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FIRST ARIZONA ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

to convene with

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
2565 East 18th Street
Tucson, Arizona

June 13, 1970

September 7, 1968

THE FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Norris.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Letters were read from each church belonging to this Association. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the letters and refer the recommendations to the Examining Board.

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

The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

A welcome was extended by the host pastor. Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

The committees were appointed.

The Moderator challenged us to reach more for Jesus Christ in his remarks to the Quarterly Conference.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read. Motion was made to approve the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and passed.

The Treasurers reports, both quarterly and annual were given. Motion was made to accept the annual report. Motion was seconded and passed. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the quarterly report as given.

The Youth Camp Director gave his report. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the report as information.

The following report was given by the Examining Board.

We, the Examining Board, recommend to this Association that Arlen Keen be granted a one year license to preach and that he obtain and study the books recommended by this board before appearing for a second year license. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the report of the Examining Board be received and the request granted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given as follows:

1. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful food and hospitality.
2. That two representatives be elected to represent this Association at the Policy Committee Meeting in Nashville.

3. That the Moderator be one of the two delegates elected.
4. That the State Association pay the expenses of the delegates.
5. A constitutional change be made to establish a minimum age of 18 for delegates sent to the Association by a church.
6. That the Sunday Schools increase their Sunday School attendance through a Fall campaign either the one recognized by the National Association, or another one.

Motion was made to receive the report and act on it item by item.
Motion was seconded and carried.

1. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in the recommendation to give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

2. Motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in the recommendation to elect two delegates to represent this Association at the Policy Committee meeting.

3. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that our Moderator be one of the delegates elected.

4. Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the State Association pay the expenses for the two delegates.

5. Motion to table the proposed change to the constitution establishing a minimum age of 18 for delegates sent to the association by a local church. Motion was seconded and passed.

6. Motion that we concur in the recommendation that our Sunday Schools increase their attendance through some type of enlargement campaign.

Bro. Otto was elected to go with the Moderator to the Policy Committee meeting in Nashville.

The CTS Board recommended Bro. Gene Norris for Camp Director for the coming year. Motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in the recommendation.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Association make it compulsory for the delegate to the National Association who has his expenses paid by the Association to make a report to the next conference of the Association.

Motion that the Executive Board meet before the next meeting to consider establishing By-Laws to go along with our Constitution.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

December 7, 1968

THE SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. Norris, Moderator.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Letters were read from each church belonging to the Association.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the letters.

A motion was made to seat the delegates. The motion was seconded and passed. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Norris and Rev. Otto.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed the visitors to our Association. Rev. Adkisson introduced the members of the California Bible Institute Quartet.

A welcome was extended by the Pastor of the Host Church, Rev. Otto. Responses were rendered by all churches represented.

The committees were appointed and instructed to meet during the lunch hour and report back to the afternoon session of the Conference.

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

The following report from the Executive Board was read.

1. (No action to be taken on this item.) Motion made, seconded, and carried that the Woman's Auxiliary will be responsible for the afternoon worship service which will include a speaker. This will make it possible for the women to have their business meeting during the CTS Rally.
2. We recommend the use of the book "Essentials of Parliamentary Procedure" by J. Jeffrey Auer as our guide in governing parliamentary procedure in our Conferences which is compatible with Roberts Rules of Order.
3. (No action to be taken.) It was agreed that Pastor Silvan Fairchild preach the afternoon message at our Quarterly Meeting in December.
4. We recommend that the Association enter a group insurance policy with the Time Insurance, Inc., for our ministers. We further recommend that the State Association pay half of the monthly premium and the Church pay the other half. If the Church does not deem this advisable, it would then be up to the discretion of the individual minister. All monies will be transacted through the State Treasurer. A motion was made to receive the report and table the action items until the afternoon session. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Treasurers Report was given. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the Treasurers Report as given.

The Youth Camp Director gave the following report. Each Church is challenged to elect or select a mature young person to assist the Youth Camp Director in formulation of the rules and program to present to the Youth Camp Board for their approval. The churches of the Phoenix area are to be responsible for supplying counsellors for the 1969 Youth Camp. The church in Tucson will bear the teaching responsibility.

The Camp Good News has been rented for the 1969 camp. This includes the Memorial Lodge in which the teaching staff and Director's family will be housed.

The Resolutions Committee Report -

We recommend that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their delicious food and warm welcome extended to us. Motion was made to receive the report and concur in the recommendation. Motion was seconded and passed and carried out.

The Finance Committee Report -

We recommend that each church make an effort to complete their commitment to the Nashville Bible College expansion fund, that this may be out of the way when our Missionary Conference convenes in March.

Motion was made to adopt and dismiss the committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Motion was made to remove the motion regarding establishing a minimum voting age for delegates to the Association which was tabled at the last Quarterly Conference from the table for action. A motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table the motion indefinitely.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to take the Executive Board Report from the table for action on each item.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to concur in the recommendation that we use the book, "Essentials of Parliamentary Procedure" as our guide in governing parliamentary procedure in our Conferences which is compatible with Roberts Rules of Order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that we concur in the recommendation and enter a group insurance policy with the Time Insurance, Inc., for our pastors. We further recommend that the State Association pay half of the monthly premium and the Church pay the other half. If the church does not deem this advisable, it would then be up to the discretion of the individual minister. All monies will be transacted through the State Treasurer.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson presented an award to the Northside Sunday School for their valiant effort in the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign.

The report of the Policy Committee was given as follows:

December 2 - 3

Moderator Gene Norris and Assistant Moderator Howard Otto were elected to represent the State of Arizona Free Will Baptists at the special committee meeting in Nashville, Tennessee for the purpose of considering two points of business.

The first item was a proposal reading as follows:

"We recommend to the National Association that Article 3, Chapter 18 in the National Treatise, which deals with feetwashing, be changed by deleting the following: 'And reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin.'"

A motion was made and seconded to recommend this change to the National Association. The motion was defeated.

The second item was as follows:

"We recommend that the following statement be placed in the Treatise: BACKSLIDING AND APOSTASY - A person who has been regenerated or born again and is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin, is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, therefore, is a backslider in a lost condition who must repent and be restored to the right relationship with God or be eternally lost.

We recognize according to Hebrews 6:4-6, that it is possible for a person to get in the condition that he could never return to Christ. This, we believe, is Apostasy. However, we also recognize that a regenerate person can fall into sin, be in a lost condition and still not be an Apostate. This person, through repentance, can be reconciled to God."

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the National Association that the Treatise remain unchanged on the doctrine of Perseverance.

A substitute motion was made and was defeated.

The vote was then taken on the original motion and it, too, was defeated.

A motion was then made that we recommend to the National Association that an addition be made to the Treatise in the form of an Appendix which will be at the close of the Articles of Faith. A footnote at the close of the present Article will direct the reader to the Appendix. It will read as follows:

1. We believe that salvation is always a present possession of an individual by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who may teach or imply that salvation depends on human works or merit.
2. We believe that a saved individual may, indeed, in freedom of will, cease to trust in Christ for salvation and once again be lost. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who may teach or imply that a true believer may not again be lost.
3. We believe that any individual living in the practice of sin (whether he be called backslider or sinner) must be adjudged by that evidence to be lost should he so die in his sins. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who even appear to suggest the pernicious doctrine that a man may live in sin as he pleases and still claim Heaven as his home.
4. We believe that any person who has sinned (again, whether he be called "backslider" or "sinner"), and in whose heart a desire arises to repent, may do so and be restored to favor and fellowship with God. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who might appear to teach that a final apostasy comes to any child of God who sins.
5. We believe that a person's eternal destiny depends on whether he dies regenerate or unregenerate. This we hold in distinction from those of any group who teach that salvation is by works, or that regeneration does not occur until after death.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the report.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed that we send \$100.00 to our orphanage in Greenville, Tennessee.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn.

March 8, 1969

THE THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Rev. Norris, Moderator.

Rev. Otto read Ephesians 2.

The Rules of Order were read by the Moderator.

Letters were read from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tucson, First Free Will Baptist Church of Surprise, First Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, and North Side Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix.

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

Rev. Otto and Rev. Norris extended the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

A welcome was extended to the missionaries, the Bryans, Bro. Shockey and Don Robirds.

Welcome was extended by the Host Pastor, Rev. Fry.

Responses were given by all churches represented.

The Committees were appointed.

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

The Treasurers Report was given. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report as given.

The Youth Camp Director gave his report. Youth Camp will be at Camp Good News at Prescott beginning August 25.

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

The report of the Resolutions Committee was as follows:

1. Be it resolved that we give thanks to God for the blessings of the Missionary Conference and to resolve to pray for them.
2. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Each resolution was subsequently concurred with.

The Obituary Committee was appointed and requested to report at the Annual Conference. The committee consists of Sister Devore, Sister Lee, and Sister Spears.

' Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn for the worship service.

June 7, 1969

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the First Arizona Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Howard Otto.

The Rules of Order were read by Rev. Otto.

The Quarterly Reports were read from each church belonging to this Association. The Annual Reports were also read. Motion was made, seconded and passed that the letters be received, the delegates seated, and the recommendations be referred to the appropriate committee.

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

A cordial welcome was extended by Rev. Carlson, Pastor of the Host Church.

Responses were rendered from all churches represented.

The minutes of the last conference were read. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as read.

The Youth Camp Report was given by Bro. Fry. The dates for Youth Camp are August 24 through August 30 and the fee is still \$12.00 per camper.

Letters were read from the Bible College, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive these letters as information.

The Committees were appointed.

The Treasurers report was given. Motion was made, seconded and passed to receive the report.

The Obituary Committee Report was given. A tribute was paid to the memory of Sister Wolenberg, Patti Smith; Bro. David Aubrey, and Robert Cain who have gone on to be with the Lord.

The report of the Examining Board was given as follows: We have met with Rev. Robert Carlson and Rev. Julian Hawkins and have examined their credentials and recommend that they be accepted in full fellowship in the Association. We have met with Gary Clayton and recommend that he be granted a first year license. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item. Each item was subsequently passed by motion, second and majority vote.

The Resolutions Committee Report was given as follows:

1. Thanks and praise to God for harmony and attention.
2. That we give a standing vote of thanks to the host church in appreciation for their gracious hospitality.
3. Recommend that individual churches present candidates for deacons to the State Examining Board prior to ordination.
4. Recommend that the elected representative to the National Association be a pastor and that the representative have been in the State Association long enough to know the Association's position and feelings.
5. Recommend that Pastors present items for consideration of the Resolutions Committee to the committee as memos prior to lunch.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the report and act on it item by item.

Motion was subsequently made, seconded and passed for each of the following resolutions: No. 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Motion was made to amend resolution No. 3 to add "by the local church". Motion was seconded and passed.

The motion as amended was passed. Recommend that individual churches present candidates for deacons to the State Examining Board prior to ordination by the local church.

The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee were placed in nomination. There being no nominations from the floor, motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect the slate by acclamation.

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

The following report was given from the Executive Board.

We recommend that the name of Pastor Malcolm Fry be placed in nomination to serve on the General Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists from the State of Arizona. This nomination to be sent to the National Association in July. (Motion was made, seconded and passed to submit to the National Association.)

It was agreed that the new pastor of the Northside Church be the speaker for the morning service of this State Association.

We recommend that Pastor Malcolm Fry be elected as official delegate to the National Association meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in July, 1969. We further recommend that his expenses be paid by this Arizona State Association and that he submit an itemized statement of these expenses at the next associational meeting along with his report of the National Association. Therefore, we place the name of Malcolm C. Fry in nomination. (Motion was made, seconded and passed to concur in the recommendation.)

Ministers are to be reminded to turn in their annual reports to qualify for a card of good standing by the State Association.

Pastor Gene Norris submitted his resignation of all State and Quarterly Meeting offices. Motion made, seconded, and carried that this resignation be accepted. (Motion was made, seconded and passed by the Association to accept his resignation.)

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Ella Spears, Clerk