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Hannon, Mo.

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The Fifth Annual Session of the Central Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Wagoner church on Thursday evening before the full moon in September, 1913.

Rev. W. H. McKown preached the introductory sermon from St. John 17 : 20.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The clerk being absent the meeting was called to order by Rev. W. H. McKown, he having seniority of years.

Scripture lesson Isaiah 12 read by W. H. McKown, song by congregation, prayer by E. H. Coles.

Rev. W. H. McKown was elected moderator, O. T. Fast was elected clerk pro tem and W. H. Potts was elected assistant clerk.

The Constitution and By-laws and the minutes of last session were called for and read by the assistant clerk.

A letter of greeting from Rev. H. Seward was read and received with sincere thanks.

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

Letter from Neola church read, received and delegates present seated. Delegates, George Manis, seated; Chas. Hoffman, seated; James Vincent, absent. Pastor, Rev. Allen Shuey. State of religion very good. Sunday School evergreen with good attendance. Additions to the church, 4 by baptism. Church requests that next session of the Association be held at Neola.

Letter from Bluff church read and received. Delegates, Bro. Mayfield, absent; Bro. McCarty, absent; Bro. France, absent; Bro. Long, absent; Sister Greer, absent. Deacons, W. H. Hamer, absent; Hayden Greer, absent. Pastor, W. H. McKown. State of religion good. Sunday School union with 30 members. Prayer meeting, weekly with good interest. Additions to church 7. Church requests next session of the Association.

Letter from Hickory Grove church read and delegates and deacons present seated: Delegates, A. F. Cockrell, present; Hersa Parish, absent; J. Wedington, absent; Ida Nowlin, absent; Martha Cockrell, absent. Deacons, Frank Taylor, absent; S. F. Evans, absent; Walter Mosby, absent; Cloie Hensley, absent. Pastor, W. H. McKown. State of religion good. • Sunday School evergreen. Prayer meeting each Sunday night, except preaching night. Additions to the church 23. About 100 resident members.

Letter from Wagoner church read and received and delegates and deacons seated: Delegates, W

L. Douglas, seated; J. E. Filpot, seated; R. S. Shockley, seated. Deacons, W. H. Whistance, seated; A. W. Hartley, seated; W. H. Potts, seated. Pastor, none at present. State of religion pretty good.

Sunday School evergreen. Prayer meeting weekly with good interest. Additions to the church 9 by baptism and two by letter, four excluded. Total membership 57. Church extends a hearty welcome to all delegates and visiting brothers and sisters.

Letter from Verdella church read and received and delegates and deacons present seated: Delegates, Bessie Paige, present; E. H. Coles, present. Deacons, O. T. Fast, present; J. J. Coles, present. Sister O. T. Fast given seat in advisory council. Pastor, Allen Shuey. State of religion good. Sunday School, evergreen. Prayer meeting weekly. Additions to church 22. 5 members given church letters. Membership, 44 resident and 12 non-resident. \$1.35 given to missions. Church requests that E. H. Coles be ordained as deacon, also that the next session of the Association be held at Verdella church.

Letter from Hannon church read and received and delegates, deacons and ministers present seated: Delegates, Grover Lewis, absent; Frankie Wade, absent; Anna Reed, absent; Ina Bicknell, absent; C. W. Ricketts, absent; Loten Thomas, present. Deacons, E. S. Lewis, absent; L. C. Wade, absent; Jno. Reihert, absent. Licensed ministers, E. F. Crabtree, present; B. F. Brown, absent. Ross Thomas as a visitor given a seat in

advisory council. Pastor, W. H. McKown. State of religion good. Sunday School evergreen with 150 members and good interest. Prayer meeting weekly. Additions to the church, 5 by letter, 2 withdrawn by letter, 2 removed by "Grim Reaper," Sisters Jepsen and Hendron. Membership, 88 resident and 18 non-resident. \$15.00 given to missions besides donations to Orphans Home and the needy of our church. Church requests that next session of the Association be held at Hannon.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 o'clock p. m.

Closing prayer by W. H. Potts.

Eleven o'clock services conducted by E. F. Crabtree, Scripture lesson, Job 12. Text, Job 12:10.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services conducted by moderator, W. H. McKown, scripture lesson Hebrews 1, by W. H. McKown.

Prayer by Sister O. T. Fast.

Opening song by congregation.

Motion carried to correct error in the minutes of the session of 1912 so that they will show that Verdella church had a representative in that session, O. T. Fast being present.

Motion carried to elect a committee on committees E. H. Coles, W. H. Potts and Ross Thomas were elected.

W. H. Hamer was elected member of the Executive Board for a term of 3 years.

Motion carried that Chas. Hoffman visit and investigate as to the condition of the Sunscreele and El Dorado churches and report at the next session of the Association.

Report of committee on committees read and received as follows: Pulpit committee, A. F. Cockrell, Geo. Manis, Bessie Paige; business committee, W. L. Douglas, Loten Thomas, Nellie Fast; resolution committee, O. T. Fast, E. F. Crabtree, R. S. Shockley.

Motion carried that the matter of ordaining E. H. Coles as deacon be referred to the business committee.

Report of the business committee as read and received was as follows: We your committee on business, select as ordaining council to ordain E. H. Coles as deacon for the Verdella church, Rev. W. H. McKown, O. T. Fast and W. H. Potts.

W. L. Douglas	} Committee on business.
Loten Thomas	
Nellie Fast	

Motion carried to adjourn till 10 a. m. Saturday.

Closing prayer by O. T. Fast.

Friday evening session conducted by E. F. Crabtree. Scripture lesson, Mal. 3, Text, Exodus 1 : 8.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional services conducted by Rev. Allen Shuey.

Song by congregation.

Letter from Fair View church of near Chetopa, Kansas read, requesting that it be received as a member of the Central Western Association, naming as their delegates Bros. York and McCarty. It also states that thd church was re-organized last June by Rev. T. C. Ferguson and

wife, with 12 members, but since then the membership has increased to 35. The church is in good condition with Sunday School and prayer meeting.

Motion carried to receive the letter and to admit the church to membership in the Association.

Bro. E. H. Coles was set apart as deacon of the Verdella church by the laying on of hands. Rev. Allen Shuey was called to assist in the ordaining exercises and offered the ordaining prayer.

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 p. m.

Closing prayer by moderator.

Saturday 11 o'clock services conducted by Rev. Allen Shuey. Scripture lesson and discourse from Hebrews 11 : 32-40.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional services by moderator. Scripture lesson, Romans 5 : 1-14 and prayer by moderator.

Song by congregation.

Motion carried to send letter of greeting to the South Western Free Will Baptist General Convention; also T. C. Ferguson as delegate.

Motion carried that each church pay \$2.00 into the treasury to pay expenses of the Association such as printing minutes, clerk hire, etc.

Each of the following churches paid \$2.00 Hannon, Bluff, Verdella, Neola, Wagoner and Hickory Grove.

Motion carried to determine by ballot the place of holding the next session of the Association. Result of ballot taken was 12 votes for Bluff and 3 for Neola. Bluff church was declared the place of

the next session of the Association.

Motion carried to convene the next session of this Association on Thursday night before the full moon in September. 1914.

Motion carried that the clerk and the treasurer of this Association report at its next session.

Report of the committee on resolutions was read and received as follows:

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following: Resolved: That we, the members of the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, assembled at the Wagoner church, do hereby express our sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for the unity and brotherly love manifested at this meeting of the Association and the gratitude of our hearts goes out to the people of Wagoner church and surrounding neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay with you, and pray God's richest blessings upon this, our sister church of Wagoner, Missouri, till we meet again.

O. T. Fast	} Committee.
R. S. Shockley	
E. F. Crabtree	

Motion carried that committees be released from further duty.

Minutes read and motion carried to approve same as read.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Prayer by Rev. Allen Shuey.

W. H. McKown, Moderator

O. T. Fast, Clerk Protem

W. H. Potts, Assistant 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 mis-

sion 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.