

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING JANUARY 7TH & 8TH AT SALEM CHURCH.

THE PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH YOUTH GROUP WERE IN CHARGE OF THE SERVICE. SHANNON HAYES SHARED WITH US HOW TO START A YOUTH GROUP AND WHAT WAS INVOLVED IN KEEPING ONE GOING. THE YOUTH ~~SAME~~ GROUP SANG SEVERAL SONGS & SHARED THE GROUPS PLANS FOR GOING TO THE NATIONAL.

THE SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING CONVENED AT 9:00 AM WITH CLIFFORD HICKS LEADING THE CONGREGATION IN SINGING "WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION, ~~RAISE HIM~~ PRAISE HIM". JAMES BOGGS, HOST PASTOR, BROUGHT THE DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE FROM PSALM 103:1-10 ON THE SUBJECT, "THE LORD'S BENEFITS TO HIS CHILDREN. CLERKED CALLED MEETING IN SESSION.

BRO. CLIFFORD DONOHO, MODERATOR, ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO BY-PASS THE READING OF THE BY-LAWS MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED. MODERATOR RECOGNIZED STANDING DELEGATES AND VISITOR BY ASKING THEM TO STAND. FIVE VISITORS PRESENT.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING WERE READ BY CLERK. ~~MIN~~ NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS. MOTION CALLED FOR TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS APPROVED M.S.C.

TREASURERS REPORT READ. PRESENT BALANCE ON HAND \$187.19. MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT REPORT MSC.

CLERK READ ⁷ CHURCH REPORTS AND ^{ASKED} DELEGATES ^{TO} STAND.

VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR. (FOR TODAY'S SESSION)

BRO ARCHIE MAYHEW ~~THE~~ VACANCY ^{ON EXAMINING COMMITTEE} FILLED BY BRO CLIFFORD HICKS. BRO. LOYD CRAIN'S VACANCY ON

BUSINESS COMMITTEE FILLED BY BRO. LOGAN MARLOW.

BRO TIM HAYES REQUESTED THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

NOT MEET TODAY BECAUSE OF TWO VACANCIES. & THE MODERATOR APPROVED REQUEST, BUT ASKED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT.

COMMITTEES WERE DISMISSED WITH PRAYER TO DO THEIR WORK.

BUSINESS MEETING RECONVENED WITH THE READING OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE'S REPORT. INFORMATION WAS GIVEN ON THE COMMITTEE'S FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH EMPHASIS PROGRAM. THE PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH YOUTH PRESENTED THE PROGRAM ON ORGANIZING A YOUTH GROUP & THE GROUP'S PLANNED TRIP TO THE NATIONAL. THE COMMITTEE WISHED TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PLEASANT VIEW YOUTH GROUP. SIGNED: TIM HAYES, CHAIRMAN, YOUTH COMMITTEE.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT REPORT AS READ M.S.C.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS READ BY CLERK, & MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT REPORT AND ACT UPON THE ITEM OF BUSINESS. MOTION SECONDED & CARRIED.

ITEM I: WE RECOMMEND TO GIVE BRO. HERMAN HERSEY \$50.00 FOR EXPENSES.

SIGNED: JOHN W. HILTBIDAL

GRANT BRUCE

LOGAN MARLOW

MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND THE MOTION BY MAKING THE AMOUNT \$100.00 INSTEAD OF \$50.00. MOTION WAS SECONDED FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

WITH EXAMINING COMMITTEE STILL IN SESSION, OTHER REPORTS WERE GIVEN.

BRO. DAVID SHORES GAVE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY REPORT ILLINOIS GIVING EXCEEDED EVERY OTHER YEAR. APPROX. \$60.00 PER MEMBER, AVERAGE (TO COOP) AVERAGE.

MENTION WAS MADE OF THE FACT OF THE DEFICIT ACCOUNTS OF THE DENNIS OWENS & THE FRED HERSEYS TOGETHER THEY TOTAL \$9,000 IN THE RES. EFFORTS

WERE IN PROGRESS TO PUT THESE ACCOUNTS BACK IN THE BLACK BY THE STATE MEETING, MARCH 25-26

STATE MEETING, EFFINGHAM LAND FUND, MISSIONS CONFERENCES & NORTHERN CHURCHES NEEDING PASTORS WERE OTHER NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY BRO. SHORES.

BRO. MODERATOR ASKED THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (MADE UP OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN) ^{TO} MEET RIGHT BEFORE LUNCH TO PLAN THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT PROGRAM & SPEAKERS.

BRO. JOHN HILTIBIDAL GAVE A REPORT ON THE FRIENDSHIP CHURCH. NO LETTER OR DUES HAVE BEEN SENT FOR SOME TIME. BRO. JOHN SAID HE IS PLANNING TO TALK MORE WITH THEM & ASKED ANY ACTION TAKEN BE POSTPONED ~~THE~~ TO A LATER DATE. LENGTHY DISCUSSION ~~WAS~~ ON WHAT MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO RESTORE THE CHURCH INTO GOOD STANDING FOLLOWED. MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION & GIVE JOHN TIME TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE. MISC.

BRO. HERMAN HERSEY PLAYED A SELECTION ON THE PIANO WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY ALL.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE REPORT WAS RECEIVED & APPROVED WITH A MOTION, SECONDED & CARRIED. BUSINESS WAS ACTED UPON ITEM BY ITEM.

ITEM #1 - WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS BE ISSUED CARDS OF GOOD STANDING & THE STATE BE NOTIFIED OF OUR APPROVAL.

GEORGE WAGGONER

LOYD CRAIN

JAMES BOGGS

MICHAEL NEUMAN

JOHN HILTIBIDAL

CLIFFORD HICKS

ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL

GEORGE CAPPIS

ARLIE MAYHEW

HOWARD FLOTA

JOHN HOLLIS

CLIFFORD DONDATO

MOTION MADE. SECONDED & CARRIED

Item #2 - WE ^{WELCOME} ~~RECOMMEND~~ Bros. GEORGE WAGGONER AND HOWARD FLOTA ~~BE EXTENDED THE WELCOME~~ INTO OUR CONFERENCE AND RECOMMEND THAT THIS CONFERENCE WELCOME THEM & EXTEND TO THEM THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP /M.S.C.

Signed: JAMES BOGGS

JOHN D. HOLLS

CLIFFORD HICKS

THE MODERATOR DISCUSSED THE HERSEY, OWEN & ODGELL DEFICIT ACCOUNTS & ASKED WHAT THE DISTRICT COULD DO TO HELP. FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR DISCUSSION. MOTION WAS MADE ^{BY JOHN HILTBIDAL} TO GIVE HERSEY ACCOUNT \$100.⁰⁰ TO HELP PUT THEIR ACCOUNT BACK INTO THE BLACK. ~~THE~~ M.S.C.

PROCESSES BY CHURCHES WERE CALLED FOR.

NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES FROM DISTRICT TO STATE MEETING WERE CALLED FOR WITH THE FOLLOWING MADE.

MAURIE RUTGER - OAK VALLEY

STANLEY MAYHEW - MT. VERNON 1ST

GAREN CONARD - BLUE POINT

GENE PETTY - CROSSROADS

KATHY DONOHO - BLUE POINT

VIOLET CRAIN - BAKERVILLE

TIM HAYES - PLEASANT VIEW

GRANT BEUCE - SALEM

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THESE TO REPRESENT OUR DISTRICT. MSC.

^{BY CLIFFORD HICKS}

MOTION WAS MADE THAT JOHN HOLLS BE OUR REPRESENTATIVE ON STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD. MOTION SECONDED - CARRIED.

MOTION ~~MAINTAINED~~ BY MODERATOR TO DISMISS BUSINESS MEETING. LED IN PRAYER ^{BY BRO.} DAVID SNORES.

WORSHIP SERVICE BEGAN BY SINGING "CLEANSING WAVE" - LED BY BRO. CLIFFORD HICKS. BRO. HERMAN HERSEY WAS GUEST SPEAKER. GAVE SHORT REPORT ON THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT & THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

FOUNDATION. HIS SERMON TEXT WAS TAKEN FROM HEBREWS 1:1-4 ON THE SUBJECT OF "A SUMMARY OF THE LIFE OF JESUS."

- 1- HIS PRE-INCARNATE STATE
- 2- PERSONIFICATION OF GOD
- 3- HIS PRIESTLY MINISTRY
- 4- ~~PRE~~ HIS PRESENT WORK.

BRO HERSEY CLOSED HIS SERMON BY READING THE HYMN - "HAIL THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS" + A WORD OF PRAYER.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE CALLED FOR + MADE. BRO. DONOHO WISHED TO THANK THE SALEM CHURCH FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY. BRO HOLLIS MADE A FEW COMMENTS ON THE EFFINGHAM MISSION.

BRO MIKE NEWMAN DISMISSED THE SERVICE WITH PRAYER + OFFERED A PRAYER OF THANKS FOR THE MEAL.

SIGNED: *Michael R. Newman*
EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT CLERK.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MET. CLERK TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING -

BILLY MELVIN
FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

JACK WILLIAMS
MELVIN WORTHINGTON

CHARLES THILPEN

ROGER REEDS.

East Central District Meeting
Bakerville F.W.B. Church April 8 and 19th
met Friday night at 7:30 for a
worship service.

The Saturday morning session
was commenced at 9:00 A.M. with Bro.
Clifford Hicks leading congregation in
song "We're marching to Zion" and
"Cleansing Wave".
Prayer was lead by Bro. David Shores.
Welcome and devotion was given by
Host pastor Bro. Lloyd Crain using Phil 3.
The moderator, Bro. Clifford Donoho
ask for a motion to dispense with
reading By-Laws. Motion was made ^{by Bro. Crain} and
second received.

Clerk called meeting into business order.
Moderator recognized standing delegates
and ask visitors to stand and he recognized.
Minutes of previous meeting was read by
Clerk. Motion was made to accept minutes
as read. A second was received & motion passed.

Next meeting will be July 8 & 9th at
Blue Point with Bro. Eugene Waddell of
National Foreign Missions to be with us.

The treasure report was given by
Sis Kathy Hayes with a bal. of \$22.19.

Motion by Bro. John Hiltibidal to accept
treasure report. a second followed & motion ^{carried}

Letters of 6 Churches was read and
delegates ask to stand.

Moderator appointed ^{Bro.} Lyle Rutger to
serve for today in place of Bro. John Hollis
on the Examining Committee.

Memorial Committee named as follows: Edith Smith, Phyllis Boggs and Flo Brooker.

A 20 minute recess was called for Committees to work. Dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Archie Mayhew.

Business meeting recommenced with Congregation singing "Saved, Saved" and Prayer and song "Power In the Blood".

The Examining Committee report was read by Clerk as follows:

We the Examining Board nominate sister Marc Rutger for Clerk of District Conference.

Signed: James Boggs
Archie Mayhew
Lyle Rutger.

Motion to accept report with a recommendation to send letters to each Church Clerk 2 weeks ahead of meetings. A second was received and motion Carried.

Memorial Committee report was read as follows:

We the memorial committee would like the Congregation to stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of those who have left us since our last district meeting. They being Bro May Smith, Densil Floata, Violet McKay.

Signed: Edith Smith
Phyllis Boggs
Flo Brooker

Motion to accept report was by Bro. Lloyd Crane. A second received and Bro Byford Campbell closed with prayer.

The business Committee report was read by Clerk as follows:

We the business Committee recommend that we give Bro. Billy Melvin a \$50 honorarium.

Signed: Bro. Loyd Crane
Grant Bruce
John W. Hiltibidal

Motion to accept business Committee report and act upon it was made by Bro. Archie Mayhew. Second was received and motion carried.

A brief explanation of Lee Fund was given by Lyle Rutger. Motion was made to leave Lee Fund in hands of Trustees as is. Second followed and motion carried.

Bro John Hiltibidal gave a report on Friendship Church. Bro George Capps made motion to accept Bro John's report and give additional time needed. A second followed and motion carried.

Business session was dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Boggs.

Worship service was begun with Congregation song "To God Be The Glory" and Special song "How Long Has It Been" by Bro. & Sis Clifford Hicks.

Bro. Billy Melvin of National Association of Evangelicals gave a report of National work then brought an inspiring message on "Evangelicalism" a person who shares good news of Jesus Christ with others - He closed his message with prayer.

Announcements of meetings and
youth camp were given.

Dismissal prayer and thanks
for food was given by Bro. Crane.

Signed: Marie Rutger, Clerk.

July 7 and 8, 1983

The Friday evening service began at 7:30 with 32 in attendance and Bro. Eugene Waddell of National Foreign Missions from Nashville, Tennessee brought an inspiring message.

The Business meeting commenced at 9:00 A.M. Sat with Bro. Clifford Dondos, moderator & host pastor calling the meeting to order.

Song. When the Roll is Call up yonder was led by Bro. Marvin Gregory.

Prayer was led by Bro. Dewey Merritt

Welcome & Devotion: by Bro. Clifford Dondos, using Joshua 1:1-6 ministries of a Christian. And Closing devotion with prayer.

The business meeting was called into order by Clerk.

Motion by Bro John Hollis to by-pass reading of the by-laws. A second received and motion carried.

All visitors, standing delegates and ministers was recognized.

Minutes of previous meeting was read by Clerk. Motion to Accept minutes as read was made and followed with a second - Motion Carried.

The treasure report was given by sister Cathy Hayes with balance of \$62.19 on hand. Motion by Bro John Hiltitidal to Accept the report. A second given and motion carried.

Letters of 6 Churches and the Crossroads Mission Church was read

by the Clerk. a motion was received to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Second followed and motion Carried.

The moderator Bro Clifford Devoko appointed the following to fill vacancies on Committees ^{today} as follows:
 youth Comm. Tuckie Hollis & Reba Rodger
 Exam. Comm. George Waggoner, Joe Warren

A 15 minute recess was called with dismissal prayer by Bro. John Hollis.

Business was called back into session by song "No not one".

Promotional Secretary, Bro David Shores gave a report of his work in our state and praised the good Co-op giving. a motion was received to accept the report followed by a second and the motion Carried.

Bro John Hollis gave a report on the mission work at Crossroads and the new building they have moved to. a motion was made to receive the report and second followed. Motion Carried.

The Business Committee report was read by Clerk. Motion was made by Bro. George Waggoner to accept the report and act upon it item by item. Second followed & motion Carried.

~~It is~~ ~~that~~ the business Committee submit the following items of business before the body to be considered and voted on:

Item I. We recommend that the question to continue having Friday evening services be brought before the body. Motion was made by Bro. George Waggoner to table Item I until next meeting. A second was received and motion carried.

Item II We suggest that three (3) ministers contact Friendship Church in regard to their association to the Free Will Bapt, and report at our next meeting. A motion was made that business committee take care of this. A second received and motion carried.

Item III That we have the next District meeting at Crossroads Free Will Bapt. Church at Effingham, Ill. Motion was made by Bro. George Waggoner to adopt Item III and left in slot to have meeting in alphabetical order. Second by Bro. Grant Bruce and motion carried.

Item IV. We suggest we give Bro. Waddell a \$50 honorarium. Motion was made to accept Item IV and second was received. Motion carried.

Item V. We recommend that the Constitution Change be considered in Article 9

1. Insert the words "from another state" immediately after the word "minister" in line 2.

2. Add part (b) to read "a free will Baptist minister may transfer from another

District Association in Illinois to this Association by:

- (1) joining a Church in this association if he has a Current Card of good Standing from the Ill. State Assn. of F.W.B.
- (2) By following the steps outlined above in part (A) if he does not have a Card of good Standing.
3. Make the present part (b) to be part (c)

A motion was made to place Item 5 on the table until next meeting. A second was received and motion Carried.

Signed Business Committee:

Lloyd Crain

Grant Bruce

John W. Hiltibidel,

The youth Committee report was read by Clark as follows:

"The youth Committee has a trip to Ferns Cliff planned for Aug. 20th, 83 for Jr. High thru College young people. Meet at Mt. Vernon First F.W.B. Church parking lot at 8:30 A.M. Everyone bring sack lunch sodas to be provided. Leaving Ferns Cliff at 4:00 P.M. Further information will be mailed to each Church.

Signed Youth Comm.

Jeanne Culli

Vickie Hollis

Reba Rodgers

Motion was made to accept youth report - second followed & motion Carried.

A suggestion was made by Bro. Grant Bruce and others present that Churches look at their deeds and add if property ceases to be used as Free Will Bapt. Church, it be sold and give to Free Will Bapt. work. Also personal wills can have gifts to Free Will Baptist work, local, state and for national.

Adult Camp will be Aug 7-12.

a motion was made to adjourn the business meeting until next regular meeting. a second was received and motion carried. Next meeting Crossroads Church Oct. 7 & 8th.

Congregational Song: "His Way with Thee"

Prayer by Bro. McCluron

Song by Blue Point Girls Trio "Heaven Came Down"

Blue Point Quartet sang "When I Crossed over Jordan" and "It is Finished"

Bro. Eugene Waddell gave an educational report of Foreign Mission work and Continued to bring an inspiring message from John 4:34 & 35 and Matt. 9. Closing with a prayer.

Congregation sang "Wherever He Leads I'll Go".

Dismissal prayer & blessing on food was offered by Bro. David Shores.

Signed: Marie Butzer, Clerk

East Central District Meeting

Oct. 7 & 8, 1983 - Crossroads F.W. Bapt.

Mission commenced on Friday night at 7:30 for worship services.

The Blue Point Trio sang special songs and Bro. Jack Williams of Nashville, Tenn. brought an inspiring message.

The regular Business session commenced on Sat. Oct. 8th at 9:00 A.M. with Assistant Moderator, Bro. Clifford Hicks leading Congregation in song "When we all get to Heaven."

Prayer by Bro. Joe Warren

Welcome & Devotion was given by Host

Pastor Bro. John Hollis from Prov. Chapt. 24. Closing with prayer. Business was called into session by Clerk.

A motion was made to by-pass the reading of Constitution and By-Laws. A second followed and motion passed.

Moderator, Bro. Clifford Donohaskask standing delegates please stand. (7) Also visitors were recognized (8)

Minutes of last meeting was read by your Clerk. Motion by Bro. John Hollis was made to accept minutes as read. Second followed & motion carried.

The treasure report was given by Sis. Cathy Hayes. Motion was made to accept the report. Second received and motion carried.

The Church letters was read by Clerk and delegates ask to stand. Motion was made by Bro. Clifford Hicks

to accept the ~~delegates~~ letters and seat the delegates. Second was received and motion Carried.

Bro. Clifford Donoho filled the following vacancies on Committees:

Bro. Clifford Hicks - Business Comm.
 Bro. George Waggoner - Exam. Comm.
 Sis Virginia Warren } youth Comm.
 Sis Dorothy Scott }

A 30 minute recess was called so Committee's could work. Prayer by Bro. Jack Williams.

Session reconvened with a song "We'll work til Jesus comes"

Bro. David Shores gave a State Promotional Report. A new District "The Fox River District" was organized and will have 1st meeting Oct. 22nd.

A motion to accept the report as information was made, second received and motion Carried.

Exam. Committee gave oral report that we are glad to have Bro. Byford Campbell pastoring at Salem Church and wish to extend a hand of fellowship. Motion to accept Exam. Committee report given by Bro. John Hollis was followed by second and motion Carried.

youth Committee Reports

① I would like to resign from the youth Committee. I have enjoyed the past years on this Committee.

Signed Jeanne Culli.

Motion was made to accept the report

followed by a second and motion carried.

② On Aug. 20th the youth committee took several young people to Jerne Cliffe. Everyone had an enjoyable day.

Signed I Lanne Culli
Dorothy Scott
Virginia Warren

Motion to accept the report was received followed by second and motion carried.

The Business Committee report was read by Clerk. Motion was made to receive the report and act upon it item by item. Second was received and motion carried.

Item I We recommend that our District Association give a Free Will offering to the Effingham Land Fund.

Motion was made by Bro. Clifford Hicks to accept Item I. Second followed and motion carried.

Item II We recommend that in as much as Friendship Free Will Baptist Church is no longer in existence that we simply drop the name from the roll. Motion was made by Bro. Grant Bruce to accept Item II.

Second was made & motion carried.

Item 3 We recommend that the following people be elected to serve in following offices:

Ex. Com. Board - Bro. George Waggoner
Business Comm. - Bro. Lloyd Craine
Youth Comm. - Sheri Nix
Vickie Hollis

Moderator - Bro. Clifford Donoho
 assist. Mod. - Bro. Clifford Hicks
 Clerk - sis Marie Rutger
 Treasurer - sis Cathy Hayes

Floor was opened to nominations
 & Bro. John Hollis was nominated to
 succeed himself on Comm.

Motion was made to Cease nominations
 and elect by acclamation. Second was
 received & motion Carried.

Item IV we recommend that we
 give Bro. Jack Williams a \$50 honorarium.
 Motion made to accept Item 4 and
 second followed. Motion Carried.

Signed: Loyd Crain

Grant Bruce
 Clifford Hicks

second
 received +
 motion
 carried.

Motion was made by Bro. Loyd
 Crain to remove Item IV from table
and act upon it. Motion was made
 by Bro. Clifford Hicks to accept Change
 as stated. Second was received and
 motion Carried. Bro. Clifford Hicks
 Clarified the Item IV - ministers from
 Illinois would be accepted into district
 by church request and from another
 state when Examining board meets
 with them.

Motion to remove Item I from
 the table and act upon it. Second
 received and motion Carried. Bro.
 Clifford Hicks made motion to Continue
 the Friday evening services. A second
 received and motion Carried.

Bro. George Waggoner made a

motion that the ^{Host} Church plan the program for Friday evening services. A second was received and motion carried.

Next District meeting will be at Mt. Vernon 1st on Friday Jan. 13 and Sat. Jan. 14th.

Motion was received to adjourn business meeting until next regular session. A second followed and motion carried.

Offering was received for the Effingham Land Fund. (\$85.50)
"Amazing Grace" was sung while giving. Hand of fellowship to Bro. + Sister Byford Campbell.

Congregational Song "Victory In Jesus"
Song: There is a River by Bro. ^(Manning) Merlen

Message by Bro. Jack Williams, Editor of Contact Magazine from Nashville Tenn - using I Chronicles 27:28

"Joash - the man who sowed in the shadows". Closing with a prayer.

Closing announcements was given by various Churches with closing prayer and blessing on food by Bro. John Hallis.

(About 80 enjoyed a bountiful lunch and seeing the nice Church at Effingham.)

Signed, Marie Rutger
East Central District Clerk