

MINUTES
OF
THE
FOURTH ADJOURNED SESSION
OF THE
COOPERATIVE GENERAL
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST
HELD WITH
TECUMSEH COLLEGE
CHURCH

August 1—6 1922

The next annual session of the Co-operative General Association will convene at Tecumseh, Okla on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in August 1923

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PROCEEDINGS

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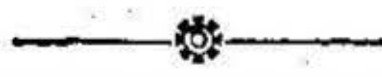
Wednesday morn- session.

Called to order by moderator R. A. Roberts. Song by congregation. Reading of Psa. 23 and prayer by Moderator. Letters from following named Assn's were read by the clerk W. G. Fields: Mo. State Ass'n Center Ass'n; First Okla. Ass'n; Grand River Ass'n; Central Brazos Assn; Neb- raska Yearly Meeting.

Ass'n Letters read. Motion to receive them as read and seat the delegates. A Quorum to transact business, was declared by Mod. Election of officers for the ensuing Associational period was as follows: Moderator B. F. Brown; Assistant Moderator W. E. Dearmore. Clerk; W.H. York. Assist- Clerk; W.G. Fields.

Motion carried to delay the election of Ex. Board until 2 P.M. Session. The following names were declared by the Mod. to serve as committee on divine services. J.A. Guilliams E.F. Reger. and G.B. Manis Motion carried to adjourn

until 2. P.M. Prayer by I.B.Dunaway. Preaching by G.W. Benton and S.A. Adkins. Text 2nd Cor. 12-9.



WEDNESDAY EVENING

Moderator took the chair. Praise by congregation. Moderator read 2nd Cor. 14-21. Prayer by E.C. Whitehead. The following names were declared to serve on committee. E.C. Whitehead, Ira Waterman R.A. Roberts, A.W. Holder J. A. Edmonson. Report of Ex Board read and accepted. Verbal report given by the clerk of the Ex- Board Ira Waterman, of the Nashville Ten. General Assn of Free Will Baptist. Report received. W. G. Fields Treasurer of the Executive Board made his report which was accepted.

A petitionary letter from the Okla. State Assn was read and on motion, was received. and the delegates seated.

A statement received from the Western Newspaper union of Oklahoma was read, amount \$45.30 Motion made to file this statement with the

Adjourned till 2 P. M. dismissed by Bro. Guilliams.

REPORT COM

We your com. on committees report as follows.

Com on amendments,
Ira Waterman.
E.T. House.
G.W. Benton.

Com. on Publications.
E.C. Whitehead.
Ada Grover.
Willie Rush.

Com. on Education.
B.A. Roberts.
W.G. Fields.
G.W. Sturdevant.

Com. on Finance.
W.E. Dearmore.
E. Epperson.
J.A. Edmonson.

Com. on Evangelism.
Ira Waterman.
Lester A. Reger.
M.M. Myers.

Com. on College.
E.C. Whitehead.
Elder Wyrick.
G.B. Manis.

COMMITTEE REPORT

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ance submit the following:

We recommend the renewal of the Fuller note on the Press, and the settlement of light and power bill, or any other just Bill the board may, after a thorough investigation deem just. W. E. Dearmore, Chair.

Committee on Publication

We your committee on publication submit the following. We recommend that every minister make a special effort to place The Morning Star, in the home of every member of his church.

We commend the editor for the noble work, and sacrifice made.

We also recommend that the paper be enlarged as soon as possible, and that we put forward every effort to that end. We ask our people to send in their job work to the Morning Star office, and in this way help to keep up the work.

That the Butler and Dunn

Theology be printed at the earliest possible date.

That Christian Baptism by Dr. Ball, also be printed as soon as possible.

We also recommend the Free Will Baptist, published at Ayden N.C. and also the S.S. literature published at the same place.

E.C. Whitehead Chairman

Com. on auditing, make the following report on the books of W.G. Fields, Sec. Treas. of the Co-operative General Association of Free Will Baptist.

From Oct. 25th 1922, we find that in the College Fund there has been \$1086.44 received and \$1128.35 expended leaving a difference of \$41.91 more expended than received.

In the Endowment Fund we find \$110.00 which is loaned out. In the Map Fund \$15.00 has been received and none expended.

We recommend that the former Treasurers books be referred to the new Auditor.

Lester Reger Chairman.

Com. on College. Report.

Having looked over the building and fixtures, we find the roof of the building needing repairs, and some plastering needing done on the inside we find the fixtures in fair condition. We further recommend and report the Library in very good condition.

E. C. Whitehead, Chairman.

We your committee on College beg to report finally, We recommend that a new roof be put on the College building as soon as possible and that the plastering in the second and third stories be repaired.

We also recommend that new and sanitary toilets be built.

E.C. Whitehead Chairman

Com. on Finance report.

We your com. on Finance report as follows. We find the College showered with claims of indebtedness, since there are so many claims, and no money on hand to settle them with and we as a committee have no way of knowing how just these claims are. We

hereby recommend, that said claims be turned over to the Executive board to be elected at this setting of the Co-operative Association. We recommend that a Field Agent be elected to solicit money to pay the indebtedness that the board may determine just.

We recommend that each person who can plant an acre of crop to be marketed and the proceeds be given to the College.

W. E. Dearmore, A. B. Epperson & J. A. Edmonson Com.

College Committee

We your Committee on Tecumseh College submit the following report:

Rejected Claims.

Calendars	\$358.25
Chemicals	\$83.40
American Book Co.	\$21.50
Barnes and Noble, N. Y.	\$3.89
Fred S. Kramer, Kan.	\$14.00
G. H. Doran for books	\$14.00
Jones the Florist.	\$5.80
Caphire Cramer Co.	\$11.00
Scribner & Sons.	\$11.56
Calendars from Chi. Ill.	\$61.35
Western Paint & Chemical Co.	\$5.80

F. J. Hartman's Base Ball Outfits.	\$95.00
Pierce Oil Co.	\$16.62
Main Lumber Co.	\$197.10
Okla. Typewriter Co.	\$6.00
Lawrence Note for	\$300.00
Home State Bank Note	\$881.85
We recommend that all back salary for Teachers be rejected	
We pray you for more time to investigate the indebtedness against the Printing Press.	
Western News Paper Union	\$45.40

We recommend that the following Be settled.

Home State Bank Note	\$570.00
Tecumseh National Bank and Interest on same.	\$300.00
Okla. Typewriter Co.	\$58.25
Pott. County Book Co.	\$3.15
Underwood Typewriter Co for rent	\$50.00
Billington Lumber Co.	\$12.98

We find that Sister McAdams has sent in \$25.00 for the printing of the Cooperative minutes.

W. E. Dearmore, J. A. Edmonson & A. B. Epperson Com.

Committee on Education

We your committee on Edu

cation report as follows:

We recommend a Christian Education for our young people. We recommend our institution of learning at Tecumseh, Okla. and pray there may be some means whereby it may still run and our young people may avail themselves of a Christian Education and especially recommend that our young Ministers seek with all their heart to obtain at least a high school education that they may study to show themselves approved of God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed but rightly dividing the word of truth.

R. A. Roberts, Chairman.

Resolutions

We your committee on resolutions beg to report as follows: Seeing the need of Christian schools we feel first to render unto God thanks for making possible this Session of the Gen. Assembly; therefore be it resolved that this body stand and sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Resolved that we extend our heart felt thanks to the brethren and sisters and all the community for their kindness and hospitality to us during our stay in Tecumseh.

In view of the hard battle that has been fought and the heroic fortitude that has been manifested be it resolved that we express our thanks to the retiring board and all those who in past years have labored and sacrificed for Tecumseh College.

F. G. Wyrick, Chairman.

Attending Ministers.

J. A. Edmonson; T. J. Townsend; Ira Waterman; R. A. Roberts; G. W. Benton; W. G. Fields; A. W. Holder; F. G. Wyrick; Lem Waterman; W. E. Dearmore; B. F. Brown; Willie Rush; G. W. Sturdevant; E. C. Whitehead; J. W. Davis; S. A. Adkison; I. B. Dunaway; Ada Grover; Luster Reger; A. B. Epperson E. Pulse; W. H. York J. A. Caskey.

Resolved that we extend our thanks to our creditors for their great patience and confidence in the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

Executive Report.

We the Executive Board of the Cooperative General Association report as follows: A meeting of the Executive Board was called for Jan. 10, 1922 by chairman, J. F. Duckworth. In response to the call, W. G. Fields and J. A. Williams met at the home of W. G. Fields. R. A. Roberts sending his proxy to W. G. Fields and J. F. Duckworth sending his resignation as chairman and member of the Board. It was accepted and B. F. Brown was chosen to fill the vacancy.

After electing B. F. Brown chairman; the Board proceeded to investigate the condition of affairs. The following claims were taken up and considered and deferred until the Cooperative General Association meets Aug. 1-6, 1922.

Calendar Claims	\$358.25
Hillyard Chemical Co.	83.40
American Book Co.	17.00
Barnes and Noble	3.89
Kramer Mfg. Co.	14.90
Geo. H. Doran	14.00
Jones the Florist	5.87
Cashmere Kramer Co.	11.25

has. Scribner Sons	11.56
Gregg Pub. Co.	61.35
Total	\$587.27

Claims considered just and due and to be paid as soon as funds are available.

Pott County Book Co.	\$ 3.15
Underwood Typewriter Co.	50.00
Billington Lumber Co.	12.98
Teachers Salary (inc. back)	389.00

AMENDMENTS

We your Committee on Amendments beg leave to report as follows: That on the proposed amendments as published in the Morning Star, we recommend for passage the following: "Nor shall any one man have full control of the College." But by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Board the College President shall have full power and authority in the management of the College.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to meet at least regular or adjourned session of the Association, and as

often as may be necessary. Each member shall have his railroad fare paid to and from place of meeting, and any member absenting himself from 3 meetings in succession may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected.

The Treasurer of the Executive Board shall give bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) which may be increased at discretion of the Executive Board. The bond fee if any, shall be paid from Association funds."

The remaining portion of the proposed amendments as published in the Morning Star we present without recommendation.

We further recommend that in our Treatise on page 44, instead of reading, "They hold office at the pleasure of the church," to read, "Shall be ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands." That on page 48 to eliminate entirely, paragraph five. That on page 50 at the close of paragraph one where it says "See Section II. 4, 5,

to read as follows: "See Section III. 3, 4, 5." That on page 59 instead of using the word, "appraised" to use the word "apprised."

We further recommend that as soon as practical the following amendments be added to our constitution. On page sixty-four and in article one the word "co-operative" be eliminated. That on page sixty-seven to eliminate the following words, "of which the executive board shall be the judge".

That on page sixty-eight in article eight to read as follows the officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, and an assistant Moderator, and a clerk Assistant clerk and Treasurer. In other words to add "Treasurer" to our list of elective officers.

Ira Waterman. Chair-

Proposed amendment

To article VI of the Constitution of the Cooperative General Association of Free Will Baptist.

Proposed and signed this the 14th day of Jan. 1922 to

be adopted or rejected at the 1922 Session.

No member of the Executive Board shall be President of Tecumseh College nor shall any one man have full control of the College. But by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Board the College President shall have full power and authority in the management of the College.

No one shall be elected College President for a longer term than three years but may be re-elected at the discretion of the Association; and for good and sufficient reasons, may be removed by a two thirds vote of the Association when assembled in conference or by unanimous vote of the executive board.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to meet, at each regular or adjourned session of the Association, and as often as may be necessary. Each member shall have his railroad fare paid to and from the place of meeting, and any member absenting himself from three meetings in succession may be dropped from the

Board and his successors elected.

The Treasurer of the Executive Board shall give bond to the sum of one thousand dollars which may be increased at the discretion of the Executive Board. The bond fee if any shall be paid from the Association funds.

FROM ON Evangelism Report.

We your Com. on Evangelism beg to report as follows; We feel the need of this Association putting out some of our best and ablest men as evangelist to be known as "National Evangelist." These men should be able to defend our doctrine and be ready to go to any part of the United States when called upon.

Lem Waterman, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Co-operative Association of Free Will Baptist.

Greetings in Jesus Name:
Your Treasurer submits the fol-

lowing report: receipts and expenses from Oct. 13, 1921 to Aug. 1, 1922.

Money received for General funds.	\$1069.46
Money received for Theological map.	15.00
Endowment money rec.	10.00
Endowment note paid by Rev. C. E. Mann.	100.00
Endowment money loaned out on approved note to A. I. Mann.	110.00
Paid to teachers salary.	922.90
Paid for College fuel	113.55
Paid general expenses	81.70
Refund.	10.00
Total amount paid out.	1127.25
Cash on hand.	32.01

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. Fields, Treas. of Cooperative General Association.

Associations Represented.

Grand River By G. W. Benton.
The First Oklahoma Associa-

tion By J. A. Carr, C. B. Montgomery, and W. A. Rayner.
Center Asso. By W. G. Fields and J. W. Smithey.

Missouri State Association By L. C. Wade, G. B. Manis, Audrey Snyder, Chas. Smith, W. H. Lewallen, J. D. Fowier, N. V. Lane, A. W. Belt, D. C. Hatfield, J. N. Stuart, Amanda Sullivan, Mrs. M. E. Dawson, Mrs. A. L. Broyles, H. E. Pradshaw, S. H. Hicman and J. F. Preston.
Nebraska Yearly Meeting: Martha M. Myers, John Harper, Marcus L. Morse
Central Brazas Association By Rev. R. A. Roberts.

A petitionary letter from Oklahoma State Association was received and the following delegates were sent: W. E. Dearmore, A. B. Epperson and W. G. Fields

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every sitting the meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer by the Moderator, or whosoever he may request.
3. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed until it is seconded.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, the Moderator shall ask, "Any discussion or remarks?" If none, the question shall be disposed of as usual.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of members present.

10. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the moderator, and if so, his name shall be left off the minutes.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected, if necessary before the close of the Association.

12. Arrangements shall be made at each session of the association for two or more sermons or equivalent devotional exercises during each day.

13. The rules of order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the body.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

.....County, Oklahoma.
We the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at.....
.....church to the Association composed of Free Will Baptists assembled with.....
.....of.....we send as delegates from our church Bros.
whom we pray you to receive to aid in your deliberations.
(Add full statistical reports.) Done in church conference.
.....Moderator.....Clerk.

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This is to certify that.....is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ atand as such we recommend him, or her, to the fellowship of God's people and is dismissed from us when joined to another church. Done in church conference.....192....

.....PastorClerk
.....P. O.County, Okla.

- 1—Introductory Sermon.
- 2—Reading of letters.
- 3— Election of officers.
- 4— Reading rules of order
- 5— petitionary letters
- 6— invite visiting Brethren to seats in council
- 7— Unfinished Business.
- 8— Appointment of committees
- 9— Reports of committees.
- 10— Reading and adopting of minutes.
- 11— Adjournment.

Rules for Holding Church Conference

- 1—Call Church Conference.
- 2—Call for peace of Church.
- 3—Call for visiting brethren to seats in Council
- 4—Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- 5—Unfinished Business.
- 6—New Business.
- 7—Are any sick or in distress?
- 8—What has been done for the support of the Ministry and other incidental expenses?

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 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 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 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.