

Springfield, Ohio - Oct. 6, 1957

The Miami Valley Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Springfield Limerick Free Will Baptist Church on this date. The Clerk called the meeting to order. Hymn #167 was sung. He read Psalm 19 as the devotional. Bro. Homer Nelson led in prayer. Bro. Roy Bellomy ~~led in p~~ was elected Moderator and chose as his Assistant Bro. Dave Al Hayes.

After some discussion it was decided that the Clerk & Treasurer are standing officers and serve at the Will by the Meeting.

The minutes were read & approved.

The Treasurer reported a Bal. of \$21.93 on hand. His report was accepted & filed for audit.

The Constitution was read.

Rev. Asby, Livingston & Delbut Gould was appointed to the Pulpit Committee. However, since this was our second meeting business prevented a preaching session.

Revs. Miller, Jeffrey & Hinson

were appointed to the Business Comm. The By-laws committee appointed at the previous session had not met & therefore could not submit a proposed set of by-laws. A motion to appoint a new by-laws committee was passed & Revs. Miller, Sanford, & Workman were appointed on said committee.

The letters were read & approved. A minority report from the Franklin Co. Conference was excepted out. The meeting heard the grievance from the minority. Rev. Allen Gould presented the grievance in writing to the Clerk who read it.

A motion was made & passed that the grievances be turned over to ~~the~~ a special committee for interpretation. Revs. Henson, Bowling and Sanford were chosen as the committee.

A placement committee consisting of Revs. Deibert Gould, Horn and Beverly was appointed.

The Session adopted the new letter as recommended by the National Association for use by

the Conferences in reporting to the Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned for dinner.

The ladies of the Church had prepared a very delectable meal which was enjoyed by all present.

The afternoon session got under way by singing hymn # 202.

Bro. Brooks led in prayer.

The devotional was Gal. 5:13-26

Bro. Homer Nelson from the State yearly meeting reported as a visiting messenger. His report was accepted.

He also reported for the State Association.

Bro. Howard reported as ^{Delegate} Corresponding to the State Ass'n. His report was accepted.

The Placement Committee recommended that the next session be held at the Gibbard Ave. Church in Columbus. The recommendation was approved. ~~by the~~ They also recommended that the Meeting be held in the same location each year. A committee consisting of Rev's Horn, D. Gould & Workman was appointed to find a suitable site for the permanent

meeting place and report at the next Annual session.

Bro. Henson, the Chairman of the Special Committee gave the report on the grievance.

The Committee did not find any discrepancy between the Franklin County By-laws & the National Treatise. ~~They reported~~ This in effect held that the minority was right in their opinion. They also ruled that the Ordination paper of any minister could not be signed by the Moderator of a Conference.

Because of this report Bro. Fred Evans was not granted a ministerial card.

This business came in the midst of reading Ministerial Reports.

The Minister's letters were read and approved and Cards given to those who reported.

There was a motion to give cards to ministers who did not report. After ~~some~~ a good deal of discussion it was decided that to do so would be a violation of our Treatise and the motion

was defeated.

The By-laws committee submitted a set of by-laws which after one or two minor corrections were adopted.

The Meeting authorized the Clerk to have the By-laws and Constitution printed for distribution.

A motion passed ~~to have~~ ^{that} the Ministers meet on Friday before the yearly meeting to organize a ministerial meeting.

The missions committee did not report. They were continued until the next session. Workman, Jeffrey, Beverly, O. Gould, D. P. Key.

Delegates to the State Ass'n were appointed.

Bro. & Sis. Richard Howard

Bro & Sis. Beatty

Bro. Tommy Dameron

Bro. Homer Milan

Sis. Helen Sanford

Bro. Asbury Ward

Bro. M. W. Alice

Bro. Allen Dooley

A motion to send 10.⁰⁰ to the State Ass'n was passed.

~~An offering of The Franklin~~

County Conference sent \$16.⁰⁰ to the
mtg. There were 18.⁰⁰ in donations
from ministers.

The meeting adjourned.

We were dismissed by Bro. Workman.

Bro. Richard D. Howard, Clerk

Rw. Roy Bellomy, Moderator

Rw. Dunc Al Hayes, Asst Moderator