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FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

will be held

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2565 East 18th Street

Tucson, Arizona

JUNE 11, 1966

September 12, 1964

The First Quarterly Conference was called into session by our Moderator, Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Letters from First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson; Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Northside Free Will Baptist Church and The First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona; were read.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to the delegates by Rev. Thompson and Rev. Smith.

The Rules of Order were read.

Minutes of the Annual meeting in June were read and accepted as read.

The Treasurer's Report was read. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the report.

A report was given by Bro. Thompson on the National Association.

A report was given by Bro. Thompson regarding disposal of Youth Camp property.

The report of the Pulpit Committee was given. Bro. Long to bring the afternoon message and Rev. Bailey Thompson to bring the morning message in December. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the report and dismiss the committee.

The Examining Board submitted the following report:

We recommend Bro. Jesse King be licensed to preach for a period of one year.

We recommend Bro. Paul Long and Bro. Malcolm C. Fry be recognized in full fellowship in the Association.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the report and concur in the recommendations.

The Resolutions Committee submitted the following report:

1. Whereas our churches have not been giving systematically to the cooperative plan of support, and whereas our state has not been maintaining and/or giving funds on a percentage basis, Be it resolved that we recommend to our churches that they send 10% of their offerings to the State Associational Treasurer and that all monies received the State Treasurer retain 20% for work within the state and send 80% of all monies received to the Executive Secretary of the National Association for disbursement percentage-wise through the cooperative plan of support for world-wide missions (i.e., Bible College, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, League (CTS) and Superannuation and Stewardship Commission). The 20% retained for state work will be used according to action at Associational Meetings.
2. Whereas we desire to instill a spirit of warmth and Christian fellowship, be it resolved that the host church at each Associational meeting be responsible for rendering a Welcome, and each participating church be responsible for rendering a Response.
3. Whereas our churches should be kept informed of our denominational progress and activities, Be it resolved that we recommend that each member or family of the Association subscribe to our denominational publications such as Contact (subscription basis), Heartbeat (free), Depth, Missiongram (free), and any other periodical that may be available.
4. Whereas our Association should take every means possible to examine or screen petitionary letters from new churches wishing to come into the association, and in order to maintain a testimony above reproach, Be it resolved that we recommend to this Association that Article IV of the Constitution be amended from reading "...may be received into this Association on application by a vote of the Conference." to read "...may be received into this Association by submitting a petitionary letter to the Executive Board for processing through the Examining Board which in turn would make appropriate recommendation to the Conference for vote."

5. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their warm hospitality and fine food.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the report, act on the resolutions item by item and dismiss the committee.

Resolutions 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Resolution 4 - Motion made and second to adopt this resolution. Motion made, seconded and passed to table until the next quarterly meeting.

Resolution 5 - adopted.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the Chair appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of having a CTS Rally each quarter.

Committee appointed was Bro. Fry, Bro. Bud Jenkins, and Bro. Hildred Beadles.

Motion made, seconded and passed to have the December Conference at the First Church of Phoenix.

Conference adjourned.

December 12, 1964

The Second Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Moderator Rev. Bailey Thompson.

Welcome was extended by Bro. Hindle Beadles. He chose the 133rd Psalm as the scripture reading.

Letters from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona; First Free Will Baptist Church, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, and Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona; were read. Motion made, seconded and passed to receive letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Thompson extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The minutes of the September Conference were read and approved as read.

The treasurers report was read and accepted as read.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the Constitutional change be brought from the table for action.

The Constitutional change was duly accepted as follows: Article IV changed to read "...may be received into this Association by submitting a petitionary letter to the Executive Board for processing through the Examining Board which in turn would make appropriate recommendation to the Conference for vote."

The committees were appointed.

Rules of Order were read by Moderator.

Motion made that the \$186.77 that has been previously designated for new work in Arizona be transferred to the General Fund. Motion seconded and passed.

The Youth Camp property was turned back.

The Pulpit Committee gave the following report. Rev. Hildred Beadles to preach this afternoon and Rev. Raymond Smith to preach the morning sermon in March.

The report of the Examining Board was given that we recommend Edward Dettardine for license to the Ministry. Motion made, seconded and passed to receive this report.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read as follows:

1. Be it resolved that the Arizona State League Board be dissolved and the funds be transferred to a CTS Fund.
2. Be it resolved that the body in session today elect a CTS Board of three members according to an arrangement whereby each member has a term of 3 years, and their terms are so arranged so that only one member's term expires annually. This board shall be charged with the responsibility for promoting the training program throughout the state. The CTS Board will in turn select a state CTS Director and the CTS Director and/or Board shall be responsible for investigating the possibility of a Youth Camp. This Board shall act under the rules and regulations of the National CTS Handbook.
3. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their splendid meal and wonderful hospitality.

Motion made, seconded and passed that we accept the report and concur in the resolutions.

The CTS Board elected is

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| 3 years | - Malcolm C. Fry |
| 2 years | - Bud Jenkins |
| 1 year | - Hildred Beadles |

Motion made and seconded that our Constitution be amended to include Article IX as follows: This Association shall meet quarterly as follows: the Saturday before the second Sunday in September, December and March and the Annual Meeting to be held the Saturday before the second Sunday in June of each year. Motion made, seconded and passed to table until next quarterly conference.

Motion made, seconded and passed to go to Tucson for the quarterly conference in March.

Conference adjourned.

March 13, 1965

The Third Quarterly Conference was called to order with Moderator Rev. Bailey Thompson presiding.

Philippians 1:21-30 was chosen by Bro. Walker Hayes as the scripture reading. Our minds were led in prayer.

Letters from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona; First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, and North Side Free Will Baptist Church, all of Phoenix, Arizona were read. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Bro. Smith and Bro. Thompson extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The committees were appointed.

The minutes of the second Quarterly Conference were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The rules of order were read by the Moderator.

The Pulpit Committee report was read as follows: Bro. MacDonald followed by Rev. Malcolm C. Fry for the afternoon message, and Rev. Hildred Beadles for the morning sermon in June. Motion was made to accept the report and dismiss the committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to bring the Constitutional amendment from the table for discussion.

The motion as brought from the table is as follows: Article IX: This Association shall meet quarterly as follows: the Saturday before the second Sunday in September, December and March and the Annual Meeting to be held the Saturday before the second Sunday in June of each year. The amendment to the Constitution was passed.

Motion was made and seconded that the motion stating the request for quarterly conference be placed in the church letter be rescinded and the Conference meet with the various churches in turn.

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The Moderator placed the motion in the hands of the Resolutions Committee for action.

The Examining Committee report was given as follows: We recommend Bro. Walker Hayes for licensing for the ministry for a period of one year.

We recommend Bro. Albert McDonald, Jr. for licensing for the ministry for a period of one year.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept these recommendations.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report and adopt items one by one.

Recommendation 1. Whereas the location of each quarterly meeting is contingent upon a written invitation of the Statistical Report Form from requesting church; and whereas a quarterly meeting could meet without any written invitation for the next meeting; and whereas a need exists for a systematic schedule of sites for the Associational Quarterly and Yearly meetings, BE IT RESOLVED that all previous action concerning this matter be null and void and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the quarterly meetings be held in consecutive order by churches and that the yearly meeting rotate between one of the churches in Phoenix and the church in Tucson.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt this resolution.

Recommendation 2. Whereas each ordained minister should be in possession of a valid minister's card, showing that he is in good standing with the State Association, and that a yearly report has been submitted to the Examining Committee of the State Association, BE IT RESOLVED that the Examining Committee be charged with the responsibility of providing an annual minister's report form to each active licensed and ordained minister in the State Association, and upon receipt of same at the yearly Associational meeting the ministers complying with the request be issued a minister's card for the new Associational year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be referred to the State Executive Committee for further action and submission to the Arizona State Association in their annual (yearly) meeting this June.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt this resolution.

Recommendation 3. Whereas a need exists for the ordained deacons and ministers to meet for fellowship and planning, BE IT RESOLVED that an annual Ministers and Deacons meeting be inaugurated to meet the Friday night before the Saturday of the Annual Arizona State Associational meeting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for necessary action.

Motion made and seconded to adopt this resolution. Motion made, seconded and passed that the time element be deleted.

Resolution as amended, passed.

Recommendation 4. Whereas potential ministers and churches should have a set of standards to examine and be guided by before applying for admittance to the State Association; and that a completed questionnaire be made available for screening by the Examining Committee before recommending further action to the Executive Committee (reference Article IV), BE IT RESOLVED that a questionnaire be initiated for potential ministers and churches for use by the Examining Committee and bodies involved. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for necessary administration and action.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt.

Recommendation 5. BE IT RESOLVED that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt.

Conference adjourned.

June 12, 1965

First Arizona State Association Annual Conference was called into session by Rev. Bailey Thompson, State Moderator.

Letters from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, Tucson, Arizona; Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, and the Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona; were read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Petitionary letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, Arizona was read. Motion was made that we concur in the recommendation of the Examining Board that we accept the church into the Association, accept the letter and seat the delegates. Motion was seconded and passed.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Visiting ministers were invited to sit with us in an advisory capacity.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Conference were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Executive Board were read. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept these minutes as read.

The questionnaire mentioned in item 3 was read.

The Minister's Form mentioned in item 2 was made available to those desiring it.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to elect three men to act as trustees to replace the old Board of Trustees.

Those elected were Bro. Charles Spears, Bro. Bud Jenkins and Bro. V. L. Jones.

The reports of the following committees were read:

pulpit Committee-Bro. Carlson will bring the afternoon message and Bro. Albert McDonald will bring the morning message at the meeting in September.

Examining Committee-We recommend Noah O. McMillen, Lawrence A. Green, Sr., Daniel F. Lycznski, and William Thorp be licensed to preach for one year. Motion was made to accept this report and concur in the recommendation. Motion was seconded and passed.

Resolutions Committee--

1. Resolve that the Association print and distribute to all churches a copy of the three Quarterly Meetings and one State meeting. The minutes to be distributed at the Quarterly Meeting following the Annual Meeting.

2. Resolve that the position or appointment of Pulpit Committee be abolished and replaced by the Executive Committee acting as Program Committee. This Committee will plan the program, theme, and speakers.

3. Resolve that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality.

A motion was made to receive the report and act on each item. Motion was seconded and passed.

The three resolutions were subsequently accepted.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that we send Bro. Fry to the National Association and allow him \$200.00 for expenses.

Elected for the 3-year term on the CTS Board was Bro. Paul Long.

Motion was made, seconded and passed that Bro. Bud Jenkins be designated as Agent for the Board of Trustees.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator - Rev. Bailey Thompson
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Malcolm C. Fry
Clerk - Lou Ella Spears
Assistant Clerk - Walker Hayes
Treasurer - Bud Jenkins

5-year man to Executive Board - Rev. Paul Long
5-year man to the Examining Board - Rev. Malcolm Fry
3-year man on the CTS Board - Rev. Paul Long

Conference adjourned.

FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS EXECUTIVE
BOARD

Minutes of Special Called Meeting

1. Motion made, seconded, and carried (MSC) that the first Ministers' and Deacons' Annual Fellowship be held on Friday night, May 6, 1966, at 8:00 pm, at the Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

2. MSC that the State Association Clerk make a Minister's form available to ministers for annual report and have Minister's card printed.

3. MSC that questionnaire for ministers seeking license for ordination, adopted by this committee, be mimeographed by the State Association Clerk and that subject forms be made available to the State Association Examining Board and local churches.

Respectfully submitted
Malcolm C. Fry
Secretary Pro-tem

Members present: Rev. Bailey Thompson, Rev. Hildred Beadles, Rev. Raymond Smith, Rev. Malcolm C. Fry, Bro. V. L. Jones, and Bro. Brown