

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14th MEETING

The Central Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists convened on February 14, 1976, at the Eastside FWB Church, Houston, Texas. The opening song was "Whosoever Meaneth Me" led by Bro. Bill Ferguson. Mrs. Ruth Ferguson was the pianist for the day. Rev. Bobby Ferguson prayed the opening prayer after which the congregation sang two more hymns. The District Clerk, Mrs. Charlene Denman, called the meeting to order and gave the welcome. Church letters were called for and the minutes were read and accepted.

A motion was made and carried that Rev. Tom Hunt preside until the moderator arrived. The clerk and assistant clerk read the annual reading of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. Paul Morris from Pine Prairie brought the morning devotion using Isaiah 59:16,17.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and a motion was made and carried to accept the report and seat the delegates. Bro. A.V. Jennische led in prayer.

The moderator arrived and appointed the following committees:

Resolutions -- Bro. Bob Davidson, chairman, Bro. A.V. Jennische and Bro. Verlan Pegues. Obituary -- Mrs. Laura Simons, Miss Wendy Ellis and Mrs. Barbara Williams.

Rev. Roy Norrie dismissed the meeting for a short recess with prayer.

The congregation sang two songs preparing the people for the worship hour. The convention offering was received by Rev. Paul Meyer and Bro. Bob Davidson. Bro. Billy Ferguson sang a beautiful song "Love is the Key".

Rev. Mack Humbles brought the message using scripture verses from Ephesians, Matthew, I John, Revelation and others. He reminded us of the danger of false prophets and closed his message with prayer. Bro. Jim Williams prayed the dismissal prayer for lunch asking God's blessings on the food.

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Send the Light". Rev. Raymond Getz brought the afternoon devotion pointing out two attitudes spiritual leaders should have - servants' hearts and sensitive spirit toward others based on I Thesalonians 5:14.

The Nominating Committee gave their report and a motion carried to accept the report and act upon it. The following officers were elected:

Moderator - Rev. Don Ellis

Assistant Moderator - Rev. Tom Hunt

Clerk-Treasurer - Mrs. Frances Ellis - Assistant, Mrs. Rita McDuffie

Parliamentarian - Rev. Keith Phipps

Student Loan Board - Mr. A.V. Jennische, Mr. Charles Denman

Credentials Committee - Rev. Paul Morris

Home Mission Board - Bro. Sam Clements

CTS Director - Mr. J.T. Langley

Retirement and Insurance Director - Rev. Paul Meyer

State Home Mission Board Representative - Rev. Roy Norrie

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report reporting that Rev. Johnny Williams' examination papers were back and were accepted.

Item of information - a letter from the National Association concerning A.J. Keech commending this district for taking action against him.

The treasurer's report was given and a motion carried to accept it.

Rev. Tom Hunt gave an oral resignation from the Credentials Committee and a motion carried to elect a replacement. Rev. Raymond Getz was elected.

The Christian Education Board report was given. A motion was made to accept with an ammendment that books be adjusted to correspond with bank balance. Ammendment and motion carried. A motion was made and carried that two assistants be elected to serve on the Christian Education Board granting them the power to vote. The two elected were Rev. Mack Humbles and Bro. David Reed.

Bro. A.V. Jennische gave the Student Loan Board report and a motion carried to receive it.

The Home Mission Board report was given by Bro. Verlan Pegues and a mmc to accept it with commendation. Bro. Jerry Fling gave the CTS Report encouraging the people to support the youth of our denomination with prayer and money and participation in CTS Rallies.

Retirement and Insurance Director, Bro. Sam Clements gave a report stating a balance of \$120.98. Also reporting that Rev. R.E. Sheffield will be retiring and will probably be put on this program. A motion was made and carried to accept the report.

An oral Woman's Auxiliary report was given as information announcing the Auxiliary Retreat at Pineywoods on April 23-24.

A motion was made and carried to receive the Resolutions Committee report and act upon it item by item. They are as follows:

1. That each church be asked to send \$3.00 a week to the District Retirement and Insurance account. Ammendment to delete part referring to Insurance. Ammendment carried and motion as ammended carried.
2. That each church try to get 10 families to give \$50.00 each to Operation Partnership to help retire the indebtiness of National Headquarters. Carried.
3. That host church pay a baby sitter for the quarterly meetings and that the district give allowance of \$10.00 to host church for that purpose. C.
4. Encourage attendance at quarterly meetings. Carried.
5. That a rising vote of thanks be extended to host church for the bountiful meal and Christian hospitality. Carried.

A motion was made and carried to support the new work in the Valley with prayers and finances. The work is headed by Missionary, Larry Powell, who will go to the field of work in July.

A motion carried to accept the Obituary Committee report as given by Mrs. Barbara Williams. After a few moments of silence, Rev. Paul Meyer led the prayer.

Rev. Raymond Getz, Camp Director for 1976, presented a list of camp rules. A motion carried to adopt them as read. A motion carried to give Rev. Getz authorization to spend up to \$100.00 out of Christian Education Board account to buy recreational equipment for camp to be refunded after money comes in for camp.

A motion was made and carried to remove items of Constitutional changes from the table and act upon them item by item.

A motion carried to adopt 1. Article VIII - Discipline -- 2. Article IX to be added as section 6 and 3. Council - Section 3 to be added as stated in constitutional changes.

A written resignation from Christian Education Board by Mrs. Lela Clary was presnted. A motion carried that the resignation not be accepted.

A motion was made and carried that ministers' cards be passed out at the next quarterly meeting.

Another motion carried that all annual reports be typed and sent to the district clerk at least two weeks before each annual meeting to be printed and distributed at the annual meeting.

Bro. Jimmy Williams gave the State Executive Secretary report. Mmc to accept.

Announcement - State meeting at Pine Springs in East Texas on June 10-11.

A motion carried that we have a guest book for those present at quarterly meetings to sign and that this be kept by the clerk.

Mmc to accept the invitation from the First Bryan FWB Church to the May 8, 1976 quarterly conference. Mmc. to adjourn. Rev. Roy Norrie dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita McDuffie, Assistant Clerk