

STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

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June 23, 1961 9:30 A.M.

The Ohio State Association of F. W. B. convened in Regular Session at the Germany Hollow F. W. B. Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Clarence Newman. Congregational song, Leaning On the Everlasting Arms. How Firm A Foundation was sung while gathering around the altar for prayer. Led in prayer by Rev. Lykins. Scripture reading - Eph. 4:1-6

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hammond were in charge of the singing.

Rev. John Reese, Pastor of Host Church, gave the welcome address.

Rev. Forrest Chamberlin gave the response.

Clerk called the Association to order and made remarks pertinent to the State Association, and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Andrew Workman.

Order of Business

Report of Credential Committee

We failed to appoint a committee last year. Report accepted. (See reports) *Executive Comm. took care of this*

Seating of delegates by the Moderator.

Appointing of Committees by the Moderator.

Publicity  
Bro. Reese  
Bro. Moore  
Bro. Kurfman

Obituary  
Bro. Meade  
Bro. McCarty  
Mary Sizemore

Resolution  
Bro. Lykins  
Bro. Evans  
Bro. Rose

Business Committee

Merlin Teets  
Henry Hawkins  
Arnold Moore

Appreciation Committee

Sparks  
Ousley (replaced by)  
Garrett

Floyd Estep  
Quenten England  
Dewey Gillespie

Nominations for Assistant Moderator

Bro. Clarence Newman - Bro. Newman was elected.

Report of the Editor of the Ohio State Ambassador by Richard Howard. Report accepted. (See reports)

The total indebttness of the paper \$89.74.

Moved and sustained that we draw \$90.00 from the State Association treasure.

Several remarks about the paper, The Ambassador.



MSC that each Pastor present, present this to the Churches relative to supporting the Newsletter, and amendment to grant Executive Board power to work with Bro. Howard concerning the advancement of the AMBASSADOR.

Report of Publicity Committee - No one present. Clerk and Rev. Newman reported.

Letter from Rev. L. C. Johnson from F. W. B. Bible College read by Bro. Howard. MSC that we receive this report and Carla Dunham, a member at Porter Church and a student at the Bible College gave her testimony and praised the facilities of the College.

Telegram from director of Foreign Missions, Rev. Rolla Smith, was read by the Clerk.

Adjournment to 1:00 P.M.

Several special songs were sung.

Rev. Fred Evans of Columbus, Ohio preached the morning message.

1:00 P.M.

State Association reconvened with Rev. Robert Mead conducting the devotional exercises. Sang, God Holds the Future In His Hands. Prayer around the altar, prayer in unison. Scripture reading Heb. 13:1-25. Sang song, Praise Him, Praise Him. Special singing.

Rev. Charles Randolph, from Akron, Ohio and a member of the John Thomas Association of Virginia and Rev. Kenneth Frisbe, from Akron, Ohio and a member in North Carolina were visting the Association. Both gave words of testimony.

Sang, I Know Whom I Have Believed, while offering was taken.

Report of Executive Committee. Report accepted. (See reports)

Report of Treasurer of State Foreign Mission Board. National Headquarters did not send report to Treasurer.

MSC that the Clerk call National Foreign Mission Board and find out how much the State of Ohio has given to Foreign Missions.

Report of Tressuer, \$179.95 in treasury as of today.

Report of National Association by Bro. Howard.

MSC that the National minutes be incorporated. Report accepted.

MSC that the same committee be retained to ask for the National Assoc. at their earliest convenience.

Report of Business Committee. Partial report. (See reports.)

MSC that the Ass't. Clerk rewrite section 12 of the By-Laws.

Report of State Evangelist. (See reports)  
MSC to accept report.


Bro. Howard brought to our attention the need of a new Headquarters,  
and that we go on record as favoring a new building.

MSC that we stand firm on the grounds that we are governed by the  
Congregational form of government as set forth in the National Treatise  
of the Free Will Baptists and declare ourselves opposed to a  
Connectional form of government, this is to be attached to our letter  
to National Association.

MSC Recommend the following

We declare ourselves opposed to a meeting place for the National  
Association of Free Will Baptists, or any of its Committees, Boards,  
or societies where alcoholic beverages are sold.  
We desire this to be brought to the attention of the General Board  
of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and also to the  
floor of National Association of F. W. B. Attach this to letter and  
read before body.

Adjourned.



Saturday, 9:30 A.M.

State Association reconvened with Rev. Quentin England conducting devotional exercises.

Bro. Luther Hammond was in charge of the music. Sang, Make Me A Blessing.

Scripture reading - James Chapter 2.  
Prayer around altar, led by Bro. Tommy Moore.

Reading of list of delegates. (Seating of delegates by the Moderator)

Reconizing of Visitors - Rev. Homer Willis and Rev. Billy Melvin, from Nashville, Tennessee, representing the National Association. Hand of fellowship was given to these brethern.

Replacing of names on various committees.

MSC that the Home Mission Board be permitted to retain their jurisdiction over the State Evangelist.

MSC to accept report from Clerk concerning what the State Of Ohio has contributed to Foreign Missions.

Report of State Foreign Mission Board by Bro. Arnold Moore. Report accepted

Rev. William Kurfman was elected as a member of Foreign Mission Board for 5 years.

(Appointing of delegates to National Association.)

Richard Howard	Dee Carter
Lurie Howard	Henry Davis
<u>Evelyn Chamberlin</u>	

MSC that the delegation from Ohio be permitted to fill any vacancies at the National Association.

Adjourned.

Offering was taken for the support of the State Association. Sis. Irene Hammond offered a piano solo.

Service was then given to Rev. Billy Melvin, our National Executive Secretary, for the morning worship service. He explained the work of the National Association. His message was based on I Cor. 16: 22.

Lunch

1:00 P.M. State Association reconvened with Rev. Homer Willis, Promotional Director of National Home Missions in charge of devotions. Sang, Jesus Saves. Scripture reading Luke 16. Led in prayer by Rev. Carl Vallance.

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Inviting corresponding messengers to our Association. Bro. Barker and Bro. Carl Vallance from West Virginia State Association were given right hand of fellowship.

Committee appointed last year to draft qualifications for State Evangelist.

MSC to adopt this report. (See reports)

Rev. Homer Willis gave a report on the National Home Missions work. This report was very inspirational. MSC that we receive this report.

Bro. Billy Melvin gave a report of inviting the National Association to Ohio in 1963.

Election of Executive Board member at large. Rev. Robert Mead was elected.

Report of State Home Mission Board by Rev. Chamberlin. (See reports)

Rev. Andrew Workman, still retained as State Evangelist. MSC that we approve and accept this report.

Appointing of Credential Committee. The Clerk, Treasurer and the present Moderator, Rev. Workman, are to act as the Credential Committee. MSC

MSC that we lift from the Table the item of business concerning the employment of a Promotional Secretary.

Report of Business Committee. (See reports)

Questions answered concerning this report.

MSC to close debate.

Passed

MSC that the same qualifications that applies to the State Evangelist, be applied to the Promotional Secretary. Insert Promotional Secretary instead of Evangelist.

Hearing reports of other State Associations. Rev. Carl Vallance of West Virginia State Association. Next W.Va. State Association is to be at Kanaha Fork, Charleston, Route 2. Report accepted.

Report of messengers appointed to other bodies.

Kentucky State Association-Rev. Dewey Gillespie reported. Report accepted

Appointing of messengers to other organizations.

W. Va. State Association - Bro. Gillespie and Bro. McCarty

Kentucky State Association- Bro. Gillespie and Bro. Fred Evans

Indiana State Association- Bro. Arnold Moore and Bro. Clarence Newman

Association voted to send the name of Bro. Forrest Chamberlin to the National Association nominating committee as our member on the General Board.

Another report of the Foreign Mission Board by Bro. Charles Lykins, Chairman of Board.

Application to come to Mechanisburg, Ohio for next State Association.

Reports of Committees. (See reports)

Obituary Committee complied with.

Resolution Committee ( see reports)

Adopted item by item

Appreciation Committee  
Report adopted - additions

Electing of State Home Mission Board  
Rev. Merlin Teets was elected, 1966. 5 yrs.

Electing of National Home Mission Board from the State.  
Rev. Quentin England was elected for 5 yrs.

Election of Moderator - Rev. Clarence Newman was elected.

Motion that the Promotional Secretaries duties include being the Editor of the Ambassador.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. Andrew Workman, Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

*Quentin England 1966*  
~~*Don Williams*~~  
*Ted Newsome 1965*  
*George Flynn 1964*  
*Jim Daniels 1963*  
*Don Williams 1962*

*Teets 1966*  
*Kaufman 1966*  
~~*Teets*~~  
*Moore 1965*  
*Lykins 1964*  
*Quisley 1963*  
*1962*

## REPORTS

### Resolution Committee:

We the Resolution Committee do hereby recommend that the State Association recommend to each Yearly Meeting to recommend to each Quarterly Meeting to encourage each Church to secure full time Pastors. That each Quarterly Meeting Clerk notify Church Clerk by letter of this recommendation.

Rev. Charles Lykins  
Rev. James E. Sizemore  
Rev. Fred Evans

### Resolution Committee:

Be it resolved that we, The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists are opposed to any form of Federal Aid to Parochial Schools. We firmly believe that it violates the Constitution of The United States in the matter of separation of Church and State.

Rev. Charles Lykins  
Rev. James E. Sizemore  
Rev. Fred Evans


### Business Committee:

We recommend the employment of a State Promotion Secretary. He shall be responsible for promoting every phase of Free Will Baptist work.

He shall come under the care and direction of the Executive Board, who shall formulate a set of directives outlining his work.

We recommend that the method of financing be continued as now is, that is, that the money from the churches be sent to the Home Mission Board. And that after paying the salary of the State Evangelist, that if there is a balance on hand the Promotional Secretary be paid up to \$200. We recommend that each church open their doors to him and take a Free Will offering for his support. We ask that an exact accounting of these offerings be kept and reported to the Executive Board.

Rev. Merlin Teets  
Rev. Henry Hawkins  
Rev. Arnold Moore



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BUSINESS COMMITTEE: (Partial Report)

We recommend that the State Association employ a Promotional Secretary.

Rev. Merlin Teets  
Rev. Henry Hawkins  
Rev. Arnold Moore

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Item #1 - We recommend that this State Association take steps to obtain a State Charter. Passed.

Item #2 - We recommend that By-Law #13 be amended by inserting "at each morning and evening session" after the word collection. Passed

Item #3 - We recommend that the Yearly Meeting statistical reports cover the period of time from May 1 to April 3 each year. Rejected

Item #4 - We recommend that a committee be appointed to investigate and if possible formulate a recommended uniform set of By-Laws for the subsidiary bodies of the State and for the ordination of the ministry. Passed.

A 3 man committee appointed - one from each Yearly Conference. Passed.

Rev. Fred Evans - Miami Valley Conf.

Rev. Homer Nelson - Scioto Yearly Conf.

Rev. Merlin Teets - Meigs County Conf.

Item #5 - We recommend that the Yearly Meeting letters be read to the body at the beginning of the Association. Passed.

Item #6 - We recommend the establishing of a Sunday School Board to promote Sunday School also for League work. Passed.

This item was tabled.

Rev. Merlin Teets  
Rev. Henry Hawkins  
Rev. Arnold Moore



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State Home Mission Board:

The Free Will Baptist State Home Mission Board of Ohio wish to retain Rev. Andrew Workman as State Evangelist for the coming year.

We wish to set the State Evangelist's salary at \$200 per month with the privilege of adjusting the salary if funds are sufficient. At present our treasure is sufficient to cover this with some balance. We recommend the balance be used to support promotional work. If the State Association elects a promotional secretary, we would like to provide him an income each month not to exceed \$200 from our treasury. If a promotional secretary is not elected, the funds to be used at this boards discretion. We also recommend that the State Mission Board work in conjunction with the Executive Board of the State Association in promotional work.

Rev. Forrest Chamberlin  
Rev. Merlin Teets  
Rev. C.A. Newman

Report of State Home Mission Treasurer

Balance June 1, 1960 -----	\$466.83
Received from June 1, 1960 to May 31, 1961-----	\$3555.28
Paid to Rev. Workman-----	\$3700.00
Balance -----	\$322.11

Actual cash in bank ----- \$315.82

The difference in the book balance and actual cash balance is due to service charges.

Rev. Forrest L. Chamberlin  
Treasurer

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### Credential Committee:

Executive Committee acting on Credential Committee due to the fact that we failed to appoint a Committee last year.

Our report is as follows:

We accept the letters and delegates from Little Miami Yearly Conference, Scioto Yearly Conference and they be seated.

In regard to the Ohio River Yearly Conference, we recommend that we accept their letter and delegates with the following recommendations, that the ministers names on their letter who have left their respective Conferences during the year be dropped from their letter, with the Clerk explaining the action of Executive Board last year.

Rev. Allen Williams, Treas.

Rev. Andrew Workman, Moderator (Asst)

Rev. Homer Nelson, Secretary

### Obituary Committee:

We the Obituary Committee wish to report the deaths of Rev. Marion Reed from Pine Creek Conference, Rev. W. B. May, Meigs County Conference and Rev. John Thompson, Vinton County Conference.

We the Committee request that the Association stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of them.

Rev. Robert Meade

Rev. Billie O. McCarty

Sis. Mary Sizemore

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### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We the Appreciation Committee wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Host Church and to the following:  
The Chasteen Sisters for the service in the registration dept. We also wish to thank the State Evangelist for his wonderful work in the past year. Also the florist who donated the flowers, the ladies who cooked, the men who bought the food, the Coca Cola Bottling Co., the Bakery, Bro. Billy Melvin, Bro. Homer Willis, and Bro. Carl Vallance. To all on the program for their punctuality, the local pastor and local association, conferance, Scioto Yearly Meeting, etc. and also the fdks who entertained visitors in their homes.

The Churches that helped serve- Antioch, Mt. Hope and Tick Ridge.


Other additions: Luther Hammond, Standard Publishing Co., Rev. Homer Nelson and the newspaper.

Rev. Floyd Estep  
Rev. Quentin England  
Rev. Dewey Gillispie

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

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Rev. Charles Lykins  
Rev. James E. Sizemore  
Rev. Fred Evans



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To The Ohio State Association in session June 23-23, 1961:

Brethern:

It is good to report another successful year with the Ambassador. Circulation is nearing the 500 mark. I believe we are ready to expand if someone is assigned the job that will give it more time. This I am willing to do if the finances are made available. The venture has almost been self-supporting and with some promotion on the part of our pastors could be made completely so.

Expense		\$223.19
Income		<u>\$182.40</u>
	Due me	40.79
Indebtedness on folding machine		<u>48.95</u>
Total to wipe out debt		\$ 89.74

I would appreciate an advancement on next years operation.

If the Conference desires I can provide a detailed statement.

Respectfully,  
Yours in His service,

Richard D. Howard, Editor

## REPORTS

### Report of State Evangelist

Revivals - First Freewill Baptist of Portsmouth  
Hamilton Salt Creek  
Shumway Chapel Long Run  
Urbana Oak Hill  
Welston Dalyville  
Franklin Swauger Valley  
Westerville Shumway Chapel  
Mechanicsburg  
Tent Revival at Columbus

Number of conversions 173  
Preached 12 Homecomings  
Married 1 couple

### STATISTICS

Ministers Present - 53 - Including visiting ministers

Delegates Present - 19

Visitors that Registered 118

Total 190

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATE EVANGELIST

1. He must be saved.
2. He must be called of God to preach the Gospel.
3. He must accept without reservation the Treatise of Faith and practices of Free Will Baptists and also the Church covenant.
4. He must have only one living wife and his wife must have only one living husband.
5. He must be a man of honest report from within and without.
6. He must not have any business associations that would prevent his work as an Evangelist in any way or be employed on any job which would hinder his fulfilling the job as State Evangelist. He must be free to go when needed.
7. He must not use tobacco in any form or alcoholic beverages.
8. His wife must be a Christian and not in opposition to the work required of the State Evangelist.

Rev. James E. Sizemore

Rev. C. A. Newman

Qualifications for Promotional Secretary are same as the above only insert the word "Promotional Secretary" instead of State Evangelist.

