

Minutes of the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting - October 3, 1959

At 10:00 A. M., Oct. 3, 1959 the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Vincent Free Will Baptist Church at Vincent, O.

The Meeting opened with congregational singing. While so doing the brethren joined in a handshake and gathered at the Altar for prayer. Bro. Williams from Scioto Yearly Meeting led in the prayer. The Lord bless from the very outset and continued to do so the rest of the day.

The Clerk read from 2 Timothy 1:6,7 and Phil. 4:13 for a devotional.

Rev. Fred Evans was elected as Moderator.

He chose Rev. Dencil Owsley to assist him.

He then seated the voting power.

Visiting messengers were welcomed with a song and handshake.

Bro. Thompson gave a financial report. His report was accepted and filed for audit. He reported a Balance of 136.17.

The following committees were appointed:

<u>Resolutions</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Obituary</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>
CaA. Newman	Olen Gould	Eugene Stone	Morris Young
Melvin Sanford	John Jeffrey	George Flynn	R. C. Ferguson
Roy L. Bellomy	Herbert Henson	Bro. Wright	Norman Livingstone

The Clerk moved the following by-laws amendments be accepted and tabled for action at the afternoon session.

By-law # 2 - Amended by inserting the words licensed minister after the comma following ordained minister, to make the by-law read as follows:

The voting power of this body shall consist of Ordained Ministers, Licensed Ministers, Ordained Deacons and appointed delegates.

By-law # 4 - Amended to read The Moderator shall be chosen at the ~~end~~ ^{close} of each ~~session~~ annual session to serve for the oncoming year.

By-law # 15 - Amended by inserting the word Friday between the words "First and Saturday" to read as follows: This body shall convene the First Friday and Saturday of October each year at a designated place chosen by the Meeting.

Each was accepted and tabled.

The letters were read and approved. All three Conferences reported.

Reports from visiting messengers were received. Bros. Homer Nelson, Charles Lykins, Williams and Dewey Gillespie were visiting from Scioto Yearly Meeting. Bro. Nelson reported. His report was accepted.

The Pulpit committee chose Rev. Eustace Riggs to preach in the morning message.

A song and offering of \$49.31 was lifted.

Bro. Riggs preached a message from Romans 1:13-16. His topic was the "Three I am's". I am debtor, I am ready, I am not ashamed. He was blessed of the Lord to bring them out forcefully and spiritually. Certainly his message was timely and inspirational.

We adjourned for lunch and were dismissed by Bro. Arnold Moore.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Assistant Moderator,

Bro. Eldridge again treated us with a couple of specials and Bro. Dencil Owsley sang a special.

Bro. Owsley read from Psalms 119:1-8 for a devotional.

Ross Fox led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the removal of Bro. Wright from the Obituary Committee because he had not reported and was not in fellowship with the Meeting.

Bro. Howard reported as a corresponding messenger to the Scioto Yearly Meeting. His report was accepted.

Bros. Ross Fox and Melvin Sanford were appointed to visit the Scioto Yearly Meeting in 1960 and Bros. Forrest Beverly and Clarence Newman to visit the Ohio River Yearly Meeting.

Bro. Howard reported as a delegate to the State Association.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Association:

Bro. Richard Howard and Sister Lurlie Howard, Bro. Bill Pitts, Carl Howes, James Gibbs, M. J. Harris, Doy Harper, William Stidham, Elizabeth Joseph, Ed Damron, Sis.

The By-laws amendments were removed from the table and passed. No. 4 had a great deal of discussion but was finally called for and passed as amended. (See Above)

The Obituary Committee reported the death of Sis. Inez Carter.

The Business Committee report was accepted and each item introduced for action as follows.

- #1. We recommend that this Yearly Meeting donate \$100.00 toward the purchase of a machine for the publication of the newsletter. Carried
- #2. Item A. We ask that an Executive Board of ~~five~~ members be elected by this conference, to serve 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years with the 5 year man to be chairman at all times. B. That a committee be appointed to draw up rules governing its operation to be presented at the next Yearly Meeting.

Amended and passed as follows: We ask ^{for} that an Executive Board consisting of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and three elected members to serve 3, 2, 1, years respectively. This Board shall be charged with drawing up a set of directives outlining their functions to be presented at the next Yearly Meeting.

The elected members were: Melvin Sanford - 3 years, Ross Fox 2 years and Elda Mingus 1 Year.

- #3. Item A. We recommend this Yearly Meeting give consideration to employing a Yearly Meeting evangelist and that requests of the various Quarterly Meetings be made to consider the same, and means of financing the evangelist. Item B. That one member from each Quarterly Meeting be appointed on a committee to approach the pastors of the churches comprising their respective quarterly meetings and bring an answer of each individual church as to the responsibility they will assume for the support of same.

Passed as is: Committee, Forest Beverly, Hohn E. Jeffrey, Clarence Newman.

Business Committee Report (continued)

Item IV. That this Yearly Meeting retain its present location committee for the purpose of securing the centralized location and facilities for accomadating this Yearly Meeting.

This committee has been informed that the Woodstock High School will soon be for sale. Would this body be interested in this building which has a cafeteria, auditorium, separate rooms, piped water, nand all facilities needed, 3 acres of ground and play ground equipment. If they are will power be granted to this committee to contact each Quarterly Meeting and have them start an immediate drive among their churches for funds to purchase the same.

Action as follows: Accept recommended item. Answer in the affirmative and grant authority to this committe to investigat any other suitable location if the Woodstock High School is not available or cannot be purchased.

The Placement Committee recommended that the Yearly Meeting be held at the Woodstock Church permanently. Accepted and approved. Rev. Forrest Beverly — was appointed to replace Rev. C. R. Bowling on this committee. This is the committee retained to implement Item IV of the Business Committe report above.
Fred Evans, Home Joseph, Orvel Roberts, M. W. Allie

Rev. Ross Fox reported that the Home Mission Board had been unable to come up with any recommendations. A motion was made to abolish this Board and have the committee appointed to investigate the Yearly Meeting Evangelist take over the functions and recommend to the next Yearly Meeting whether or not we should have a Home Mission Board and if so what their duties would be. Passed. This Committe is in Item 3 of Business Committee report above.

The Resolutions Committee report was accepted and adopted as recommended.

1. We the Resolutions Committee would like to thank the Lorain-Cuyahoga County Conference for the wonderful fellowship they have extended. We would like to also thank the ladies for the wonderful dinner they prepared, and also the churches for their fine ladging they have provided. We would like to express our appreciation ~~committee~~ and confidence you have placed in the Moderator and committees.

2. Resolved that the Clerk of thsi Association see that each Conference Clerk is informed of the action of this Yearly Meeting and also of the State Association and that we as a Yearly Meeting endorse all action taken at the State Association.

Rev. Orvel Roberts of the Ministerial Association reported the names of the ministers who had reported and been approved for good standing cards by this Yearly Meeting. They were approved and the Clerk instructed to give them cards of good standing. (see list)

Rev. Clarence Newman reported ~~that~~ statistics from Ministerial reports and mission giving. He pled for an increased effort on our part for Missions.

A motion was made to send \$25.00 each to the Bible College, Executive Dept. Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board. Passed

A motion to reimburse committee members at the rate of 7 centa a mile for their travels in connection with official business for this Meeting.

Rev. Fred Evans was reelected as Moderator for another year.

The Meeting adjourned. Bro. Eugene Stone dismissed us.

Finance:	Bal. on Hand	\$136.17	\$291.48	less \$100.00 for Newsletter
	Offering	49.31	191.48	less \$8.00 Clerks fee
	Minister's		183.48	Balance less \$100.00 for National projects
	Dues	49.50	83.48	balance
	Minutes	56.60		
		<u>291.48</u>		

Richard D. Howard, Clerk
Fred Evans - Moderator

The Miami Valley Ministerial Association while in session on this 2nd day of Oct 1959 received the report's of the here in named Ministers and recommend them to receive good standing cards for the next year,

Cuyahoga-Lorain County,

Franklin County,

Little Miami River,

- ✓ B. J. Adkins
- ✓ Fred Bailey
- ✓ Melvin Carter (Milford)
- ✓ Frank Damron
- ✓ John Easterling
- ✓ Clayton Evans
- ✓ R. G. Ferhuson
- ✓ George E. Flynn
- ✓ James Horn
- ✓ James Horn - SHERLEN HORN
- ✓ John E. Jeffrey
- ✓ Jim Land
- ✓ G. O. Martin
- ✓ Homer Milan
- ✓ Oakey Pennington
- ✓ Rosco Reed
- ✓ Homer Richardson
- ✓ Melvin Sanford
- ✓ Albert Stepp
- ✓ John Sawyers
- ✓ David Sexton
- ✓ Wayne Wells

- ✓ Clifford Ball
- ✓ Peyton Blackburn
- ✓ John Bryant
- ✓ William Dixon
- ✓ Quinten England
- ✓ Fread Evans
- ✓ John Forster
- ✓ Ross Fox
- ✓ Olen Gaule
- ✓ Dave Al Hayes
- ✓ Dave Maynard
- ✓ Sturgil McCarty
- ✓ Bert Miller
- ✓ Elda Mingus
- ✓ Arnold Moore
- ✓ Tommy Moore
- ✓ Willie Moore
- ✓ Lucian Mounts
- ✓ John Vanhooose
- ~~Ray Wheeler~~
- ✓ Ray Wheeler
- ✓ FRANK L. GILLILAM
- ✓ CLARENCE NEWMAN
- ✓ MORSE YOUNG
- ✓ JESSE J. KELLEY
- ✓ WELMER COMBS
- ✓ ELDEN W. TRIMBLE

- ✓ Emil Allen
- ✓ Hobert Ashby
- ✓ Buss Beatty
- ~~H. R. Bailey~~
- ✓ Roy L. Bellomy
- ✓ Forest Beverly
- ✓ Ray E. Bowers
- ✓ Homer Brooks
- ✓ Jack Combs
- ✓ Kirby Conley
- ✓ James E. Daniels
- ✓ Claude Eldridge
- ~~Ray Fannan~~
- ✓ Ray Fannan
- ✓ Herbert Henson
- ✓ Norman Livingston
- ✓ Dencil Owsley
- ✓ Walter Pack
- ✓ Orvel Roberts
- ✓ Earl Rolland
- ✓ Greenberry Sallee
- ✓ Eugene Stone
- ✓ Hershel Sparks
- ✓ Edward Willis
- ✓ Thurman Young

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440 S. 9th Street
Miamisburg, Ohio
October 8, 1959

To: All Quarterly Conferences affiliated with the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists:

From: Richard D. Howard, Clerk of the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting:

Subject: Item 2 of the Resolutions Committee report which reads:

"Resolved that the Clerk of this Association see that each conference Clerk is informed of the action taken by this Yearly Meeting and also that of the State Association and that we as a Yearly Meeting endorse all of the action taken at the State Association.

In-as-much as I have been directed to furnish you with this information I am enclosing copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting and the State Association. In each of these the items that should be passed on to the churches and ministers are marked with red pencil. If you wish you may send them a complete copy of the minutes of both meetings.

In-as-much as the Yearly Meeting endorsed the action of the State Association I think it would be appropriate for each of our Quarterly Meetings to endorse the action of the Yearly Meeting in so doing.

I trust this information will be of interest to you and that it has not been a complete waste of my time.

Yours in His service,
Richard D. Howard, Clerk
Miami Valley Yearly Meeting

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