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OFFICERS

W. H. Holley, Moderator, Chetopa, Kans.
J. W. Moul, Ass't Mod., R2, Freeman, Mo.
W. H. York, Clerk-Treas., Hannon, Mo.
Lee Hammonds, Ass't Clerk, R2, Freeman, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

O. T. Fast, R3, Liberal, Mo.
W. H. York, Hannon, Mo.
T. C. Ferguson, Springfield, Mo.
L. C. Wade, R2, Bronaugh, Mo.
Ed. Washburn, Moundville, Mo.

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Of the Eighteenth Annual Session of the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists met with Fairview Church, near Chetopa and Faulkner, Kans., on Wednesday night, August 18, 1926.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. Posey, pastor of Fairview Church. Text, St. John 15:1. Subject, "The Vine and Branches." Bro. Posey invited Eld. Thos. L. York to conclude the service.

Before adjourning, the Moderator and Ass't, being absent, the Clerk appointed W. H. Holley, Joe Cockrell and Mrs. C. W. Ricketts as pulpit committee. The deacons of Fairview Church served as committee on intertainment for delegation attending.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at nine o'clock a. m. Thursday.

Benediction by Bro. Holley.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with song by congregation. Prayer by Eld. Thos. L. York. Scripture reading, tenth chapter of St. John, by Ass't Clerk, Lee Hammonds.

A quorum was declared to be present by the clerk. The moderator and ass't both being absent, Eld. Thos. L. York being eligible by seniority of years, took charge of the meeting.

Church letters were read, received and delegates seated as follows:

HANNON— Delegation: Delegates, Mrs. C. W. Ricketts; Eld. Thos. L. York. Deacons: L. C. Wade, Hayden Greer, C. W. Ricketts, E. S. Lewis. None present.

Pastor: W. H. York. Church Clerk: Mrs. Frankie D. Wade. Total membership, 160. New members added, 4.

Money paid out: Home work, \$33.05. Pastor, \$240.00. For minutes, \$4.00

State of religion good. Sunday School good. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Deaths: Mrs. Thos L. York, Loton Thomas.

VERDELLA— Delegation: Delegates: Sisters Ida Fast and Edith Mayfield. Deacons: O.T. Fast, and E. H. Coles. None present. Pastor, W. H. McGovern, 303 W. Mill St., Butler, Mo. Clerk, Mrs. Amanda Phillips.

Total membership, 75. New members added, 2

Money paid out: College, \$15.00. Pastor, \$64.05. Minutes money, \$3.00.

State of religion good. Sunday School good.

HICKORY GROVE— Delegation: Delegates: J. W. Moul, Lee Hammond, Joe Cockrell. Deacons: W. S. Mosby, Auza Cockrell, Frank Evans Clويد Hensley, Walter Newnam. None present.

Pastor, W. H. York. Clerk, Ira McDonald.

Total membership, 165. One lettered out.

Money paid out: Pastor, \$213.50. College, \$6.00.

State of religion good. Sunday School good.

Prayer meeting good.

EL DORADO SPRINGS— Delegation: Delegates, John Lacourse, Mrs. Mary Snido. Deacons, John Lacourse, I. N. Grimsley. One present. Pastor, None at present.

Elders T. C. Ferguson, W. M. C. Bybee, I. N. Grimsley and W. H. McGovern came and held meetings during the year. All incumbrance is paid off on the church.

State of religion good. Prayer meeting once a week. Sunday School fair.

Minute money paid, \$3.00.

Total membership, 20.

Mrs. Mary Snido, Clerk.

SYLVAN DALE— Delegation: Delegates. Mrs. S. C. Douglas, Mrs. Mary Washburn. Deacons, Ed. Washburn; T. M. Duncan. None present. Pastor, W. H. York. Clerk, Miss Jennie Washburn.

Money paid out: Pastor, \$60.00. College, \$5.00.

Minute money, \$3.00.

Total membership, 32.

State of religion good. Sunday School good.

FAIRVIEW— Delegation: Delegates: Ed Beck, Marjorie Shipley, Elwood Johnston. Deacons, W. H. Holley, Will Bender, Chas Shipley. All Pres. Pastor, J. A. Posey, Pitcher, Oklahoma, member of Indian Creek Association. Clerk, Nettie Beck.

Total membership, 54.

Money paid out: Pastor, \$105.72. Evangelist, Sister Campbell, \$122.25. Minute money, \$4.00.

Motion carried to accept the report of Neola Church, which was given verbally by the pastor. Delegates, None. Total membership, 32. State of religion good. Sunday School good. Paid pastor, \$115.00.

Officers Elected for Ensuing Year

W. H. Holley, Moderator.

J. W. Moul, Ass't Moderator.

W. H. York, Clerk and Treasurer.

Lee Hammonds, Ass't Clerk.

Bro. O. T. Fast was elected on the Home Mission Board to succeed himself for term of 5 years.

Moderator appointed as Committee on Committees: Elwood Johnston, Joe Cockrell, Mrs. Washburn, John Lacourse, Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Mrs. Ida Fast,

Hickory Grove was decided upon as meeting place for next Association, to meet on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1927. The pastor of Hickory Grove Church is to preach the introductory sermon next year.

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

Adjourning prayer by Elwood Johnston.

Thursday Eleven o'clock Service

Preaching by Eld. W. H. York. Lesson Matt. 16:24-28. Text, Matt. 16:24. Subject, Consecration and Self-denial.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by congregation. Lesson read by Moderator, 1 Cor. XIII. Prayer by Eld. W. H. York.

Minutes of morning sessions read and approved.
Committee of Committees made report and the following names were placed on committees:

Education— Mrs. S. C. Douglas, Mrs. Marjorie Shipley and Mrs. Schneider.

Obituary— Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Lee Hammond and Mrs. Edith Mayfield.

Ordaining— All ministers of the Association that are present.

Temperance— Mrs. Mary Washburn, Charles Shipley, and J. W. Moul.

Ministerial Standing— Will Bender, John La-course, Mrs. Nettie Beck and Joe Cockrell.

Program— Elwood Johnston, Ed. Beck and Mrs. Ida Fast.

All ministers' reports were read and approved. Those sending in reports were: T. C. Ferguson, T. L. York, W. M. C. Bybee, W. H. McGovern and W. H. York. All had good reports which showed that they had been busy about the Master's work.

To eliminate the expense of printing these reports, we are keeping a record of them in our permanent record purchased this year. The Ass'n voted an extension of sixty days for all other reports, that the clerk may have them for record. Those sending in reports to the clerk were: Bascom Cassatt and I. N. Grimsley, both of which stated that they were preaching what time they could, and both gave favorable reports.

The Clerk bought a large book for a permanent record of the minutes of the Association. Motion carried that the Ass'n pay for the record. An offering was taken and \$4.55 was received, out of which \$3.00 was taken, leaving \$1.55 to be applied to the General fund.

Report on Tabernacle— After some discussion, the caretaking of the tent was placed in the hands of the Home Mission Board, granting them the right to say where it shall be used.

It was proposed to change Section one of Art. two of the Constitution to read "minor" instead of "major". Moderator instructed the Committee on Committees to appoint a Business Committee, that this matter may be referred to them.

Motion carried to adjourn till nine o'clock a. m. Friday. Prayer by Chancey Mead.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by congregation. Scripture reading from the sixth chapter of Matt. Prayer by J. W. Moul.

Minutes of Thursday p. m. session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Committees, that W. H. York, Lee Hammond, Elwood Johnston and Joe Cockrell act as Business Comm. accepted.

Delegates chosen from the various churches to attend the Mo. State Association were as follows: Hannon—L. C. Wade, Mary Wade, Grover Lewis. Hickory Grove—Lloyd Warren, Jasper Terry, Arthur Childers.

Verdella—Nellie Fast and Earl Phillips.

Sylvandale—Edgar Washburn and Ira Duncan.

Fairview—Sam Mayfield and Vernie McCarty.

El Dorado Springs—Mrs. Mary Snido.

Neola—Bro. and Sister G. B. Manis.

Union Valley—Ed. Kepley.

Pleasant Valley—Mrs. Sarah Rousch.

Wagoner—W. L. Douglas and W. H. Whistance.

Independance—A. B. Whistance.

Stockton—A. W. Hartley.

Motion carried to elect all nominees as chosen by the churches to attend the State Ass'n which will convene at Hannon in October, 1927.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Business Committee, that we propose to amend Section 1, Article 2, of the Constitution to read, "and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or "minor", (not major) portion thereof.

Motion carried that proposed amendment be made in Section 2, Article 2 of the Constitution.

as printed on page 11 of the minutes for 1925 to read, "unless feeble minded or invalids" instead of "unless otherwise hindered."

Motion carried to adjourn till 2 o'clock p. m.
Prayer by Lee Hammond.

Friday Eleven o'clock Service

Sister Campbell, a visiting minister, gave us a splendid message from Col. 1:18.

Closing prayer by Bro. Ed. Beck.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by congregation. Lesson read from Col., 2nd chapter by Eld. T. L. York.

Minutes read and adopted.

Motion carried to grant the delegates elected to attend the State Ass'n, the right of substitution, in case they cannot go.

Motion carried to grant 30 minutes recess in order for all committees to get their reports ready.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Program— We beg to submit the following report: We recommend that this Association appoint a committee from the Hickory Grove church membership to plan a program of the proper kind to make good use of the time, after the business is transacted, which will be an encouragement to all delegates to remain over the time set for the Association. Report adopted, and committee appointed as follows: W. H. York, Joe Cockrell, Lloyd Warren, Walter Mosby and Jasper Terry.

Business Committee— Be it resolved, That this body instruct its clerk to write all churches which have not reported to this body, either by letter or delegates, asking them to report within sixty days, that their names may be placed on record for 1926, according to Sec. 1, Art. 5 of the Constitution.

Ministerial Standing— Be it resolved, That our Clerk be instructed to write all ministers who have not reported by letter or in person to the Association, that their names may appear on the

minutes for 1926, and the Clerk to have the right to issue their Annual Certificates, according to Art. 5, Sec. 2 of the Constitution.

NOTE—The churches which have reported since the Association met are as follows:

Stockton— No pastor; no meetings; needing ministerial help. Membership, 15.

Independence— State of religion good; pastor, Eld. W. F. Millard; Sunday School good; Prayer meeting part of the time; Total membership, 79; Died, two; Deacons: I. V. Sell, J. T. Long, C. C. Barton, A. H. Worthington; Deaths were: Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Addie Peach; Minute money, None; New members added, three.

A. B. Whistance, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R4.

Wagoner— Pastor, Eld. W. F. Millard of Buffalo, Mo. Sunday School just organized; The church building is being repaired and painted; Membership about eighty, mostly non-resident; Minute money enclosed, \$2.00.

Mrs. Warren Cross, Clerk, Stockton, Mo., R6.

Union Valley— No pastor; Sunday School, about twenty or twenty-five average attendance; Membership about five; Not able to have a pastor;

Mrs. Myrtle Bowers, Clerk, Chanute, Kans., R1.

Bluff— No organization

J. H. Long, Clerk, Sheldon, Mo.

Pleasant Valley— No pastor; A few members, and would appreciate pastoral help.

Frank Parsons, Clerk, Yates Center, Kansas.

All pastors and churches which have reported for this year have renewed their standing, and their names will appear on the minutes for three more years.

Odaining Council— Report no business attended to. Report accepted.

Education— Be it resolved, That we urge all our churches and pastors to do all they can to secure students and money for our College at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, also secure subscriptions to the New Morning Star, and impress on our mem-

bers to pay the \$1.00 per member annually for the College, as requested by the General Conference. We further recommend that our preachers and laity use their talents in specializing in Sunday School work and good literature, to better qualify themselves for every good work.

Obituary— Be it resolved, That we, as members of the Free Will Baptist Churches, extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the bereaved families of those who have had to yield to the tender hand of a loving Father, which has taken from our midst one faithful and true Bro., Loton Thomas, Aug. 11, 1926; and Sister Lydia A. York of Hannon; and to all others not yet reported to this committee.

Temperance— We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: May we, as a body, stand squarely on the eighteenth Amendment for a bone-dry law continually, and use our influence to discourage the use of tobacco in any form, also all harmful drugs and narcotics, by our ministry and laity.

Closing Resolution— Be it resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the members of Fairview Church and citizens for their kindness and hospitality shown to all delegates and visitors during our stay among them, and for the Christian spirit shown among the people.

A letter of Greeting was submitted by Eld. E. C. Whitehead, corresponding messenger from the Indian Creek Association. Letter received.

Motion carried that the Clerk receive \$5.00 for his hire.

Motion carried to retain Eld. T. C. Ferguson and Eld. W. H. McGovern as our Associational Evangelists.

Motion carried that we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our Moderator for his faithful, wise and impartial rule over us during this session

Motion carried that our Clerk write a letter of Greeting to the Indian Creek Association.

Motion carried that our Moderator appoint a corresponding messenger to Indian Creek Ass'n. Bro. Charles Shipley was appointed.

Bro. E.C. Whitehead gave us a very helpful talk as corresponding messenger from Indian Creek Association.

Eld. W. H. York gave a talk on the outlook for the College and Paper, asking for subscriptions to the Star, also for the College.

Motion carried, that as the greater part of our business session is over, we hold off final adjournment until Sunday night, Aug. 22nd, to meet with our Hickory Grove Church, near Freeman, Harrisonville and Archie, Mo., on Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in August, 1927.

PRESENT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Hannon—160; Verdella—73; Wagoner—80; Hickory Grove—167; El Dorado Springs—20; Independence—79; Stockton—15; Neola—32; Sylvandale—32; Fairview—54; Pleasant Valley—11; Union Valley—5; Bluff—0; Total—728.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

From Eld. T. C. Ferguson,.....	\$1.00
Minute money from all Churches	23.00
Received for General fund	4.55

Total in all funds	\$28.55
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Money Paid Out

For Printing 1926 Minutes	\$24.90
For Permanent Record	3.00
Amount due Clerk for Overcheck.....	3.00

Total Amount Paid Out	\$30.00
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Amount due Treasurer	\$1.45
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Program for our next session as arranged by the Committee on Program:

Saturday Morning

9:00 a. m. Song service led by L. C. Wade.

Scripture Reading by W. S. Mosby.

9:30 Subject, "Paying the Price." by Chas Shipley and others.

"The Value of Christian Living," Eld. McAdams.

10:00 Report of Prayer Meetings by the Churches. Led by Moderator. Followed by Others.

10:30 Report of Ladies' Aid. Led by Sister Ricketts. Followed by Others.

11:00 Preaching by Sister McAdams.

12:00 Dinner on Church Grounds.

Saturday Afternoon

2:00 Song Service, Led by Bro. McAdams.

Scripture Reading, by J. T. Terry.

2:30 Sub., "Charity." Led by Lloyd Warren. Followed by Others.

2:45 Report of Sunday Schools. Led by Joe Cockrell.

3:00 Home Mission Work, By W. H. York.

3:15 to 4:00 Special Talks by Preachers.

8:00 Doctrinal Sermon, By Eld. H. M. McAdams.

Sunday Morning

10:00 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 Preaching by Eld. T. C. Ferguson. Followed by Communion Service.

12:00 Dinner on Church Grounds.

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 Sub., "Giving." Led by O. T. Fast. Followed by Others.

One hour Song Service arranged by W. H. York—Solos, Quartets, Duets, Old Time Songs, and Soul Stirring Songs.

One hour Covenant and Testimony Service. Leader to be chosen.

8:00 p. m. Closing Service. Minister will be appointed at time of Association for this service.

Final Adjournment with Old-Fashioned Hand Shake.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusement, 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 obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial faith and good works endeavor to "grow in 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, to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as possible, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles 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 promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelical 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 shall be known as the Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such constituent well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as shall from time to time, unite with the body and agree to this Constitution.

Atr. 2. Sec. 1. 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 resident members, two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained ministers and licensed ministers of the several churches of this Association.

Sec. 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who reside near enough to attend church services, or one who resides at a distance but discharges his or her obligations to the church; unless feeble minded or invalids. All

other members shall be considered non-resident members.

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 their successors are elected and qualified.

Art. 4. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of which shall be ministers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association. One member of this board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. After the first election one member shall be elected each year and hold office for five years, or until 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 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 letter 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 not less than three months before such change shall be voted upon, to the Executive Board.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of Salvation are: 1. Repentance or sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ, our

Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God.

3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the Salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. Baptism, or the immersion of the believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements for rest, worship holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the teachings of the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. Resurrection, Judgment, Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 the 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 with prayer.

3. Five (5) delegates, from (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 shall be recognized by him, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes, nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the conference.

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

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

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

8. No one shall be ordained to the 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 it, or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the

moderator or assistant moderator, when not otherwise provided for by the Association.

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

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association, that have a total membership of less than fifty, to send to the clerk of this Ass'n, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) each year, and each church with a total membership of fifty or more, shall send the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) each year to defray the general expenses of the Ass'n.

12. 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 Ass'n.

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

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. When a church fails to report to the Ass'n its last report shall be carried over in the minutes.

17. All old or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on a superannuated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

18. These by-laws may be amended at any session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.