

MINUTES OF THE 1963 MIAMI VALLEY YEARLY MEETING

The clerk called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. October 5th 1963, at the Headquarters building in Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

The congregation sang "Love lifted me" and "When the roll is called up yonder" Rev. John Bryant led in prayer and Phillipians 2:1-16 was read for a scripture lesson.

The moderator took charge of the service and chose as his assistant Rev. Thomas Moore.

Visiting messengers were welcomed while the congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight".

The minutes of the previous session together with the by-laws and constitution of the Yearly meeting were read by the clerk, a report of finances was given by the treasurer.

The following committees were appointed, Pulpit: Brothers Travis, Cook and Hayes. Business: Reverend Fred Evans, John Jeffreys and Hobart Ashby. Resolution: Rev. Herbert Henson, Charles Wright and Richard Pressnel. Obituary: Rev. Ralph Davis, Wade Trimble and Fred Spears. Appreciation: Earl Rolland, Thurman Murphy and Delmar Sparks.

Letters from all conferences were read and accepted. An offering was lifted for the Yearly meeting.

Rev. Wendell Wooley from the FreeWill Baptist College brought the morning message and lunch was prepared by the Franklin County quarterly meeting.

The afternoon devotions were led by the assistant moderator Rev. Thomas Moore.

Bro. Henry Davis gave a report as corresponding messenger from the Ohio Valley Yearly meeting. Bro. Curtis Sheets and Eldon Pelfry gave a report as State association delegates. Bro. Ray Turnage gave a talk on the Greeneville FreeWill Baptist Home for children. Messengers appointed to other Yearly meetings had no report.

Bro. Allie J. Dooley, Sam Spradlin and Rev. Randall Goble were appointed as messengers to Ohio Valley, Scioto Valley and Kentucky State. Rev. Quenton England and Arnold Moore were appointed to the Great Lakes Yearly meeting in Akron.

The conference voted to read letters from ministers who did not have their letters at the ministerial meeting.

A letter was read from the State Association with five resolutions item two and five were accepted, item two: the Yearly meeting voted to change the Yearly meeting to the third Saturday in May so that it would be closer to the State meeting. The Yearly meeting also in accordance with the fifth resolution agreed to encourage it's members to help the mission work in Hawaii by purchasing one foot of land at the price of 77¢.

The appreciation committee report was accepted and a standing vote of thanks was given the Franklin county conference for preparing the meal. Rev. Newman gave a report of finances from the building trustees.

The ministerial meeting sent the following recommendations to the Yearly meeting,

- #1. To rescind action of 1962 session concerning ministers good standing cards and rephrase to read: "any minister teaching contrary to the articles of faith not to receive his card of good standing. (rejected)
- #2. All ministers reporting by letter are recommended for their good standing card, including those brethren who didn't get their card over the issue of the 1962 session. (rejected)
- #3. To grant the ministerial cards in the ministerial meeting on Friday before the Yearly meeting. (Passed)
- #4. To grant Bro. Lloyd Parsley and Richard Hensley good standing cards. (Passed)
- #5. Sell this property located at Mechanicsburg. (rejected)

A report was given from the Yearly meeting executive board along with a recommendation to dispose of the headquarters building due to lack of funds for proper upkeep. (rejected)

Motions were made and passed to allow the Yearly meeting to charge various groups using the building and to allow the trustees to decide the price of it's use, and for the moderator to encourage the quarterly meetings to use the building for the purpose of obtaining more funds.

Motion made and passed to retain the present executive board until the next meeting.

Motion made and passed to retain the same restrictions of last year in regard to ministers cards.

Rev. Fred Evans was elected as moderator for the next session. Meeting adjourned.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE MIAMI VALLEY YEARLY MEETING

On March 9th 1963 the executive board met while the Franklin County quarterly conference was in session at the Westerville church in order to explain the recent ruling of the Yearly Meeting concerning tithing and be of assistance in finding a solution to the problem which had risen over the ruling.

The Franklin county conference requested that we meet further with their executive board and this meeting was held at the headquarters building on March 16th. It was mutually agreed that we would meet with the ministers of the Franklin County conference at a later date and endeavor to ease the tention that had arose in the conference. At this meeting the executive board agreed that we should refund the fee paid by those ministers who did not qualify for their card, after a check of finances however we could not do so.

The meeting with the ministers of the Franklin conference took place on May 31st at the Westerville church, Rev, Owsley was moderator of the meeting , after much discussion to no avail Rev. Owsley advised the ministers that if ministers without good standing cards continued to be recognized in the conference that the Yearly meeting would likely deal with the conference in that it is contrary to its rules and the meeting was adjourned.

The executive board met on Sat. Sept. 14th at the headquarters building for the purpose of preparing the agenda for the coming Yearly Meeting. At this meeting the executive board voted to request the Yearly meeting to reccomend to our next State association that we abolish Yearly meetings and let the State association handle business now conducted by Yearly meetings.

We also reccomend that the Yearly meeting dispose of the headquarters building due to lack of funds and the matter in which the building has been kept as far as cleanliness and upkeep, we feel that this is a reproach to our denomination in this community and to those who visit us and see this condition.

REV. DENCIL OWSLEY: MODERATOR

PAUL THOMPSON: CLERK