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OFFICERS

W. H. Potts, Moderator,	Stockton, Mo.
O. T. Fast, Asst. Moderator,	R. 3, Liberal, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Clerk and Treas.,	Hannon, Mo.
W. H. York, Asst. Clerk,	Chanute, Kans.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

L. C. Wade,	Hannon, Mo.
O. T. Fast,	R. 3, Liberal, Mo.
Ed Washburn,	Moundville, Mo.
B. F. Brown,	Hannon, Mo.
T. C. Ferguson,	Niangua, Mo.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists, convened with the Neola Freewill Baptist church near Greenfield, Mo., August 8 to 11, 1918.

Thursday Evening

Session opened with song and by congregation.

The assistant moderator, T. C. Ferguson, took charge of the meeting and after reading the 23rd Psalm offered the opening prayer.

Bro. H. Seward made the address of welcome and delivered the sermon for the evening and was followed by W. H. York. Text. Neh. 2:18.

Moderator appointed on program and pulpit committee, C. H. Miller, C. C. Barton, Nellie Fast and Ethel Daniels.

Program committee reported that W. A. Needham and F. G. Wyrick would preach at 11 o'clock Friday.

Motion carried to adjourn till 10 a. m., Friday.

Closing prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

Friday Morning

Session called to order by the clerk who read for a scripture lesson 1 Peter, 2:9-20 and offered prayer.

The moderator, W. H. Potts, took charge

and proceeded with regular order of business.

Minutes of Thursday evening session read and approved.

Church letters were called for and read by clerk. Letters from Stockton, Union Valley, Fair View, Neola, Hickory Grove, Sylvandale, Bluff, Verdella, Pleasant Valley, Independence, Wagoner and Hannon churches were read and on motion were received and delegates seated.

According to reports contained in church letters seven members of our Association have died during the past year.

Ten churches have Sunday schools.

Eleven churches report state of religion good.

Four churches maintain prayer meetings.

Seven churches have called pastors.

Total membership of the Association is 875.

Independence church requests next session of Association.

Standing members and delegates present and seated, with postoffice addresses:

Ministers

W. H. York, 217 W. 6th St., Chanute, Kans.

T. C. Ferguson, Niangua, Mo.

Myrtle Ferguson, Niangua, Mo.

H. Seward, Greenfield, Mo.

J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo.

W. A. Needham, Chetopa, Kans.

B. F. Brown, Hannon, Mo.

Deacons

O. T. Fast, R. 3, Liberal, Mo.

A. W. Hartley, Stockton, Mo.
W. H. Potts, Stockton, Mo.
C. C. Barton, Stockton, Mo.
James Vincent, Greenfield, Mo.
A. H. Worthington, R. 4, Stockton, Mo.
Geo. Manis, Greenfield, Mo.
J. V. Sell, R. 4, Stockton, Mo.

Delegates

Dixie Fast, R. 3, Liberal, Mo.
Nellie Fast, R. 3, Liberal, Mo.
Minnie Potts, Stockton, Mo.
C. H. Miller, R. 6, Stockton, Mo.
A. L. Wiley, R. 4, Stockton, Mo.
W. A. Anderson, R. 4, Stockton, Mo.
Mrs. Geo. Manis, Greenfield, Mo.
Mrs. Gordon Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Wm. Green, Greenfield, Mo.

B. F. Brown tendered his resignation as clerk and treasurer which was accepted.

Officers of the Association for Ensuing Year

Moderator, W. H. Potts.
Asst. Moderator, O. T. Fast
Clerk and Treasurer, B. F. Brown.
Asst. Clerk, W. H. York.

Member Home Mission Board for term of 5 years, L. C. Wade.

Committees

Moderator appointed the following committees:

Program Committee: Rev. H. Seward was

appointed in addition to those appointed Thursday evening.

Committee on Business: T. C. Ferguson, O. T. Fast and W. A. Anderson.

Committee on Obituary: Nellie Fast and Ethel Daniels.

Committee on Education, Publication and Sunday School: W. A. Needham, A. W. Hartley and C. H. Miller.

Committee on Ministerial Standing: Geo. Manis, Minnie Potts and A. H. Worthington.

Motion carried giving visiting brethren and sisters all privileges of the floor except voting.

After a report on conditions at El Dorado Springs by Brothers Potts and Ferguson a motion carried giving W. H. York authority to go to El Dorado Springs, in the name of the Association, and hold a meeting.

Program committee reported that B. F. Brown and M. B. Clift would occupy stand Friday evening.

Motion carried to adjourn business session till 2:30 p. m.

Divine services at 11 o'clock by W. A. Needham and F. G. Wyrick.

Text: Heb., 5:9. Subject: Obedience.

Closing prayer, Sister Ferguson.

Friday Afternoon

Praise by congregation.

For a scripture lesson the moderator read Psalm 23, and A. W. Hartley offered prayer.

Minutes of Friday morning session read and

approved.

Motion carried giving Wm. Green authority to act as delegate in Sister Vincent's absence.

Motion carried to change or amend Article 3 of constitution to read, "The officers of this Association Shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and a Treasurer. All of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office till successors are elected and qualified."

Motion carried to change By-law No. 1 to read, "Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk, and in his or her absence the Assistant Clerk, and in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in years. After the Clerk or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum present, he or she shall call Moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence, the Assistant Moderator, and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years."

The following By-laws were adopted:

By-law No. 15. Any preacher belonging to this Association who does not make a report of his or her work, either in person, by letter or by proxy for three successive years shall have his or her name dropped from the minutes.

By-law No. 16. It shall be the duty of each church to have its pastoral year to end with the annual session of the Association and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association

meets each year.

By-law No. 17. When a church fails to report to the Association, its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

Motion carried referring the request of Bluff church for the ordination of C. W. Mayfield to Home Mission Board.

Bro. W. H. York having requested the examination of his credentials, the matter was referred to Home Mission Board. The Board proceeded to examine his credentials and found them satisfactory. He was questioned and answered satisfactorily. The decision of the Board was unanimous in his favor and he was given the right hand of fellowship.

By a unanimous vote it was decided to hold next session of the Association with Independence church near Wagoner and Jericho Springs, Mo., the Association to convene on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, before the second Sunday in Aug., 1919.

Motion carried to take a freewill offering for our Tecumseh college at the Friday evening service.

Motion carried making it the duty of the clerk to write Bro. Fred Dumond of Rose, Kansas, and express our sympathies for him in his trying hour.

Treasurer's report showing receipts to the amount of \$29.80 and disbursements amounting to \$28.70 was accepted.

Motion carried to pay into the Missouri State

Association fund any money remaining after defraying all our expenses.

Motion carried giving the printing of the minutes entirely into the clerk's hands.

Motion carried directing that \$5.00 be paid clerk for his past year's services.

Report of T. C. Ferguson: "I have been constantly in the evangelistic work the past year, but have held no revivals with churches of this Association. I have visited the following churches of this Association and held a few nights' meeting with each of them: Bluff, Hannon, Sylvandale, Fair View, Hickory Grove, Wagoner, Neola and Pleasant Valley. At Pleasant Valley I took in six members and baptized four. I helped secure a pastor for Bluff church and supply preachers for Hickory Grove.

My membership is with Wagoner church.

My address is Niangua, Mo.

T. C. Ferguson.

Report of Myrtle Ferguson: I have baptized 49, preached four funerals, preached 108 sermons, and received in salary and offerings, \$246.15.

My work has been mostly pastoral and supply work. I have held a few revivals and had a number of conversions. I have pastored the Niangua church and supplied the Independence church in the absence of a pastor the past year.

Myrtle Ferguson.

Report of C. W. Mayfield: I beg to make the

following report of my work the past year: I have helped in two revivals at Pleasant Valley school house where I preach once a month.

Have made three trips to Bluff church where I have been called to pastor the church the coming year.

C. W. Mayfield.

Report of H. Seward: On account of my age I have not been able to do much preaching the past year. I am nearly 87 years old but have done what I could.

I hope and pray that you will have a good Association, and that everything will be done in peace and harmony and that the Spirit of God will prevail.

I may never attend another Association but my prayers will always be with you. I am sure glad that you came with the Association to Neola this year so I could have the pleasure of attending once more. Come again.

Rev. H. Seward.

Report of W. H. York: I have had the pastor care of two churches, Fair View and Union Valley, the past year. I have preached 140 sermons with four conversions, baptized four and received six members at Fair View. I performed one marriage ceremony and officiated at one funeral.

I have accepted Fair View, Pleasant Valley and Hickory Grove churches to pastor the coming year.

I hold my membership with Fair View church and live at Chanute, Kansas.

W. H. York.

Report of W. A. Needham: I beg to report the following: I have pastored Verdella and Sylvandale churches the past year.

May the Grace of God abide with you.

W. A. Needham.

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

Closing prayer by M. B. Clift.

Friday Evening

Preaching services by B. F. Brown and M. B. Clift. Text, Luke 18:1. Subject, Prayer.

A collection for our Tecumseh college was taken after preaching which amounted to \$8.00.

Closing prayer by T. C. Ferguson.

Saturday Morning

Praise by congregation.

Scripture lesson from Isa. 12.

Prayer by Bro. Allen Shuey.

Minutes of Friday p. m., and evening sessions read and approved.

The following delegates were chosen to the Missouri State Association which convenes with Hannon church on Wednesday evening before the fourth Sunday in October, 1918: Lee Blake, Ed Kepley, Frank Parsons, Mary Wade, Loten Thomas, Auza Cockrell, J. W. Moul, A. L. Wiley, A. B. Whistance, Edith Mayfield, Nettie Beck, T. M.

Duncan, J. H. Long, Sister Manis and W. J. Cross.

T. C. Ferguson and W. H. York were chosen corresponding messengers to Union Association which convenes at Hartville, Mo.

B. F. Brown and W. H. York were chosen corresponding messengers to Western Mt. Zion Association.

Motion carried that Bro. York extend thanks to the good people of Neola and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality.

Program committee reported that Bros. Allen Shuey and W. H. York would occupy the pulpit Saturday evening.

Motion carried to adjourn the business session till 2:30 p. m.

Closing prayer by W. H. York.

Saturday 11 o'clock

Preaching services by J. T. Williams and T. C. Ferguson. Text, Matt. 16:17.

Saturday Afternoon

Praise by congregation.

Scripture lesson, 3rd chapter of James by moderator.

Minutes of Friday evening, Saturday morning and 11 o'clock read and approved.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Standing: We, your committee on Ministerial Standing, beg to report as follows: We find the following ministers entitled to annual Certificates of Standing: W. H. York, B. F. Brown, T. C. Ferguson, Myrtle Ferguson, H. Seward, W. A. Need-

ham and J. T. Williams.

We also find the following ministers are entitled to have their names appear in the minutes but not entitled to annual Certificates except they send in a report within 30 days: J. E. Bayless, J. B. Sparks, Rosa Sparks, Thomas York and D. M. Carlock.

G. B. Manis,
Minnie Potts,
A. H. Worthington,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Publication, Education and Sunday School: We, the undersigned committee on Publication, Education and Sunday School, beg to submit the following report: We recommend that our people subscribe for The New Morning Star, published at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and the Freewill Baptist published at Ayden, N. C., and we also recommend when practicable, that our Sunday schools use our denominational literature published at Ayden, N. C.

We recommend to our young people our Tecumseh college located at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, also the Freewill Baptist seminary located at Ayden, N. C., and we further recommend that all our preachers and workers take the Biblical Correspondence Course conducted by Rev. John H. Wolf of Tecumseh, Okla.

We recommend that the Association endorse the work of our foreign missionary, Sister Esterbrook, and commend her faithfulness in the foreign field and we highly endorse the action of

the Co-operative Association in the selection of Bro. and Sister McAdams to take her position for a time that she might take a much needed rest.

All money for foreign missions should be sent to Rev. C. E. Mann, Santa Rosa, Mo.

W. A. Needham,

A. W. Hartley,

C. H. Miller,

Committee.

Report of Committee on Obituary: We submit the following report: Be it resolved that we, as an Association of Freewill Baptists, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families who have been called on by the Death Angel to give up their loved ones and point them to the Lamb of God who can heal. He gave, He took. He will restore. He doeth all things well. And may they look beyond this vale of tears and see the happy reunion awaiting those who are faithful unto the end.

The following have passed on to the Other Shore during the past year:

Sister Garrison, Stockton.

Sister Wiley, Wagoner.

Sister Dumond, Pleasant Valley.

Sister Fern Bicknell, Hannon.

Bro. Wyrick, Independence.

Bro. Kahill, Sylvandale.

One at Hickory Grove.

Ethel Daniels,

Nellie Fast,

Committee.

All committees having reported were, on motion were discharged.

All business being finished, some time was spent in covenant meeting which opened by reading of church covenant by Bro. York and closed with an interesting talk by Bro. Seward.

Motion carried to adjourn till 7:30 p. m., on Wednesday before the second Sunday in August, 1919, when we will convene at Independence church.

Closing prayer by B. F. Brown.

Saturday Evening

Preaching service conducted by Allen Shuey and W. H. York. Text, Job 21:15. Subject, Prayer.

Sunday 11 O'clock.

Preaching services by B. F. Brown and W. H. York. Text, John 5:12. Subject, Life.

Sunday Evening.

Preaching by W. H. York, B. F. Brown and Allen Shuey. Text, I Cor. 15:58.

Benediction, Rev. Allen Shuey.

W. H. Potts, Moderator,

B. F. Brown, Clerk.

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 cove-

nant. 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 Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the 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 bond 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 of 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 promo-

tion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Constitution

Art. 1. This body will be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Freewill Baptists, and shall be composed of such consistent well regulated Freewill 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, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and a Treasurer; all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until successors are elected and qualified.

Art. 4. Sec. 1. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of which shall be preachers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of the Association. One member of the board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years and one for 5 years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year and each shall hold office for 5 years or till his successor is elected. This board shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

Sec. 2. The Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association shall be the trustees of the Association and shall have charge of its property.

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 by 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 annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the clerk, and in his or her absence the assistant clerk, and in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in years. After the clerk or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum present, he or she shall call moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence the assistant moderator, and in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in 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-thirds 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.

9. No one shall be ordained to the gospel ministry in this Association till they have carried preacher's license for at least one year, and must have received a call to pastor some church. The call for ordination must come from the church that has called him or her to pastor the church or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator or by the assistant moderator when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

11. Whenever practicable, all business of importance coming before the local churches shall be decided by secret ballot, a majority vote to decide.

12. It shall be the duty of all the churches in this Association to send in to the clerk and treasurer, each year, the sum of two dollars to help pay for printing the minutes, clerk hire and other expenses of the Association.

13. It shall be the duty of the preachers and the churches of this Association to try to work in harmony with the Home Mission Board of this Association.

14. A request from a church that a brother or sister be examined for license or for ordination

to preach the gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her and if, after the examination, the council thinks best he or she may be licensed or ordained.

15. Any preacher belonging to this Association who does not make a report of his or her work, either in person, by letter or by proxy, for three successive years, shall have his or her name dropped from the minutes.

16. It shall be the duty of each church to have its pastoral year to end with the annual session of the Association and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association meets each year.

17. When a church fails to report to the Association its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

Received of B. F. Brown \$21.00 for printing
the minutes.

J. P. MOORE.