

June 19, 1959 10:00 A.M.

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened in regular session at Fairborn Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. T. Carter. Singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Rev. Homer Willis. Sang "Amazing Grace." Prayer around the altar.

Sang "To The Work" -- Scripture Reading - 1st Psalm

Clerk called Association to order and introduced Moderator (Rev. John Jeffries) Moderator takes charge.

Appointment of Credential Committee:

1. Merlin Teets
2. Clarence Newman
3. Floyd Estep

Sang several songs while waiting on Credential Committee.

Report of Credential Committee. Credential Committee recommends that letters be accepted -- delegates seated.

List of delegates read, and delegates seated by Moderator.

Appointment of Committees:

Business

1. Melvin Sanford
2. Charles Lykins
3. E. T. Carter

Resolutions

1. Denzil Ousley
2. Forrest Chamberlin
3. Floyd Estep

Obituary

1. Clarence Newman
2. Dewey Gillespie
3. Paul Taylor

Publicity

1. Ida Teets
2. Cecile Gillenwater
3. Dee Carter

Appreciation

1. Wade Trimble
2. H. E. Starkey
3. Hobart Ashby

Bro. Gillespie Assistant Moderator.

Motion seconded and carried that we adjourn until 1 P.M. due to the fact that Bro. Homer Willis and Bro. McDonald from Nashville, Tennessee had to leave at noon. Bro. Melvin Sanford who was to preach in the morning gladly relinquished his time, and he will preach this afternoon.

Bro. McDonald talked concerning the Bible College. Then Bro. Homer Willis brought the A.M. message - talked concerning the Home Missions.

Dismissed by Bro. Robert Meade.

1:00 P.M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Robert Meade in absence of Bro. Stevens.

Singing - "My Redeemer", "O, I Want To See Him". Prayer around the altar, led by Bro. Starkey. Scripture Reading - I Cor. 13.

Moderator assumes chair.

Report of Publicity Committee -- (See reports) by Bro. Howard. MSC that we accept report.

Report of National Association -- by Bro. Howard. Accepted.

Report of State Evangelist -- by Rev. Meade. (He resigned) MSC. Accepted report (See Reports).

Report of Editor of Newsletter -- by Bro. Howard.

Report accepted -- a deficit paid him for expenses that was incurred. \$33 MSC.

Report of S.S. Committee -- Bro. Howard. (See reports)

Report of Foreign Mission -- Rev. Estep, Treasurer. MSC. Report acceptedd Bro. Estep resigned as Board Member. Report accepted.

Election of Foreign Mission Members:

Denzil Ousley, Treasurer, for unexpired term of Bro. Estep-- 3 yrs. yet. 1962. (102 N. Main St., Franklin, Ohio)

Clarence Newman (as new member) -- 5 years. 1964.

Bro. Lykins, Chairman -- 4yrs. -- 1963.

Abbie Knore -- 1 yr. -- 1960.

Revis Furgson -- 2 yrs. -- 1961.

OTHER MEMBERS AND THIER TERMS ON F. M. B.

Report of Home Mission Board by Bro. Chamberlin. Term on Home Mission Board expires today. Bro. Chamberlin elected to succeed himself.

Moved and sustained that we give a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Estep on Foreign Mission Board, Bro. Chamberlin, Home Mission Board and Bro. Meade, State Evangelists.

Bro. Alicie, Bro. Lykins and Bro. Newman were appointed Home Mission Members Pro-Tem to work with Bro. Chamberlin for this session to engage a State Evangelist.

Report of Business Committee -- (See Reports)

1. Passed. 2. Passed to go on record and send protest to N.A.

MSC that a duplicating machine be purchased for the work in Hawaii; to be purchased by the Home Mission Board, not to exceed \$200. Money from General Fund.

Partial Report of Resolution Committee:

1. Adopted. 2. Adopted. Comm. of 3.

Committee appointed: 1. Jeffries
2. Teets
3. Chamberlin

On article 2 of Resolutions

Home Mission Board - has elected Bro. Workman as State Evangelist.

Moved and carried that we adjourn.

Service was turned over to Bro. Sanford.

10:00 A.M. June 20, 1959

State Association reconvened with Bro. Lykins leading the devotionals. Special singing by Ken Apple Trio.

Devotional exercises consisted of "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In" and "The Unclouded Day."

Prayer around altar led by Bro. Gould.

Special singing - Apple Trio.

Moderator takes charge.

Bro. Beverly - appointed on Business Committee to replace Bro. Carter.

The Clerk requested to read minutes. Minutes read. Approved. Moved and sustained that the minutes be not read anymore.

Treasurer's Report -- accepted.

Bro. Gould, Bro. Baldwin were appointed to Resolution Committee. Bro. Starkey, Obituary.

The Vincent F.W.B. Church of Elyria, Ohio invited the next Association to convene with them. The request granted.

Appointing of delegates to National Association:

1. Richard Howard
2. Lurie Howard
3. A.A. Gillenwater
4. Elmer Combs
5. Warren Edwards

Moved and sustained that Bro. Howard be recommended to the Nominating Committee of the National Association for our member of General Board.

MSC that Bro. Howard be the Chairman of our delegation.

Bro. Gillespie was elected Moderator.

MSC Association adopt Roberts Rules of order as our parliamentary procedure.

MSC that we adjourn.

Services were turned over to Bro. Baldwin.

Dismissed by Bro. Moore.

1:00 PM. State Association reconvened with Bro. Beverly in charge of devotionals. Singing "It Won't Be Long" and "Camping In Canaan's Land".

Prayer by Bro. Stone.

Scripture reading

Special singing by Singing Star Trio.

Moderator takes charge.

Melvin Sanford elected a member of Executive Committee at large.

Reports of Committee.

Sunday School Committee retained. Adopted.

MSC to have minutes printed.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned until next year.

Moderator-John Jeffries
Clerk -Homer Nelson

REPORTS

Sunday School Committee Report

Our activity has been limited to the establishment of one Sunday School Convention.

Comittee retained -- Richard D. Howard - Chairman
Clarence Newman and Wade Trimble

State Evangelist Report - Rev. Robert Meade

Rev. Bob Meade resigned. 17 Revivals, 94 Conversions, 4 Homecomings, 4 Weddings, 2 Funerals. Revivals in the following churches: Silver Run, Hamilton, Puritan, Waterloo, Glen Roy, McDermott, Puritan, Wellston, Prattsville, Ripley, W.Va. Swaugher Valley, Mt. Calvary, Long Run, Dry Run, La Grange, Fox Hollow and Mechanicsburg,

Appreciation Committee Report

We the Appreciation Committee wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Fairborn Church and the Little Miami Conference and the ladies that prepared the dinner for their hospitality and fellowship shown since we have been here.

We further express our appreciation and thanks to Bro. Nelson, each Committee, and officers, and the faithful services of Bro. Bob Meade, and all the other participants that has made this association possible.

Appreciation Committee - Wade Trimble, H.E. Starkey and Hobart Ashby.

Obituary Committee Report

Bro. Hersel Preston, Deacon of the Brooks Dale Church from Lawrence County, Ohio Conference was 63 years of age. Bro. Preston was an Ordained Deacon for 15 years.

We the Obituary Committee Thank the Lord that he spared the workers in the vineyard.

C.A. Newman
Dewey Gillespie
H. E. Starkey

Resolution Committee Report

- I We the resolution committee recommend that the State Mission Board investigate any groups who are worshipping under the name Free Will Baptist and try to lead them to unite with an organized Free Will Baptist group if they are so qualified doctrinally and if they don't wish to do so request them to worship under some other name. We further recommend that the said board be paid 7¢ per mile for these services.
- II We recommend that a committee be appointed to draft a set of qualifications that a minister must be able to meet before he can be duly hired as state evangelist, these rules to be presented at the 1960 session of this body.

Reports Continued-

- III We the Resolution Committee recommend that the State Executive Board meet with the various Yearly Meetings of the State of Ohio and request that these Yearly Meetings adopt a uniform set of Constitution and By Laws.
- IV Be it resolved that the State Association take a very strong stand on encouraging the attendance of Ministers to the State Association.
- V Be it resolved that each board chairman when reporting to the State Association give the number of times his board has met, and recommend the removal of any member of his board who has not fulfilled his duties as a member of that board, or absents himself from the board meeting or State Association without just cause.

Final Report

Boards of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist.

Executive Board

1. John Jeffrys - Moderator
2. Dewey Gillespie - Ass't Moderator
3. Homer Nelson - Clerk
4. Allen Williams, Jr. - Treas.
5. Melvin Sanford - Member at large

Home Mission Board, at Present

1. Forrest Chamberlin
2. Hobart Ashby
3. (Bascom Ross) these names
4. (Melford Riddlebarger) are
5. (Clarence Riddlebarger) tentative

Foreign Mission Board

1. Charles Lykins
2. Denzil Ousley
3. Abbie Knore
4. Clarence Newman
5. Revis Furguson

Any of these Boards are at your service, and if their services are needed you can contact the Association Clerk, and he will get in touch with them.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Recommend that we add a by-law to our present by-laws that we pay our Clerk \$25 per year.
2. The Ohio State Association of F.W.B. wish to go on record as being opposed to the National Association of F.W.B. meeting in any building where alcoholic beverages are sold. We feel meeting in such places are in opposition to our Church Covenant. Above all, we feel we are definitely going against the teachings of God's Word, as stated in I Thes. 5:22 - "Abstain from all appearance of evil."
3. Recommend that this State Association adopt the National Treatise. Carried. MSC.
4. Recommend that all members of the State Association relative to the Ministers that all Ministers be male members only. Carried. MSC.
5. We further recommend that no Minister can be a member of this State Association who has two living wives, or whose wife has two living husbands.
6. The next recommendation is covered in Appreciations Committee report relative to the State Association being taken care of.
7. The State Association Clerk to instruct the Yearly Meeting Clerks concerning the resolution of the male members only, and to insert in their letters the names of all Ministers belonging to said Conference, wheter male or female.

8. Amendment of Constitution - Article VI - to read "The session of this Association shall be held on Thursday before the fourth Saturday in June. Friday session to open at 9:30 A.M. - Saturday, 9:30 A.M. Reasons-so that we may visit with and correspond with Kentucky and Virginia State Associations.
(Accepted - tabled to next association.)
9. That the Clerk of the Association be asked to visit with the three members of the State Home Mission Board who have absented themselves from this meeting and determine to his own satisfaction if these men are interested in keeping to said Board. If not, that Rev. Clarence Newman, Rev. Merlin Teets, and Bro. M.W. Alicie be designated their successors in that order.
(MSC. Adopted. Duty of Clerk calling Committee to meeting)
10. By*laws Amendment - Section 12 - Delete the first sentence. Add -- "The State Association shall be financed as follows: Each Church shall take one free will offering each year. Yearly Meeting dues shall be \$10 per year." (Accepted. Pleaced on table next year.)
11. We recommend that the Foreign Mission Board be designated as a dual board for National Home & Foreign Missions.
Carried.
12. We recommend the Executive Board be charged with the responsibility of drafting a set of directives outlining the authority and the responsibility of each standing Board. We further charge the Executive Board with the duty of presenting at the first business session of the Association a program outlining a set of goals that may be worked toward either for the year or for a longer period of time divided into yearly objectives. Moved - adopted.

Rev. Sanford
Rev. Beverly
Charles Lykins

COMMITTEE REPORT ON PUBLICITY

The State Association has been well publicized in the past year. A total of 10 Newsletters were mailed out. The circulation stated with 110, and has grown to the 250 mark. Many complimentary remarks have been received as to the desirability of this service. It is our opinion that the State Association Meeting has been better advertised throughout the state in the past year than ever before. We recommend that the Newsletter be included in the annual budget and that more funds be set aside for this work.

Richard D. Howard, Chairman
Noel Herman
Floyd Estep

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches	90
Sunday Schools	85
Ord. Ministers	163
License Ministers	25
Church Membership	4,757
S.S. Membership	5,396
Leagues	27
Women's Aux.	12
Masters Men	2

Foreign Missions	-	\$2,029.19
Home Missions	-	2,731.49
For Both	-	615.27

Treasurer's Report

In Treasury beginning of session	\$384.01
Receipts (Churches, Y.M., Deacons & Ministers)	\$341.79

Total in Treasury	<u>\$725.80</u>
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Disbursements	
Clerk's Fee	\$25.00
Bro. Howard	<u>33.00</u>
Total in Treasury	<u>58.00</u>
	\$667.80