

Minutes of East Texas District Association of Free Will
Baptists when meeting with Good Hope Church on Jan. 7, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator who read the Scripture Reading. Prayer was led by Rev. Lee Roy Anderson. Singing was led by Elbert Nations with Mrs. Mike Fears at the piano.

Rev. R. G. Kennedy led in prayer and another hymn was sung.

Lee Roy Anderson was appointed to serve as Chairman of Credentials Committee for this session along with Gaston Clary and Lee Fears.

Doyle Baker brought the devotion.

R. G. Kennedy, Melvin Ligon and Elbert Nations were appointed on the Resolutions Committee.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

Credentials Committee gave report on Church letters. Motion passed to accept report and seat delegates.

Motion passed that question of scholarship be cleared up and money sent to Mary Katherine Goode.

Minutes of previous meeting were received.

New Constitution + By Laws were read and a motion to table carried.

Youth Camp Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Motion passed that after pass book is brought up to date, the Building Fund in Houston be withdrawn and placed in hands of Camp Treasurer.

Student Loan report was given and accepted.

Placement Committee reported they had seen about Henderson Community Center for place of State Meeting.

The Cost to be \$25.00 per day with a deposit of \$25.00 to be applied to charge. Motion Carried to receive report and secure Center for place to meet.

Housing Committee gave a report as information.

Food Committee gave a report as information.

Report of work in Kilgore was given. Motion was made that Executive Secretary be given power to do what is necessary to obtain property in Kilgore. Motion was seconded and passed.

Motion to Adjourn for recess^{passed} and Rev. Ferguson led in prayer.

Worship Service began with singing led by C. F. Ferguson.
Prayer - Bill Berry

Special Music - Jeanie Jordan with Katrina Kee at the piano.

Message - Rev. L. K. Brashier - Scripture Joshua 3:4 Psalm 91:10

Devotional hymn was sung.

offering was received with Mr. Nations praying the offertory prayer.

C. F. Ferguson was named to replace Melvin Dixon on Resolutions Committee.

Prayer and Blessings on food - Rev. Jumbleton

Afternoon Session

Singing led by L. K. Brashier. Prayer was led by Ivan Godwin.

Delegates from Mt. Union were seated.

Special Music - Rev. & Mrs. Homer Jumbleton & Mrs. Juki Fears

Devotion was by Rev. Lee Fears.

Prayer was led by Rev. Dumbleton

Financial report was given and accepted.

Motion passed that Scholarships be put under the supervision of Student Loan Board.

Credentials Committee gave a final report. They recommended that Rev. Homer Boatman and his wife, Thenia, be accepted as ordained honorary ministers in this Association. Motion Carried to accept recommendation.

Motion Carried that Constitution + By Laws be taken from the Table and acted upon item by item.

After minor corrections, motion Carried that Constitution + By Laws be accepted as the Constitution and By Laws of this East Texas Association

Resolutions Committee reported. Item No. I - Be it resolved that we give the host Church a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality to day. Item No I Carried.

Invitation for next meeting was given by First Church of Henderson. Invitation was accepted.

Motion to adjourn passed.

Benediction - Rev. Clary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Gaston Clary - Clerk.

Minutes of East Texas District Association of Free Will Baptists when meeting with the First Church of Henderson on April 8, 1967

The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. C. F. Ferguson

Singing was led by Rev. R. J. Kennedy with Sherry Tompkins at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. Lee Roy Anderson

Rev. Ferguson read Hosea 6: 1-5 as the Scripture reading.

Rev. Gaston Clary and O. D. Breedlove were appointed to serve on Credentials Committee.

Devotion by Rev. Lee Fears using as his Scripture Micah 6: 8, Phil. 2: 1-5 and Romans 12: 1-3

Credentials Committee gave a report and motion carried to receive item by item.

Item I. ^{They} ~~was~~ recommended all delegates be seated.

Item no. I. Carried.

Item II. They recommended that First Free Will Baptist Church of Shreveport be released from this District motion was made and passed to amend item no II and draft a letter to Shreveport Church stating that we recognize their request only to become a District in Louisiana or a part of another Free Will Baptist District, and we do not desire them to leave Free Will Baptist Denomination. Item no. II as amended carried.

Item no III That Doyle Shepherd as he had

requested he released as a Free Will Baptist Minister from this District. Item no. IV Carried. Motion passed to rescind action on Item no. III and that we accept his resignation as a Free Will Baptist Minister upon receipt of his ordination papers.

Item no. IV. They stated that Buncombe Church asked that Rev. Buddy Welch be granted a Card of good standing. Motion Carried to accept Item no. IV upon receipt of letter of recommendation from his former Association. Item no. V. Buncombe Church invited the next meeting. Motion was made to receive item no. V and also include Stewart Church. Motion was made; to ^{amend that we go} go to Stewart since Buncombe has us last. Amendment lost. Original motion Carried. The body voted to go to Stewart.

Item VI. Carthage Church request a license for Larry Dunning to preach the gospel for one year. Motion was made that item no. VI be returned to Credentials Committee for their recommendation. Motion Carried.

Motion Carried to adjourn for recess and Rev. Welch prayed the prayer.

The worship service began with singing led by Rev. L. K. Brachier and prayer by O. D. Breedlove message by Rev. J. M. Goode using Luke 12: 42-48 and Micah 6:8.

Invitation hymn was sung.

Prayer and Blessings on food - Rev. Ivan Godwin

Afternoon Session

meeting came to order with singing led by C. F. Ferguson with Barbara Dunning at the piano.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Resolutions Committee was appointed as follows: R. J. Kennedy, Gaston Clary and Ivan Godwin.

offering was received by Mr. Arthur Fears and Mr. Parker with Arthur Fears praying the offertory prayer.

Devotion was by Mr. Edd Lunsford using Deut. 10:12 and II Chron. 7:14

Financial report was read and motion to accept carried.

Resolution Committee gave a report and motion to accept item by item carried.

Item No I - we recommend the following addition to the Constitution in Art. IX

Section I dealing with officers:- That anyone who is elected to an office in the District Association must have been a member of this District at least one year prior to holding that office. - Item no I was tabled.

Item no II. we recommend that each Church and delegate be commended for their interest, participation and cooperation in our recent District Meetings. May the Lord continue to bless us. - Item II Carried

Item no III. We recommend that host ~~Church~~ Church be given a rising vote of appreciation for the hospitality, meal and fellowship for today's meeting. Item III Carried.

Credentials Committee reported they had examined Larry Dunning and recommended he be given a license to preach the Gospel for one year. Motion to accept recommendation Carried.

Camp Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Student Loan Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

R. J. Kennedy was nominated as publicity director for State Meeting.

Motion passed that Rev. Kennedy be elected and that he appoint whoever he needs to help.

Mrs. Homer Fears, Mrs. Ronnie King, and Mrs. Lee Fears were nominated to Decoration Committee for State meeting. Motion to accept carried.

Joan Godwin was nominated as an assistant moderator until next session. Rev. Godwin was elected.

Motion to ~~by~~ adjourn passed.

Benediction - Gaston Clary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Gaston Clary - Clerk.

Minutes of East Texas District Association of Free
will Baptist when meeting with Stewart Church on
June 30 and July 1, 1967

Friday night
The Moderator, Rev. C. F. Ferguson, called the meeting
to order and Rev. Brashier led the singing.

Prayer was by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.

Scripture - Psalm I was read by moderator.

Prayer by Rev. Larry Dunning.

Message by Rev. Lee Roy Anderson using Num.
4:14, 19, 20 as his scripture.

There was a hymn and special prayer
service.

Program Committee was appointed as follows:
Rev. L. K. Brashier, Donald Lunford and Mike Fears.

Dismissal prayer - L. K. Brashier.

Saturday morning

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator
and song service was led by L. K. Brashier.

Prayer by Rev. H. J. Cox and additional
singing was led by Mike Fears.

The host pastor welcomed the group
and gave a reading.

The Moderator read the Church Covenant.

Mrs. Donald Lunford was appointed to
serve on Credentials Committee.

Devotion - Rev. Larry Dunning using Num.
4:7-8 as scripture.

Hymn - led by Mike Fears.

Credentials Committee gave a partial report
there were 7 churches reporting. Motion

was made to accept report and seat delegates. Motion passed.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Committees were appointed as follows:
Nominating - Boston Clark, Larry Dunning and Mike Fears. Resolutions - Lee Fears, Mrs. Lee Fears and Mrs. Mike Fears. Obituary - Rosalee Burns, Mrs. C. F. Ferguson and Mrs. Ruth Clark.

Union Arbor invited next meeting. Motion passed to accept the invitation.

Motion was made that Good Hope pastor, Rev. A. F. Ferguson be received into this Association in full fellowship since he has his letter of recommendation from his former Association. Motion Carried.

Motion Carried to adjourn for morning worship service.

Prayer - Rev. F. B. Welch.

Singing was led by Mike Fears.

Offering was received by L. K. Brasher and Lee Fears with Rev. Fears praying the offertory prayer.

Service was turned over to A. F. Ferguson who expressed his happiness to be in this District.

Special Music - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Fears.

Message - A. F. Ferguson - Scripture Num. 4:14-2:18

Prayer - Rev. Ferguson.

Host pastor announced lunch.

Prayer - Gaston Clary.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting came to order with singing led by Rev. Brasher.

Prayer - Rev. J. M. Bosch.

Devotion - Rev. H. Z. Cox of Dallas. Scripture I Cor. 13 - Prayer was led by Rev. Cox.

Credentials Committee gave another report. They recommended that Rev. F. B. Welch be given a card of good standing. Motion to accept recommendations carried.

Motion was made that proposed addition to Constitution be taken from table and accepted. Motion Carried (Proposed addition was to Art. IX - Sec. 1 dealing with officers: - That any one who is elected to an office in the District Association must have been a member of this District at least one year prior to holding that office).

Nominating Committee gave a report. Motion Carried to receive report and vote on each separately. All officers were elected as nominated by Committee.

Moderator - R. J. Kennedy

Assistant Moderator - J. M. Goode

Clerk - Nan Green

Assistant Clerk - Rosalee Burns

Promotional Secretary - Lee Roy Anderson

Parliamentarian - Mike Fears

Credentials Committee - C. F. Ferguson, L. K. Brasher, J. M. Goode, Bill Burns and Donald Luneford

Student Loan Board - Bill Berry and Lee Fears

Encampment Committee - Homer Fears, J. T. Hill and Bill Berry

Clerk was instructed to write Encampment Committee and tell them they are to elect Camp officers for next year.

Treasurer's report was given. Motion was made that report be accepted and new Clerk take over with the new balance after all checks have cleared. Motion Carried.

Obituary Committee gave a report. The report was accepted and group stood in silent prayer with Rev. C. F. Ferguson concluding the prayers.

Resolutions Committee gave a report. Motion Carried to accept and vote on it item by item.

Item no. I. Be it resolved that we have one hour for lunch instead of an hour and a half. - Item no. I Carried.

Item no II. Be it resolved that we do away with the nominating Committee and elect all officers of this Association by nomination from the floor and by majority vote. - If more than two be nominated the two receiving most votes be voted on again and the one receiving the most votes be elected. - No one hold office more than two terms. Motion was made to table Item no II indefinitely. Motion Carried.

Item no III - Be it resolved that we give the host Church a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for their hospitality. Item no III Carried.

Motion passed that Chair be given power to appoint delegates to State Association.

Credentials Committee gave final report and recommended that Cards of good standing be granted to the following: C. F. Ferguson, R. J. Kennedy, Larry Dunning, Lee Roy Anderson, Gaston Clary, A. F. Ferguson, F. B. Welch, Lee Fears, J. M. Dorde and L. K. Brasher. Motion to accept recommendation Carried.

Motion Carried to extend sincere thanks to all out going officers, our help to all new officers and wish God's blessing upon them.

Motion to adjour Carried
Benediction - L. K. Brashier.

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Gaston Clary - Clerk.

Student Loan Board now consist of:
Bill Thrasher 1965-68, Jake Fears and
Elbert Nations 1966-69, Bill Berry and
Lee Fears 1967-70.

Minutes of East Texas District Association
of Free Will Baptists When Meeting with
Union Arbor Church October, 14, 1967

Meeting was called to order by
Rev. Lee Ray Anderson, and singing
was led by Rev. A. F. Ferguson.
Prayer was by Rev. Gaston Clary and
additional singing was led by Clifford
Weaver.

The host pastor welcomed the
group and gave short devotional
using John 4: 24 as Scripture.

Credentials Committee's report was
given and accepted as follows:
There were 8 churches reporting
and that ~~the~~ letters be accepted
and delegates be ^{seated} ~~seating~~, also that
any churches reporting late be accepted.

Due to leave of present moderator,
motion made and passed that Assistant
moderator, Rev. J. M. Goode be ^{moved} ~~made~~ to
Moderator, and new assistant be elected.
Rev. Lee Ray Anderson was elected
as assistant moderator. In order to
accept office of Assistant moderator,
Rev. Anderson had to resign from
his position as Promotional Secretary.
Resignation was accepted.

Minutes were read and approved.

Resolutions Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Gaston Clary, Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, and Mrs. L. M. Pastin.

Motion made and passed that new officers needed be elected.

Homer Fear submitted his resignation from Camp Committee. Resignation accepted.

Rev Lee Fear was elected as Promotional Secretary. Mrs. Gaston Clary, and Mrs. Jake Fear were elected to serve on Camp Committee.

It was discussed that Rev J. M. Goode would have to resign from Credentials Committee in order to serve as moderator. Due to ^{his} ~~absence~~ absence, discussion would be continued at next meeting since Rev Goode would have choice as to which office he would hold.

Mrs. Olive Church invited next meeting.

Motion passed to accept invitation.

Motion made that Rev Rashie Kennedy, State ~~Promotional~~ ^{Executive} Secretary be given the afternoon devotional. Motion passed.

Motion carried to adjourn for morning worship service.

Worship service opened by with singing led by Clifford Weaver.

Prayer by Mrs. Inez Weaver.

Special music by Rev C F Ferguson and Rev A. F. Ferguson.

Message - Rev F. B. Welch

Scripture Gen. 6: 3, ~~2k~~ Ezekiel 13:45, and Gen. 3: 7.

Offering was received. Host pastor announced lunch. Prayer Rev A. F. Ferguson.

Afternoon session opened with singing led by Clifford Weaver. Prayer - Rev Doyle Shepherd. Special music by Rev C F Ferguson & Rev A. F. Ferguson. Rev Rachie Kennedy, State Executive Secretary brought afternoon devotional scripture - Numbers 11: 1-3, 10 & II Cor. 11: 28.

Resolution Committee ^{report} was given. Motion carried to vote item by item.

Item I Be it resolved that we extend to host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Item I Carried

Item II Be it resolved that the

ministers, deacons, delegates and even visitors go back to their respective churches and use every means possible to create interest and enthusiasm in the District work
Item No. II Carried

Item No. III Be it resolved that the officers, committee, and board members acquaint themselves with the duties of their respective office and dedicate themselves to the ~~exchange~~ discharge of same
Item No. III Carried

Item No. IV Be it resolved that a list of names and addresses be compiled and sent to the clerk. This list to be sent by Oct. 22. The pastor to be responsible if present, if not a delegate.

If church is not present, the Executive Sec. to be responsible

Item No. IV Carried

Motion made and carried that we send \$75.00 to Austin Church, \$75.00 Victoria, and \$50.00 to state indebtedness.

Rev L. K. Brackin presented his

resignation from Credentials Committee
Resignation accepted.

It was decided that new member
needed on Credentials Committee be elected
at next meeting.

Student loan report given and accepted.
Motion made that Rev Doyle Shepherd
be accepted back in this association
in full fellowship and granted a
card of good standing. Motion carried.
Treasurer report given and accepted.
New Clerk to begin with balance
in bank.

Motion to adjourn carried
Prayer - Mrs. Gaston Clary

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Nan Green
Clerk