

Clerk:

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Minutes of the Miami Valley yearly meetings
of Free Will Baptists

Saturday, October 6, 1956.

On this date delegates from the Little Miami, Franklin County and Cuyahoga-Lorain County Conferences assembled themselves at the Welch Avenue Free Will Baptist Church at Columbus, Ohio for the purpose of organizing a yearly meeting. ~~The~~ A Council from the Ohio River yearly meeting, consisting of Rev. W. B. May, Rev. Merlin Juts and Rev. Gus Graham took charge of the meeting with Rev. Gus Graham presiding. They stated the delegates from the three conferences.

The delegates were examined by the council and found to be following the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as contained in the Treatise of that organization.

The Council extended the hand of fellowship and Rev.

Felts prayed the prayer of dedication.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn until 1:00 O'clock. The motion passed and Bro. Workman dismissed us.

The afternoon session got underway by singing Hymn # 48. The Devotional Reading was taken from the 5th Chapter of Matthew, verses 1-12. Hymn # 75 was sung and a season of prayer was enjoyed by

The floor was opened for nominations for Clerk. Bro. Richard Howard, who had been appointed Clerk pro-tem in the morning session was nominated by Bro. Don Vanhose and Sec. by Bro. McCarty. He was elected by acclamation.

The meeting was turned over to the Clerk for purpose of electing a Moderator. Bro. McCarty nominated Bro. Forest Beverly & the nomination was seconded by Bro. Lucian Mounts. Bro. ~~Stall~~ ~~Bowling~~ Forest Beverly,

nominated Bro. Delbert Gould.
Bro. Clyde Bowling seconded the
nomination. Bro. Don Vanhose
made motion to cease nominations.
The motion was seconded and
passed. Bro. Gould was elected
to moderate the meeting.

Bro. Lucian Mounts nominated
Bro. Paul ~~At~~ Thompson for
Treasurer. Bro. Blackburn
seconded the nomination. Bro.
Thompson elected by acclamation.

Rev. Andrew Workman ^{Scripto}
presented his letter from the ~~Ohio~~
^{Valley} River yearly meeting and asked
to be taken into this meeting.
Motion was made and passed
to accept Bro. Workman. The
Moderator welcomed him and
he was given the Right Hand of
Fellowship by the Association.

Reverends Alan Gould, Forest
Beverly and Lucian Mounts were
appointed as a committee to draw
up By-laws to present to the
next Yearly Meeting.

A motion to have ^{the} Moderator
appoint a placement committee

was made, it passed and the Reverends Dave Al Hayes, Clyde Bowling and John Jeffrey were appointed to this committee.

Hymn # 136 was sung and an offering of 31.93 was taken.

The Constitution as it appears in the treatise was read and adopted.

Rev. Olan Gould offered an Amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution to permit 1 delegate from each church until the time when the membership of the Conference may be determined. The Amendment was adopted by the Meeting.

A motion was made by Bro. Jeffrey to appoint a committee to present a program for missionary efforts. The motion was seconded & passed. Bro. Wolkman, Bro. Jeffrey, Bro. Beverly, Bro. Olan Gould, & Bro. Dave Al Hayes were appointed to the committee.

A motion was passed to permit the Clerk and Treasurer to purchase record books.

A motion was made to have the clerk prepare a letter to the State Association asking for membership. The motion passed.

The proposed constitution of the Ministerial Meeting of this body was read.

Bro. Jeffrey made a motion to have the By-laws Committee also work up the Ministerial Conference By-laws. The motion passed.

The placement committee recommended the next meeting be held at Springfield. The recommendation was accepted.

The slate of delegates to the State Association was chosen.

Delegates

Stanby Nichols

Gene Epstein

Don Vanhose

Jr. Castle

Eugene Stone

James Marcum

Alternates

Richard Howard

Escom Pack

Henry Young

Lee Wilkins

Forest Beverly

Lloyd Pack

James Harris
Clarence Neuman
Albert Leonard
M. W. Alice

Bill Blackburn
Mrs. Clarence Neuman
Bro. Conley

Motion was made to adjourn
until Oct. 5th 1957, to convene
at the Linnecost Free Will Baptist
Church in Springfield, Ohio

Richard D. Howard,
Clerk