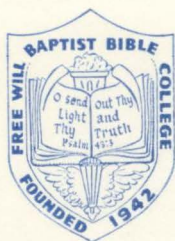


MINUTES
OF THE
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTISTS

convened at
Mechanicsburg, Ohio
June 22, 23, 1962

Rev. Clarence Newman, Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Homer Nelson

STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 22, 1962

9:30 A.M.

The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened in its 24th Annual session at Mechanicsburg, Ohio at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters Building.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dencil Owsley. Sang, Heavenly Sunlight. Luther Hammond was in charge of the music for the entire association.

Prayer around the altar.

Scripture Reading - Rev. 3:11. Sang, Blessed Assurance.

Welcome Address Given by Rev. Delmar Sparkes.

Response by Luther Hammond.

The Clerk officially called the association to order for the transaction of business and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Clarence A. Newman.

Remarks by the Moderator.

Report of the Credential Committee by the Clerk.

Reading of the Yearly Conference letters and the seating of delegates was the next order of business.

Appointing of various committees by the Moderator.

Business

1. Don Williams
2. Tommy Moore
3. John Jeffrey

Publicity

1. Forrest Chamberlin
2. Billy McCarty
3. Hobart Ashby

Rosolut ion

1. Franklyn Harness
1. Fred Evans
- 3 William Curfman

Obituary

1. Milburn Alicie
2. Allen Williams, Jr.
3. Ernest Daniels

Appreciation

1. Andrew Workman
2. Elmer Sizemore
3. Dencil Owsley

The election of Assistant Moderator was next in order of business. Rev. Quentin England was elected Assistant Moderator.

The Moderator then invited all visiting brethren and corresponding messengers to seats as advisory members.

Rev. Kenneth Frizbee, Akron, Ohio, Rev. Paul Kette-man, Rev. Reford Wilson, Rev. Homer Willis And Mrs. Eunice Edwards all from Nashville, Tenn. came forward and were given the right hand of tellowship.

Rev. Reford Wilson, Promotional Secretary of National Foreign Missions Board, from Nashville, was permitted to speak to the Association. He spoke encouraging statements concerning the work of Foreign Missions of Free Will Baptists. He also stated that he appreciated Ohio's support to the National Foreign Mis-sion Board.

Rev. Paul Kette-man, Promotional Secretary of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was present and spoke concerning the work of the Bible College. He thanked everyone that had contributed to the college.

An offering was taken at this time for the support of the State Association. The Hammond Trio sang, "I Want To Walk As Close As I Can", while the offering was taken. Prayer by Bro. Arnold Moore. Offering \$47.25.

Adjourned for the preaching service. Prayer by Rev. Andrew Workman.

The service was given to Rev. Homer Willis, National Director of Home Mission Board, who brought greetings from the National Home Mission Board and delivered the morning message. Bro. Willis gave a challenging message to our association.

Dismissed for lunch and blessing for the food by Rev. Forrest Dyer.

1:00 P.M. -Friday, June 22, 1962

Association reconvened with Rev. Franklyn Harness in charge of devotionals. Irene and Ruth Hammond played a piano duet and then congregation sang, "Constantly Abiding."

Prayer by Rev. Hershel Salyers. Sang song, "He Brought Me Out".

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws by the Clerk.

Explanation of some items of by-laws.

Report of Executive Committee - Accepted.

Report of Treasurer by Rev. Allen Williams, Jr. - Accepted.

Report of Publicity Committee. (no one on committee reported)

Bro. Clarence Newman gave a report of what the Executive Com-mittee had done. Accepted.

Report of National Association by Bro. Richard Howard and Rev. Forrest Chamberlin. Reports accepted.

Appointing of delegates to National Association:

Richard Howard
Marie Salyers
James Gibbs

Donald Runyan
Violet Greene

Report of National Home Mission Board. Rev. Quentin England gave a brief report. Report accepted.

Rev. Ernest Daniels was elected to replace Morse Young's term on National Home Mission Board. (1963)

Election of new National Home Mission Board - Rev. Don Williams was elected. (1967)

Referred item of business as to a set of directives concerning the National Home Mission Board and other bodies to the Executive Committee.

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

Partial report of Business Committee.
M.S.C. that we receive report.
(See reports)

Item No. 1 - Carried (note amendment)
Item No. 2 - M.S.C. referred to Business Committee
Item No. 3 - Carried

Election of member of State Home Mission Board. Rev. Delmar Sparks elected for 5 years.

Bro. Henry Davis was elected pro tem on State Home Mission Board in absence of Rev. Merlin Teets.

Report of State Evangelist by Rev. Andrew Workman. Accepted.

Members of the body remarked about the work that Bro. Workman has done as State Evangelist.

Report of National Foreign Mission Board by Rev. Charles Lykins. Report accepted.

Rev. Reford Wilson, National Promotional Secretary of National Foreign Mission Board, gave his promise to work with our State National Foreign Mission Board.

Bro. Herbert Henson was elected for 5 years (1967) on the State National Foreign Mission Board.

Hearing report of Special Committee, which was elected at last years association, concerning a uniform set of questions and

qualifications as to the ordaining of ministers. Report by Rev. Fred Evans, M.D.C. that this committee be retained and bring in a set of questions to the next Association for approval.

Last (2) items tabled until next year.

Minutes read and accepted.

Adjourned.

Saturday, June 23, 1962 9:30 A.M.

State Association reconvened with Rev. John Jeffrey in charge of devotional services.

Sang, "Heavenly Sunlight" under the direction of Luther Hammond
Sang, "Redeemed" while christians gathered around the altar for opening prayer.

Special singing by the Hammond family.

Scripture reading - Psalm 51.

List of delegates read by the Clerk.

Order of Business:

Report of Promotional Secretary and Editor of the State Association paper, The Ambassador, by Rev. Clarence Newman. (see reports) Report accepted.

Report of Ladies Auxiliary by Sis. Carrie Sparks. Report received as information.

The election of member at large on the Executive Committee. Rev. Hershel Salyers was elected.

Election of Credential Committee: Rev. Fred Evans, Rev. Dencil Owsley and Rev. Elmer Sizemore.

No corresponding messengers from other bodies were present.

None of our corresponding messengers from last years association went to visit other bodies.

Messengers appointed - W. Va. - Rev. William Curfman, Rev. Andrew Workman. Kentucky - Rev. Melvin Sanford, Richard Howard and Rev. Quentin England. Indiana - Rev. Clarence Newman and Rev. Forrest Dyer.

Rev. Quentin England was elected Moderator for the coming year.

Rev. Roger Reeds, Promotional Secretary of the National Sunday School Board, was present and spoke of the work of the Sunday School. M.S.C. that we accept report.

Sang, "More About Jesus" while offering was taken. Rev. Edward Percell gave thanks for the offering.

Congregation stood and was adjourned for the preaching service by prayer. Led in prayer by Rev. Charles Lykins.

Rev. Billy Melvin National Executive Secretary, from Nashville, Tenn. spoke concerning the work and brought the morning message.

1:30 P.M. State Association reconvened with Rev. Norman Livingston in charge of devotionals and Bro. Luther Hammond in charge of the music. Sang, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer around the altar.

Special singing by Rev. Don Williams.

Scripture reading by Rev. Livingston.

M.S. that the Ambassador carry the By-Laws.

Amendment - That the Ambassador carry Constitution and By-laws

Amendment - That the Ambassador be passed out to various Quarterly Meetings. (the motion and the 2 amendments were all carried)

Placing of next Association.

The Scioto Yearly Conference asked that the State Association meet at the new Free Will Baptist Tabernacle at Slocum. This was granted.

M.S. that the Headquarters Building of Miami Valley Yearly Conference be headquarters of the Ohio State Association and the placing of the Association be rotated in the three (3) Yearly Conferences. (Passed)

Report of State Home Mission Board by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin. (report received)

Action item by item (See reports)

Item No. 1 - Carried

Item No. 2 - M.S.C.

Item No. 3 - Carried

Item No. 4 - Appreciation

Item No. 5 - Carried

Nominations for State Home Mission Board.

Rev. Franklyn Harness Was elected.

Reports of Committees (See reports)

Moved that a Promotional Secretary be hired and that funds be channelled through the Executive Board and they be empowered to pay as the funds come in. Not to be paid over \$400 per month. (carried)

M.S.C. that the Executive Committee send out a plea for a suggestion that each Church be assessed 50 cents per member, for the promotional work.

An amendment that we emphasize the urgency of this resolution. (carried)

M.S.C. that the minutes not be read as they will be printed. By the Ambassador.

M.S.C. that the Clerk's salary be raised to \$50 per year. Amendment - That the salary be \$100 per year. (carried)

M.S.C. - To adjourn.

Rev. Clarence Newman, Moderator

Rev. Homer Nelson, Clerk

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met six (6) times during the year. Since the board had been authorized to hire a Promotional Secretary and outline his duties, we did so, by hiring Rev. Clarence Newman for one (1) year with salary \$100.00 per month.

We also passed on some bills that had to be paid such as: Typewriter and expense for the "Ambassador" which was \$200.00.

We also made up the program for this year's State Association, and tried to promote the Association whenever possible.

We have tried to carry out the work the Association asked us to do.

Submitted by

Rev. Homer Nelson
Secretary of Executive Board

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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

No. 1 Be it resolved that this Association reaffirm its stand against the sale of intoxicating beverages and that one way to fight this evil is to not patronize places of business that sell intoxicants.

Carried.

No. 2 Be it resolved that an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution relative to the members of the association to read: The members of this association shall consist of ten (10) delegated from each Yearly Conference, (1 delegate from each local church within the State) together with all ordained authority and licensed ministers.

Amendment-Assistant Clerk be given voting power.

Carried.

No. 3 By-Laws - Be it resolved that Section 12 of financing to read with the amendment, to read each church sending a delegate \$1.00 per church.

Carried.

No. 4 Be it resolved that this Association of Ohio Free Will Baptist make it perfectly clear to all constituents bodies that any leaning toward connectional form of Government regardless of however slight it may be, is discouraged.

Carried.

Rev. Franklyn Harness

Rev. W. E. Curfman

Rev. Fred C. Evans

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BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item No. 1 We as Business Committee recommend the Association provide our Clerk, a private room in a hotel or motel during the State Meeting in order to have privacy for clerical and committee meetings.

Passed.

Item No. 2 No employee of the State Association can hold an elected office within State Association, if elected to office while on board. His membership on said board is automatically terminated upon acceptance.

Passed.

Item No. 3 No individual may serve on two (2) standing boards.

Passed.

Item No. 4 We as the Business Committee recommend that the Clerk write thank you notes to the Following:

- (1) Florist for flowers donated
- (2) Springfield Press for coverage of convention

Carried.

Item No. 5 On recommendation of Executive Committee, that the State Association incorporate and secure a charter, and this to be channeled thru the Executive Board.

Carried.

Rev. Don Williams
Rev. Tommy Moore
Rev. John Jeffrey

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STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

We don't feel we have sufficient funds to continue supporting the Promotional Secretary financially and ask the State Association to relieve us this responsibility.

Carried. (20 for - 16 against)

We wish to set a proposed budget of \$4500.00 for State Home Missions. We ask each church to support this work.

Carried.

We have employed Rev. Merlin Teets as State Evangelist for the coming year after having given prayerful consideration to this matter and after carefully examining Bro. Teets as to the qualifications and work of the position. The salary is to be \$250 per month with the privilege, subject to the approval of the Ohio State Association, of adjusting this salary as this board deems necessary and as funds are available. Rev. Teets is asked to report to the treasurer of this board once each month, his work and the offerings he receives for his services.

We express our appreciation to Rev. Andrew Workman for his faithful service to the Ohio State Association.

We ask the State Association to replace Rev. Merlin Teets as a member of this board inasmuch as his work as State Evangelist would be less involved if freed from this commitment.

	Rev. Forrest L. Chamberlin
	Milburn W. Alicie
Pro tem -----	Henry Davis
member in	Delmer C. Sparks
Bro. Teets	Hobert Ashby
place	

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APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee in behalf of the State Association wish to express our sincere gratitude to the following people for a job well done.

Registration - Kathleen and Jo Ann Chasteen, Randy Ruth, Ruth Hammond and Charity Jane Sparks.

Music - Mr. & Mrs. Luther Hammond and Ruth

State Evangelist - Rev. Andrew Workman

To everyone that appeared on the program

The women of the various churches in the Miami Valley Yearly Conference for this fine food, and their method of serving the food.

All the people who opened their homes for us to stay in.

Spangler Florist of this City. (Mechanicsburg)

Springfield Press

Program personnel - who got the program together

To all who were concerned and contributed to the purchasing of of the new automobile for our State Evangelist.

To Rev. Clarence Newman in the Promotional Secretary work for the State.

The school of this city and the church of our Saviour for the tables.

Rosedale School for cooking utensils.

We would like to give everyone a standing vote of thanks.

Our Sincere Thanks,

Rev. Andrew Workman
Rev. James E. Sizemore
Rev. Dencil Owsley

Report accepted

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OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. Roy Bellamy-Little Miami Yearly Meeting

Rev. Robert Miller-Scioto Yearly Conference

Rev. Emil Sturgill-Scioto Yearly Meeting

Rev. Callie Adams-Scioto Yearly Meeting

We recommend that this Association stand in a minute of silent prayer for our brethern who have gone to rest.

Milburn W. Alicie

Rev. Allen Williams, Jr.

Carried

STATE EVANGELIST REPORT

Preached 16 revivals - Helped in two others - number saved, 151

Preached two funerals - Preached eight Homecomings

Names of Churches:

Turkey Creek	10
Springfield	21
Delaware	12
Brice Road	16
Houston Hollow	10
Dayton	4
Long Run	10
Owl Creek	10
Bloom	4
Swauger Valley	13
Wakefield	5
Campbell Drive	12
Woodstock	6
Prince of Peace United Baptist	10
Buckeye	4
Mount Olive	2
Chillicothe	2
Baltimore	0

151

Miles travelled in church work during the past year - 31,500

Amount received in Free Will offerings from churches - Approximately \$1.185.

Rev. Andrew Workman
State Evangelist

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Report of the Ohio State Home Mission Board from June 1, 1961
to June 1, 1962

Bal. June 1, 1961	\$ 315.82
Amount received for year	3463.95
Total	3779.77
Paid to Rev. Workman	2400.00
Paid to Rev. Newman	1100.00
Total salaries paid our	3500.00
Balance	279.77
Bank Service Charges	15.34
Actual Cash in Bank June 1, 1962	264.43

We paid out for the Year \$51.39 more than we received.

STATISTICS

Number of churches	- 90
Number of Ord-ined Ministers	- 172
Number of Licensed Ministers-	17
Number of Sunday School	- 90
Number of Youth Leagues	- 41
Woman's Auxiliaries	- 21
Mast er's Men	- 2
Church Membership	- 5,231
Sunday School Enrollment	- 5,453
Foreign Missions	- \$7,247.53
Home Missions	- \$4,093.24
Total	- \$11,340.77

REGISTRATION

Ministers	- 56
Visitors	- 154
Delegates	- 18
Total	228

3463.95 Ministers - 17

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PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Attended National Convention

Attended 2 yearly meetings

Attended Several Confer ances

Visited 24 Churches

Conducted 5 weeks of revival meetings helped to organize 3 new churches, Delaware, Baltimore and Hillards. Printed the Ambassador paper and pastored West Jef ferson Church.

C. Newman

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PROVISIONAL SECRETARY

Attended National Convention

Attended 3 weekly meetings

Attended several conferences

Visited 21 churches

Conducted 5 weeks of revival meetings held in 25 new churches, Baltimore and Hillside, Wash. D.C. the Ambassador, paper and restored West Hillside Church.
C. Johnson

STATISTICS

Churches	21
Members	1,234
Worshipers	1,567
Offerings	\$2,345
Prayers	10,000
Evangelists	5
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