

MINUTES OF THE 1961 SESSION OF THE MIAMI VALLEY YEARLY MEETING

The Moderator Rev. Fred Evans called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. on Oct. 7, with the congregation singing I'm going that way and Prayer by Rev. Don Williams.

A letter of resignation was read from the Yearly Meeting clerk Brother Richard Howard. His resignation was accepted and Paul Thompson was elected to succeed him.

Rev. Dencil Owsley was selected as assistant Moderator and visiting messengers were welcomed while the congregation sang When we all get to Heaven.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved, the constitution and by-laws were also read.

A report of finances <sup>WERE</sup> ~~was~~ given by the treasurer Paul Thompson his report was accepted and due to him being elected as clerk he resigned as treasurer and Rev. Arnold Moore was elected to succeed him.

Letters from all conferences were read and approved, also a ministerial letter was presented to the Yearly Meeting from Rev. George Shannon and action on this letter was tabled until later in the session in that the letter was supposed to have been presented at the Ministerial meeting on Friday evening.

The following committees were appointed.

Resolutions:	Business:	Obituary:	Appreciation:
1. Rev. Delmar Sparks	1. Rev. Dave Al Hayes	Rev. Orvel Roberts	Rev. Homer Brooks
2. Rev. Wade Trimble	2. Rev. John Jeffrey	Rev. Ross Fox	Rev. Payton Blackburn
3. Rev. Melvin Sanford	3. Rev. Herbert Henson	Rev. Earl Rolland	Rev. Fred Bailey

An offering of thirty five dollars and twenty four cents was given while the congregation sang It won't be very long.

The meeting adjourned from business until afternoon to hear a song by Rev. Don Williams and a very challenging and inspiring message by Rev. Homer Nelson.

The afternoon session was begun by the assistant Moderator leading the devotions. The congregation sang Leaning on the everlasting arms, Rev. Owsley read Rev. 3:11 and lead in Prayer.

Rev. Homer Nelson and Rev. Andrew Workman gave reports as visiting Messengers.

Brother Billie McCarty and Rev. Clifford Ball were appointed as corresponding messengers to the Ohio River Yearly Meeting and Brother Jr. Williams and Rev. Fred Evans were sent to the Scioto Valley Yearly Meeting.

The obituary committee reported the deaths of Rev. Roy Bellomy and Bro. Alva Short, the Yearly Meeting held a moment of silent Prayer in memory of them.

A report was given on the State association by Bro. Billie McCarty and Rev. Clarence Newman.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Association, Rudd Deal, Willie Brown, Allie Dooley, Civi Adams, Wm. Stidham, Frank Boyett, Eldon Pelfrey, Leroy Hawse, Farris Fraley and Frank Beverly.

Rev. Clarence Newman gave a report as Home Mission Promotional secretary.

The Business committee recommended that the Ohio Valley FreeWill Baptist Quarterly be accepted as members of the Yearly Meeting and members present were fellowshipped into the Yearly Meeting.

Ministerial cards were granted including the one in question for not being submitted at the Ministerial Meeting and another Minister who was unable to be at the meeting also.

The Trustees and Treasurer gave a report on the building purchased by the Yearly Meeting and finances. The Yearly Meeting voted to pay the Janitor \$100 back pay and \$100 for building expenses. The Yearly meeting will retain it's present method of obtaining funds, \$1 from each ordained authority per quarter to be collected by the Quarterly Meetings.

The Yearly Meeting voted to have an arbitration committee to sit with ministers on a doctrinal question as recommended by the Ministerial Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting voted to elect Rve. Thomas Moore to the three year term on the executive committee and Rev. Herbert Henson to replace Rev. Arnold Moore as two year man due to his appointment as treasurer a standing office of the executive committee.

Rev. Dencil Owsley was elected as Moderator to serve for the coming year.

The Miami Valley Yearly Meeting adjourned until October 6th 1962.