

MINUTES OF THE 28th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF F.W.B.

convening at Mechanicburg, Ohio, June 24 -25, 1966

Theme: "CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH" Jude 3.

FRIDAY JUNE 24

Convention opened by devotions by: Rev. Jerry Griffith

Sang: Blessed Be the Name - Prayer by Brother Harness

Scripture - Psalm 100 - Sang Amazing Grace.

Welcome Address given by Rev. Paul Thompson

Response by Rev. John Jeffrey

The Clerk of the Association Homer Nelson called the session to order and introduced the Moderator Rev. Franklyn Harness.

Moderators Message:

The Executive Committee acting as credential Committee reported concerning the letters Motion carried to adopt the report.

Reading of the 4 yearly conference letters by the clerk. The Moderator then seated the delegates. The Appointing of Committees was the next order of business by the moderator.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Elmer Sizemore (C)
2. Fred Spears
3. Darrel Mollohan

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Oral Maggard
2. Fred Evans
3. Jerry Griffith

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- Hobart Ashby (report next yr.)
Jerry Ferguson
Kenneth Frisbee

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Evelyn Williams
Hattie Trace
Robert Meade

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Quentin England
Ernest Percell
Norval Hounshell

Rev. Jerry Griffith was elected assistant moderator.

Welcoming the visiting messengers and brethren from other associations, and they were given the right hand of fellowship as advisory members. Sang: "Does Jesus Care?" Sam Johnson, C.T.S. Roger Reed, S.S. Bert Tippet, Bible College, Delma Wright of Tennessee Childrens Home were present.

The offering for the Association was taken and amounted to: \$25.35. Thanks for the offering by Clyde Perry. Report of Bible College by Rev. Bert Tippet was given.

A good report - moved and carried to accept report as information. Report of C.T.S. - (Church Training Service) by Sam Johnson (Director) He also gave an encouraging report moved and carried to accept report as information. Adjourn business for worship service.

Special Singing: Williams Quartet. The moderator then introduced the keynote speaker for the convention - Rev. Henry Hawkins. His text: James 1:5 The Subject: "Wisdom". A wonderful message and God's spirit was present. Adjourned for lunch dismissed by Rev. Ashby. 1:00 P.M. ^{Break} The association reconvened with Rev. Richard Presnell presiding. Sang: "Blessed Assurance" , Scripture: I Timothy 6:1-12 Prayer - Rev. Oral Maggard.

Report of committee appointed last year to redistrict the churches in the Quarterly Conferences, nothing done. Member at large on the executive committee - Rev. Clyde Perry was elected. Report of Executive Committee by the Secretary Homer Nelson (See reports) For full details) Report accepted. It had been suggested to the committee to have the minutes printed. The committee asked the body to act on this. 1st. A motion carried to have the booklet form printed 500, with names and addresses of all ministers in good standing with the association. On the suggestion of our National Sunday School Board, that our State elect a S.S. board to work with them. The committee recommended to have such a board and as Roger Reeds the director was present, he was to explain the need of said board. Report of National Sunday School board, Roger Reeds, General Director gave a very good report. He explained the new curriculum and the use of literature from our State was encouraging. He explained the importance of a State S.S. Board. A motion carried to receive his report as information. /^{2nd} A Motion carried that we elect a S.S. Board. 3rd A motion also carried that the electing of this board be tabled, until the business committee gave a partial report. They were studying the feasibility of having a nominating committee for the association.

Report of State Mission Board - Ernest Percell, Chairman (See reports) Moved and carried that we accept their report and the recommendations of the committee, after some discussion of the directives that was made out for this board last year by the executive committee. Moved and Seconded that we do away with the directive of the Mission Board (Motion defeated) unanimously. A partial report of business committee was given at this time. (See reports) Recommendation No. I. Moved and carried we lay on the table the partial report -carried. Moved and carried that we adjourn

SATURDAY JUNE 25th

9:30 A.M. Association reconvened with Devotions - Rev. Mallard Greene, Sang: "Praise Him". "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", prayer by Rev. Fred Taylor. Scripture Proverbs 3:1-4. Order of business - Moderator in charge.

1. Recognition of visiting brethern. Billy Melvin and Reford Wilson of the National Association. Clerk read the list of delegates.

2. Report of messengers to other bodies. S.A. Henry Hawkins - Henry Davis, Kentucky S.A. neither went. West Virginia Clarence Neman, Richard Presnell-Neither went. Rev. Elmer Sizemore attended and gave the report - Report accepted. MSC. No ministers from other bodies present. Appoint^{ed} messengers to other bodies. Kentucky S.A. -Richard Howard and Clyde Perry. West Virginia S.A. -Amon Gillenwater and wife. ↖ Here

Motion Second and carried to lift item of business from the table of partial report of business committee relative to having a nominating committee for the Association. Committee report read by clerk. Moved and carried to adopt the report. Moved and carried to have a nominating committee. Committee appointed.

Quentin England	Andrew Workman
Elmer Sizemore	Hobart Ashby.
Thurman Murphy	

Moved and carried that we accept the minutes of the N.A. as our report of the National Association. Appointing of messengers to the National Association at Little Rock, Arkansas. Karen Murphy, Ella Griffith, Milburn Alicie, Neva Mead, Maudie Alicie. Report of the Executive Secretary of the National Association - By Billy Melvin. >

Moved and carried that we accept his report as information. He gave a statistical report concerning our State.

See reports.

Hearing report of the State Association clerk relative to bringing the National Association to Ohio. ~~to~~.

A motion carried to receive this report as information (See reports) A motion carried that the clerk ~~pursue~~ this matter further to work with Billy Melvin to bring the National Association to Ohio. Report of Publicity Committee - Rev. Ashby. Accepted. See Reports Offering taken amounting to \$36.18 for the Association. Thanks given by Rev. Fred Evans. Richard Howard gave a report of a proposed trip to the Holy Land. Received as information. December 19 to January ~~1941~~ 4th.

Clark gave a report of the lack of finance. Adjourn for morning worship.

Special Singing: Williams Quartet. The clerk then introduced Rev. Reford Wilson, General Director of the National Association Foreign Mission Board. Subject: "Relationship of Christ and the church." Scripture: Mark 11: 11. A challenging message. Prayer in unison. Dismissed and thanks given for the food by Rev. Robert Mead.

SATURDAY 1:00 P.M.

State Association reconvened with Newman Livingston in charge. Sang: "We're Marching to Zion". Prayer: Rev. Melvin Sanford. Scripture: I Thessalonians 3:7-13

Report of State Mission Board - Clarence Newman (Financial Report) See Reports.

Moved and carried to receive report. Moved and carried to adopt budget \$10,000.

Report of Ambassador by the Editor, Homer Nelson (See Reports. Standing vote for appreciation for work done on the Ambassador.

Moved and carried to lift from the table the partial report of the business committee dealing with the S.S. Board.

Invitation for the next State Association to be held at Akron Church accepted.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Mission Board Members - Fred Taylor 4 years, Billy McCarty 3 years, Bob Meade 2 years.

Moderator Rev. Fred Evans elected. General Board member Homer Nelson.

~~G.A. Newman, P.O. Box 625, West Jefferson, Ohio.~~

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Mission Board Terms of Office

Fred Taylor 4 years - expires 1970

(Billy McCarty 3 1969
Ernest Percell

(Robert Mead 2 1968
~~Clarence Newman~~
Merlin Teets

(~~Andrew Parsons~~ - 1967
~~Jerry Griffith~~

(Terms of Mission Board)

Don Pegrum - 1971

Guy Leonard -

Fred Taylor - 1970

Billy McCarty - 1969
Ernest Percell

Robert Mead - 1968
Merlin Teets

Terms expires >

Rev. Reford Wilson - N.A.F.M. gave an encouraging report - Moved and carried to accept his report.

Final report of business committee. (See Reports)

Report of Woman's Auxiliary - Nora Lee McCarty - Moved and carried to adopt report as information (See reports)

Report of Masters men, Congressman Larry Messer - Moved and carried to receive report as information and re-elect him for another year.

Report of appreciation Committee (See reports) Carried
carried.

Report of Obituary Committee (See reports) Carried and complied with.

Report of Treasurer - Rev. Allen Williams, Jr.

M. Carried that we give the clerk a rising vote of confidence as to his job as well done, together was Editor for our State Paper.

M.S.C, adjourn to meet with Akron Church June 1967.

Sang: "God Be with you."



Report of Executive Committee

THEME:

- 1# Four members of the committee met in Washington Court House in the winter and accepted the resignation of Eddie Dollar who had resigned to accept a church in Greenville, No. Carolina. It was agreed that we would not replace him at this time, but refer it to the association proper to elect a man for the unexpired term.
- 2# May 7th, 1966 Williams Road - All members present. Made up program.
- 3# Moved and seconded that our state association elect a Sunday School board.
Item of having minutes printed was presented after sec'y gave information the executive committee suggests that we print the booklet form and list of ministers who are in good standing. If the association votes to do this.

June 24, 1966 - Executive Committee met at Mechanicsburg, at 8:30 to act as Credential Committee. All 4 letters were accepted, but the Great Lakes Conference as their letter was incomplete due to the changing of clerks in their conference. Their letter will be filled out complete Saturday or as soon as possible.

We recommend that the letters be accepted, delegates seated.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Revs. Elmer Sizemore, Fred Spears and Darrel Mollahan

We recommend that a nominating committee of five be appointed by the moderator at the present time, for the purpose of presenting a slate of officers to the association.

We the business committee recommend items No. 2 & 3 be adopted, we further recommend item No. 4 be given to the executive board to investigate and report next year. Moved, seconded and carried.

(Item # 4) We recommend that the State Association not be held in the future. We recommend that it be held in a location that would have suitable Motel and restaurant accommodations.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator: Fred Evans -elected.

General Board member of the National Association: Homer Nelson - elected.

Mission Board: 4 years ----Fred Taylor ---acc'l
3 years ----Billy McCarty--Acc'l. - Dollar
2 years.....Bob Meade -----Acc'l. - Tommy Moore

Sunday School Board -Con't

Sunday School Board

- 5- Jim Williams -- acc'l
- 4- Richard Howard- acc'l
- 3- Bob Trimble --- acc'l
- 2- Robert Frichard-acc'l
- 1- Milburn Alicie-Nom.-acc'l.

Signed: Quentin England
Robert Ashby
J.E. Sizemore
Thurman Murphy
Andrew Workman

DELEGATES -not listed

Membership 7,633 4 districts 108 churches
Parsonages 5 Ord. Min. 189 Lic. Min. 36 Deacons 269
S.S. enrollment - 10,000 C.T.S. Enrollment -754
Woman's Auxiliary - 556 Master's Men organized - 8
Prayer Meeting attendance - incomplete.

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rev. Franklyn Harness, Rt. 2 Winford, Ohio Clerk

Little Rock, Arkansas - July 11-14

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- 1# Radio Announcements
Four Stations - Delaware
 Columbus
 Springfield
 Middletown
- 2# Bullétans Published and distributed in various churches
- 3# Springfield Newspaper, Portsmouth Times.

Signed: Delmar Sparks
Elmer Sizemore
Robert Ashby

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HOME MISSION REPORT

- 1# We feel the report this year is somewhat encouraging. We have two men on the field, one full time at Youngstown, Ohio, Brother Thurman Murphy. One part time at Circleville, Ohio, Brother Jerry Ferguson.
- 2# The work at Youngstown has been slow and difficult because, there wasn't any fore runners or F.W. Baptist there. However some progress has been made.
- 3# The Circleville Church had several people there and ready to start a church. They begun to move at once. And they have organized a full slate of officers and have partitioned the Franklin Co. Conf. to accept them in to their quarterly meeting. Which a committee had been selected to examine them which will be completed by the next conference.
- 4# The church also, is in the process of attempting to purchase property for the future.
- 5# Our finances have stepped up considerably last year. We hope to place other men in the field as finances and demands justify.
- 6# We have had good relation with the national. Found their assistance on advice to be helpful. We don't see anything that would hinder us from working with them. However we don't see any advantage in continuing our program with them.

- 1. Therefore we have some recommendations to make to the body in selecting men to fill the vacancies on the committee. Select them from areas that are not represented now.
- 2. That the function and work of this committee cover the same field as it did last year with this exceptions if possible.
- 3. That the state mission board handle its own mission program. Therefore releaving the National of their responsibility.

Ernest Percell
 Jerry Griffith
 Andrew Parsons.
 C.A. Newman.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MISSION BOARD

We the mission board recommend that we adopt a budget of \$10,000.00 which will average about \$90.00 per church per year.

Signed as named above.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Balance 1965	\$ 4,134.13
Income.....	3,097.17
Total.....	7,231.30
Paid out.....	5,693.53
Total.....	1,537.77
Murphy's acc't...	300.00
Cash in bank.....	\$1,237.77

Ernest Percell
 Jerry Griffith
 Andrew Workman
 C.A. Newman



APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We wish to express our appreciation to Rev. Franklyn Harness for the good job done, and to the committee's who served, to Brother Jerry Griffith Ass't Moderator, also to the Brothers from the National Association and to their inspiring messages, to Rev. Henry Hawkins and Rev. Kenneth Frisbee for the wonderful messages and to the brothers whetaken the devotions, brother Richard Presnell, Brother Ernest Percell, Brother Millard Greene and to the clerk Brother Homer Nelson, to the treasure Brother Jr. Williams, o yes; Brother Norman Livingston who taken the devotions this afternoon, and we certainly do not want to forget the many wonderful singers.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Little Miami Yearly Meeting for the provision for the food, to Ted Hatcher and his catering service, and to Mrs. Edith Runion for the beautiful flowers. We add out thanks to the program committee for the good job done.

M.S.C. Standing vote

Signed: Quentin England
Ernest Percell
Norvel J. Hounshell

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. 14:13 says:

Blessed are the dead which die in hhe Lord from henceforth; yea saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

We request that this State Assodation Stand for a moment of silent prayer in respect of these who have passed on to their reward.

From Scito Yearly Meeting:

Rev. Mott McClellan
Rev. Preston Humphrey
Rev. Walter Ketter

From Miami Yearly Meeting:

Rev. Ray Fannin
Rev. Sherlon Horn

Signed: Robert Mead
Evelyn Williams
Hattie Trace

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