OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION MINUTES 29th Annual Session

Friday, June 23, 1967

9:30 A.M.

The 29th Annual Session of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists convened in regular session at the Akron Church, 1802 Eastwood Avenue, Akron, Ohio, with Rev. Kenneth Frisbee conducting the devotionals. Song "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus". Scripture reading, I Peter, and prayer by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee. Also the welcome address was given by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee, Pastor of the host church.

Response by Rev. Guy Leonard, Pastor of Harrison Church, Porter Conference.

Association called to order by the Clerk, Homer Nelson, and Clerk introduced the Moderator, Rev. Fred Evans. Moderator called everyone to come around the altar to pray for the Association.

Moderator's message and instructions to the delegates.

Report of Executive Committee acting as Credential Committee relative to the four Yearly Conference letters by the Secretary of said Committee. Accepted. (See reports)

Seating of delegates by the Moderator.

Appointment of Committees:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE	PUBLICITY (report next year))
Hobart Ashby Robert Pritchard Andrew Workman	Robert Trimble Dan Patrick Cleo Leonard	

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE	OBITUARY	APPRECIATION
Henry Hawkins	Elmer Sizemore	Delmar Sparks
John Jeffrey	Richard Presnell	Lenora Evans
Homer Brooks	Clyde Adkins	Robert Mead

The election of Assistant Moderator was the next order of business - Rev. Ernest Percell was elected.

The Moderator welcomed visiting brethern and corresponding messengers from other bodies. Volena Wilson, Sam Johnson, Harold Harrison, Henry Van Klyve, National officers, from Nashville, Tennessee, were given hand of fellowship by the Association.

Report of Publicity Committee appointed at last session (Hobart Ashby, Jefry Ferguson, Kenneth Frisbee) - no report.

Miscellaneous business:

Brother Sam Johnson from C.T.S., Nashville, Tennessee, gave a report of his department. M.S.C. to receive the report.

Rev. Merlin Teets of Ohio River Yearly Conference elected as member-at-large on the Executive Committee of the Association.

Offering was taken for the State Association - which amounted to \$24.13. Song - "Glory To His Name".

Service was given to Rev. Merlin Teets - "Power For The Task Through Preaching" - Scripture

Wonderful message.

Song - "At The Cross" - Invitation given.

Dismissed by Rev. Clarence Newman.

1:00 P.M.

State Association reconvened with Rev. Herschel Salyers leading devotions.

Song - "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes".

Song - "Nothing But The Blood", while christians gathered around altar for prayer.

Moderator took charge of service.

Report of Executive Committee (see reports).

Report of messengers appointed at last session to other bodies. No one went.

Messengers appointed to other bodies: KENTUCKY State Association - Richard Presnell, Billie McCarty, Fred Evans. WEST VIRGINIA State Association - Merlin Teets, Andrew Workman, John Jeffrey.

Report of the National Association Sunday School Department by Harold Harrison - explained the work of his department. Report accepted.

Report of National Foreign Mission Department by Rev. Henry Van Kluyve - he also explained the work of the Foreign Mission Department. A letter was read from the General Director, Reford Wilson, to the Association.

M.S.C. to accept report and letter.

M.S.C. - Moderator to appoint a Nominating Committee. Appointed were Jerry Ferguson, Delmar Sparks, Harold Smith.

Report of Publicity Committee by Hobart Ashby - Association has been publisized by Radio, Newspaper, Bulletins.

Report of National Association - M.S.C. that the printed minutes be our report.

Appointed messengers to National Association - Milburn Alicie, Maudie Alicie, Nora Lee McCarty, Barbara Daniels, Maryetta Sebastian,

M.S.C. to adjourn Dismissed by Robert Trimble.

7:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 24th, 9:30 A.M. the State Association reconvened with Rev. Elmer Sizemore leading devotions. Song "I Am Thine, O, Lord". Prayer - Rev. Robert Shockey from Ashland, Kentucky. Scripture Hebrews 13:1-6.

Moderator took charge of service and instructed the delegates.

Report of State Mission Board - Ernest Percell, Chairman (see reports)

Bro. Clarence Newman gave a report of the work in Youngstown, Bro. Jerry Ferguson from the Circleville Church, as both of these works are under the jurisdiction of the board. Both gave encouraging reports.

M.S.C. to receive report.

M.S.C. that the recommendation No. 1 be adopted. (See reports) M.S.C. that the recommendation item No. 2 be adopted.

Placing of next year's association. Invitation from Coal Grove Church. M.S.C. to accept invitation (June, 1968).

Report of National Home Mission Board by Rev. Robert Shockey a member of the board. M.S.C. that we receive this report as information to the Association.

Report of Bible College Rev. Jack Paramore of the College Development Program was present and gave a report of his work, and progress made of this pregram.

MSC to accept report as information. A question arose about certain things that were rumored as being taught in the College. Bro. Kenneth Frisbee asked the question.

Bro. Paramore replied to the question.

Partial Report of Nominating Committee - Members of Mission Board - Bro. Merlin Teets to fill unexpired term of Bro. Clarence Newman. Rev. Don Pegram, Rev. Guy Leonard.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary by Nora Lee McCarty. MSC to accept report as information.

Offering (\$31.22) received for the Association.

Rev. James A. Hayes, pastor of the Columbus First Church delivered the morning message. Wonderful message.

Invitation. Adjournment.

Prayer of Benediction and also Thanks for the food was by Bro. Jack Paramore.

1:00 P.M.

State Association reconvened with the Moderator in charge of services, devotions and business. Song "I Love To Tell The Story". Prayer by Rev. Delmar Sparks.

Report of THE AMBASSADOR by the Editor. (see reports)
MSC to accept report and give his wife a vote of thanks.

Completed report of Nominating Committee - Committee recommended Bro. Ernest Percell. He declined. Robert Mead nominated from the floor and was elected for year of 1968.

Reports of Committees.

Appreciation (see reports) - Carried

Obituary Committee (see reports) Carried. Report complied with.

Report of Business Committee (see reports) Item No. 1 rejected. Item No. II. Table item of business - lost.

MC to appeal. Decision of the Chair. Both items defeated.

Continued report of Nominating Committee - on Sunday School Board. Thurman Murphy elected for 5 years. Robert Trimble resigned. Carried. Wayne Jacobs elected for 3 years.

Recommendations from Miami Valley Yearly Conference - see reports No. 1.

Adopt item of business. Moved, Second, that an Amendment - Moderator appoint a three man committee to investigate the possibility of these recommendations to bring back report next year. Carried.

Committee appointed - Kenneth Frisbee, Hobart Ashby and Andrew Workman.

Association to bear expense. Expenses to be paid when they report next year.

Item No. 3 - complied with. Bro. Newman reported (concerning Orphanage in Ohio).

Report of Treasurer - Allen Williams, Jr.

Moved and lost to give State Mission Board \$

MSC that if this question comes up at the National Association, Saturday, July 8th, concerning that is being rumored as being taught in the School, that our Board Member recommend to Each State to send two men from each State to Nashville, Tennessee, to meet with the Trustees of the Bible College and the Executive Committee of the National Association to clarify this; and each State bear the expenses of these men if this comes up.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Herschel Salyers.

The Executive Committee met two times during the year.

On March 18, we met at Chillicothe Church at 10:00 A.M. with all members present.

A general discussion was the business, taking in consideration all the work of the Association.

The Editor gave his report of THE AMBASSADOR, and was willing to relinquish the job of publishing the paper.

The Committee ask that the Editor continue on in his work.

No definite action was taken in this meeting, but we talked of various ways to improve the State Association and some of its problems.

On April 7th, Friday night, 7:00 P.M., the Committee met again. All members present.

The first item of business was making up the program for the Association June 23,

24 at Akron.

The Executive Committee was aware of the situation and status of the Mission Board concerning an item which the Association adopted in 1963, concerning a member of the board who was employed by the board.

The rule says that upon acceptance of employment his membership on the board was automatically terminated.

The Committee further noticed that:

Inasmuch as Clarence Newman, a member of the board and secretary-treasurer, had taken over the work in Youngstown he had become an employee of the Association.

Due to the shortness of time until the Association and the money would involve a change, and it has taken almost two years to get it where it belongs, the Committee felt that we should wait until the Association meets and act on it.

The Association may hold us responsible for not taking any action, but we thought this best.

It was also noted by the Committee that the various areas that the Association voted to do had not proper representation on the Mission Board. (Explain) 2 - 2 - 2 - 1.

The following recommendation was to be brought to the Association: That the Friday night session revert to the past as a regular service rather than a Missionary service. The reason for this is since we have had these services no missionary was present,

The Executive Committee further recommends that we should have some different type of finance for the Association as we barely have enough to operate now. expenses increase every year.

We also noted the lack of interest of the churches in sending a free will offering to the State Association; only around 44 sent last year and we have around 110 churches. We agreed that the secretary send a letter to the pastor of our churches reminding them that the method of financing the Association is by this method.

The Executive Committee is willing to work out a plan if the Association so desires.

Homer Nelson, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

anended to turn a suggestion to elective Committee

We discussed quite at length the placing of the Association as was voted by the Association. This takes a lot of time and careful consideration, and we don't want to act too hastily. However, the Committee is willing to still continue to come up with some workable plan to locate future sites of the Convention.

(abordel idea for time seeing)

The Association last year voted that the Clerk persue the matter further of the idea of bringing the National Association to Ohio in 1969. The Dlerk informed the Committee he had done this, having spent the biggest part of a day in Cincinnati with Billy Melvin. They went over the entire plans for the Association such as hotels, motels, meals, lodging, and the convention site itself. Cincinnati was the only likely town as some of the rest of the cities did not have facilities in that month. Billy Melvin mentioned Cleveland but we feel it is too remote for the Association. Both Mr. Melvin and the Clerk feels at this time we are not in a position to invite the National Association.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTING AS CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

On June 19th, 7:00 P.M., three members of the Executive Committee, met to check the letters, delegates, ministers from the four Yearly Conferences.

This was done because we did not know whether we would have enough present at the beginning of the Association. Bro. Harness, Bro. Williams and myself were present as we lived close by.

In checking the letters we found everything to be in order with one exception that the letters did not have all the statistics, and our report when sent to
the National will be just a partial report.

We have <u>URGED</u> our churches, Quarterly Conferences and Yearly Conferences to please send in their complete statistics so we can send a complete report to the National Association.

We recommend that the letters be accepted and delegates be seated in the Association. Dues were missing from Great Lakes Conference.

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The Executive Committee noted from the Miami Yearly Conference a recommendation to the State Association: that we have a centrally located office in the central part of the State. We discussed this quite at length and wondered about the wisdom of this item.

The Secretary called Paul Thompson, Conference Clerk, relative to this and it was the understanding that the Editor of THE AMBASSADOR was going to resign, and if so, the office should be in the central part of the State.

However, the Editor is still going to publish THE AMBASSADOR and after taking in consideration all the details, the trouble it would be, the cost and many more things too numerous to mention, we recommend that the principal office is still be located in the same place under the present set-up.

However, the Executive Committee feels that if the State Association grows and the finance comes in and we need a new location in the central part of the State then we are in favor of this.

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTING AS CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, continued

However, our finance as of now does not meet the present needs, first of our Association, and 2nd of our Mission Work, so we could not operate a State Office as it should be.



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This special recommendation was made concerning the work of "THE AMBASSADOR". We have given our Editor a complete vote of thanks and confidence and are aware of the amount of time and expense that is involved in this work.

We also feel THE AMBASSADOR has played an important part in our Association. The Association voted that our promotional work be done through THE AMBASSADOR, which has efficiently been done by the editor.

The executive committee is in charge of the paper and the editor works under them. He also reports to the committee when they meet the financial status of the paper, this has been done efficiently.

Although the committee could set the salary of the editor, we have let the Association do this. The editor at the present time received \$100.00 per month for publishing THE AMBASSADOR. The Association pays \$25.00 per month for the Assistant Editor and \$25.00 for the office, such as heat, light, telephone, etc. The Exceutive Committee RECOMMENDS: that the editor be given extra money for expenses as he takes this out of his salary and this involves a lot. This amount is to/designated by the Association. We also have to keep in mind the expense of the Association.

We feel the editor has done a very good job and we have asked him to stay on as editor.

Signed: Juanklyn Harness anklyn Harness, Moderator and Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptist Meeting at Akron Ohio June 23 & 24, 1967

Dear Brethern:

As an attachment to our letter, we The Miami Valley Yearly meeting would like to make the following recomendations to the State Association.

#1. That the State Association obtain a central officecentrally located for all State work.

#2. That an educational board be elected, to seek out ways and means of starting a Bible institute in the State Of Ohio.

#3. We appointed a board to survey the possibility of an orphanage in the $^{\rm S}$ tate and they were to report their findings to the State. We ask that you hear them.

Paul Thompson

Conference clerk:

- 1. The work at Youngstown, and Circleville Churches are progessing well.
- 2. We recommend that Bro. Newman be supported to at least the extent of \$300.00 per month.
- 3. We recommend that Bro. Ferguson be supported to at least the extent of \$200.00 per month.
- 4. We recommend that Bro. Newman be relieved of his position as a member of the board and be replaced by this body.

Signed: Ernest Percell, C.A. Newman, Fred Taylor, Robert Mead, Billie McCarty.

MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward	\$1,237.77
Total income	4,773.79
Total	\$6,011.56
Paid out: Circleville \$2,146.00	
Youngstown 3,024.00	(Youngstown)
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Misc	

Balance.... ash on hand....\$544.75

Murphy account \$1,103.34 - National Home Mission Board.

50 churches

- 6 conferences
- 1 yearly meeting
- 1 ministerial meeting
- 18 churches otained their goal.

(State Association \$154.00 last year)

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT BY NORA LEE MC CARTY - 1967

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Total membership	120
Total membership	fee\$77.40
Total Participat:	ing in Prayer Fellowship17
Bible College	\$197.00
Special Missions	\$652.42
	Palmer Fund\$1,771.70 Hawaii Land Fund 202.94
Weeks of Prayer.	
Articles Written	111
Subscribers	21
Children's Home	\$190.00
Soul Winning	
Family Alters	
Church Libraries	7
Bible College St	adents 1
Study Courses: (Christian Living2
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	Bible Readers108

Ernie Deeds have been selected for our State Project for the following year - \$2,000 goal .

November 17th, 18th, Missionary Retreat - Place to be announced later.

New officers were elected to serve for the next two years.

Sisters Cleo Pursell and Miss Volena Wilson were our speakers and offering of \$40.00 was divided between them.

Although I work under the direction of the Executive Committee, as authorized by the State Association, I feel I should give a detailed report to the body itself. The AMBASSADOR serves as the promotional arm of our association and we feel

it has helped us in many ways
We feel this has been another good year in publishing THE AMBASSADOR in many
ways. We have the largest circulation of any State magazine of its size, over
2900. We have operated in the black again this year, and after considering
our method of financing, this is amazing.

EXPLAIN METHOD OF FINANCE. Churches, Conferences, Offerings, Individuals,

February - AMBASSADOR MONTH, over \$800.00 received.

Received

This is quite a task rather than just editing what we publish, we must have equipment to do the job, cut my own stencils, file them in Zip Code order, seguence address all of them, bundle them, keep mailing list up to date, do bookkeeping, send out hundreds of letters each year.

I receive \$100.00 a month salary; all my expenses are taken out of this, several trips to printer, to the post office, buying supplies, etc. I tried to furious give up this job but the Executive Committee asked me to stay on and gave me a complete vote of confidence.

The Assistant Editor has resigned due to her health, and Charity Sparks and Dorothy Harness agreed to be the Assistant Editors. Both are qualified and capable of this task and their willingness to help us is deeply appreciated. The mailing of the paper is more complicated than ever since the new Zip Code System has gone into effect. My wife and I used to do the mailing but now it takes three. My wife does all the tying, stapling and bundling. This takes about five hours to complete. She also helps me keep the mailing list up to date. We can no longer give THE AMBASSADOR away free of charge as it costs too much. (Go over complete mailing list.)

In June's issue I could have had 24 pages as I had enough material but I had to cut down.

Note My Salary Comes out of the money sent for the ambassador and Personally I don't think it should (Explain)

\$7.843.00 - last year's income.

TOTAL INCOME FOR YEAR.....\$7,486.93

TOTAL EXPENSE......\$7,629.34 - NOTE: \$142.41 PAID OUT MORE THAN TAKEN IN.

Regular Committments\$6,686.93

We received \$800.00 during AMBASSADOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, which was far beyond our expectations and this carries us over.

Average income each month around \$550.00, varies.

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577.66	best ways we can get the job done, also we have workshops
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	50.00 extra postage and stamps
	\$125.00 total)
Stencils	s - \$13.00 per box - 5 boxes We make Some money

Changing to Zip Code, other incidentals - \$100.00

Typewriter repaired - \$18.00

our Books are open to anyone, any time, our records are up to date. This is the Lord's money and we don't throw it away.

Selling Hymnals

Moderator - Ernest Percell - declined (Robert Mead nominated from floor and elected)

Mission Board Members - Don Pegram

Guy Leonard

Merlin Teets - to serve remainder of C.A. Newman's term.

Sunday School Board - Thurman Murphy

Signed: Rev. Jerry Ferguson, Rev. Delmar C. Sparks, Rev. Harold H. Smith.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, recommend that the Association give a standing vote of thanks to:

- (1) The Akron Church and their pastor for their hospitality to the Association.
- (2) The Moderator and Officers of the Association.
- (3) Those that brought the inspiring messages and to all that had a part in making this a successful Association.

Signed: Delmar C. Sparks, Robert L. Mead, Lenora Evans.

CARRIED

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the Obituary Committee recommend that this State Association stand in a minute of silent prayer in remembrance of the following named who have departed this life since our last Association.

Rev. Russell Milam and Deacon Ray Canter of the Porter Conference

Rev. Randall Goble of the Little Miami River Conference.

Signed: Rev. James E. Sizemore, Rev. Richard Presnell, Rev. Clyde Adkins

CARRIED

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

I. I move the following amendment to Article 3 of our Constitution: that the phrase "who shall serve at the pleasure of this association" be changed to "who shall be elected bi-annually".

(Signed by Rev. Billie McCarty, Robert Trimble, Ken Frisbee, Sr., Dan Patrick, Rev. Ernest Daniels, Thurman Murphy)

THIS ITEM REJECTED 2. It has also been suggested that the Moderator be elected for two years.

signed by Committee: Hobert Ashby, Robert L. Prichard, Andrew Workman.

(lost)
Item 2 - table item of business. / M.C. Appeal decision of the chair.

BOTH ITEMS DEFEATED.

TERMS EXPIRE:

1971 - Don Pegram - Guy Leonard

1970 - Fred Taylor

1969 - Billie Mc Carty - Ernest Percell

1968 - Robert Mead - Merlin Teets

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

TERMS EXPIRE:

1972 - Thurman Murphy

1971 - Jim Williams

1970 - Richard Howard

1969 - Wayne Jacobs

1968 - Robert Pritchard

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Akron Free Will Baptist Church

PASTOR: KENNETH L. FRISBEE
CLERK: MRS. JAMES BOYD
1802 EASTWOOD AVENUE AKRON 5, OHIO

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