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CHURCHES BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

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Phoenix, Arizona

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Phoenix, Arizona

Northside Free Will Baptist Church
3009 E. Virginia
Phoenix, Arizona

Pastor: Rev. Gene Norris
3009 E. Virginia
Phoenix, Arizona

Clerk: Lorene Devore
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Phoenix, Arizona

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
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Phoenix, Arizona

Pastor: Rev. John Henry
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Surprise, Arizona

First Free Will Baptist Church
Surprise, Arizona

Pastor: Rev. Howard Otto
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Tucson, Arizona

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OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator Rev. Gene Norris
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Clerk Lou Ella Spears
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Assistant Treasurer Vernon Brown

Executive Board:

1. Rev. Gene Norris
2. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry
3. Rev. Howard Otto
4. Hindle Beadles
5. Rev. Wm. Tharpe

Examining Board:

1. Rev. Howard Otto
2. Rev. John Henry
3. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry
4. Rev. Gene Norris
5. B. A. Jenkins

Trustees:

Charles W. Spears
B. A. Jenkins
Frank L. Jones

CTS Board:

1. Rev. Gene Norris
2. Rev. William Tharpe
3. Rev. Malcolm C. Fry

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. House called to order by Moderator
2. Reading Rules of Order
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RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority membership voting.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.
12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined churches conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II. The conference of this Association shall consist of ordained ministers, their wives, ordained deacons, their wives, who are regular members of churches in this conference and church clerks and three elected delegates from the several churches of which it is composed.

ARTICLE III. The officers of this yearly Association shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer, and a Moderator who shall be chosen at every Annual session of the Association with Assistants as may be found necessary; an Executive Board of not less than five (5) members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years; an Examining Board of not less than five members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. Any officer or standing Board member that misses two consecutive meetings without being providentially hindered, will be replaced.

ARTICLE IV. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist Church maintaining Gospel order agreeing with the denomination in Doctrine and Practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprises as Sunday School, Missions, and Education 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.

ARTICLE V. This yearly Association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful but, in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE VI. The Quarterly meetings of this Association will be held in consecutive order by churches and the yearly meeting will rotate between one of the churches in Phoenix and the church in Tucson, at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standing and statistics at which time the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor to the practices of the denomination.

ARTICLE VII. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE VIII. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the last session.

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. Matt. 22:29; Mark 15:28; John 5:39, 2:22, 7:38; Acts 1:16, 8:35, 18:28; Rom. 15:4; Gal. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:12, 20:21.

2. God. We believe there are three persons in the Godhead; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them. 1 John 5:7; Genesis 1 & 2; Ex. 20:9-11; Psalms 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; I Cor. 8:5, 6; Eph. 3:8-18; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.
3. Man. We believe that God created man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity therefore inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. Gen. 2:15-17, 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 5:12-15; I Cor. 15:21, 22; Gal. 3:22; I John 1:12.
4. Children Saved. We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Matt. 18:2, 3; Luke 18:16, 17.
5. General Atonement. We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved. Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 24:45-47; John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11, Heb. 2:9; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:1, 2; Rev. 22:17.
6. Terms of Salvation. We believe the terms of Salvation are: First. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty renunciation of it. Second. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with a purpose to love and obey Him in all things. Luke 14:25-27, 24:45-47; John 3:16; Acts 10:43, 15:8, 9, 16:31; Rom. 5:1, 2, 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8, 9; Heb. 11:6.
7. Divine Call to the Ministry. We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc. John 5:39, 1:16, 17; Acts 18:27, 28, 20:28, 22:12, 15; Rom. 10:14, 15; Gal. 1:11-23; II Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:7-9.
8. The Church. We believe that the church of God or Christ is the whole body of Christians throughout the world. Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:46, 47; I Cor. 12:13-20; Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18-24; I Tim. 3:14, 15; Heb. 3:6; Eph. 4:4-6.
9. A Church or local Assembly. We believe that a Church of God is an organized body of believers in Christ who statedly assemble to worship God and keep the Ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Matt. 18:15-17, 28:18-20; Acts 8:1, 13:1-3, 14:23; Rom. 16:1-5; I Cor. 11:12, 23-48, 16:19; Col. 4:15, 16; Titus 1:5; I Peter 5:13; Rev. 1:11.
10. Ordinances. We believe that Baptism, Communion and feet washing are Gospel Ordinances and should be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:18, 20; John 13:4-13; Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 35-38, 9:18, 10:47, 48, 16:33; I Cor. 11:23-26; I Tim. 5:9, 16.

11. Baptism. We believe that immersion is the scriptural mode of baptism. Matt. 3:5, 6, 13-17; Mark 1:5-11; John 3:22, 23; Acts 8:36-38; Rom. 6:3, 4.

12. Open Communion. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, therefore should be one at His table. John 15:5, 17:11-21; I Cor. 11:23-29, 12:13-21; Gal. 3:26-29.

13. The Lord's Day. We believe that the Divine Law requires that one day in seven be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted. Mark 16:1, 2; John 20:1, 19, 26; Acts 13:27, 16:13; I Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:10, 11.

14. Apostasy. We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation. Ezek. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22, 24:12, 13, 48-51, 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45, 46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11, 12, 15:12; I Thes. 3:4, 5; Heb. 6:4-6, 10:24-30, 3:1-6; II Peter 1:9-11, 2:12-16, 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10, 3:5.

15. Resurrection. We believe in the resurrection of all men. They that have done good unto the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5:28, 29; Acts 4:1, 2, 17:18, 23:6, 24:14, 16, 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12, 22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

16. General Judgement. We believe that there will be a general or universal judgement when all nations will be gathered before the Judgement Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Eccl. 11:9, 12:14; Matt. 12:36, 37, 13:37-43, 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28, 29; Acts 10:42, 17:30, 31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27, 28; Rev. 20:2-15, 21:7, 8.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denomination enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the Salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

September 10, 1966

The First Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. Fry, Moderator.

Noah McMillen used Hebrews 11:1-12 as our devotional thought for today using Faith as his theme.

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

Rev. Paul Long and Rev. Fry extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

A representative from the American Bible Society and Sister Emma Moore, Springfield, Missouri, were welcomed as visitors.

A welcome was extended by Rev. Paul Long, Pastor of the host church. Responses were given by the various churches represented.

The committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Moderator's remarks were given.

The minutes of the last conference were read. Motion made, seconded and passed to change the minutes to read "elected to CTS Board, 3 year, William Tharpe." Motion made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

The Regulation or By-Law proposed by the Examining Board was distributed to the delegates.

Rev. Paul Long gave a report on the National Association.

Motion was made to accept the proposed regulation or by-law recommended by the Examining Board. The Motion was seconded. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table.

The Camp Director's report was given. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report as information.

The dates for the Missionary Conference were announced as follows: Phoenix, March 5 thru 8; Tucson, March 9 thru 12.

John Henry read John 14:3 for our edification.

The report of the Finance Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept.

The Resolutions Committee report was given. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the report and act on each item for adoption.

Item 1. Be it resolved that the allocation of money through the Cooperative plan of support be changed as follows: 20% State; 80% to National-25% each to Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Bible College, 20% Executive Dept., 3% to CTS, 1% each to Superannuation and Stewardship Commission. Motion made, seconded, and passed to adopt.

Item 2. Be it resolved that the Secretary be paid \$15.00 per year for services. Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt.

Item 3. 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.

The report of the Examining Board was given. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report and act on each item.

1. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Jack Burns and Bro. Bill Tharpe as ministers. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the recommendation.

2. We recommend that Bro. John Henry be granted a second year license. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the recommendation.

3. We recommend that we consider Bro. Eddie Dettardine when he is able to appear before the Examining Board. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the recommendation.

4. We recommend the ordination of Bro. Stanley Graves as a Deacon with the ordination service to be in his local church. Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the recommendation.

Old Business

Motion made, seconded and passed to bring from the table for discussion the motion to accept the Proposed Regulation or By-Law.

Motion made, seconded and passed to amend by adding Article IV.

The Proposed Regulation or By-Law was then accepted as amended by motion, second and majority vote, as follows:

ARTICLE I. Candidates for License and/or Ordination

Section 1. First Year License

A. A person desiring to be licensed shall make his intentions known to the local pastor. The local pastor, in turn, will give to the candidate the Questionnaire prepared by the Examining Board of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists.

B. The local church will make recommendation to the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists (hereinafter referred to as State Association) to the effect that subject candidate be examined by the State Association Examining Board, and they in turn to make appropriate recommendation to the body.

C. The candidate will appear before the Examining Board of the State Association with Bible and completed Questionnaire. The candidate will be questioned about his conversion and call to the ministry and other related matters deemed necessary by the Examining Board.

D. The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendation to the body of the State Association concerning first year licensing of the candidate.

E. If the Examining Board recommends approval, and the body agrees, the candidate will be issued his first year license duly signed.

Section 2. Second Year License

A. Each first year licensee must appear before the Examining Board of the State Association for ratification of his credentials and examination at the completion of one year possession of said credentials. Otherwise, the credentials shall be turned back into the State Association Examining Board. If the credentials are not turned back properly, and if first year licensee fails to appear before the Examining Board, his credentials shall automatically be revoked and declared null and void (unless candidate was providentially hindered and notified the Examining Board accordingly).

B. It is incumbent upon the local church to recommend to the State Association that candidate for second year license be examined by the Examining Board for proper action.

C. The candidate will be questioned by the Examining Board about such things as soul-winning results, individual Bible study, preaching opportunities and results, and any other matters which may seem pertinent.

D. The Examining Board shall make a list of suggested study books for the candidate. The candidate may obtain this list upon his first year examination if he so desires, and thus start his preparation early.

E. The Examining Board of the State Association will make appropriate recommendation to the body concerning second year licensing of subject candidate.

F. If the Examining Board recommends approval, and the body agrees, the candidate will have the second year validation duly entered on his credentials.

Section 3. Third Year License and/or Ordination

1. Items 1 and 2 under Section 2 will be followed in same manner for any possessor of two-year approved credentials.

B. The candidate will be interviewed by the Examining Board. It shall be ascertained whether candidate desires third year license or ordination. (A license may not be approved for more than three years at which time the possessor of credentials should seriously reconsider his call to the ministry). The candidate will be given an

oral or written examination with questions drawn from the books previously suggested and the Free Will Baptist Treatise. The candidate may be asked to prepare a sermon outline from a text selected by the Examining Board.

C. The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendation to the body of the State Association. If candidate is passed upon for ordination, he may be ordained during the Associational meeting or at his own local church.

ARTICLE II. Out-of-state Licensed and/or Ordained Ministers

Section 1. The local church concerned will see to it that any newly acquired licensed or ordained minister from out of the state of Arizona appear before the State Association Examining Board for interview and ratification of his credentials.

ARTICLE III. All Ministers

Section 1. Minister's Report Form. All ordained ministers, and licensed ministers who have conducted ten or more services, shall submit an Annual Minister's Report (copies of form available from State Clerk) yearly.

Section 2. Minister's Card. All ordained ministers, and approved licensed ministers, will be issued a Minister's Card for the new associational year at the annual associational meeting upon receipt of Annual Minister's Report form.

Section 3. Communication. Any minister, licensed or ordained, who fails to communicate with the State Association for a period of more than one year shall be contacted, if possible, and be asked to return his credentials unless justifiable reasons are given and accepted by the Examining Board.

ARTICLE IV. This By-Law or Regulation is to be used as a flexible guide and each case considered on its own merit.

There being no new business motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

CAMP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Child Evangelism Camp Grounds, Groom Creek Route, Prescott was the setting of the 1966 Arizona Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. The dates were August 14-20. There were 95 registered campers and 17 on the Camp Staff which brought the total to 112.

The rental fee was \$450.00 plus \$1.00 for each person over 100 attending which brings the fee to \$462.00 plus an additional \$4.50 for glass breakage. \$100.00 was paid last fall to reserve the Camp for this year. Total due the Child Evangelism Fellowship is \$366.50.

The financial report is incomplete at this time but will be mailed to each church shortly.

We especially appreciate the thoughtfulness of the Prescott Mission in providing camp fees for 14 campers.

The 1966 Youth Camp was a time of real revival with the Lord drawing many souls to Himself.

Rev. Gene Norris
Camp Director

December 10, 1966

The Second Quarterly Conference of First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called into session by Moderator, Rev. Fry.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Bro. Nolen Atchley chose Matthew 6 from which to take our devotional thought for the day and led our minds in prayer.

The letters were read from the following churches: First Free Will Baptist Church, Surprise, Arizona; Northside Free Will Baptist Church, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, and First Free Will Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona; and First Free Will Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the letters and seat the delegates.

Rev. Long and Rev. Fry extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

A welcome was extended by Rev. Norris, Host Pastor. Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

Committees were appointed.

I Cor. 12:12 was used by the Moderator as the basis for his remarks.

The minutes of the First Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

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

The report of the Finance Committee was given and received as information.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Item 1. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality. Motion made, seconded, and passed to concur in the resolution.

Item 2. Be it resolved that the annual treasurer's report be put in the minutes. Motion made, seconded and passed to concur with the resolution.

Item 3. Be it resolved that an auditing committee be appointed to audit the treasurer's books for the annual report. Motion made and seconded to concur in the resolution. Motion made, seconded and passed to amend the resolution by adding "at the March meeting". Resolution was then passed as amended as follows: Be it resolved that an auditing committee be appointed at the March meeting to audit the treasurer's books for the annual report.

The following report was given by the Camp Director. August 20 thru 26 are the dates for our Youth Camp. We urge the churches to get their estimate as to number of campers in as early as possible.

No Old Business.

New Business. Motion was made, seconded and passed that the State Association pay the indebtedness for the Youth Camp each year until reimbursement can be made after the camp session.

Respectfully Submitted

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

March 11, 1967

The Third Quarterly Conference of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptist was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Fry.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

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

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by Rev. Fry.

Rev. Lonnie Palmer and Rev. Luther Sanders were recognized and welcomed as visiting ministers.

A welcome was extended by the host Pastor.

Responses were rendered by each church represented.

The committees were appointed. The Obituary Committee appointed consists of Sister Moore, Sister Chambers, Sister Schipper and Sister Pierce.

The Moderator's remarks were taken from Matthew 28:19-20 and the problem of inspiration, problem of information and problem of continuation were presented as well as the solution as found in the Scriptures.

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

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

Bro. McMillen read Deut. 28 as our devotional thought for today.

Youth Camp Director gave the following report: Bro. Fry to be Principal of Teaching; Bro. Bill Tharp, Chef; Bro. John Henry, Athletic Director; Bro. Bob Dreher, Dean of Boys. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report as information.

The report of the Finance Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and passed to receive as information.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on each item.

Item 1. Be it resolved that any officer or standing board member that misses two consecutive meetings without being providentially hindered, be replaced. Motion made and seconded to adopt the resolution. Motion made, seconded and passed to table this motion.

Item 2. Be it resolved that the visiting churches give a standing vote of thanks to the ladies of the Host Church for their wonderful hospitality. Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt the resolution.

Item 3. Be it resolved that we send Bro. Bud Jenkins to the National Association as a Representative for our state, expenses paid. We also recommend that an alternate be named. Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt the resolution.

The report of the Examining Board was given. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on each item.

Item 1. We recommend Bro. John Henry for ordination as a Minister, such ordination be at a time and place of Bro. Henry's choosing. Motion made, seconded and passed to concur in this recommendation.

Item 2. We recommend that Harold Black be granted a Minister's license for one year. Motion made, seconded and passed to concur in this recommendation.

No Old Business

New Business

Motion to divide the offering taken today equally between Bro. Palmer and Bro. Sanders. Motion was seconded and passed.

Conference adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk

June 10, 1967

The 14th Annual Session of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. Fry, Moderator.

Bro. Walker Hayes chose Romans 12:1 as the Scripture text for our devotional thought today and led our minds to the Throne of Grace in Prayer.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

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

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by Rev. Fry and Rev. Norris.

A welcome was extended to our visiting Brethren.

Rev. Tharpe, Host Pastor, extended a hearty welcome to all present.

Responses were rendered from all the churches represented.

The Committees were appointed.

Letters from Bro. Reford Wilson and the Adkissons, Missionaries in Canada were read. The Clerk is to respond to these letters.

The minutes of the third Quarterly Conference were read and approved as read.

Rev. Fry chose II Peter 1:1-10 from which to take his Moderator's remarks, using the thoughts self-control, patience, and Christ-like qualities.

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

The Youth Camp Director gave his report.

The Obituary Committee gave the following poem in remembrance of those that have been promoted to Glory during the past year.

There is a home not made by hands...
Beyond its golden door
Awaits the one who's now away,
Not lost--just gone before.
And in that home not made by hands
The Master will prepare
A place for you, and when he calls
You'll meet the loved one there.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to remove from the table for discussion the Constitutional Change.

Motion was passed to change Article III of our Constitution to read, "The Officers of this yearly Association shall be a standing Clerk and Treasurer, and a Moderator who shall be chosen at every Annual session of the Association with Assistants as may be found necessary; an Executive Board of not less than five (5) members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years; an Examining Board of not less than five members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. Any officer or standing Board member that misses two consecutive meetings without being providentially hindered, will be replaced."

Finance Committee report was given. The Churches contributed to the Cooperative Plan \$1,724.85; Foreign Missions \$911.02; and to Home Missions \$926.99.

The Resolutions Committee report was given. 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 and concur in the resolution.

The following report was given from the Examining Board. We, the Examining Board, met with Rev. Walker Hayes and ratified his Kansas Ordination Credentials. We recommend that Walker Hayes be received in full fellowship as an Ordained Minister in this Association. Motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in this recommendation.

Rev. Gene Norris was elected by our Association to be recommended to the National Association as our Representative on the General Board of the National Association.

Conference adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk