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OFFICERS

W. H. McKown, Moderator	Carlow, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Clerk	Hannon, Mo.
James Long, Treas.	R. I., Irwin, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

D. M. Carlock,	Greenfield, Mo.
L. C. Wade,	Hannon, Mo.
O. T. Fast,	Liberal, Mo.

MINISTERS

Ordained—J. T. Williams and D. M. Carlock,
Greenfield, Mo., H. Seward, Neola, Mo.

Licensed—W. T. Cummings and Mrs. Cum-
mings, Nevada, Mo., B. F. Brown, Hannon, Mo.

MINUTES

OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

Central Western Missouri Association OF FREE BAPTISTS

The Fourth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Baptists convened with the Hickory Grove church on Thursday night before the first Sunday in November, 1912.

On account of inclement weather no introductory sermon was preached.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the clerk. Scripture lesson, Acts 2: 1-21. Prayer by O. T. Fast.

Rev. W. H. McKown elected moderator.

J. W. Moul elected assistant clerk.

The letters from the several churches were called for and read by assistant clerk.

Letter from Hickory Grove church read and received and the following delegates and deacons seated: Mabel Taylor, Ione Mosby, Betty Stevens, Sarah Ryle, Ausie Cockrell and wife, Frank Taylor, W. S. Mosby, Clويد Hensley and Frank Evans.

This church has 110 members, an evergreen Sun-

day School and prayer meeting, and extends a hearty welcome to all delegates and visiting brethren.

Letter from Bluff church read and received and delegates, James Long and Harry Houseworth, seated.

The church has 25 members and an evergreen Sunday School.

Letter from Neola church read and received—no delegates.

Letter from Verdella church read and received—no delegates.

The church has 43 members and a good Sunday school.

Letter from Wagoner church read and received and delegates, J. A. Crawford and Franzo Filpot, seated.

The church has 50 members and reports a good Sunday school and prayer meeting. It requests the next session of the association.

Letter from Hannon church read and received and E. S. Lewis and B. F. Brown seated as delegates.

The church has 108 members. The prayer meeting is good as is the Sunday school which enrolls 120.

The church requests the examination for ordination of W. T. Cummings and wife. It also requests the next session of the association.

No response from Sunscreek and Eldorado churches.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Body called to order by moderator. Opening song, "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Scripture lesson, Isaiah 12. Prayer by Rev. Bro. Joice. Minutes of last annual session read.

Elections and appointments:

B. F. Brown elected clerk.

James Long elected treasurer.

L. C. Wade elected on Executive Board for 3 years.

O. T. Fast elected on Executive Board for 2 years.

Frank Evans, E. S. Lewis and J. W. Moul appointed committee on business. Harry Houseworth, W. S. Mosby and B. F. Brown appointed committee on resolutions.

Motion carried to determine by ballot the place of holding the next session of the association.

Ballot resulted in 11 votes for Wagoner and 2 for Hannon, which on motion was made unanimous for Wagoner.

Motion carried that each church pay \$1.00 to the association as expense money and to pay the clerk his fee of \$5.00.

Each of the following churches paid \$1.00, Neola, Verdella, Bluff, Hannon, Wagoner and Hickory Grove.

Motion carried to adjourn business session till 9:30 a. m. Saturday.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Services conducted by Rev. W. H. McKown. Scripture lesson Isaiah 62. Text, John 1: 14.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional services led by Moderator W. H. McKown.

Motion carried to convene the next session of the association on Thursday night before the full moon in September, 1913.

Motion carried to instruct the clerk to correspond with the clerks of Sunscreek and Eldorado churches to ascertain their condition and why they were not represented at this session of the association.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 p. m.

Closing prayer by Frank Evans.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Rev. W. H. McKown.

Report of resolutions committee read and received—report as follows:

We your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following resolution—Resolved: That we, delegates and deacons of the various churches of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Baptists assembled at Hickory Grove church, do hereby express our sincere thanks and the gratitude of our hearts to the people of Hickory Grove church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality in the entertainment and caring for the delegates and deacons of the various churches of said Association during our stay among you, and pray the blessings of God upon you till we meet again.

Committee { B. F. Brown.
W. S. Mosby.
H. Houseworth.

Motion carried that the executive board investigate as to why the ministers of this association were absent from this session of the association and if they are found worthy to grant them a Ministerial Certificate of Standing.

Motion carried that the minutes of this session of the Association be printed in pamphlet form for distribution among the several churches, each church to pay its proportionate share for the printing. The following churches pledged \$1.00 each: Hannon, Hickory Grove, Wagoner, Verdella, Bluff.

The business committee in a verbal report requested that this Association consider B. F. Brown and L. C. Wade, members of Hannon church, as applicants for license to preach the gospel.

On motion W. H. Mosby, E. S. Lewis and Rev. W. H. McKown were elected as a committee to examine B. F. Brown, and after examining him recommended that a license be issued to him.

Motion carried that this Session of the Association appoint a committee consisting of O. T. Fast, E. S. Lewis and Rev. W. H. McKown to examine Bro. L. C. Wade for license to preach the gospel.

After the reading of the minutes of this session of the Association a motion carried to approve same as read. Motion carried to adjourn. Closing prayer by Frank Evans.

W. H. McKown, Moderator
B. F. Brown, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Baptists, and shall be composed of such consistent well-regulated Free Baptist churches as shall, from time to time, unite with the body and agree to this constitution.

ART. 2. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which this Association is composed. Each church being entitled to one delegate and each church having twenty-five members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major part thereof, and all ordained deacons, ordained ministers and licensed ministers of the several churches of the Association.

ART. 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator who shall be elected at each session and shall hold office until his successor is elected; a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be standing officers of the Association.

ART. 4. Sec. 1. This Association shall elect a board of five members which shall be known as the Executive Board whose term of office shall be a period of three years. This board shall have power to appoint special committees and councils, and to assist such committees in their work of ordination and discipline. This board shall conduct the affairs of the Association between sessions.

Sec. 2. There shall be created a home mission

board composed of three members whose term of office shall be three years, but the members of the first board elected after the adoption of this constitution shall hold office for a period of one, two and three years respectively.

ART. 5. Sec. 1. This Association shall meet annually at such a time and place as shall meet with the pleasure of the Association and it shall be the duty of all churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letters and delegates.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of all ministers of this Association to attend each session or report by letter. And all ministers reporting by letter or in person shall be entitled to a certificate of ministerial standing from the Association.

ART. 6. This constitution may be altered or amended by vote of any session of the Association, notice of such intended change having been given in writing at least three months before such change shall be voted upon, to the executive board.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session of this Association shall be called to order by the clerk when present, and in his absence by the member having seniority of years.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

3. Delegates from three (3) or more churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association but any less number may adjourn

from time to time.

4. A member wishing to speak in conference shall arise and address the moderator, and be recognized by same, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes nor more than twice on any subject without the consent of the conference.

5. New churches may be admitted to this Association by majority vote of conference.

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question by the request of one-fourth of the members present.

7. These by-laws may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-third's vote of the members present.

8. A committee of five lay members, delegates present at the Association shall be elected to look into the standing of the ministry, and make their report to the Association before it adjourns for approval or rejection.