Minutes
of the
First Mission Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1976

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 49TH ANNUAL SESSION

When Convened At

OLD MINISTER'S HOME AND CAMP GROUND Highway 33, Ten Miles East of Drumright, Oklahoma

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GENERAL BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

This board is composed of the Associational Officers, The chairmen of each Quarterly meeting Board and the Chairman of the Associational Board. The Executive Community of the General Board for the year 1976-77 is composed of the Moderator of the association, the Clerk of the association and three members of the General Board.

TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Oon Jones, Chairman	1981
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Ed Jenkins1	1980
Everett Keiffer	1980
Mervin Ramer	1979
Ernest Harrison	1979
Iarry Watt	1978
eon Sheppard	
Gene Bishop	1977
Charles Brazeal	1977

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

David Bigger, Chairman	1981
Larry Tuttle	1980
Doyle Baker	1979
Don Patton	1978
Jack Bookout	

THE NEXT SESSION OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The date for the next session will be: August 11, 12, 13, 1977

FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMPS July 14 — July 29 July 31 — August — 5

BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

This committee is composed of the Pastors of First Mission Churches, and the Chairmen of each Association Board or Committee. Date and time of the budget meeting will be announced through the mail.

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Theme: "The People Had A Mind To Work . . . " Neh, 4:6 Thursday Evening, August 12, 1976 — 7:30 P.M.

The Introductory Service was called to order by Moderator Rev. Gene Jackson. We were led in prayer by Rev. David Bigger.
Congregation led in singing: "Stand Up For Jesus", and "When We

All Get To Heaven", by Don Campbell.

Prayer led by Rev. Richard Gallant, after which the Congregation sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer", and the "Sweetest Name I know".

The Moderator asked special prayer that God anoint our preaching

during the meeting.

Special music: "I Will Serve Thee", "The Longer I Serve Him", "Jesus Will Outshine Them All", and "If Things Keep Getting Better", was rendered by Tulsa First Church.

Speaker for the evening was introduced by Rev. John West. Rev. Ernest Harrison Sr., taking his text from Neh. 4:6, brought the Introductory Message, pursuing the subject of: "The People Had A Mind To Work Toward Rebuilding The Wall Of Biblical Standards".

Moderator called for an altar of prayer.

Congregation sang: "What A Friend".

Registration Committee chosen: Sis. Gallant, Sis. Sones, Sis. Harrison. Dismissed by singing chorus: "Christ Is All I need".

Friday Morning Business Session, August 13, 1976 — 9:30 A.M.

Service opened by Moderator: Rev. Gene Jackson. Led in prayer by Rev. Don Jones. Congregational singing: I Will Sing Of My Redeemer", "Lift Him Up", and chorus "God Is So Good", was led by Rev. Jim Christian with Rev. Larry Tuttle at the piano.

Moderator's message brought by Rev. Gene Jackson from: II Cor. 4

and II Tim. 4.

Moderator declared in session to conduct business:

Items Of Business:

1. Reading of church letters and seating of Delegates by clerk Rev. K. L. Sheppard, MMSC.

2. Rev. Ernest Harrison elected to serve as parliamentarian for this

Yearly Meeting.

3. Rev. Gene Bishop read the Association By-Laws. Appointment of Committees:

Resolution:

- 1. Rev. Richard Gallant, Chairman
- 2. Rev. Millard McGuire
- 3. Rev. Sherman Webb
- 4. Rev. Bert Rogers
- 5. Rev. Ed Jenkins

Obituary:

- 1. Sis Wimsett
- 2. Sis Cherry Phipps
- 3. Sis. Harrison, Chairwoman
- 5. General Board Report given by Rev. Leon Sheppard, MMSC to accept report. (See Reports)
 - 6. Partial Treasurer's Report.
 - 7. Motion to Recess for 11:00 A.M. Worship Hour. (carried) Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Sherman Webb.

Friday Morning Worship Service, August 13, 1976

Worship service opened with Rev. Charles Brazeal at the piano, Rev. Jim Christian led the Congregation in singing: "Praise Him, Praise Him".

Moderator called for all Ministers to gather at the altar to pray for those requests made known. Prayer was led by Rev. Gene Jackson. Congregation sang: "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Blessed Redeemer". Special music: "When We See Christ" sung by Sis. Elsie Staires. Rev. C. D. and Sis. Benton sang "Give Me Just A Little More Time".

Rev. Sherman Webb introduced the speaker of the morning worship, Rev. Richard Gallant, who took his text from Neh. 4:6 explored the subject: ... Rebuilding The Wall Of Cooperation..."

Prayer of adjournment and blessing on lunch was led by Rev. S. L.

Gober.

Friday Afternoon Business Session, August 13, 1976

Congregation sang: "Love Lifted Me". Devotion was given by Rev. Millard McGuire. His text was II Peter 1:3. Prayer led by Bro. McGuire.

8. Continuation of Treasurer Report. MMSC to accept Treasurer's

report. (See Reports)

- 9. Partial Report of Resolution Committee. MMSC to receive report and act upon item by item:
 - 1. (See Report) Placed on table unitl tomorrow
 - 2. (See Report) Placed on table until tomorrow.
 - 3. (See Report) Placed on table until tomorrow.
 - 4. (See Report) Placed on table until tomorrow.
 - 5. (See Report) Carried.
- 10. Youth Camp Board Report given. MMSC to Receive. (See Report)11. Trustee Board Report given. MMSC to accept. (See Reports)
- 12. Motion made and seconded to raise camp fee to fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. Remainder of funds after camp expenses to be given to Trustees for maintenance of camp. (carried)

13. Motion made and seconded to send Friday Night Missionary offering to Enid Mission to help purchase pews. (Carried)

14. Election of Trustee Board Members:

1981	Don Jones, Vernon Smith
	Ed Jenkins, Everett Keiffer
1979	Merwin Ramer, Ernest Harrison
1978	Leon Sheppard
1977	Charles Brazeal

15. Motion made to rescind election of Rev. Allen Moore to Trustee Board since he had not been examined by Credential Board (Carried) (Rev. Charles Brazeal was elected as the 1977 member.)

16. Motion made seconded and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Willis Walker.

Friday Night Worship, August 13, 1976 — 7:30 P.M.

Congregational singing of "Are You Washed In The Blood" opened the service. Rev. Don Patton led in prayer. "The Unclouded Day", and "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" was sung, after which Rev. Gene Bishop, Assistant Moderator, received the evening Missionary Offering. Prayer led by Rev. Larry Tuttle.

Special Music: "I'm A Poor Rich Man", "My Valley", "He's Coming Again'', "Because He Lives" was rendered by the Jacksons from Bristow

Church.

Speaker for the evening was introduced by Rev. Gene Bishop. Prayer led by Rev. Richard Gallant.

Taking his text from Titus 2:11, 12, 13, Rev. Doyle Baker preached to the subject: "...Rebuilding The Wall Of Evangelism...". Invitation was given as the Congregation sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow".

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Howard Matherly.

Saturday Morning Business Session, August 14, 1976 — 9:30 A.M.

Led in prayer by Rev. Lonnie DaVoult. Bro. Don Campbell led the congregation in singing "Learning On The Everlasting Arms", "Nothing But The Blood". Sis. Dorace Bishop was the pianist.

Rev. Willis Walker brought the morning devotional from Psalms

51:10-13.

Prayer led by Bro. Walker. Recognition of visitors.

Items of Business:

- 17. Motion to bring items 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the resolution committee report from the table and act upon item by item. (carried) Resolution:
 - 1. (See Report) Carried.
 - 2. (See Report) Carried.
 - 3. (See Report) Carried.
 - 4. (See Report) Carried.
- 18. Motion made to receive the remainder of the Resolution Committee report and act on item by item. Seconded and carried. Resolution:
 - 6. (See Report) Lost.7. (See Report) Carried.
- 19. District Woman's Auxiliary report given. MMSC to receive report. (See Reports)
- Rev. Bill Jones, President of Hillsdale College gave report on the school.
- 21. Obituary Committee Report given. MMSC to receive report. (See Reports) Prayer in rememberance led by Rev. Rev. Price.
- 22. Rev. Lonnie DaVoult, State Executive Secretary gave a report on the State Work.
- 23. Statistical Report of First Mission Association Churches was given by Rev. K. L. Sheppard.
- 24. Dismissed in prayer for the 11:00 A.M. worship. Prayer led by Rev. Ed Jenkins.

Saturday Morning Worship, August 14, 1976

Worship service opened with congregation singing "Standing On The Promises". Moderator asked for special request for prayer., all Ministers were asked to gather at the altar for altar of prayer.

"Have Thine Own Way", and "At The Cross" was sung by

congregation.

Special Music of "Whatever It Takes", was Sung by Rev. Gene

Jackson and Bro. Dan Campbell.

Rev. Jim Christian introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. David Bigger, who took his text from Neh. 4:19-20 preached upon the subject of "...Rebuilding The Wall of Love For The Brethern..."

Prayer of dismissal and blessing on noon meal.

Saturday Afternoon Business, August 14, 1976

Service opened with singing of "Sunlight". 25. Registration report was given. MMSC to accept. (See Report)

26. Board of retirement report given by Ernest Harrison.

27. Election of Youth Camp Board: 1981Rev. David Bigger 1979Rev. Doyle Baker 1977 Bro. Jack Bookout

28. Rev. Allen Moore, member of National Foreign Mission Board gave Missions Report.

29. Rev. Ernest Harrison was elected to serve as State General Board Member for 1977.

30. Youth Camp Booster Club report given by Rev. Ed. Jenkins.

31. Supplemental report of Trustee Board was given. MMSC to receive report. Item 8 carried. (See Report)

32. Dates for Youth Camp and Yearly Meeting were set: Junior CampJuly 24-29, 1977

32. MMSC to give Bro. Sheppard authority to purchase an IBM Typewriter from O.R.U.

33. Election of Officers:

Clerk......Rev. K. L Sheppard

Announcements were made.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer led by Rev. Jim Christian.

Registration Committee Report

Friday:

Ministers, 23; Delegates, 55; Vistors, 31 — Total of 109

Saturday:

Ministers, 29; Delegates, 71; Visitors, 22 — Total of 122

Obituary Committee Report

Trinity TempleBro. Virgil Issacs

Central Area:

Bristow Sis. Jessie Smith, Sis. Martha King, Bro. Ellis Head DrumrightSis. Glenara Staires, Mable Rhoades, Rickey Larkin Garden Heights......Rev. Charles Wilson, Bro. Bert Varner Westside Sapulpa......Rev. James Hill

Resolution Committee Report:

1. Resolved that Article No. 9 of the Constitution be amended to read: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a (2/3) two-third marjority vote of members present and voting, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance. (Carried)

2. Resolved that Article No. 3, Item No. 4, be amended to read: "All Associational Boards to be paid traveling expenses at the rate of fifteen

(15c) cents per mile. (Carried)

3. Resolved that in Item No. 11 of the By-Laws the word (league) be changed C. T. S. (Carried)

4. Resolved that Item No. 14 (Deacons will be elected to serve each

year by the local church), be stricken from the By-Laws. (Carried)

5. Resolved that the First Mission Association of Free Will Baptist sponsor a Camp Meeting during the month of June, and that all arrangements be made by the Youth Camp Booster Club Officers. (Carried)

6. Resolved that each church send \$7.50 for the feeding of the

delegates at the annual meeting. (Defeated)

7. Resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Moderator and officers for a fine job. (Carried)

Youth Camp Board Report:

Your youth camp board met five times this associational year. Four of those meetings dealt with the planning and organization of the 1976 youth camps. The final meeting was held at the campgrounds where we met with most of the teachers, sponsors and the directors of both camps to make final

plans and discuss procedures and rules for the camps.

In meetings this year the board agreed to lower the tution for camps to \$10.00, requested the Trustee Board to erect three flag poles and purchase enough mattresses for all bunks, award trophies to Mr. and Miss Youth Camp in both Jr. and Sr. divisions, award ribbons to 1st through 4th places in all athletic activities and to the top 50 scholastic students in each camp. We also reviewed and selected literature for use in both camps. Requests for workers were sent to all churches in the Association. Most of these were not returned and this made the acquiring and selection of workers most difficult. We plead with the pastors to encourage their qualified people to volunteer when these requests are sent next year, then return the sheet to the clerk of this board promptly. We thank the Lord for the workers we had in our youth camps this year. They were great!

We wish to thank each and everyone of those ladies who helped prepare and serve the meals. Director of the Junior camp was Rev. Gene Bishop. The evangelist was Rev. Richard Gallant. Teachers in the Junior camp were Joan McCullar, Rev. Ed Jenkins, Doris Bishop, Louise Haskins, Clara Kennedy and Linda Bigger. Recreation Directors were Rev. Roger Hall, Judy Shenold and Mary Holycross. Rev. Don Patton was the Teen

Camp Director and Rev. Gene Jackson was the Evangelist.

Teachers were Rev. Richard Gallant, Rev. Ernest Harrison Sr., Rev. Roger Hall and Frank Monks. Sponsors were Dale Norrid, Rev. Don Patton, Rev. Don Jones, and Rev. Gene Bishop, Recreation Director was Dale Norrid. Girls Sponsors were Sis. Flatt, Sis. Monks, Sis. Sones, Sis. Arnold.

Sis. Juanita Dobson and Sis. Verla Smith served as cook and Assistant Cook again this year and did a fantastic job. Sis. Pat Tuttle and Sis. Mary

Ann Gallant took care of the concession stand.

Bro. and Sis. Everett Keiffer, Sr. did an outstanding job in their capacity as grounds keepers and caretakers. They were indespensible.

We thank these and all who helped make the camps the success they

were.

We had 121 enroled in Jr. Camp and 122 enroled in Teen Camp. There were 36 first time conversions in the Jr. Camp and a total of 54 conversions

and decisions for Christian service in the Teen Camp.

The spiritual atmosphere at the camps this year was the best in recent years. This was a major factor in the absence of serious discipline problems. The new facilities added to the comfort and pleasure of the camps this year. It has been our pleasure to serve you and the youth of our association this year. Those members attending our meetings were: Rev. David Bigger, Chairman, Rev. Larry Tuttle, Clerk, Rev. Doyle Baker and Rev. Don Patton.

Trustee Board Report

The Trustee Board has met many times this year. We have tried to carry out your desires for an adequate Camp Ground. Thirty-five thousand dollars has been borrowed. Twenty thousand on a ten year note at \$264.31 per month. Fifteen thousand on a three year note with payments of \$6,500.00 June 1, 1977, \$6,000.00 June 1, 1978 and \$5,500.00 June 1, 1979. We also have a need to raise \$4,000.00 in the next thirty days.

Six new buildings have been added to the Camp. They are $18' \times 36'$. Two of these have bathrooms with 8 showers, 4 stools and 5 vanities. Four of the buildings are dormitories with a capacity of 20 - 25. A 216 foot well has been drilled with $1\frac{1}{2}$ horse Reda Pump and 315 gallon tank. (A building is needed for this equipment.) A twelve foot addition has been made to the

Association Cabin for a ladies lounge.

The camp kitchen has been renovated with 8 tons of air-conditioning purchased at \$3,160.00 and new refrigerator and freezer at \$973.00. New electric service provided 400 amp to kitchen and 400 amp to new construction. Two new electric stoves and other equipment have been purchased from the booster fund.

A new roof has been added to the girls dorm and both sheds. Flag poles and flags, 50 complete beds and 60 new single mattresses have been

added to the camp.

The Trustee Board has established a Youth Camp Booster Club with Rev. Harry Staires as Chairman. Each member is asked to give \$10.00 per year for camp improvements. This year the money is to be used for the kitchen.

Rev. and Mrs. Everett Keiffer have been employed by the Board as caretakers. We are very pleased to have this couple. They have demonstrated a spirit of love and dedication to the Lord's work. Their hard

work has already been demonstrated. Praise God for this couple.

The cabins have been painted and "fixed up" by individual owners. The owner of the "Dressler" cabin has not been contacted. There will need to be some action taken on this cabin at the next meeting if no satisfactory settlement had been made.

There will be a need to call a Special meeting September 15, 1976, if the need of \$4,000.00 cannot be raised. We do not believe this is beyond our

reach.

Many people have contributed time and money to the camp this year. Gene Bishop and his wife have been outstanding. I am grateful for all the help we received.

We offer the following suggestions:

- 1. That each church give ten dollars each month for repayment of the \$20,000.00 loan.
- 2. That each church give twenty dollars each month for repayment of the \$15,000.00 for three years.

3. That each church make some special drive this year for the June 1,

1977 payment.

4. That we consider some change to be made for our own Youth Camp for upkeep. Perhaps two dollars, if that meets the approval of the youth camp board.

Supplemental Report [Trustee Board]

We request permission to make a recreation building of the old girls dorm. The top will be saved. Pipe supports will be placed to hold up the building. A concrete floor will be poured when funds are available.

We request each delegate to urge his church to respond to our present

need of funds.

General Board Report

The General Board met at Tulsa First Church on November 11, 1975.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Gene Jackson. We were led in prayer by Rev. David Bigger.

There were 12 ministers and 5 laymen present for this meeting.

The Executive Committee of the General Board was elected for 75-76 as follows: Moderator Rev. Gene Jackson; Clerk, Rev. K. L. Sheppard and 3 members from the General Board: Rev. John West, Rev. Don Jones and Rev. Wayne Bookout.

A number of vacancies were created by the various boards by the establishing of the Greater Tulsa Area Association. The Board elected the following individuals to serve on these boards for the remainder of the

Associational year.

Motion carried to adjourn and we were dismissed in prayer by Rev.

Gene Bishop.

The Executive Committee met at Garden Hieghts December 1, 1975 to audit the Associational books. Present for this meeting was: Rev. Gene Jackson, Moderator Rev. Wayne Bookout, Rev. John West, Rev. Leon Sheppard. Rev. Jones was detained by pastoral duties.

Meeting opened in prayer by Rev. Gene Jackson.

Discussion of manner of keeping books of the association.

Books were accepted.

Meeting adjourned in prayer by Rev. John West.

June

On June 21, 1976 the Executive Committee met to plan the program for the Yearly meeting to be held at the Campground August 12, 13, and 14, 1976. We also set a budget committee meeting for July 24, at 11:00 o'clock.

Members present: Rev. Gene Jackson, Rev. John West and Rev. K. L.

Sheppard.

Meeting opened in prayer by Rev. John West.

The Budget Committee meeting on July 24, 1976 was attended by eight pastors. Meeting opened with prayer led by Rev. Gene Jackson.

Proposed budgets were prepared for 1976, August 1 through December

31, and the year 1977, January 1 through December 31.

Meeting adjourned.

THE DISTRICT WOMEN AUX. QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT OF August 12, 1976

Our meeting was opened with a welcome from our district president Sis. Norma Wilson. We were led in prayer by Sis. Baker. Congregational singing was led by Dorace Bishop. We sang: "O How I Love Jesus" and "Make Me A Channel of Blessing." Sis. Wilson asked that each local Secretary and President send in names and telephone numbers of any women that are willing to help at our quarterly meetings. We were led in prayer by Mary Ann Gallant.

Appointment of committees:

CredentialsJane Harrison, Louise Haskings, Sis. Greenwood FinanceLinda Bigger, Dora Johnson, Linda Hall ResolutionsEffa Morris, Edna Varner, Lila Taylor

Devotional was given by Wilma Sheppard, Scripture was from Gal. 5:1—II Corth. 3:15. We were led in prayer by Sis Wilson. Report of the National convention was given by Selma Dunnagan. She said that 28 states were reported there. A report was given on our Auxiliary Work Shop- by Bertha Rushing. A report was given on the women's retreat at Ft. Gibson by Dorace Bishop, with over 200 registration.

Sis. Lura Gebhart gave a report on Mission Action of her past year's activities. She also read a letter from foreign missions concerning The Hersey's needing over \$16,000 to send them back on the field. Your money can be sent to Project 5000 for them. We were dismissed for morning recess

by Sis. Wilson.

We began our morning worship service by singing "Heavenly Sunlight," and "I am Resolved". We were led in prayer by Sis. Wilson and we sang "The Regions Beyond." Our offering was taken up. The special music was presented by Mary Ann Gallant "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go."

The Message was given by Rev. David Bigger with the scripture taken from Gal. 5:13, II Peter 2:19, I Corth. 9:19, Matt. 24:45-51. The title of his message was "Being Liberated through Christ." We were dismissed and

blessing on the food was given by Sis Crow.

We opened our evening service by singing "Jesus is the Sweetist Name I Know," and "Higher Ground." The special music was presented by the Blue Bell Trio, "I Know Jesus Will Always Be There" and "I Can Almost See the Lights of Home." The evening devotion was given by Sis. Fave Bookout.

Our president called our business meeting to order:

Credential Report was given with a total of 93 members for the Central area and 72 members for the Tulsa area.

Finance Report was given with a total offering of \$41.60. Motion was made and carried to accept these reports.

Registration Report was given with 57 total.

Executive Board Report was given by Lura Gebhart.

Resolution Report Given, Motion was made and carried to accept the

reading of them.

Motion was made and carried to purchase a commerical dishwasher for the campground kitchen by July 1977. Motion was made and carried to have the president appoint a committee of (3) to take care of contacting each local Auxiliary about the amount of money each one could pay on the dishwasher.

An amendment was put on the motion stating that (5) be put on the committee instead of (3). The committee appointed is as follows: Mary Ann Gallant, Pat Tuttle, Louise Haskins, Wilma Shephard, Dorace Bishop.

Motion was made and carried that we give Rev. David Bigger \$50.00 gift offering and that we take \$8.40 from our treasury and put it with todays offering of \$41.60 making the total \$50.00.

Motion was made and carried that the District Auxiliary send \$100.00

to the Hersey account.

Motion was made and carried that each Auxiliary send (6) tea towels for the campground kitchen. Mission Study report was given by Sis. Opal Rogers.

Motion was made and carried to elect a nominating committee which consists of (5). They were as follows: Freeda Waltrop, Bertha Keiffer, Mary Ann Gallant Sis. Price and Linda Hall. Motion was made that we elect these by acclamation.

Motion was made and carried that we give all the women a standing ovation for all the work they did getting the compgrounds ready for youth camp. Sis. Linda Bigger gave our Treasurer's Report, with a balance on hand of \$195.53. Motion was made and carried to accept this report. Motion was made and carried to adjourn, we were dismissed in prayer by Sis. Wilma Shephard.

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FIRST F. W. B. OF TULSA — 835 N. Utica, Tulsa, Okla. 74110 PASTOR—Rev. Don Jones, 112 N. Wheeling, Tulsa	
MADISON AVENUE—5900 N. Madison, Tulsa, Okla. 74126 PASTOR—Rev. Doyle Baker, 5903 No. Madison	
TRINITY TEMPLE—4928 E. Latimer, Tulsa, Okla. 74115 PASTOR—Rev. Sherman Webb, 7316 E. Newton St., Tulsa, Okla835-8097 CLERK—Margaret Andrew, 7809 E. Independence, Tulsa, Okla835-5172 ORDAINED MINISTERS—Everett Keiffer, Leona Mayfield ORDAINED DEACONS—Harold Hancock, Alvin Dunnegan DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Effie Morris, Alveta Hancock, Joe Romero	
ALLEN—P. O. Box 1292, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066 PASTOR—Rev. Charles Brazeal, Box 1292, Sapulpa, Okla	
BLACKWELL—209 N. 6th, Blackwell, Okla. 74631 PASTOR—Rev. Allen Moore, 708 W. Okla., Blackwell, Okla	
BLUE BELL—Rt. No. 1, Box 392, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066 PASTOR—Rev. Ray Price, Rt. No. 1, Box 392, Sapulpa, Okla	
BRISTOW—4th and Chestnut, Bristow, Okla. 74010 PASTOR—Rev. Gene Jackson, 434 W. 2nd, Bristow, Okla	

CINCINNATI AVENUE—5900 N. Cincinnati, Tulsa. PASTOR—Rev. Steve Carver, 6305 N. Rockford, Tulsa, Okla 425-1240 CLERK—Mary Lou Flatt, 6323 N. Trenton, Tulsa, Okla
DRUMRIGHT— 309 N. Ohio, Drumright, Okla. 74030 PASTOR—Rev. Ernest Harrison, Sr., 309 N. Ohio, Drumright, Ok. 352-2666 CLERK—Dale Hockett, 313 N. Pénn., Drumright, Okla
DELEGATES—Roy Drake, Sis, Keller, Sis. Viola Conley, Marie Drake, Jane Harrison
FELLOWSHIP—722 W. 26th, Stillwater, Okla. 74074 PASTOR—Rev. Floyd Vulgamore, 722 W. 26th, Stillwater, Okla372-9248 CLERK—Doris Vulgamore, 722 W. 26th, Stillwater, Okla372-9248 ORDAINED DEACONS—Max Lucas
DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Vera Hoffman, Cheryl Blasier, Buddy Blasier, Anita Jones, Lyle Blasier, Chris Hoffman FIRST F.W.B. OF CUSHING—Box 304, Cushing, Okla. 74023 PASTOR—Rev. Richard Gallant, Box 304, Cushing, Okla. 225-2907
CLERK—Ronald Adkins, Rt. No. 2, Box 350, Cushing, Okla225-3932 ORDAINED MINISTERS—J. A. Sadler, Conn Sadler ORDAINED DEACONS—Truman Nichols, Howard Matherly, Ed Wood,
Murray Belveal DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ila Harmon, Mable Stringer, Lucille Sheridan, V. Bohannon, Lewis Bohannon
FIRST F. W. B. OF OKMULGEE—601 S. Okla., Okmulgee, Okla. 74447 PASTOR—Rev. Jenkins,601 S. Okla., Okmulgee, Okla
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FIRST F. W. B. OF SAPULPA, James & Ridgeway, Sapulpa, Okla. PASTOR—Rev. Carl Leon Groves, Rt. 4, Box 232, Sapulpa, Okla224-2460 CLERK—Mae Smith, 819 N. Ridgeway, Sapulpa, Okla
DELEGATES—Versa Conley, Ronald Grummitt, Effie Turner, Kathey Taylor, Ken Turner, Mary Parsley
GARDEN HEIGHTS—3415 S. Summit Blvd., Sand Springs, Okla. PASTOR—Rev. Leon Sheppard 3411 S. Summit, Sand Springs 245-5572 CLERK—Jean Albert, 507 S. 46th W. Ave., Sand Spring
HIGHLAND PARK—1402 E. 6th, Stillwater, Okla. 74074 PASTOR—Rev. Gene Bishop, 1402 E. 6th, Stillwater, Okla

LAKE AREA—Rt. No. 1, Cleveland, Okla. 74020 PASTOR—Rev. Don Patton, 4318 S. Maplewood, Tulsa, Okla 622-0476 CLERK—Zonelle Houston, Rt. No. 1, Box 399, Mannford, Okla 865-3883 DEACONS—Charles Findley, Andrew Newton, Bob Norrid, Errol Houston, Dale Norrid DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ron Shurley, Sharon Patton, Alvin Morris, Virginia Morris
LIBERTY—Rt. No. 2, Bristow, Okla. 74010 PASTOR—Charles Rutland, Rt. 1, Box 217, Kellyville, Okla247-6430 CLERK—Nadean Wheeler, Rt. No. 2, Box 192, Bristow, Okla352-2964 ORDAINED MINISTER—Rev. Everett R. Keiffer, Rt. 2, Bristow, Okla. ORDAINED DEACON—Jimmy Wheeler DELEGATES/ALTERNATES—Ola McFarlin, Gladys Peacock, Ruby Cox, Iva Rossander, Daisy King, Evelyn Stewart
LIBERTY HEIGHTS—Rt. No. 1, Bixby, Okla. 74008 PASTOR—Rev. Earl Judd, Rt. 1, Box 286a, Bixby, Okla
LONE CHIMNEY—Rt. No. 1, Maramec, Okla. 74045 PASTOR—Rev. J. L. VanWinkle, Rt. No. 1, Glencoe, Okla
NORTH HEIGHTS—917 N. 8th, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066 PASTOR—Rev. S. L. Gober, 1120 N. Main, Sapulpa, Okla
OILTON—Box 135, Oilton, Okla. 74052 PASTOR—Rev. Willis Walker, 820 E, Moses, Cushing, Okla225-3843 CLERK—Mrs. Violet Robinson, Box 135, Oilton, Okla862-3456 ORDAINED MINISTER— ORDAINED DEACON—Claude Robinson
PRETTY WATER—Rt. No. 1, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066 NO REPORT
SILVER CITY—Rt. No. 2, Box 54, Jennings, Okla. 74038 PASTOR—Rev. Roger Hall, Rt. 2, Box 63a, Jennings, Okla

TRINITY OF CUSHING-

PASTOR—Rev. Jim Christian, Rt. 2, Cushing, Okla......225-3843 CLERK—Delphia Smith—Rt. 3, Box 109, Cushing, Okla..........225-3177 ORDAINED MINISTER—Retus Hunsucker

ORDAINED DEACONS—Emmit Tipton

DELEGATES—Everett Early, Ernest Smith, Virgil Dooly, Tommy Easley, Shirley Easley, Mary Love.

WEST SIDE OF SAPULPA—Box 158, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066

PASTOR—Rev. Millard McGuire, Box 254, Kellyville, Okla. 247-2333 CLERK—Kenneth G. Akers, 829 S. Water, Sapulpa, Okla.224-4848 ORDAINED MINISTERS—W. E. Warner, Buford Zinn ORDAINED DEACONS—Dovel Gaston

DELEGATES/ALTERNATES-Joe Smith, Larry McDougal, Margaret Smith, Gary McGuire, Floyd Johnson, Oma Head.

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

TIME PERIOD COVERED AUG. 1, to DEC. 31, 1975.

ACCOUNT CO-Op/	BUDGET: 75/76 \$87.473.00	DISBURSED 75 \$10,288,04 (co-Op)	PROPOSED BUDGET 76	PROPOSED BUDGET 77
Designated	\$07,475.00	\$ 6,174,35 (Des.)		
		\$16,462.39	\$18,835.00	\$43,685,00
Utilities	1,200,00	481.31	750,00	1,500,00
Bldg./Repair	2,500.00	860,43	1,500,00	3,000,00
Treas./Clerk	720.00	300.00 (1)	375.00	900,00
State Delegate Fees	680,00	680.00 (2)	540,00	540,00
Printing	400.00	110.34	200,00	500,00
Youth Camp	2,000.00	2,768,23 (3)	2,800,00	2,800,00
Misc.	500.00	83.00	100.00	200,00
Insurance	452.00	452.00	1,600,00	1,600,00
Travel & Phone	400.00	61.00	200,00	400,00
1976 Nat. Assoc. Exp	0-	600,00 (4)	0	-0-
	(\$ 8,852,00)	(\$ 6,396.31)	(\$ 8,065.00)	(\$11,440,00)

GRAND TOTAL	\$96,325,00	\$22,858.70	\$26,900.00	\$55,125,00

NOTES FROM DISBURSEMENTS:

- (1) Payable \$60.00 per month thru. July 76.
 Payable \$75.00 per month August 1976
- (2) \$20.00 per church.
- (3) 1975 Youth Camp Financial Status:
 Total Income \$4,085,73
 Less Cost 2,768,23
 Balance \$1,317,50
- (4) The State Association ask each church to give \$20.00 toward the expense of entertaining the National Association in Tulsa in 1976. This amount was received and sent to the State Office.

(5)	Outside Giving Breakdown	:
	Foreign Missions \$ 2	.179
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SPECIAL NOTE:

This is only a five month report due to changing the dates of our church report letters.

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SPECIAL REMODEL ACCOUNT:

TOTAL DEPOSITS.....\$38,453.55 LESS DISBURSEMENTS:

Creek County Lumber	27.34
Quapew Company	41.47
Drumright Concrete	174.00
General Millwork	225,31
Service Charge	1,73
C. C. & E. Corp	500.00
Jerry Mills	4,000,00
Stuart Lumber	1,620.18
Rev. Don Jones	2.693.46
Rev. Dovle Baker	13,800,00

Rev. Ed Jenkins	400,00
Gary Ogle	400.00
Big "G" Plumbing	10,376,00
Rev. Gene Bishop	50,00
Worthy Drilling	978.30
Veale Bros. Concrete	34.41
Hanna Lumber	300.00
Sutherland Lumber	453.30
Floyd Barnes	180,00
More Insulation	406.64
Anchor Paint	180,00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ... \$36,842,34

BALANCE 8/1/76..... 1,611.21

Proposed Budget for; 8/1/76 - 12/31/76 and 1/1/77 -

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CHURCH	75/76 BUDGET*	TOTAL GIVEN		
Airport	\$ 7,000,00	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ -0
Central	1,500,00	590.76	600,00	1,500,00
Jenks	1,200.00	348.32	-0-	-0-
Lawnwood	7.000.00	45.00	-0-	-0-
Lewis Ave.	1,700.00	933.79	.1.300.00	2,700,00
Madison Ave.	200.00	50,00	100,00	200,00
New Home	10,000,00	50.00	-0-	-0-
Owasso	5,000,00	998.00	-0-	-0-
Trinity Temple	1,600,00	692.00	700.00	1,800,00
Tulsa First	1,800,00	650.00	750,00	1,800,00
West Tulsa	17,000.00	110.00	-0-	-0-
Allen	6,000,00	2,725,55	2,800,00	6,500,00
Blackwell	2,000,00	962,25	700,00	2,000,00
Blue Bell	3,500.00	1.634.95	1,600,00	3,500,00
Bristow	3.500.00	2,031,00	2,050,00	4,500,00
Cincinnati Ave.	300.00	372.00	300,00	800,00
Cushing First	1,800,00	811.57	1,250.00	3,000,00
Drumright	2,000.00	721.30	800.00	2,000,00
Fellowship	300.00	50.00	100,00	300.00
Garden Heights	3,500.00	1,686,34	1,000,00	3,500,00
Highland Park	1,600,00	803.05	800,00	1,700,00
Lake Area	1,300,00	10.00	250.00	800,00
Liberty	150.00	82.00	50.00	150.00
Liberty Heights	100.00	65.00	50.00	100,00
Lone Chimney	500.00	235.00	250,00	600.00
North Heights	500.00	165.00	200,00	500,00
Oilton	300.00	443.37	500.00	1,200,00
Okmulgee	1,800.00	1,040.01	700.00	1,800,00
Pretty Water	500.00	309.60	300.00	800,00
Sapulpa First	100.00	50.00	50.00	100,00
Silver City	3,500,00	1,416.67	1,600.00	3,500.00
Stroud	150.00	50.00	-0-	-0-
Trinity Cushing	200,00	50.00	400.00	1,000,00
Westside Sapulpa	500,00	175.00	100,00	500,00
Sub-Total	\$88,100,00	\$20,407.53	\$19,300,00	\$46,850,00
Additional Inc.				
Tulsa Area Q. M.	500.00	-0-	250.00	500,00
Central Area Q. M	. 500.00	-0-	250,00	500.00
First Mission:				
Misc.	350,00	10.00	175.00	350.00
Youth Camp	2,000.00	2,441.00	2,000,00	2,000,00
Concessions	500.00	1,171,23	500,00	500.00
Cafe	300.00	359.50	300,00	300,00
Y-M Offering		114.00	125,00	125.00
Woman's Aux.	4,000,00	10.00	4,000,00	4,000,00
Tol. Add, Inc.	\$ 8,225,00	\$ 4,105.73	\$ 7,600,00	\$ 8,275.00
Balance Carried	\$ -0~	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
GRAND TOTAL	\$96,325,00	\$24,513.26	\$26,900.00	\$55,125,00
	SBURSEMENTS	-\$22,858,70		
		\$ 1,654.56	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	12/31/75**

Direct Giving was reported as Follows: Lawnwood ----- 1,909.25 West Tulsa---- 3,529.95

32,30 Highland Park---

32.30 Total Direct Giving \$24,513,26 Reported to Treas. \$29,984.76 Total Giving

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^{*} Total Allocation for all sources of Income. ** Balance Carried was for: \$1,317.56 Youth Camp 337.00 Minutes

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Spent For Causes	\$ 5,580,22	11,116,00	8,348.00	8,917,50	•	33,961,72	19,072,07	7,838,25	8,530,28	12,354.44	1,900,21	18,380,00	107.07	8,025,00	5,095.13	2,159,37	6,867,23	6,261,26	10,246,87	1,925.16	17,154,58	2,913,68	19,110,07	8,324,09		18,335,00	7,510,00	19,829,00	202,123,76	\$236,085,48	
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STATISTICAL REPORT FROM CHURCH LETTERS:	Central	First of Tulsa	Lewis Ave.	Madison Ave.	Trinity Temple	(Total Tulsa Area)	Allen	Blackwell	Blue Bell	Bristow	Cincinnati Ave.	Drumright	Fellowship	First of Cushing	First of Okmulgee	First of Sapulpa	Garden Heights	Highland Park	Lake Area	Liberty	Liberty Heights	Lone Chimney	North Heights	Oilton	Pretty Water	Silver City	Trinity of Cushing	Westside of Sapulpa	(Total Cent. Area)	TOTAL FIRST MISSION	

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PERMANENT RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that all our By-Laws and Resolutions which are now in effect, be printed in our Minutes.

2. That our Churches not send any Minister up for Ordination until

he has been licensed for one year from date of examination.

3. That the examination of candidates for Ordination and License question and answer be recorded and filed with the Associational Clerk.

4. That no person can be an active Deacon or Minister in the Asso-

ciation who does not pay and teach tithes.

5. That the letter of all Quarterly Meetings be in the hands of the

Associational Clerk at least one week before conference convenes.

- 6. The churches having candidates for ordination or license or ratification send request to Quarterly Conference in session prior to examination.
- 7. That all of our Churches use the letter forms furnished by our Clerk.
- 8. That since we have grown to such proportions, and the demands of service are heavy, that no member of this Association be permitted or required to serve on more than one board at any time.

9. That no Minister be received into the Association from another Denomination or Association unless accompanied by a letter or recom-

mendation.

10. That the Moderator with his Assistant appoint all committees.

11. That the Treasurer be in charge of all insurance business.

- 12. That the Associational Moderator be Chairman of the General Board.
- 13. That no ordained Minister or Deacon be recognized as active in the Association until they have appeared before the Credential Board.

14. That the First Mission Association have a printed program.

15. That the Associational Officers serve as the Associational Pro-Program Planning Committee.

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 appearances 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 forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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 bonds 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 to promote the

success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligation, 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 enterprise, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the infalliable Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God and in the God Head of Divine Essence, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Gen. 17:1, I John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature. Eph. 5:1-19.

4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification, justification and redemption are by life, death, resurrection, ascension and intercession of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked

shall be eternal. Matt. 25:46.

- 6. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation. Mark 13:13, Rev. 2:10.
- 7. Baptism (the immersion of believers in water), the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. The Lord's Supper, which is to be observed by all believers at night, is followed by the ordinance of feet washing, which teaches humility, of universal obligation, to be practiced by all believers. Baptism: Matt. 28:19; Col. 2:12. Lord's Supper: Mark 14:17; Matt. 36:34; I Cor. 11:23,34; Feet Washing: John 13:4,5; I Timothy 6:10.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's Day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in public worship of God, and that on it, we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of Necessity and mercy. Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both the just and unjust, but every one in his own order; those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:34, John 5:28: I Thes. 3:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to singly

engage to promote the honor of God. John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ, by grace of God, tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of His divine benefit only by His repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted. Acts 20:21; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14-16; I Peter 3:21.

12. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore

should be one at His table. I Cor. 1:1-11, 27-28; John 17:11.

CONSTITUTION FOR FIRST MISSION ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This yearly meeting or Association shall be called the First Mission Association, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this yearly meeting of association shall consist of all Ordained Ministers, Ministers wives, Ordained Deacons, Church Clerks and three elected delegates from all duly organized Free Will Baptist's Churches from each Quarterly Meeting of the First Mission Association. Each church shall represent by letter.

Article 3. The officers of this Association or Yearly Meeting shall be: (1) A standing clerk and treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Association, with assistants as may be found necessary. (2) The Associational General Board shall be composed of the Associational Officers, the Chairman of Each Quarterly Meeting Board, and the Chairman of the Associational Boards. The Association Moderator, Clerk, and three members to be elected from the General Board shall compose the Associational Executive Committee. (3) A Trustee Board so elected as to require two to be elected each year. They shall act as custodians of all property belonging to the Association and shall sign legal papers when authorized by the Association to do so. This board shall consist of not less than ten members. This Board shall also serve as planning board. (4) All Associational Boards to be paid traveling expense at the rate of fifteen cents per mile.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings who will conform to the practice, endorse the enterprises, and prove themselves orthodox in doctrine may at any time on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Yearly Meeting or Association shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Association. At which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings or churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution, nor to the practices of the demonination, but such as may in their judgment promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and quarterly meetings within the limits of this yearly meeting or association.

Article 7. This Yearly Meeting or Association shall have the power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This Association shall not license, ordain or receive from any other association any person to the ministry or as a deacon who has more than one living companion.

Article 9. This constitutionmay be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of members present and voting, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

BY-LAWS

- 1. The moderator or assistant moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present, shall call the Association in to conference.
 - 2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
 - 4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
- Those who speak shall arise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
- 6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken separately.
 - 7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
- No one will speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the moderator.
- 9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in Christian Spirit.
- 10. The ruling of the moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
- 11. Any Minister opposed to any of the enterprises, organized Sunday School, C. T. S., Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, endorsed by the Association will not be entitled to a seat in Conference and we will not seat any minister in this association that teaches the Baptism of the Holy Ghost separate from regeneration of the birth of the Spirit.
- 12. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.
- 13. At each Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Introductory Sermon
- 2. House called to order by the Moderator.
- 3. Letters called for, read, and received.
- 4. Seating of delegates.
- 5. Election of Officers.
- 6. Petitionary letters called for.
- 7. Reading Rules of Order.
- 8. Inviting visiting brethren to seat in council.
- 9. Appointment of Committees.
- 10. Unfinished business.
- 11. New business.
- 12. Report of Committees.
- 13. Miscellaneous business.