. Seconded by Miss M. Lehrer. Carried unanimously.
8. Mr. Fosdick submitted the Inventory of Books as of January 1, 1955 and for the previous year. Approved unanimously.
9. Mrs. Campbell raised the question as to why certain well-known bookstores, such as Watkins, in London, do not carry our books. She was there during her last trip to Europe and did not find any there. The chairman explained that on account of monetary exchange problem between U.S.A. and England and difficulty of sending any money out of England to U.S.A., they had stopped ordering books from us. Mrs. Campbell offered to open a bank account in a London bank so that if Watkins would be willing to buy our books again they could pay her in English currency and she would in turn reimburse the A.Y. Society, thus making the sales transactions possible. She requested that the A.Y. Society write a letter to Watkins incorporating this proposal.
10. Mr. Weed in examining our inventory of books, was sorry to observe that so few sales had been made of volume 1 and volume 2 of "Leaves of Morya's Garden." He personally feels and considers that these books, especially volume 1, being the very first books of the Teaching, are of primary importance and should be made known to a larger number of people. He proposed to purchase from us a large amount of each of the two books, beginning with "The Call," and to then give them to certain of his friends whose reaction he wants to study. He feels that through personal contact he can promote their understanding and

interest in these two books which are the foundation of the Teaching.

He further proposed to make up a printed announcement tip-on, which he wants to put especially into the copies of Leaves, vol. 1 he is now ordering, and to be inserted into each book whenever an order is filled, with a special introductory text preceding a listing of all books, including those out of print or not yet published. He then made up the text for this announcement and suggested that it be printed in 1,000 copies, to be attached to the first inside page in the book.

11. Miss Lehrer proposed that we place a dignified advertisement in the New York Sunday Times Book Review Section, about the books published by Agni Yoga Society. She would be glad to pay for this advertisement. Appreciation was expressed for her kind offer.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 12 Noon.

Agni Yoga Society
Chairman's Report

March 25, 1955

Due to the fact that there has not been an A. Y. Society Directors Meeting since April 18, 1952, this is of necessity a rather general survey for the past two years.

Associate

The membership has fallen off, and at present the number of members is 63. As far as we could surmise the causes of non-renewal of membership fall into three categories: death, financial inability and illness. We usually follow the procedure of sending three reminders to Associates who fail to renew their memberships.

It is with deep regret that A. Y. Society reports the death about a year ago of one of its beloved directors and early co-workers, Prof. I. Mourontseff.

Another Director of A.Y. Miss I. Fritschi, who has been ailing for the past 2 - 3 years, is at present in Switzerland, where she will stay until her recovery will allow her to return to the United States.

Agni Yoga Society continues to hold Associate Members meetings on an average of 16 during the season, starting in October and ending in June. These meetings are held twice monthly, every second and fourth Saturday.

This study group has a steadfast nucleus of 15-17 people, who have proven to be serious students, rarely missing these meetings and taking active part in the discussion of the Teaching which is read during these meetings. "Community" and "Fiery World," vol. 3, are now being studied, having been begun over a year ago. An average of 4 - 5 paragraphs of each book are read at each meeting. Also, during these meetings there are taken up extracts from the "Letters of Helena Roerich," from the writings of Prof. Roerich, and excerpts from Secret Doctrine.

It is with sincere appreciation that we notice the increasing interest in the Society expressed by many members, their willingness to donate from time to time various sums, either for Publishing Fund or General Fund. Thus, when "Letters of Helena Roerich" were published in September of 1954, several members gave donations, the total sum amounting to \$771.00.

Of course, this publication was made possible chiefly because of the large contributions of Mr. B. Bolling, who donated \$3,000, and Mrs. Katherine Campbell, who donated \$1,442.44. This book is selling at \$6. a copy, which is a far higher price than we have ever charged for any of the A. Y. books. Its publication, however, was quite costly and the donations mentioned above just covered the cost of publication.

"Letters of Helena Roerich" has a very fine Table of Contents, covering thoroughly the text of each Letter. This work was performed entirely by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Fritschi, and it is a very difficult task. We owe deep gratitude to them for this important addition to the book.

Mrs. Campbell, Miss Fritschi, Mr. and Mrs. Fosdick worked together on the re-editing and revising of the translation of the "Letters" which was done by Mme. Dutko. However, Mme. Dutko's was the initial labor, for which deep appreciation is expressed to her, as it took her a number of years to translate this important book from the Russian (Riga publication) into English. Miss Lehrer is to be thanked for the beautiful cover drawing for the book. She helped also with the proof-reading.

Miss E. Meeker, Mme. E. Yussupoff and Mr. R. Leser assisted actively in typing the manuscript for publication, for which we are very thankful to them. At the request of Mme. Roerich 500 copies of "Letters" are to be reserved.

During the past two years there were also published "Call" (Leaves of Morya's Garden, vol. 1) and a new edition of "Agni Yoga," both these books having been out of print for many years. The publication of "Agni Yoga" and "Call" was made possible because of the generous donations toward the printing of these books by Mr. B. Bolling.

"Agni Yoga" was published in a revised and augmented edition combining two volumes in one. In "Agni Yoga" the inclusion of a full index was introduced. This index was prepared by Mrs. Campbell and Miss Fritschl to whom deep gratitude is expressed for this comprehensive work.

"Call" is being sold at \$2.50 and "Agni Yoga" at \$3.50, the latter being a much heavier book and containing two volumes in one. Other books are sold at previously fixed prices.

The demand for Agni Yoga books, while fluctuating from time to time, shows a steady continuance. The list of our available publications, which is appended hereto, shows the books on hand. We regret, however, that "Aum," and "Fiery World" vol. 1, for which there are constant inquiries, are taken off the list, as they have been out of print for quite some time. Also, "Heart" of which we have only 300 copies, and "Hierarchy" of which only 165 are left, will also soon be taken off the list of our available books.

Mr. and Mrs. Fosdick are working at present on "Infinity," vol. 1. This work was begun last summer, at the request of Mme. Roerich. Since then the 1st draft of volume 1 has been completed by them, and translation sent to Mme. Roerich. While she suggested certain changes, mainly revisions of the original text and additions, she approved of the translation as a whole. However, there are to be included a number of additions to this book, which will be sent by Mme. Roerich. In the meantime she has requested to start translating the second volume of "Infinity." It has not yet been decided whether the books will be published separately or as two volumes in one.

Miss E. Meeker has compiled the text for two brochures, with approval from India. They are to be "Mother of the World" and "Mother of Agni Yoga." As soon as she will be able to add the necessary paragraphs from "Infinity" for these brochures, she will have them published by the Agni Yoga Society, donating the cost for same. The two brochures contain excerpts from the books of the Teaching, relating to these subjects and also excerpts from the "Letters of Helena Roerich." Miss Meeker has been an untiring worker, having assembled a large amount of compilations on important concepts which are found in the Teaching, such as, Discipleship, Chalice, Psychic Energy, Service, etc.

Mme. Yussupoff has devoted her work to the preparation of indexes for the books of the Teaching. Thus, in the event of issuing new editions of earlier books, we shall have the indexes ready for them. At present she is working on an index for "Infinity."

It is the pleasant duty of the chairman to announce a new acquisition of a painting by Prof. Roerich, "Launching the Ships." This rare and unusual painting, which belongs to the 1915 period and which was bought from an English collection, is a donation to the A. Y. Society collection. Mr. and Mrs. D. Fosdick, Mr. B. Bolling, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Podesa, donated the necessary funds for the purchase of this painting. It has been hung on the first floor, where Roerich paintings are exhibited, and has a sign "recent acquisition," next to it.

The chairman recommends formation of an "Acquisition Fund," as some members already have asked if they could donate money for this purpose.

Purchases effected during this interim by the Agni Yoga Society were: a typewriter, adding machine, a small table and chair for the first floor and curtains for the second floor, and a small portable phonograph, which unfortunately is not satisfactory. The

Society is considering at present the purchase of a high fidelity phonograph, being assisted in this by Mr. Bolling, who promised to get it at wholesale price from the manufacturer.

Beginning with January 1955, a \$5. salary increase was made to Secretary, Miss Marie Gulizia. Salary increased to \$65.00 a week.

Mrs. Louise Dupuy, who cleans the quarters of the Institutions, has been given a raise of \$2., receiving now \$22. a week.

Last summer we painted the back room on the second floor, the foyer on the ground floor, woodwork on both floors and kitchen. This work was done by Mr. R. Leser, Miss M. Gulizia and Miss M. Lehrer. Their labor was completely donated, for which deep appreciation is expressed by the Society.

The lighting was changed in the library on the second floor, for which Mr. Bretthauer was paid the sum of \$50. It has greatly improved the library, especially since it has been used, with the second room on that floor, for exhibition purposes.

Miss Elizabeth Meeker was the chief donor of a number of valuable books for A. Y. library. Her donations have been gratefully acknowledged.

Mrs. Dorothy Bomberger, as in the past, donated Associate fees for 6 members (\$18.00) for 1955 who were financially unable to pay their membership during the last two years.

In conclusion, the chairman wishes to state that the requirements for acceptance of new Associate Members into the Society remain as before. The conditions are a thorough study of the books of Agni Yoga Teachings and the realization by a prospective member that he has found in them that Path of Truth and Knowledge which he was earnestly seeking, and that he has tested himself as to whether he can accept and follow the Teaching without doubt and waverings. Usually one year is set by the chairman for any prospective member prior to his acceptance into the Society as an Associate Member. If it were not for these rules, there is no doubt that the Society could have had a much larger Associate membership. However, the dubious spiritual results would not be compensated for by the material gains.

AGNI YOGA TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1954

Cash on hand, January 1, 1954 \$1,128.36

Receipts

Donations

B. Bolling (Maintenance Fund)	\$3,000.00	
B. Bolling (Printing "Letters")	3,000.00	
B. Bolling (Printing "Agni Yoga")	<u>2,065.64</u>	
	\$8,065.64	
J. J. Weed (Maintenance Fund)	2,000.00	
K. S. Campbell (Printing "Letters")	<u>1,442.44</u>	
		\$11,508.08

Members' Contributions

For publication "Letters"	771.00	
General	<u>440.03</u>	
		1,211.03

Transferred from Maintenance Fund

For publication "Agni Yoga"	990.09	
Maintenance	<u>1,009.91</u>	
		2,000.00

Annual Dues 198.00

Sale of Publications

"Letters"	510.00	
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To Report on Form 990A . . . \$ 31,501.67
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acquired in 1955 {
 The painting "Launching the Ships"
 Telephone table + chair
 Phonograph
 Curtains for library

(- value to be added in next report)

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY, INC.
MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF APRIL 18, 1952
AT 319 WEST 107TH ST., NEW YORK

Present were: B. Bolling, J. J. Weed, M. Lehrer, S. and D. Fosdick.

1. Chairman, S. Fosdick, opened the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Minutes of A.Y. Directors meeting of November 29, 1951 were read. B. Bolling moved to approve as read. J. Weed seconded. Approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's report for the year was read by D. Fosdick. J. Weed moved to approve as read. M. Lehrer seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. J. Weed moved that the same slate of officers and directors be re-elected. M. Lehrer seconded. Unanimously passed.
4. Membership dues, of \$5. each, for 1952, were paid by the members present.
5. The chairman stated that 5 copies of "Community" were sent to B. Bolling at his request for distribution.
6. It was announced that "Illumination" will be ready for printing shortly. Discussion arose as to which of the two books suggested by Mme. Roerich should be republished first - A.Y. or Leaves Vol. 1. B. Bolling stated that if Leaves Vol. 1 is to be republished first he would like to contribute, in addition to the cost of printing of the book an extra amount for a specially beautiful binding, also paper, etc. to make a first quality publication. D. Fosdick expressed appreciation of B. Bolling's thought and gesture, and it was decided to ask Mme. Roerich about this, as well as about the order of publication. After discussion, it was decided to publish now 3,000 copies of "Illumination."
7. S. Fosdick announced that among several recent donations of A. Y. Associates, Mrs. D. Bomberger donated a fund of \$21 to cover annual Associate Membership dues for any Associates who find themselves in financial difficulty. This fund is to be donated by her yearly.

Dr. M. Roos donated the purchase cost of 4 copies of "Community" to be given to worthy seekers who could not afford to buy it. These donations were greatly appreciated by the Directors.
8. It was announced that J. Weed has sent \$1,000 on March 8th, as 1/3 of his budget share for 1952. All present expressed sincere appreciation.
9. In discussing the continuous work of translating and preparation of the A.Y. books to follow "Illumination," and also the book "Invincible" by Prof. Roerich, concern was expressed by B. Bolling as to the long hours and longhand work of S. Fosdick and her dictating to the secretary. He proposed to provide a dictaphone for that work. Recording tape was suggested by J. Weed as a possibility, but it was decided that the dictaphone would be better in this case. B. Bolling promised to look into it and inform the directors presently.
10. Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

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Receipts

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B. Bolling (Printing "Agni Yoga")	<u>2,065.64</u>	
	\$8,065.64	
J. J. Weed (Maintenance Fund)	2,000.00	
K. S. Campbell (Printing "Letters")	<u>1,442.44</u>	
		\$11,508.08

Members' Contributions

For publication "Letters"	771.00	
General	<u>440.03</u>	
		1,211.03

Transferred from Maintenance Fund

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AGNI YOGA SOCIETY

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April 8, 1986

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The following Directors were present: Daniel Entin, David Fogel, Ingeborg Fritschi, Edgar Lansbury and Katherine Stibbe. Elna Yussupoff was represented by Edgar Lansbury. Mr. Lansbury presided.

Edgar Lansbury called the meeting to order and the minutes from the meeting of September 24, 1985 were accepted. In discussion it was decided that the minutes should be sent out to directors within one month after the meeting, if possible. Dr. Fogel asked that his address be recorded as 26 Putnam Park, Greenwich, Connecticut 06830.

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Edgar Lansbury spoke of the need to amend the By-Laws in order to satisfy the board's wishes with regard to the disposition of property should the Society be dissolved. It was suggested and agreed that all assets should go to the Helena Roerich Foundation, Inc. In conformance with the present By-Laws, it was moved that the Board recommend the amending of the By-Laws in such a way that disposition of the property could only be accomplished by a unanimous vote of the Board, and that upon dissolution of the Society, the Helena Roerich Foundation would be the beneficiary. Mr. Entin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Entin gave the Treasurer's Report: Cash on Hand in Checking Account No. 055 001 459 is \$14,732.22.

In the absence of Mrs. Yussupoff, Mr. Entin gave the Secretary's report on membership: 99 Associate Members, 30 Contributing Members, and 18 Sustaining Members, for a total of 147.

Mr. Entin reported on publishing activity. Russian language books are increasingly in demand around the world. Mrs. Valentina Nagel in Australia, who has taken over the archives and publishing duties of Mr. Aseev in Paraguay, has requested permission to republish three small books - a translation of some of the MAHATMA LETTERS, ON EASTERN CROSSROADS, and a booklet on St. Sergius - all new editions of the original Russian publications.

The first volume of Mr. Polunov's new Russian edition of the books of Agni Yoga has appeared. We objected to certain details, which they agreed to correct in the remaining printings. Otherwise, the books correct the many typographical errors of the original edition, and show a complete respect for the original text. We send the booklet PRAYERS AND AFFIRMATIONS to all new members, and would like to order a new printing. There are only twelve copies left.

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