

1960 Minutes of the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting

At 10:00 A. M. on October first, 1960 the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting opened by singing "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian. While they sang they extended the right hand of fellowship to Dr. L. C. Johnson, Rev. Homer Nelson, Rev. Henry Hawkins and Rev. Johnny Eldridge, who were visiting brethren.

The Clerk read from 1 Cor. 1:9, 10 for the devotional thought.

Rev. Fred Evans, the Moderator, took over and asked Rev. Dencil Owsley to serve as his assistant. After his remarks, concerning proper conduct during the meeting, he called for the reading of the minutes.

These were read and approved. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Clerk gave the financial report. It was accepted and filed for audit.

The letters were read and accepted with the exception of the Central Ohio Conference. This letter was referred to the business committee.

Committees as follows were appointed:

<u>Resolutions</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Obituary</u>	<u>Appreciation</u>
Arley Joe Ball	John Jeffrey	John Bryant	L. Norman Livingston
Ross Fox	Bert Miller	Homer Brooks	Bro. Blackburn
Charles Wright	Forest Beverly	Lee Roy Hill	Homer Milan

A song was sung and an offering lifted.

We recessed for the morning service and lunch.

The Welch Avenue and Bryce Road Quartets delivered inspirational messages in song.

Rev. L. C. Johnson, Pres. of Free Will Baptist Bible College presented the needs and an up to date report on the College. After this he delivered a very inspiring and challenging sermon taken from Timothy "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God."

-After this thought provoking message we were dismissed for lunch. The ladies of the church are to be congratulated for serving the Meeting in such a fine manner.

The P. M. Session got under way with the introduction of Rev. Homer Nelson who was in charge of the devotions. We sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev. C. A. Newman led in prayer. Bro. Nelson read from John 14:1-6 for a devotional thought. The Bryce Road, Welch Avenue Quartets and Claude Eldridge treated us with several specials. (This was an innovation for our Yearly Meeting. Usually we have a very short devotional period and go into business. It was the general feeling that this was a worthwhile feature.) Certainly Bro. Nelson is to be complimented on his leadership in the situation.

Bro. Nelson and Bro. Hawkins reported for the Scioto Yearly Meeting. Bro. Nelson also reported for the Ohio River Yearly Meeting. He also brought with him the Minutes of the State Association meeting and distributed them.

- Bro. M. W. Alicie also reported on the Scioto Yearly Meeting.

Ralph Davis and Bill Pitts were appointed as delegates to the Ohio River Yearly Meeting for 1961. M. W. Alicie and Richard Howard were appointed as delegates to the Scioto Yearly Meeting. (Sept. 1st Sat.)

The Business Committee reported and their report was accepted and acted on by separate items.

The Central Ohio Conference was accepted with the understanding that the pastor of the West Side Church be replaced. (He is the husband of a lady that had previously been married.) Approved as recommended.

#2: Pay Bro. L. C. Johnson \$35.00. Amended to pay him \$50.00. Passed

#3. Give a donation of \$15.00 to publishing of The Ambassador. Passed

#4. Give \$100.00 to the State Home Mission Board. Passed

#5. Donate Woodstock Church \$15.00 for incidental expense of Yearly Meeting. Amended to have the church present a bill in future years for such expense.

A resolution calling for pastors of the Yearly Meeting to seriously consider the possible effects of a Catholic President being elected President of the United States, and to influence if possible his congregation to oppose Mr. Kennedy.

A resolution concerning a permanent Yearly Meeting Headquarters was tabled until the Placement Committee was heard from.

The Obituary Committee reported the death of Bro. Art Thompson, former Clerk of the Franklin County Conference. The Yearly Meeting observed a moment of silent prayer in memory of Bro. Thompson.

The Appreciation Committee expressed the gratitude of the Yearly Meeting to one and all that had anything to do with making it a success. This included the COOKS, the singers, preachers, and all.

State Association delegates reports were not received. The printed minutes were on hand and they were accepted in lieu of verbal reports.

State Association delegates were appointed. They are: Marie Harper - Vincennes, Merv Cole - Rosedale, Jim King - Bryde Road, Bill Stidham - Urbana, Richard and Lurlie Howard - Franklin, Ollie Newman - W. Jefferson, M.J. Harris - W. Dayton, Homer Milan - Cleveland, Billy McCarty, New Rome, or W. Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Price - Fairborn; Alternates were: Ernest Darron, Elmer Huff and the Prices.

The placement committee reported that they had investigated the possibility of purchasing the Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg and that they thought it could be had. Accepted. This committee was retained and asked to investigate further and were authorized to approach the four Conferences for the necessary financial help that will be needed. Bro. C. A. Newman replaced Homer Joseph on the Committee.

The Home Mission Committee reported that in their judgement the Yearly Meeting was not ready for an evangelist. Accepted.

Bro. Newman and Alicie reported on the State Home Mission Board plans and thoughts. They reported a depleted treasury and asked that the pastors and people present support the work actively.

The Executive Board report was accepted and the rules governing their conduct was approved. Rev. Arnold Moore was elected to the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Rev. Elda Mingus.

The letter from the Central Ohio Conference was read as a matter of information. It was accepted.

The Ministerial Cards were given out. A motion to grant cards unless there was an objection passed.

A motion, which came as a result of a recommendation of the Ministerial Association, that we ask the State Association to consider the possibility of purchasing a seal to be applied to all official Ministerial Cards, passed.

Rev. Fred Evans was chosen as Moderator for the ensuing year.

We adjourned and were dismissed.

Rev. Fred Evans, Moder
Rev. Dencil Owsley Ass't
Richard D. Howard, Clerk