

MINUTES OF THE 1962 MIAMI VALLEY YEARLY MEETING

The Miami Valley Yearly meeting met at the headquarters building in Mechanicsburg Ohio at 9:30 A.M. on October 6th 1962.

The clerk called the meeting to order and the congregation sang "I feel like traveling on" and prayer by Rev. Norman Livingston.

Ephesians 4:1-3 was read for a scripture lesson and the meeting was turned over to the Moderator Rev. Dencil Owsley who chose as his assistant Rev. Norman Livingston.

Rev. Homer Nelson, Don Williams, Jr. Williams and Brother Salyers were given the hand of fellowship while the congregation sang.

The clerk read the by laws and constitution also a report of finances. Letters from Cuyahoga Lorrain, Little Miami, Central Ohio and Franklin County conferences were read and approved.

the following committees were appointed: Pulpit-Rev. Thomas Moore, Hobart Ashby and John Jeffreys. Resolutions: Rev. Wade Trimble, Homer Brooks and Forrest Dyer. Business: Rev. Fred Evans, Hobart Ashby, and John Jeffreys. Obituary: Rev. Delmer Sparks, Quenton England and brother Miniard Young. Appreciation: Rev. Earl Rolland, Milburn Alicie and Orvel Roberts.

An offering was taken while the congregation sang blessed assurance. The West Jefferson trio sang while visitors arriving late were welcomed.

In the morning service brother Don Williams sang some very inspiring songs and Rev. Norman Livingston brought the morning message.

The meeting was opened in the afternoon with the assistant moderator leading the devotion, the congregation sang "When we all get to Heaven" and also a congregational prayer. The 14th chapter of St. John was read for a scripture lesson.

Brother Ray Turnage director of the Free Will Baptist Home for children gave a talk on conditions and progress of the home. Rev. Homer Nelson gave a report from the Scioto Yearly Meeting and Rev. Ted Greene from Ky. State.

Messengers appointed to other bodies were: Rev. John Jeffreys and Melvin Sanford to Ohio River, Rev. Fred Evans and James Lavendor to Scioto Valley and Rev. George Flint and B.J. Adkins to Ky. State.

The business committee recommended that the various Quarterly meetings alternate in fixing food for the Yearly Meeting (passed) they also recommended that the Yearly Meeting appeal to each Church for fifty dollars to pay on the indebtedness of the headquarters building so that the regular income could be used for maintenance and repair, (passed).

The resolutions committee recommended that each conference comprising the Yearly Meeting contribute twenty five dollars toward the cost of food for the Yearly Meeting and that the responsibility of this be delegated to the Ladies auxillary of the churches nearby, (rejected) They also recommended that the Yearly Meeting send a letter of protest to the State association concerning the matter of the State executive board in going against the vote of the State association while in session and combining the State evangelist and the State promotional secretary and moving the address of the Free Will Baptist of Ohio, (rejected).

The obituary committee recommended that the conference stand in a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have gone to their reward, (passed).

The appreciation committee recommended that a standing vote of thanks be given to all who had a part in providing the comforts and conveniences enjoyed by the Yearly Meeting, (passed).

The conference elected brother Joe Baldwin for a five year term as trustee for the building.

The conference elected Rev. Melvin Sanford to the three year term on the executive board.

The Ministerial Meeting recommended that "No minister receive his card of good standing from the Yearly Meeting unless he believes in tithing for the support of the ministry and God's work, (passed) they also recommended that the Yearly Meeting withhold Rev. Morse Young's card of good standing, (passed)

A motion was made that ministers not present could not receive their cards of good standing until they made it clear to the clerk as to their belief in tithing according to recommendation one of the ministerial meeting, Ammended that sixty days be allowed for this action, (Passed).

A motion was made that lifetime cards be issued to ministers over sixty five years of age, (rejected).

The Yearly Meeting voted to send a formal letter of protest to Gov. Disalle and to a School that insisted that girls wear gym suits.

Rev. Merlin Teets gave a report as promotional secretary and State evangelist and Rev. Homer Nelson gave a report on the State paper.

Rev. Clarence Newman and Rev. Fred Evans gave a report and talk on the financial standing of the headquarters building trustees.

Ministerial cards were granted to qualifying ministers present.

An offering was lifted for building expenses of 36:57.

Rev. Owsley was elected as moderator for the next session and the Yearly Meeting voted to pay bills of two hundred and sixty two dollars on the headquarters building.

The clerk was instructed to write each Quarterly meeting from which the Yearly meeting borrowed money for a down payment on the headquarters building, also to encourage support of the Greeneville childrens home and mission work in Hawaii with Rev. Luther Saunders.

A report on a special meeting of the Miami Valley Yearly Meeting was read and accepted.

The clerk was instructed to write to each minister and inform them of the action taken concerning ministers good standing cards.

The following delegates were appointed to the State association: Russell Brown, Hollis Warner, Eldon Pelfrey, George Manson, Watson Combs, Curtis Sheets, James Allen, Carl Phillips, Herbert Collins and Kenneth Weaver, the letter to the Association was read and approved.

The Yearly Meeting adjourned until October 5th 1963.

Rev. Dencil Owsley: Moderator

Paul Thompson: Clerk