



BERT MESSACAR

Bert Messacar Resigns As Head

Belleville - Burr

Bert Messacar, General Secretary of the Belleville Family YMCA, asked the directors of the organization to accept his resignation last night.

Mr. Messacar told The Intelligencer this morning that he had decided to make a change and have another experience. Essentially, he said, "it's for health reasons; I want to do something with less stress."

In accepting Mr. Messacar's resignation, John Hayman, president of the Belleville Y, expressed both shock and surprise and in a statement this morning explained that "the Y is trying to put its financial house in order and to continue its programs; in view of his health, Mr. Messacar decided to resign and it is a resignation that we accepted with considerable regret."

At the finance committee meeting on June 15, the request was made that the General Secretary supply the

Board with his recommendations on how staff expenses could be cut by \$3,000 to \$4,000 during the balance of 1970.

"It is my opinion", Mr. Messacar told the directors, "that it would not only be unwise but also potentially dangerous to attempt to make a major saving in part-time staff expense."

"The only other way in which a major saving can be made in staff expense this year is to part with the services of one program director," Mr. Messacar continued, stating that this would be inadvisable.

Mr. Messacar submitted his letter of resignation to YMCA President, John Hayman on June 15.

An executive committee meeting preceded the board of directors meeting last night in which Mr. Messacar formally resigned.

Bert Messacar will stay with the Belleville Y until September 1, having been in

the city for five years.

He arrived from Brantford in October of 1965 and since he has been here the capital debt of the Y has been reduced from \$200,000 to less than \$70,000.

Commenting on the present Y board of directors, Mr. Messacar stated that "it is an excellent board, a strong board, which can do a good job for the City of Belleville. In fact, it's the strongest board I've ever dealt with."

Mr. Messacar requested that the YMCA not cut back on its programs and the board last night concurred largely with his request.

In other business, directors decided to hold a membership campaign during the month of September and the membership committee, under the direction of Doug Burr, and the finance committee, chaired by Eric Runacres, were charged with the responsibility of preparing the campaign.

Decision was also made to hold a swimathon in November; this will be co-ordinated by program directors Dave Hahn and Maureen Kelly.

In the fall, the Y will offer a range of package programs: these will be for a specific number of weeks and will be available to non-Y members at a small fee.

It was also disclosed last night that Grant Maidment, president of the Quinte Chapter of the Society of Industrial Accountants, has offered to do an office administration survey for the Y by the end of this month.

A Y press release states that "it is hoped in reviewing office procedure that recommendations will come forward that will improve methods and organize work loads."

Arrangements were also announced for a Toronto firm to inspect the Y facility and equipment and make recommendations for a five - year

maintenance plan. These arrangements have been made through "a generous benefactor."

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