

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Friday, June 21, 1963

9:30 A.M.

The 25th Annual Session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist convened in regular session at Free Will Baptist Tabernacle at Sciotoville, Ohio.

Rev. James Combs, Franklin Church led the devotions. Sang, "Heavenly Sunlight" with Bro. Luther Hammonds as the songleader. Scripture - Psalm 133. Sang, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." Prayer around the altar led by Rev. Carl Vallance of Huntington, W. Va.

Welcome Address by Rev. Franklyn Harness of the Scioto Yearly Conference.

Response by Rev. Cecil Sagraves, Pastor of the Pickerington Church.

The Clerk officially called the association to order for business and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Quentin England.

Report of Credential Committee. See reports. Accepted.

Reading of Yearly Conference letters and list of delegates. Seating of delegates.

Appointing of various committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Clarence Newman - Miami Valley Conf.
Andrew Parsons - Ohio River Conf.
Franklyn Harness - Scioto Yearly Conf.

PUBLICITY

Russell Kirk
James E. Sizemore
Don Williams

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Sam Spradlin - Miami Valley Conf.
William Curfman - Ohio River Conf.
Ted Newsome - Scioto Yearly Conf.

OBITUARY

Billy McCarty
Charles Lykins
Mae Maloney

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Arnold Moore
Elizabeth Yeley
Mary Sizemore

Election of Assistant Moderator - next order of business - Rev. Don Williams elected.

The Moderator then invited all visiting brethren - corresponding messengers to set as advisory members. Those present were - Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. Carl Vallance, Jim Vallance, Jake Creech, Ted Wilbanks, Bill McCuin, Jack Stallings, (all members of the Bible College Quartet), Rev. Caudle Adkins and Rev. Lonnie Sparks.

Bro. Rufus Coffey, National Foreign Mission Director of Conferences spoke to the Association. Rev. Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Africa, Eddie Payne, appointee to Africa were recognized. Also, Rev. Bill Phipps appointee to Panama and he spoke briefly.

M.S.C. to accept reports.

The Bible College Quartet was present and favored^{us} with several selections.

An offering was taken for the association. Blessing on offering by Rev. Merlin Teets. Amount of offering \$57.22 .
Sang, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Service was then given to Rev. Dencil Owsley, Pastor of Belmont Church, Springfield, Ohio, who brought a wonderful message.

Sang, "Stand Up for Jesus" for a time of handshake and fellowship.
Dismissed by Rev. Carl Vallance who also gave thanks for the food.

1:00 P.M.

Association reconvened with Rev. Russell Kirk, Columbus, Ohio in charge of devotions. Sang, "Blessed Be The Name."
Prayer by Rev. Andrew Workman.
Scripture - Psalm 37:1-2.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

A letter was read from our National Association Moderator - Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Also, a letter from Rev. Paul Ketteman, Public Relations Director for Free Will Baptist Bible College was read and as the Quartet was present they talked about the Bible College and sang several songs.

M.S.C. accept their reports.

Election on member at large on Executive Committee - Rev. John Reese - Elected.

Bro. Ray Turnage from Greenville, Tennessee Childrens Home reported of the work there and was grateful to the people in Ohio for their contributions to the home.

M.S.C. that we accept his report.

Executive Committee Report by Clerk. (See reports) MSC to accept report

Report of Promotional Secretary - Rev. Merlin Teets. Accepted. (see reports)

Report of AMBASSADOR - by Editor, Homer Nelson. (see reports)

M.S.C. that the Association give a rising vote of thanks to the staff of the AMBASSADOR for the work they have done.

M.S.C. that we pay the expenses of the Editor to the National Association in Detroit, Mich.

Report of State Evangelist by Rev. Merlin Teets. (see reports)

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Motion - That the Clerk to write a letter to each of our Congressmen and Senators that we are opposed to the use of federal aid to foreign countries who are Communists or Catholics controlled.

State Treasurer's report - given by Clerk. MSC to approve

Motion - Editor of AMBASSADOR to give highlights of State Meeting over a period of three months.

MSC - To ask National to come to Ohio in 1965.

Final Report of Home Mission Board. MSC.

MSC - That the State Association pay expenses of Rev. Merlin Teets to National Association.

MSC - To pay expenses as turned in by Rev. Teets.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned until June 1964.

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Report of National Association by Richard Howard. M.S.C. that the National minutes be the report.

Appointing of delegates to National Association - Richard Howard, Lurie Howard, Alice Williams, Russell Brown and Nora McCarty.

Report of messengers to other bodies - Kentucky State Association - Richard Howard. Next association - Louisa Church.

M.S.C. that the Executive Committee act as Credential Committee from here on out.

Appointing of messengers to Kentucky State Association - Richard Howard and Sam Spradlin.

Messengers to John Thomas Association - Clarence Newman and Quentin England.

Appointing of messengers to W. Va. State Association - Richard Howard and Billy McCarty.

Report of Publicity Committee by Forrest Chamberlin. No report.

Report of State Home Mission Board - Rev. Chamberlin. Partial report. (see reports)

Report of National Home Mission Board - Rev. Quentin England - nothing done
M.S.C. Several remarked about the work of this board.

Motion to dismiss this Board - LOST

M.S.C. to accept minutes.

Sang, "Blessed Assurance". Dismissed by Rev. Fred Evans.

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 22, 1963

9:30 AM

The State Association reconvened with Rev. Andrew Parsons in charge of devotions.

Singing, "A Shelter in Time of Storm" and "Love Lifted Me." Prayer around altar led by Rev. John Jeffrey.

Scripture II Timothy, Chapter 1.

Special singing by the Bible College Quartet.

Sang, "Amazing Grace."

Special singing and hand of fellowship given to visiting brethren - the Bible College Quartet, Roger Reeds, Sunday School Dept., Luther Sanders, Hawaii, Ray Turnage, Greenville, Tenn. Children's Home, Carl Vallance, Huntington, W. Va., Jack Fletcher, Christian Baptist Association and Rev. T. C. Morgan, Huntington, W. Va., Mark Vandivort, Home Missions, Nashville, Tenn. and Billy Melvin, Nashville, Tennessee.

Letter of petition from Great Lakes Annual Conference for membership. MSC to appoint a 3 man committee to meet with Bro. Frisbee and delegates of this Conference and to make recommendations to the body.

The Committee - Rev. Andrew Workman, Rev. Elmer Sizemore and Rev. John Jeffrey.

Report of Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary, Nashville, Tenn. Executive Dept. receipts from Ohio - Quota \$300 - Received \$96.04 Ohio has contributed \$307.12 toward the purchase of the Headquarters Building. Our quota is \$2,000. Rev. Melvin also emphasized that each Church is entitled to send a delegate to the National Association. MSC to receive report.

Ray Turnage from the F. W. B. Children's Home, Greenville, Tennessee, gave his report of the work at the home. MSC to receive report.

Election of Board Members:

National Home Mission Board - Rev. Elmer Sizemore - 1963-1968

State Home Mission Board - Rev. Hobart Ashby reelected - 1963-1968

Foreign Mission Board - Rev. Charles Lykins re-elected - 1963-1968

Report of State Foreign Mission Board - MSC to comply with request and receive report.

Report of Obituary Committee - Accepted.

Report of Special Committee - MSC accepted report. That the Great Lakes Conference be accepted as members and given right hand of fellowship. Carried.

Sang, "Sweet By and By."

Special singing by the College Quartet while offering was taken.

Service was given to Rev. Luther Sanders, missionary in Hawaii.

Sang song while taking special offering to purchase land in Hawaii. Amount of offering - \$378.37.

Dismissed by Rev. Don Williams.

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 22, 1963
1:30 PM

State Association reconvened with Rev. Bill Pitts in charge of devotions. Sang, "I Am Thine, O Lord." Led in prayer by Rev. John Reese.

Rev. Roger Reeds of the Sunday School Dept. reported. MSC to accept report.

Rev. Mark Vandivort - representing Home Missions Dept. reported. MSC to accept report.

Woman's Auxiliary report was given. MSC to accept report.

Report of the Clerk of The Articles of Incorporations that the Executive Committee were authorized to do. These were read by the Assistant Clerk.

MSC - that the existing Executive Committee be the Trustees of the State Association.

Report of (Final Report) of State Home Mission Board by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin. MSC to accept report.

Report defeated (37-24)

Election of Moderator - Rev. Don Williams was elected.
Placing of next Association - Mechanicsburg, Ohio. MSC

Rev. Homer Nelson was voted to be our representative on our General Board.

Report of Rev. Robert Shockey from Kentucky State Association. MSC - carried.
Next association - Louisa Church - June 17-19.

Report of Special Committee relative to a uniform set of regulations concerning licensing and ordaining of ministers. Report by chairman - Rev. Fred Evans.

Appreciation Committee report - MSC

Business Committee report - accepted

Item #1 - Carried (see reports)

Item #2 - Carried

Item #3 - An amendment - that Friday night be missionary night under the direction of National Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board.
Carried.

MSC that the Moderator appoint a 3 man committee to find out about the National Association Superannuation Plan for ministers. Committee - Rev. Dencil Owsley, Rev. Homer Nelson and Rev. Merlin Teets.

Resolution Committee - (see reports)

MSC report received

Item #1 - Carried

Item #2 - Carried

Item #3 - Carried

Item #4 - Carried

Recommendation #5 from the floor - That each Yearly Conference recommend to each Quarterly Meeting and each Quarterly Meeting recommend to each Church and Pastor to buy 1 foot of land in Hawaii. Carried.

MSC - Recommend to National Association when they print the Treatise to insert an index.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee recommend that we accept the letters, delegates, and ministers, except the ministers that do not have cards of good standing in the Miami Valley Yearly Conference.

We also recommend that our Yearly Conference Clerks contact Quarterly Conference Clerks, they in turn contact the Churches to give a more complete and accurate report to the State Association.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Item 1 - Recommend that The AMBASSADOR fund and PROMOTIONAL fund be combined into a fund called THE AMBASSADOR FUND and the activities be directed by the Executive Department. Carried.

Item 2- Recommend that Rev. Homer Nelson be paid \$75.00 per month from The Ambassador Fund for his work. Carried.

Item 3- Recommend that allotted time be given to each department of our National Association and each department be notified in advance of time and place.

Amendment - That Friday night be missionary night. Carried.
And anyone appearing on Program (must Contact Executive Committee)

Item 4 - Recommend that this Association appoint a committee to look into a plan of Superannuation program of insurance and retirement for the ministry of this state. Appoint a three man committee. Those on the Committee were: Revs. Dencil Owsley, Homer Nelson, Merlin Teets. Carried.

Clarence A. Newman
Franklyn Harness
Andrew Parsons

PROMOTIONAL WORK - REPORT

Churches visited - 21

Conferences visited - 9 (some more than once)

Yearly meetings visited - 2

Promotional work done in the various revivals and contacted several pastors and churches by mail.

Converts 7. Money \$87.43 offering.

Rev. Merlin Teets
Promotional Secretary

REPORT OF THE AMBASSADOR*- Since August 1962 amount received \$1,605.21.

Amount paid out \$1,181.98

Bal. on hand 389.44

This months bills are not paid. There is a difference of \$33.79 between us and the Bank.

Last year there was a debt of \$298.00. We paid \$100.00 on debt and paid out \$98.00 from the State Association Treasury. Twenty-six (26) churches are supporting on basis of \$130.00 per month. We now have 1500 on mailing list - average 75 per month. Money in Portsmouth Banking Co. in name of Ohio Publication of Free Will Baptists. We have enjoyed our work and we are willing to continue if association wants us to.

Editor,

Rev. Homer Nelson

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REPORTS

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STATE HOME MISSION TREASURY REPORT

Balance in Treasurer June 1, 1962	\$ 264.43
Amount received to June 1, 1963	<u>3650.71</u>
Total	\$ 3915.14
Paid to Rev. Teets	\$ 3050.00
Bank service charges	<u>9.95</u>
Total	\$ 3059.95
Balance in Treasury June 1, 1963	\$ 855.19

Rev. Forrest L. Chamberlin
Chairman and Treasurer

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We recommend that all stand for a moment of silent prayer in behalf of the deceased.

Rev. Frank DeLawder	-	Scioto Yearly Conference (approx. 56 yrs. as a minister)
Rev. Ed Stevens	-	Ohio River Conference
Deacons - Frank Estapp	-	Miami Valley Conference
Eddie Gilmore		
Leslie Claxon	-	Scioto Yearly Conference

Rev. Charles Lykins
Mae Maloney
Billie McCarty

WOMANS AUXILIARY REPORT - Three districts represented this year. Total number registered 60. Missionaries who spoke were Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, Sis. Bessie Yeley. Sis. Eunice Edwards spoke also. Rev. & Mrs. Jim Combs gave devotions in evening service.

Business - Our State took as a State Project to raise money for the Palmers home in Africa. We ask that each Auxiliary's pastor and members publize this work. They have to live in an enlarged garage with 3 children.

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.

1. To the Executive Committee of the Scioto Yearly Conf. for their arrangement for the Association.
2. To those who took care of the registration - JoAnn Chasteen, Randy Ruth, Charity Sparks, Kathleen Chasteen and Glenma Chasteen.
3. To all the women of the various churches in the community who provided food for the Association and to all those who opened their homes to care for the visitors over night.
4. To Mr. Billy J. Marshall who printed the programs and the registration slips for registering.
5. To the Portsmouth Times for their publicity.
6. To Ray Houck and Charles Frowine for use of a refrigerator.
7. To Bro. and Sis. Luther Hammonds for directions of the music.
8. To everyone that served in anyway to make this Association a success.
9. To Rev. Teets as our State Evangelist and Promotional Secretary. Also for the use of his tent and all those who helped erect it.
10. To our Moderator, Rev. Quentin England and Ass't Moderator, Rev. Don Williams, our Clerk, Rev. Homer Nelson and his Ass't., Bro. Richard Howard.

Rev. Arnold Moore
Mary Sizemore
Elizabeth Yeley

REGISTRATION

VISITORS	279
Delegates	54
Ministers	79
Total	<u>412</u>

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Item 1 - We the Resolution Committee recommend that each Yearly Meeting lift a special free will offering for the support of The Ambassador and send the offering at the close of their Yearly Meeting to Rev. Homer Nelson. Carried.

Item 2- We the Resolution Committee recommend that the State Association recommend to each Yearly Meeting that their meetings be held prior to the State Association. Carried.

Item 3 - We the Resolution Committee recommend that the State Association recommend to the Yearly Meetings to recommend to their Quarterly Conferences and conferences recommend to their churches to recommend to their congregation about the danger of smoking in reference to lung cancer and other physical defects. Also that the State take a definite stand against the use of tobacco. Carried.

Item 4 - We the Resolution Committee recommend that the State Association recommend to all their ordained authority that they acquaint themselves with the problem of segregation in their local churches in any case this would arise. Carried.

Item 5 - Recommended from the floor - that each Yearly Conference recommend to each Quarterly Meeting and each Quarterly Meeting recommend to each Church and Pastor to buy 1 foot of land in Hawaii. Carried.

Sam Spradlin
W. E. Curfman
Ted Newsom

STATE EVANGELIST REPORT -

Preached 22 revivals helped in one.
126 conversions
Conducted 13 funerals
Preached 3 Homecomings also have 3 radio programs weekly

Names of Churches where revivals were conducted and total conversions.

Petrea	10	Houston Hollow	2
Gallipolis	8	Powellsville	0
Hilliards	10	Tick Ridge	2
F.W.B. Tabernacle	4	Eifort	12
Mt. Hope	2	Chillicothe	1
Zaleski	13	Dayton, 1st	13
Old Emory	2	Cincinnati	5
Delaware	5	Wellston	1
Puritan	4	Shumway	3
Mechanicsburg	3		
Oak Hill	10		
Old Kyger	2		
Woodland Chapel	14		

Amount in Free Will offerings from churches approximately \$3,179.86. Miles travelled in church work during past year 46,000.

Rev. Merlin Teets
State Evangelist