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Mr. Schwyn moved that they be approved. Mr. Donnell seconded, all voting "yes" on roll call.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

If

Attest:

President

Secretary

Bowling Green, Ohio
March 2, 1951

Board assembled on the above date. Members present: Mr. Schwyn, Mr. Bachman, Mr. Donnell, and Mr. Rodgers.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President Prout reported to the Trustees that the Heinz Company was still interested in procuring steam from the University for approximately a six-week period. Action had previously been taken by the Board of Trustees requesting the Business Manager to check on the legality of our entering into contract with the Heinz Company. A letter was written in October to Mr. Duffy, then Attorney General of Ohio, requesting that an opinion be given. Up until several weeks ago there had been no work done on this opinion, however, Mr. O'Neill and his staff have been working very diligently in an attempt to write a favorable opinion. Mr. Kreischer reported yesterday that Senator Adams, Mr. Richards and he had a conference with Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Houston, acting Chief Counsel for the Attorney General, in an attempt to find some way whereby the steam could be sold to the Heinz Company. The representatives from the Attorney General's office informed this group of men that they were reluctant to write a favorable opinion because of the danger of such an opinion being misconstrued in the future. They further stated that they felt it was a commendable project, both from the standpoint of the University and the H. J. Heinz Company, and would certainly result in savings to the University. It was their suggestion that we withdraw our request for an opinion and, if the H. J. Heinz Company officials were willing to assume responsibility of having their steam shut off during a packing season because of an injunctive action, that there should be no objection from the standpoint of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Richards reported the results of the meeting to his superiors in Pittsburgh and they are still interested in purchasing steam. However, they are anxious to get the attitude of the Board of Trustees as a result of the recent meeting with the members of the Attorney General's office. President Prout asked the Board to express their wishes in the matter.

It was moved by Mr. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Donnell that Mr. Kreischer, Business Manager, be authorized to enter into a working agreement with the H. J. Heinz Company for sale of steam at a rate which would yield the University approximately a 10% profit after all direct and indirect charges have been figured into the cost of producing steam. The following members voting aye: Mr. Donnell, Mr. Schwyn, Mr. Bachman and Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

President Prout then reported to the Trustees that the seven Dorms R were so laid out that the open area to the rear of each one could be enclosed by adding two walls, thus enlarging the lounge space and in the event we should receive an Air Conditioning unit this area could be used temporarily for housing, thereby accommodating more male students. He estimated that this cost based on the Architect's estimate would be approximately $45,000 to complete the addition for the seven buildings. It was moved by Mr. Schwyn, seconded by Mr. Bachman that authorization granted for the addition of one room to each of Dorms R at an estimated cost of $45,000 and that such funds should be made available from Rotary F Federal. The following members voting aye: Mr. Donnell, Mr. Schwyn, Mr. Bachman and Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

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