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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MARCH 21, 1997

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 1997 State Association meeting was hosted by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mt Vernon. The Church was a great host and those attending enjoyed a great time of worship, fellowship and business. The representation of our six districts was as follows: 46 elected delegates, 62 standing delegates registered and 57 visitors. Brother Byford Campbell presided over the opening worship service with Bro. Gary Culli leading the congregation in singing "*Will Jesus find us watching?*" Prayer was offered by Bro. David Milburn. Bro. Culli lead the congregation in singing "*We'll work 'til Jesus comes.*" Then the host Pastor welcomed the State Association to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mt Vernon. Special singing was by Sisters, Maxine Hicks and Connie Spain. The morning message was brought by Dr. Melvin Worthington from I Cor. ch 4, "Truth" as it's required of stewards. A very stirring message.

BUSINESS SESSION

The body was called to order by the clerk, introducing the moderator Bro. Larry Clyatt. The moderator then recognized the standing delegates being: Ordained Ministers, Ordained Deacons, and the members of the various boards.

REPORT NO. 1

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We the committee on committees recommend the following people to serve on the committees listed below

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Wallace Malone

Jane Harmon

Leon McBride

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Tom Harmon

Karel Smith

Bill Crank

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Ernie Taylor

Joyce Hale

Elfrieda Monday

Signed: Larry Monday *Ch.*, Ernie Lewis, Sam Williams.

Following this a short recess was called

Business resumed after a short recess by reading the list of elected delegates from member districts, and a motion was sustained to seat the following delegates

**SOUTH CENTRAL
DISTRICT**

Jim Thompson
JoAnn McRoy
Linda Dunford
Tom Lowry
Brenda Fowler
Marion Thompson
Peggy Clyatt
Maxine Bennett
Jack McRoy
Pauline Braggs
Aleta Gray

**EAST CENTRAL
DISTRICT**

Jeane Culli
Kent Waller
Kathy Hayes
Donnie Blair
James Angle
Elmo Manahan
Larry Maas
Grant Bruce
Robert Hamilton
Gloria Waller

**NORTHERN
ILLINOIS**
Dennis Maynard
Audley Wiley
Richard Smith

**NORTH CENTRAL
DISTRICT**

Joyce Hale
Irene McEvers

**WEST CENTRAL
DISTRICT**

Jane Harmon
Bonnie Allen
Jean Malone
Fern Price
Barbara Schmidt
Reba Utley
Peggy Outland
Khristi Shores
Phylliss Kash
Tonya Jasper

**LOCAL CHURCH
DELEGATES**

Donna Harrison
Janet Orr
Mildred Rogers
Charles Miller

Motion sustained to adopt the program and allow the moderator to make any necessary changes.

REPORT NO. 2**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD****1996 STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MEMBER DISTRICTS**

	East Central	West Central	South Central	North Central	N. Illinois	Fox River
Churches	8	10	11	8	5	3
No. Reported	8	10	11	8	5	3
Tot. Mem.	807	1087	1332(8 Ch)	525	207	127
Mem. Lost	12	19	21	8	1	1
Mem. Add	55	37	63	42	13	4
Baptism	31	22	33	24	11	3
Parsonage	3	4	3	3	0	2
Full-time	4	5	6	4	4	2
Part-time	4	5	5	2	1	1
City	3	5	3	8	5	3
Rural	5	5	8	0	0	0
Property(\$)	2,415,000		2,141,400	1,795,000	425,350	1,160,000
Ordained	13	16	19	9	6	5
Licensed	2	3	4	1	0	0
Deacons	25	29	32	10	5	5

Day Care	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kindergrt.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Schools	1	1	0	0	0	0
Colleges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enrollment						
SS	609	691	547(7 Ch.)	345	183	183
CTS	86	215	165	148	35	11
WNAC	77	103	71	53	13	11
Master men	30	13		40	13	5
Tot. Income(\$)	357,271	379,121	523,515	308,634	201,087	165,955
Budgets	2	5	4	5	1	2

EXECUTIVE BOARD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1997

North IllinoisSam Williams	North Central
East CentralJames Boggs	South CentralJason Jean
West CentralGene Outland	Fox RiverDaryl Ellis

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES 1996

The Executive Board met following the 1996 State meeting and organized with Bro. Larry Clyatt being elected to the position of Chairman and Bro. Byford Campbell as secretary. The board voted to meet on May 3, 7:00 PM. The meeting place will be at the Crossroads FWB church in Effingham.

The Board voted to allow the chair to authorize Attorney Thomas Planera to file an action to our claim of quiet title to the property of Des. Plains FWB church if there is no response from Attorney Bell or The King James Bible Baptist church in fifteen (15) days from Mr. Planera's letter to Mr. Bell.

The Executive Board will be composed of the following:

Moderator: Larry Clyatt

Asst. Moderator: David Malone

Clerk: Byford Campbell

Asst. Clerk: Larry Monday

Prom. Sec.: David Shores

Treasurer: Tim Hayes

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

South Central: Jason Jean

West Central: Gene Outland

East Central: James Boggs

North Central:

Northern Ill.: Sam Williams

Fox River: Daryl Ellis

BOARD STRUCTURE:

CHRISTIAN ED & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Martin (97)

Danny Gray (98)

Tracy Kerr (99)

David Turner, *Chr.* (2000)
Steve Hale, *Sec & Treas.* (2001)

CTS BOARD

Mike McClintock (97)
Mike Johnston, *Sec.* (98)
David Mishler, *Treas.* (99)
Kelly Douglas, *Ch.* (2000)
Mike Stephenson (2001)

MISSION BOARD

Burt Hail (97)
Wallace Malone (98)
Randy Scott (99)
Sam Henderson *Sec. & Treas.* (2000)
John Hollis, *Chr.* (2001)

CAMP BOARD

Tom Harmon (97)
Rusty Miller (98)
Ronnie Mitchell (99)
Ernie Lewis *Sec & Treas.* (2000)
Bob Jasper, (2001)

LAYMANS BOARD:

Ernie Taylor (97)
Eldon Schmidt, *Vice Ch.* (98)
Ted Bryan (99)
Paul Moore (2000)
Mike Robertson, *Chr.* (2001)

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Byford Campbell, *State Clerk*

PHONE CONFERENCE APRIL 9, 1996 8 PM

The executive Board met via phone conference April 9, 1996 8 PM. Those answering Roll were: Larry Clyatt, Larry Monday, Byford Campbell, David Malone, David Shores, David Turner, Sam Williams, James Boggs, Daryl Ellis, Mike Robertson, John Hollis, Tom Harmon.

Proxies seated were Larry Cook for Gene Outland, and Burt Hall for Jason Jean.

The purpose of conference was discuss situation of Des Plains property.

After discussion a motion was sustained that attorney Planera be paid a \$7500.00 retainer fee and instructed to proceed with action to quiet title.

Consensus was to borrow \$2000 from the Camp Board, and mission Board and \$1500 from the Sunday School and Christian Education Board. This money along with \$2000 donation be combined for the \$7500 retainer fee.

Motion sustained to adjourn

Byford Campbell, *Clerk*

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAY 3, 1996

The Executive Board met at the Crossroads Church in Effingham on May 3rd, 1996 at 7:00 PM. Meeting was opened with devotion presented by Bro. Larry Monday, using Luke ch. 22 vs. 61 scripture for his thoughts.

Prayer was then offered by Bro. Kelly Douglas.

Roll call was taken and proxies were seated, Bro Ernie Taylor was seated as proxy for Bro. Mike Robertson.

Minutes of our origination meeting and the phone conference were read and approved as read.

A report was given by Bro Clyatt upon the status of the Des Plains property at 1480 Oakton St. after report and discussion, a motion was made to accept \$60,000 cash and to withdraw all legal claim to property. Motion declared dead for want of second. After more discussion a motion was made to inter into an agreement with King James Bible Baptist Church to withdraw all legal claim to the property, with \$60,000 cash at time of agreement and \$40,000 to be paid in 60 equal payments with no interest. The \$40,000 was to be secured by a second mortgage on the new property that the King James Bible Baptist Church has purchased and moved into.

An amendment was made to the original motion to ask that our attorney be used to draw up the agreement and the King James Bible Church pay the legal fees. Motion as amended was passed with one vote in opposition.

Treasurers report was given and received as given.

A motion was sustained to raise the mileage paid for Executive Board travel be raised from .20 (twenty cents) a mile to .25 (twenty-five cents) a mile.

Report of Christian Education Board was given and received as given. Bro. Dan Martin resigned from the Christian Education and Sunday School Board. Their report requested Bro. Bill Crank be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Martin. A motion was sustained Bro. Bill Crank be appointed to the unexpired term to end in 1997.

A motion was sustained to appoint Bro David Baker in the event Bro. Crank could not accept the appointment.

Report of CTS Board was given and received as given.

Report of Board of Missions was given and received as given.

Report of Camp Board was given and received as given.

A adverbial report was given by Promotional Secretary and received as given.

The next meeting of the Executive Board was set for Sept. 20th to meet at the Decatur church.

An investigative committee was appointed consisting of Bros. David Malone, Tom Harmon and Tim Hayes. This committee is in conjunction with Item 8 of the Business Committee report at the State Association, regarding having a full-time promotional secretary.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Closed by prayer.

Respectfully, Byford Campbell, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1996

The Executive Board met at the Decatur Church in Decatur, IL on September 20th, 1996. Meeting at 7:00 PM. Meeting opened with devotional thought from Psalm 121 emphasis on the words, "Keeper-Preserve-and help, given by Bro. Larry Clyatt. The Moderator ask that Bro. Kelley Douglas bring devotion at the November meeting, and Bro. Tom Harmon bring devotion at the February meeting.

Prayer requests were received and Prayer was offered by Bros. Daryl Ellis and David Shores.

Roll call was taken with the following members present. Larry Clyatt, Byford Campbell, Larry Monday, Tim Hayes, Jason Jean, Gent Outland, James Boggs, Daryl Ellis, David Turner, Kelley Douglas, Mike Robertson, Tom Harmon, David Shores. Bro. Wallace Malone was seated as proxy for David Malone, Edward Maynard was seated as proxy for Sam Williams.

Minutes of May 3rd meeting were read and approved as read.

A report was given by Bro. Clyatt on the Des Plains church property. This report was discussed and agreed a meeting be called when response from the attorneys was received, possibly Oct. 11th.

A report of the investigative committee was given verbally by Bro. Tom Harmon. This report was received and discussed. Committee to continue working.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Tim Hayes. Motion carried to adopt.

The Layman's report was given by Bro. Mike Robertson. Motion carried to adopt.

The Christian Ed. Board report was given by Bro. David Turner. Motion carried to adopt.

The Camp Board report was given by Bro. Tom Harmon. Motion carried to adopt.

The CTS Board report was given by Bro. Kelley Douglas. Motion carried to adopt

The Board of Missions report was given by Bro. Wallace Malone. Motion carried to adopt.

The Promotional Secretary report was given by Bro. David Shores. The Report was received for information.

Discussed representation to Pastor's Conference in Nashville. Motion carried to provide expenses for four members to the conference.

Meeting dates set as follows: Called meeting tentatively Oct 11th, regular meeting dates were November 8th and February 7th. All meetings to be at the Crossroads Church in Effingham. Meetings at 7:00 PM. Program Committee meet at 6:00 PM.

Motion carried to adjourn, Prayer by Bro. Edward Maynard.

Byford Campbell, *Clerk*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 1996**

The Executive Board met November 8th, 1996 at Crossroads Church in Effingham at 7 PM. Meeting opened with devotional thought given by Bro Kelly Douglas taken from I Timothy chapter 2. "A call to Prayer, for quiet and peace".

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Larry Clyatt, David Malone, Byford Campbell, Larry Monday, Tim Hayes, Jason Jean, Gene Outland, James Boggs, Sam Williams, David Turner, Kelly Douglas, Tom Harmon, David Shores. Bro Ernie Taylor was seated as proxy for Mike Robertson.

Comments from Bro. Clyatt upon the old Des Plains property. A motion carried to authorize a deposit of \$2000 fee for the attorney be made. Five Yea and four No.

Motion carried to accept offer from Camp Board and CTS Boards, \$1000 from each board to fund the authorized \$2000.

Minutes of the September meeting was read and approved as read.

Report of Christian Ed. Board was given by Bro. Turner and motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of Laymans Board was given by Bro. Ernie Taylor and motion carried to adopt.

The Promotional Sec. Report was given by Bro. Shores and received.

Report of Camp Board was given by Bro. Tom Harmon. Motion carried to adopt.

Treasurer report given by Bro. Tim Hayes. Motion carried to adopt.

Report of CTS Board was given by Bro. Kelly Douglas. Motion carried to adopt.

Report of the Board of Missions was received and Motion carried to adopt.

An auditing Committee was appointed by Moderator consisting of the following: David Shores, James Boggs, Byford Campbell.

Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. James Boggs.

Byford Campbell, *Clerk*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
FEB. 7TH, 1997**

The Executive Board met Feb. 7th at Cross Roads Church in Effingham at 7:PM. Meeting opened with devotion given by Bro. Tom Harmon using Roman 7:21. Topic "Evil ever present."

Roll Call with the following members present: Larry Clyatt, David Malone, Byford Campbell, Larry Monday, Tim Hayes, Gene Outland, James Boggs, Daryl Ellis, David Turner, Kelly Douglas, Tom Harmon, David Shores. A motion carried to seat the following Proxies: Kent Dunford for Jason Jean; Ernie Taylor for Mike Robertson; Sam Henderson for John Hollis.

Minutes from November meeting were read and upon motion was approved as read.

Bro Clyatt gave a report on the Des Plains Property. A new complaint has been filed with court. Now awaiting response from the King James Bible Baptist Church and associates.

The committee brought their report upon the feasibility of hiring a full time Promotional man. A motion and second was made to present to the association without any allocations. An amendment was made to formulate a presentation of the matter for the 1998 meeting. A motion to table the report until other reports were given passed.

A report from state treasurer for the fourth quarter was received and motion to adopt was passed. The annual report was received and motion to receive and recommend proposed 1998 budget carried.

A report of the Board of Missions was given for the fourth quarter. Motion carried to adopt. The annual report was received and motion to receive and recommend proposed 1998 budget carried.

A report from the Camp Board for the fourth quarter was received and motion to adopt carried. The annual report was received and motion to receive and recommend proposed 1998 budget carried.

A report from the CTS Board for the fourth quarter was given. Motion to adopt carried. The annual report was received and motion to receive and recommend proposed 1998 budget carried.

A report from Christian Education Board. Annual report was received and motion to receive and recommend proposed 1998 budget carried.

A report from Layman's Board was given. Annual report received and motion to receive and recommend proposed 1998 budget carried.

A report of Promotional Secretary was given and received.

Auditing committee report was given; "The Auditing committee have examined the records of the State Treasurer, Camp Board Treasurer, Board of Missions Treasurer, CTS Board Treasurer, Sunday School and Christian Education Board Treasurer, Layman's Board Treasurer and found them to be in order." signed committee, Byford Campbell, David Shores, James Boggs. Motion carried to accept the report of this committee.

A Letter was introduced from the East Central District requesting that the Illinois State Association of Free Will Baptist present to our churches a letter of information concerning articles of dissolution. Assistant Moderator Bro. David Malone was asked to talk to an attorney John Simmons, who is an attorney who does much work in church legal matters, and prepare a presentation upon church incorporation and dissolution, to be presented at the State meeting. Attorney fees were to be limited to \$150 for this consultation. M.S.C.

Previously tabled motion and amendment removed from table. Amendment failed. Main motion "to receive report of committee concerning full time promotional man and present it to Association without any proposed allocation for funding" Motion carried.

Co-op Allocations to be recommended:

National Association.....	28%
Board of Missions.....	24%
Promotional Fund	12%
Camp Board.....	16%
General Fund.....	9%
Sunday School & Christian Ed. Bd.	5%
CTS Board	4%
Ministerial Scholarship.....	1%
Layman's Board.....	1%

Motion sustained to recommend these allocations for 1997. (Thus remaining the same as they were in 1996).

Motion sustained to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Sam Henderson.

Respectively, Byford Campbell, *Clerk*

Motion made and seconded to receive the report but was delayed to allow time to consider.

REPORT NO. 3

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

This past year was very eventful. The Pittsburg Church was heavily damaged by flood waters in May and a new building will soon be built at a new location. Then, during the summer, the Bethel Church was destroyed by fire and a new building will soon be constructed at the same location. In both cases the people have joined together to continue their ministry. During this same period, these churches have decided to build or expand their present facilities: Peace Church in Granite City, Freedom Church in Marion, and Oak Grove Church in Sesser.

YOUTH

Our young people are becoming more and more involved in various ministries. Our state has had a good representation of mission workers in recent years and so it is at the present time. We have 47 students enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Tracey Starrick and Heather Smith are part of TEAM '97, Kristi Douglas, Liz Raser, Kristopher Kohn and Wendy Skelley are members of the "Go and Be" team. Chad Donoho has been approved to help in a Home Mission project with his father. Some others are signed up with other mission boards. Former Illinoisan, Bethany Ryan is also a member of TEAM '97. God is calling our young people into His work!

Our younger Free Will Baptists are active in Youth Camp, Retreats and CTS Competition. In 1996 there were 411 campers enrolled at Camp Hope during the summer season. The CTS Board did a good job in handling the large number of young people who took part in the competitive activities in Effingham. Illinois had 16 national winners at Fort Worth.

FROM YOUTH TO THOSE GROWING OLDER

Our efforts to establish a retirement program for our pastors need to be activated again. We do have a plan, but perhaps this voting body could adopt something that would improve what we have. Some states have a plan that uses a percentage of The Together Way (Co-op) money each church contributes that is designated to their pastor's retirement account (5% to 10%). Many of our pastors are not presently enrolled in a retirement program and this could be an incentive to get them activated to plan for their later years. We must give this some consideration. Dr. Evans, Director of the Board of Retirement, is with us during this conference. Perhaps he could be allowed some time on the program to tell us about how other states handle this matter.

ILLINOIS NEWSLETTER

We mailed out about 19,000 copies of the Newsletter in 1996 at a cost of about 26 cents per copy, which includes printing and postage. Multiply that cost times 12 and you will have an annual cost of \$3.12 per addressed Newsletter. Multiply the number of members of your church by the above amount and you will see your share of the cost. The Newsletter is mailed free of charge to all who request it, but it must be paid for by this association.

Please have patience with me as I try to improve the appearance of our little publication. We have discussed designing a two or three color header and printing on light tan colored paper. Changing the format and the color scheme is difficult for a color blind, novice computer operator!

SOME NEW CHALLENGES

Our biggest concern should be our response to the "Cross-Cultural Challenge" as presented to the National Association last July. There are many minority and ethnic groups in our area we have never evangelized. Our young people are faced with a far greater challenge than previous generations have had to face. We must meet the spiritual needs of all people.

Secondly, we have become a part of the International Fellowship of Free Will Baptists. Churches from various countries have joined together in fellowship to unite in fulfilling the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus. Dr. Melvin Worthington will be sharing the details of the last meeting with us today. The third challenge is our new missions support program. The Illinois Board of Missions will present this new concept today.

CALENDAR

It is my intent to publish a calendar of dates for youth camps, retreats, quarterly meetings, national events, etc., but it so difficult to get the needed information in time for this meeting. I will put forth a more determined effort to get this done so that, at least, it may be published in the Illinois Newsletter. Thank you again for allowing me to serve our state association in the capacity of Promotional Director.

Respectfully submitted, David Shores

Motion sustained to receive report as information.

RECESS until 1:30 P.M.

11:00 AM. WORSHIP SERVICE

Bro. Larry Monday presided over the 11:00 AM Worship service. The service was opened with congregation singing "*In The Service of The King*" and Bro. Sam Henderson led in prayer. This was followed by singing "*Living for Jesus*." Rev. David Malone introduced a guest Bishop L.L. Duncan. Bro. Bill Evans brought the message from Matt. 24:45 and Luke 12:42. Subject "Treasures as required by stewards." Service closed with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The session was opened with singing "*Amazing Grace*" and devotion by Moderator Bro. Larry Clyatt, from Mark 14:3. and he closed in prayer.

Motion sustained to adopt the Executive Board report with exception to items dealing with the Des Plains property.

REPORT NO. 4

DES PLAINS

An oral report was given concerning the Des Plains property by Bro. Larry Clyatt. Still no solution as to property owners yet. A motion was sustained to adopt the work of the Executive board on this property.

REPORT NO. 5

EXEC. BD. SUB COMMITTEE

SUBJECT FULL-TIME PROMOTIONAL MAN

Motion Sustained: We recommend that the State Executive Board discuss and investigate the possibility of having a full-time Promotional Secretary and report back to this assembly at the next meeting, relating scope, responsibilities and financing needed.

Committee appointed.

David Malone, *Chairman*

Tim Hayes

Tom Harmon

Scope (Intention):

To have a full-time employee to act as State Promotional Secretary and Camp Manager with duties to be outlined in a job description.

Job Description - Promotional Secretary

Promotional Ministry

Encourage unity among the Illinois FWB

Advance state ministries

Assist in special projects

Public relations agent

Communications Ministry

State Editor and Publisher

Represent State to the National Assoc. of FWB

Communicate denominational information to IL FWB

Local Church Ministry

Equip Illinois FWB

Provide pastoral care for pastors

Assist churches without pastors

Develop and maintain ministry resources

Administrative Ministry

Oversee day to day office operations

Resident Manager of Camp Hope

Collect and maintain directory information

Assist all state boards

Ambassador to local associations

Finances

Salary:

Yearly income:	\$2000.00/mo.	\$24,000.00
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Housing:	350.00/mo.	4,200.00
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Utilities:	100.00/mo.	1,200.00
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Insurance:	300.00/mo.	3,600.00
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Total Package:		\$33,000.00
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Will require 28% Co-op

Expenses:

Travel:

Office: *Anticipate 12% Co-op*

Newsletter: *Allowance to cover*

Etc.:

Motion sustained to receive this report.

REPORT NO. 6

ILLINOIS BOARD OF MISSIONS

Greetings!

What a joy it is to serve Illinois Free Will Baptists as we serve Jesus Christ, our wonderful Saviour!

THANK YOU to each church, family, and individual that supported missions in 1996. Without a doubt, God has blessed and will bless you for your contributions. As you give, you are sharing the Gospel message with precious souls in Illinois, the USA, and around the world.

The Board of Missions has continued its support and oversight of Illinois' two Home Mission Projects, Chicago and Springfield.

Missionary David Potete continues the work in Chicago. David has started a Property Fund promotion. The board and Bro. Potete continue to evaluate this work to decide ways to expand and improve its outreach. It is good to know we have a missionary laboring in this great city.

David's account is doing well. We wish to emphasize the importance of continued support to his regular account, as he promotes his Property Fund account.

The "Capital City" mission project is going well. The Doggetts are seeing many first-time visitors. Ken is seeing progress in this project. We have seen souls saved and growth. (We may have a college age helper go to assist them this summer.)

The board's main concern is Brother Ken's account. His account is dropping. As Arkansas and other states go to Regional Support, we need Illinois Free Will Baptists to take a major step in underwriting the Doggett account. This is our missionary in our Capital City. We (Illinois Free Will Baptists) need to accept responsibility to support this worthy project and worthy missionary couple in Springfield! Thank you for the support you have given this exciting project. Pray with us that many Illinois Free Will Baptists will join in this effort.

Concerning Foreign Missions – we have monitored, assisted, and promoted support for the Herseys (Japan), Owens (Uruguay), Teagues (France), Sarah Malone (China), and Mark King (China). Several thousands of dollars (15,500) have been contributed to some of these missionaries DEFICIT accounts from the general fund of this Mission Board in 1996.

1996 marked our first scholarship – we awarded our first William Mishler Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was awarded to a missionary student from Illinois, attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, Liz Rasar. The official presentation was made by the chairman in a chapel service during the Fall Welcome Days activities at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN.

Several hours of meetings have been given to the Regional Support Program for Illinois. This board continues work on a support plan that would be the most efficient means to encourage and provide for missionaries as they start and maintain mission projects in Illinois and around the world. WATCH FOR THE ILLINOIS REGIONAL SUPPORT INFO.

We have endeavored to encourage and assist in the following works: Moline, Pittsburg, Russia (Bibles and Forlines), Cuba, summer missionaries, Des Plains project, Calvary (Salem), and Davenport, IA account.

This board has had great responsibilities to carry this year. Nine board meetings were held, not counting phone contacts, during 1996. A special thank you to Sam Henderson, Wallace Malone, Burt Hall, and Randy Scott for serving on this board. It is a privilege to serve with these men of God.

Thank you, Illinois, for allowing us to serve you in this most important work. Let us lift our eyes, the fields are white unto harvest; pray, for the laborers are few; How can they go, unless they are sent?

Yours for reaching the lost and building Free Will Baptist Churches,

John D. Hollis,
Chairman IL Board of Missions

**ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
BOARD OF MISSIONS - 1996 REPORT**

INCOME:

Receipts From State Treasurer

Together Way Receipts		\$ 22,484.01
Designated Accts		\$ 27,847.06
Bloomington	\$ 354.00	
Doggett	\$ 8,008.10	
Potete	\$ 19,484.96	
Total Received From State Treasurer		\$ 50,331.07

Received Direct From Churches

Undesignated		\$ 168.59
Designated		\$ 2,500.00
Doggett	\$ 1,500.00	
Potete	\$ 500.00	
Donoho	\$ 500.00	
Total Other Giving		\$ 2,668.59
Total All Giving		\$ 52,999.66

Other Receipts

Earned Interest, Checking Account	\$ 480.00	
Withdrawn From Investments	\$ 15,000.00	
Other Receipts	\$ 957.30	
Total Other Receipts		\$ 16,437.90

TOTAL ALL INCOME **\$ 69,437.56**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1996 **\$ 23,132.66**

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE, 1996 **\$ 92,570.22**

DISBURSEMENTS

Bloomington Acct	\$ 0.00
Doggett Acct	\$ 7820.25
Donoho Acct	\$ 500.00
Potete Acct	\$ 23,940.96
(Advertising	\$11,604.16)
General Fund (Together Way Receipts)	\$ 45,740.38
Board Expenses	\$ 3,212.19
Foreign Missions	\$ 22,250.00
Other Giving	\$ 2,950.00
Aid To Churches	\$ 12,425.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 500.00
State Legal Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 2,403.19

TOTAL ALL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 78,001.59**

CHECKBOOK BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1996 **\$ 14,568.63**

ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS BOARD OF MISSIONS - BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1997

<u>EXPENSES</u>	1996 (Actual)	1997 (Est.)
Missionary Salaries (Incl. Hospitalization, Retirement, SS Payments, Misc)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Itinerary, Nationals, and Other Exp.	\$ 4,791.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Mission Giving, Related Exp.	\$ 37,625.00	\$ 20,000.00
Board Expenses, Misc.	\$ 3,212.19	\$ 3,500.00
Other Expenses	\$ 4,903.19	\$ 5,000.00
Total Expenses and Giving	\$ 78,001.59	\$ 63,500.00
 <u>INCOME</u>		
Designated Giving	\$ 30,347.06	\$ 35,000.00
Together Way Receipts	\$ 22,652.60	\$ 25,000.00
All Other Receipts	\$ 1,437.90	\$ 0.00
Withdrawn from Investments	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Total Receipts	\$ 69,437.56	\$ 63,500.00

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNTS

	12/31/96	9/30/96	6/30/96	12/31/95
Bloom/Norm Fund ...\$	979.94	\$ 979.94	\$ 979.94	\$ 979.94
Doggett Fund	\$ 7,244.15	\$ 6,349.56	\$ 8,646.86	\$12,998.19
Potete Fund.....	\$24,876.29	\$23,529.87	\$23,270.47	\$20,563.87

RECAP OF INVESTED FUNDS HELD BY MISSION BOARD

	12/31/96	12/31/95
Van-Kampen Merritt Fund (12/31/96)	\$ 63,162.37	\$ 59,130.49
B/N Fund (20%)	\$ 12,632.40	\$ 11,826.09
Potete Fund (34%)	\$ 21,475.30	\$ 20,104.57
Co-Op Fund (46%)	\$ 29,054.67	\$ 27,200.03
 FWB Foundation Fund: (12/31/96)	 \$ 42,783.82	 \$ 54,821.68
Potete Fund (86%)	\$ 35,077.52	\$ 32,893.00
Co-Op Fund (14%)	\$ 7,706.30	\$ 21,928.68
 Total Investments Held	 \$105,946.19	 \$113,952.17

Motion to receive the report of Board of Missions and adopt their proposed budget for 1997 was seconded and carried.

I.S.A.F.W.B. - BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT ON DESIGNATIONS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Bakerville	35.00	45.00	45.00	55.00	55.00	35.00	45.00	45.00	35.00	55.00	5.00	20.00	475.00
Bear Point	77.10	0.00	129.67	85.59	86.49	105.48	93.88	68.30	67.12	51.98	89.32	65.95	920.88
Benton	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	33.00	45.00	0.00	258.00
Bethel	35.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	70.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	365.00
Blue Point	186.00	141.00	203.00	143.00	176.00	130.00	214.16	176.00	137.00	168.00	143.00	156.00	1,973.16
Butterfield	144.00	10.00	160.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	394.00
Camp Board	397.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	397.55
Crossroads-Effingham	120.00	60.00	70.00	0.00	155.00	75.00	0.00	126.00	0.00	144.00	60.00	53.00	863.00
Decatur	135.00	100.00	145.00	190.00	115.00	135.00	161.14	125.00	105.00	113.00	155.00	201.00	1,680.14
East Central District	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Faith-Milan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Freedom-Marion	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Green Rock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00	3,100.00
Harmony-West Frankfort	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	600.00
Hazel Dell	316.00	0.00	152.00	0.00	152.00	0.00	131.00	0.00	380.59	0.00	0.00	344.00	1,475.59
Heritage-Springfield	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	150.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	1,400.00
Ina	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	1,750.00
Johnston City	398.83	383.11	0.00	767.99	347.19	353.29	0.00	648.86	0.00	788.85	398.98	415.75	4,502.85
Mascoutah	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	900.00
Mt. Vernon	55.00	50.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	25.00	20.00	25.00	315.00
Nason	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	182.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	142.72	0.00	325.48
Northwest FWB-Chicago	500.00	0.00	250.00	500.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	3,250.00
Oak Valley	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	540.00
Pittsburg	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Pleasant View	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	60.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	460.00
Rescue	35.00	35.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	30.00	40.00	35.00	40.00	30.00	405.00
Unity	145.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	330.00
Waltonville	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	630.00
Webb's Prairie	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	30.00	335.00
Z-Together Way	2207.53	1618.57	1731.36	2473.01	1587.51	1806.28	1701.50	1872.63	1441.52	2143.54	1908.74	1991.82	22484.01
Total	5682.01	3062.68	3816.03	5314.59	4546.95	3660.05	3556.68	3921.79	3341.23	5172.37	3817.76	7107.52	52999.66

REPORT NO. 7

PARTIAL REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the nominating committee recommend the following names of people to serve on the boards as listed.

Camp Board – Tom Harmon term to expire 2002

Sunday School & Christian Ed Board – Bill Crank term to expire 2002

Board of Missions – Burt Hall term to expire 2002

CTS Board – Mike McClintock term to expire 2002

Layman's Board – Ernie Taylor term to expire 2002

signed Committee Mark Shores, *Ch.*

Billy Gene Outland

Ronnie Mitchell

Motion sustained to elect Burt Hall to Board of Missions.

Moderator recognized Bro. Trymon Messor who gave report on National Home missions.

1997 BUDGET GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

9% of Together Way	\$ 8,500.00	
Annual Dues	1,575.00	
Interest Income	125.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 10,200.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Board Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	
Boatmen's Bank	100.00	
Delegates' Expenses	500.00	
National Dues	1,125.00	
Honorariums	1,350.00	
Surety Bond	100.00	
Leadership Conference	900.00	
Office Supplies	400.00	
Postage and Phone	400.00	
Printing Minutes	900.00	
State Meeting Expenses	1,400.00	
Miscellaneous	1,025.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 10,200.00

PROMOTIONAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

Together Way	\$ 11,000.00	
Designated Gifts	2,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 13,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary's Salary	\$ 7,865.00	
Printing of Newsletter	2,635.00	
Newsletter Postage & Supplies	2,500.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 13,000.00

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hayes, Treasurer

REPORT NO. 8
REPORT OF STATE TREASURER
General Fund Report 2/1/96 through 1/31/97

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 2,505.09
INFLOWS:		
ILL FWB		
9% of Together Way	8,470.05	
Annual Dues	1,575.00	
Interest Income	123.64	
Legal Fund	8,500.00	
TOTAL ILL FWB	<u>\$ 18,668.69</u>	
TOTAL INFLOWS		\$ 18,668.69
OUTFLOWS		
Board Expenses	\$ 1,611.81	
Boatmen's Bank	79.65	
Delegates Expenses	400.00	
Dues	1,125.00	
General Board	458.00	
Honorariums	1,350.00	
Insurance	100.00	
Leadership Conference	823.11	
Legal Fees	9,638.00	
Postage and Phone	454.21	
Printing	948.00	
State Meeting	1,026.54	
U.S. Post Office	32.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,025.00</u>	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$ 18,046.32
ENDING BALANCE		<u>\$ 3,127.46</u>

PROMOTIONAL FUND REPORT 1996
2/1/96 through 1/31/97

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 4,872.68
INFLOWS:		
ILL FWB		
Income	13,170.40	
Interest	69.30	
TOTAL INFLOWS		<u>\$ 13,239.70</u>
OUTFLOWS		
Misc	\$ 2,068.24	
Postage	3,000.00	
Printing	2,814.00	
Salary	<u>7,865.00</u>	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		<u>\$ 15,747.24</u>
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 2,365.14

Respectfully submitted, Tim Hayes, Treasurer

DESIGNATED GIVING 1996

2/1/96 Through 1/31/97 - ILLFWB General Fund

Payee	INFLWS Assoc of FWB	INFLWS Foreign Mission	INFLWS Home Misslons	INFLWS Total
Bakerville	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
Bear Point	1,998.22	2,486.32	893.15	5,377.69
Beginning 1996	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benton First	0.00	1,357.00	0.00	1,357.00
Benton First Woman's Aux.	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Bethel	220.00	3,337.00	498.00	4,055.00
Blue Point	1,790.75	6,042.10	1,542.18	9,375.03
Butterfield	1,079.00	3,265.00	0.00	4,344.00
Calvary	462.00	901.00	0.00	1,363.00
Camp Board	0.00	142.95	0.00	142.95
Crossroads	212.00	1,755.00	205.00	2,172.00
Decatur	244.08	1,033.35	369.42	1,646.85
East Central District	0.00	225.00	0.00	225.00
Faith-Milan	0.00	204.50	100.00	304.50
Freedom	200.00	200.00	0.00	400.00
Green Rock	0.00	1,549.00	0.00	1,549.00
Harmony - West City	0.00	690.10	0.00	690.10
Harmony - Wet Frankfort	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Harmony - West Frankfort	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Hazel Dell	1,541.16	1,907.71	579.00	4,027.87
Heritage	350.00	200.00	0.00	550.00
Immanuel	1,672.30	0.00	200.00	1,872.30
Ina	900.00	23,190.00	0.00	24,090.00
Individuals	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Johnston City	1,675.00	6,796.04	110.00	8,581.04
Mascoutah	0.00	1,018.21	110.00	1,128.21
Maynard Nora	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
Mt. Vernon	382.00	805.75	0.00	1,187.75
Nason	0.00	1,945.51	0.00	1,945.51
North Central District	0.00	0.00	140.00	140.00
Northern Illinois District	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
Northwest	170.00	270.00	10.00	450.00
Oak Valley	178.70	660.00	0.00	838.70
Peace	828.70	760.00	520.00	2,108.70
Peoples	0.00	0.00	4,015.00	4,015.00
Pittsburg	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Pleasant View	556.90	5,580.30	120.00	6,257.20
Rescue	0.00	110.00	0.00	110.00
Salem	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
South Central District	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
Unity	0.00	195.00	505.00	700.00
Waltonville	110.00	1,583.73	350.00	2,043.73
Webb's Prairie	500.00	820.00	60.00	1,380.00
OVERALL TOTAL	15,070.81	78,280.57	10,991.75	104,343.13

CAMP, PROMOTIONAL & TO-WAY GIVING 1996

2/1/96 Through 1/31/97 - ILLFWB-General Fund

Payee	INFLWS ILLFWB Camp Board	INFLWS ILLFWB Promotional	INFLWS ILLFWB To-Way Plan	INFLWS ILLFWB Total
Alexander	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00
Arnold View	0.00	60.00	5,359.21	5,419.21
Bakerville	0.00	0.00	610.00	610.00
Bear Point	0.00	90.00	6,362.79	6,452.79
Benton First	225.00	0.00	675.00	900.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	4,482.06	4,482.06
Blue Point	0.00	120.00	1,200.00	1,320.00
Butterfield	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Camp Meeting Association	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Crossroads	0.00	10.00	250.00	260.00
Decatur	0.00	180.00	8,593.37	8,773.37
Faith - Milan	0.00	0.00	375.00	375.00
Freedom	0.00	0.00	290.00	290.00
Green Rock	0.00	0.00	510.00	510.00
Harmony - West City	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Harmony - Wet Frankfort	0.00	40.00	936.00	976.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	80.00	2,350.00	2,430.00
Hazel Dell	682.58	120.00	1,547.74	2,350.32
Heritage	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Immanuel	0.00	0.00	8,361.61	8,361.61
Ina	0.00	120.00	9,082.00	9,202.00
Individuals	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Johnston City	0.00	0.00	9,031.82	9,031.82
Mascoutah	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Mt. Olive	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
Mt. Vernon	0.00	0.00	5,410.00	5,410.00
Nason	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
New Hope	0.00	77.00	1,125.93	1,202.93
Northwest	0.00	20.00	1,616.52	1,636.52
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	617.44	617.44
Oak Valley	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Peace	0.00	0.00	9,983.77	9,983.77
Pittsburg	0.00	0.00	2,666.89	2,666.89
Pleasant View	395.88	500.00	0.00	895.88
Rescue	0.00	50.00	1,666.93	1,716.93
Rock Springs	0.00	0.00	654.00	654.00
Salem	0.00	120.00	950.76	1,070.76
South Central District	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	3,162.00	3,162.00
Waltonville	369.48	60.00	1,302.81	1,732.29
Webb's Prairie	0.00	120.00	1,538.00	1,658.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1,872.94	1,877.00	94,111.65	97,861.59

GIVING TO ILLINOIS MISSIONS 1996
2/1/96 Through 1/31/97 - ILLFWB - General Fund

Payee	INFLWS ILLFWB Doggett, Ken	INFLWS ILLFWB Normal	INFLWS ILLFWB Potete, David	INFLWS ILLFWB Total
Bakerville	190.00	0.00	370.00	560.00
Bear Point	0.00	0.00	893.23	893.23
Benton First	65.00	124.00	134.00	323.00
Bethel	220.00	0.00	190.00	410.00
Blue Point	560.00	0.00	1,409.16	1,969.16
Butterfield	0.00	0.00	560.00	560.00
Camp Board	352.72	0.00	126.16	451.88
Crossroads	374.00	150.00	276.00	800.00
Decatur	471.07	0.00	1,199.07	1,670.14
East Central District	225.00	0.00	0.00	225.00
Faith - Milan	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
Freedom	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Green Rock	300.00	0.00	300.00	600.00
Harmony - Wet Frankfort	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Hazel Dell	325.00	0.00	881.00	1,206.00
Heritage	1,350.00	0.00	0.00	1,350.00
Immanual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ina	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Johnston City	700.00	0.00	3,404.02	4,104.02
Mascoutah	275.00	0.00	550.00	825.00
Maynard Nora	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Vernon	190.00	0.00	80.00	270.00
Nason	325.48	0.00	0.00	325.48
Northwest	0.00	0.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
Oak Valley	240.00	0.00	300.00	540.00
Pittsburg	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	2,400.00
Pleasant View	130.00	0.00	330.00	460.00
Rescue	75.00	0.00	325.00	400.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	320.00	320.00
Waltonville	240.00	80.00	300.00	620.00
Webb's Prairie	270.00	0.00	60.00	330.00
OVERALL TOTAL	<u>8,051.27</u>	<u>354.00</u>	<u>18,582.64</u>	<u>26,987.91</u>

TOGETHER WAY ALLOCATIONS FOR 1996

	%	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Together-Way Per Month		6744.03	7214.02	10304.21	6614.61	7526.17	7089.58	7802.63	6006.33	8931.42	7953.10	8299.24	9626.31
National Cooperative Plan	28%	1888.33	2019.93	2885.18	1852.09	2107.33	1985.08	2184.74	1681.77	2500.80	2226.87	2323.79	2695.37
Illinois Board of Missions	24%	1618.57	1731.36	2473.01	1587.51	1806.28	1701.50	1872.63	1441.52	2143.54	1908.74	1991.82	2310.31
Promotional Fund	12%	809.28	865.68	1236.51	793.75	903.14	850.75	936.32	720.76	1071.77	954.37	995.91	1155.16
General Fund	9%	606.96	649.26	927.38	595.31	677.36	638.06	702.24	540.57	803.83	715.78	746.93	866.37
Sunday School & Christian Ed	5%	337.20	360.70	515.21	330.73	376.31	354.48	390.13	300.32	446.57	397.66	414.96	481.32
C.T.S. Board	4%	269.76	288.56	412.17	264.58	301.05	283.58	312.11	240.25	357.26	318.12	331.97	385.05
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%	67.44	72.14	103.04	66.15	75.26	70.90	78.03	60.06	89.31	79.53	82.99	96.26
Laymen's Board	1%	67.44	72.14	103.04	66.15	75.26	70.90	78.03	60.06	89.31	79.53	82.99	96.26
Camp Board	16%	1079.04	1154.24	1648.67	1058.33	1204.19	1134.33	1248.42	961.01	1429.03	1272.50	1327.88	1540.21
Total Co-op Year to Date	100%	6744.03	7214.02	10304.21	6614.61	7526.17	7089.58	7802.63	6006.33	8931.42	7953.10	8299.24	9626.31

REPORT NO 9

PARTIAL REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 1:

We recommend an honorarium of \$250 plus 25 cents per mile be given to our speakers, Dr. Melvin Worthington and Rev. Bill Evans.

ITEM NO. 2

We recommend that the expenses of the General Board Member be paid for representing our state at the 1997 National Convention.

ITEM NO. 3

We recommend the following honorariums be paid to our state officers: \$225 to the moderator; \$450 to the clerk; \$675 to the treasurer.

ITEM NO. 4

We recommend a vote of thanks for the auditing committee: Byford Campbell, David Shores, James Boggs.

ITEM NO 5.

We recommend \$100 be given to our state delegates to the national convention.

ITEM NO. 6

We have numerous individuals who will be taking mission trips such as many youth who will be going on FWB mission trips as well as pastors who will be going on individual mission trips. We would like to encourage our state churches to consider support for these endeavors.

ITEM NO. 7

We recommend that the Illinois State Association adopt the Regional Support Program as outlined by board of missions.

ITEM NO. 8

We recommend a rising vote of thanks be given to the Mt. Vernon first FWB church along with \$125 for use of their facility.

ITEM NO 9.

We recommend the following in regard to the promotional Director of Illinois. That the Executive Board pursue hiring a full-time promotional Secretary/Camp manager.

ITEM NO 10

We recommend that the Executive board be authorized to adjust together way allocations as needed to cover Promotional Secretary expenses.

A motion was sustained to receive the partial report of Business committee.

Business was dismissed by prayer, Bro. Larry Cook.

The church provided a delicious banquet meal, followed by a program consisting of Home Missionary Bro. David Potete presenting his building fund program to the body, followed by singing from Bro. Pat Henry and his son.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The evening service opened with Brother David Malone presiding. Congregation sang "*I have decided to follow Jesus*" followed by prayer by Bro. Kent Dunford. The congregation then sang "*Deeper, Deeper.*" Special music was furnished by the church choir singing "*Wonderful Grace of Jesus.*"

Bro. Melvin Worthington brought report from National Offices.

Message by Dr. Worthington using I Cor. ch 4 vs. 1 thru 5. 'Steward of time'

Dismissal prayer by Bro. David Mishler.

SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 22, 1997 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Brother David Shores presided at the final worship service and the congregation sang "*Tell me the story of Jesus*" followed by prayer by Bro. Keith Fletcher. The congregation then sang "*Love Lifted Me.*" A special number was rendered "*Jesus, Jesus, there is something about that name.*" Rev. Bill Evans brought the message from Titus ch 1 vs. 7-9, I Peter ch 4 vs 7-11 and Heb. ch 12 vs 1,2 on Stewardship of Talents. Bro. David Malone introduced guests from a group of colored churches in East St. Louis area.

RECESS

BUSINESS SESSION

REPORT NO. 10 REPORT OF CAMP BOARD

ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD January 1 - December 31, 1996

The Camp Board met several times during 1996 to oversee camp programs and to care for the maintenance and development of the campground property. The following is a summary of the board's activities and actions throughout 1996:

I. PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED AT CAMP HOPE

1. 1996 Youth Camps - Registration figures for each week are shown below.

Leadership Camp.....	15	Primary Camp.....	88
Junior Camp	77	Junior High Camp	94
Freshman-Sophomore Camp.....	54	Junior-Senior Camp.....	52
Northern-illinois Camp.....	31		

We had a total of 411 campers for the summer season, along with our faithful workers, and recorded a number of decisions each week. Our camps gave a total of \$594 to three missionaries.

2. **S.A.M. Program** – The Student Assistance Ministry was continued last year, hiring Tia Wilson of Salem and Heather Smith of Decatur. They were given scholarships to FWBBC for their summer of work at Camp Hope.
3. **Fall Lock-In** – A Lock-In was held in November with several students from FWBBC helping with devotions, music, and games. A total of 45 young people registered.

II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. **New Roof on Girl's Dormitory** – A new roof was installed on the girls' dormitory by a group of volunteers from around the state last May 13th & 14th.
2. **Petitions in Showers** – New petitions were formed with framework & curtains to enable the gym shower room to be used for an overflow of girls.
4. **New Electric Can Opener** – A new commercial size electric can opener was purchased for the kitchen. Brother Swain's adult Sunday school class in Decatur donated the money for it.
5. **New Soffit on Girls' Dormitory** – A new aluminum vented soffit was installed around the girls' dormitory roof to better maintain that building.
6. **New Ice Maker** – A new ice maker had to be purchased for the kitchen after numerous repairs on the old one proved fruitless.
7. **Painted Multi-Purpose Building** – The main building housing the apartment, auditorium, and cafeteria was painted. The job looks great thanks to a crew organized by Jim Dycus of Ina.
8. **New Pool Pump** – A new pump for the swimming pool proved to be a major investment.
9. **Decorative Pond** – An area of the woods by the road was dredged to make a reflective pond.

III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. **Appointed '97 Camp Director** - The board appointed Bro. Gene Outland as the 1997 General Director for Youth Camps.
2. **Set Dates for Camp** - Weeks Youth Camps for 1997 will be held on the following weeks:

Freshman-Sophomore	June 15-20
Leadership Camp.....	June 20-22
Junior Camp	June 22-27
Primary Camp.....	June 29-July 3
Junior High Camp	July 6-11
Junior-Senior Camp	August 3-8
Northern-Illinois Camp.....	August 10-16

3. **Increased Rental Rates** - Rental rates for non-Free Will Baptist groups using Camp Hope were increased as of April 1, 1996.
4. **Donation to Fire Protection District** - Voted to send \$100 donation to the Ewing-Northern Fire Protection District for help in purchasing equipment.

5. **Raised Camper Fees** - Campers' registration fees were raised to \$55 which will include a free Camp Hope t-shirt. The Family Plan will cost a total of \$125 for 3 or more children from the same family. Those who pre-register before the prescribed deadline will receive a non-refundable \$5.00 canteen card during their week of camp.
6. **Proposed 1997 Budget** - The following budget was proposed for the coming year:

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 20,000.00	
Rentals	19,000.00	
Retreat Receipts	1,000.00	
Youth Camp '97 Income	25,000.00	
Interest on Accounts	700.00	
		+65,700.00

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 10,000.00	
Maintenance and Supplies	10,000.00	
Campground Improvements	5,700.00	
Insurance Premiums	7,000.00	
Retreat Expenditures	1,000.00	
Youth Camp '97 Expenses	19,000.00	
Employees' Compensation	12,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenditures	1,000.00	
		-65,700.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Tom Harmon (1997), *Chairman*
 Ernie Lewis (2000), *Secretary Treasurer*
 Bob Jasper (2001)
 Rusty Miller (1998)
 Ronnie Mitchell (1999)

CAMP BOARD '96 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1/1/96 \$ 2,118.72

Summary of Receipts:

State Association Co-op Gifts	\$ 14,876.13
Individual & Church Donations	2,437.40
S.A.M. Project Gifts	100.00
Interest on Account	149.43
Campground Rentals	14,150.20
Retreat/Lock-In Receipts	360.00
Youth Camp '96 Income	21,402.37

Total Receipts	+\$ 53,475.53
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Summary of Disbursements:		
Campground Utilities	\$ 9,330.76	
Maintenance of the Facility	7,996.53	
Insurance Premiums	7,698.00	
Campground Improvement Fund	2,984.00	
Lock-in Expenses	348.47	
Student Assistance Ministry	3,666.23	
Manager's Compensation	1,452.40	
Building Maintenance Fund	1,750.00	
Youth Camp '96 Expenditures	16,960.35	
Miscellaneous Expenses	493.13	
Total Disbursements	<u>-\$ 52,679.87</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		\$ 2,914.38
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND		
Balance 1/1/96		\$ 4,683.06
Receipts:		
Interest on Account	\$ 124.32	
Transfer from Gen Fund	1,750.00	
Total Receipts	<u>+\$ 1,874.32</u>	
Disbursements:		
Replace Pool Pump	\$ 717.86	
General Maintenance (roof)	1,351.63	
Total Disbursements	<u>-\$ 2,069.49</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		\$ 4,487.89
SPECIAL DONATIONS FUND		
Balance 1/1/96		\$ 13,949.38
Interest on Account	\$ 341.87	
Des Plains Legal Fees	2,000.00	
Balance 12/31/96		\$ 12,291.25
CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Balance 1/1/96		\$ 1,239.60
Receipts:		
Interest on Account	\$ 45.82	
10% of Rentals	1,415.00	
10% of Registration	1,569.00	
Transfer from Gen Fund	1,750.00	
Total Receipts	<u>+\$ 3,029.82</u>	
Balance 12/31/96		\$ 4,269.42

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the financial statement.

A motion was sustained to reelect Bro. Tom Harmon to the Camp board.

Bro Roger Hood brought a report on the Children's home in South Carolina.

Bro. Chris Dotson brought a report on ministries of Free Will Baptist Children Ministries in Virginia.

REPORT NO. 11

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TO THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION 1997

The Christian and Sunday School Board members are: David Turner, *Chairman*, Steven Hale, *Treasurer*, Dan Gray, *Member*, Tracy Kerr, *Member*.

The board met on April 23, 1996 and August 12, 1996. At those meetings we approved student loans totalling \$5,250.00, approved the purchase of a computer for the use of the treasurer, and an loan to the State Association of \$1,500.00 to be used for lawyer fees with the Des Plaines property. We also discussed conducting seminars and planned a seminar on Conflict Management to be held on Thursday, March 20, 1997. We would like to conduct other seminars and invite your suggestions for topics and speakers.

We would like to remind you of two areas of service provided by our board:

1. We have a library of video cassettes available for rental.
2. The Board pays for first semester books for Free Will Baptist students from Illinois attending a Free Will Baptist college.

Jason Scott was granted a \$400.00 in ministerial scholarships.

The Christian Education and Sunday School Board continues to make student loans and collect on those loans when students graduate or leave school. Three loans were paid in full during the year. We do have some loans that are in default and a few others moving in that direction. The Board decided that the loans that are in default will be reported to Trans Union, a credit reporting agency. We wish to commend those who are faithfully repaying their student loans. Those faithful young men and women along with the State Association enable our board give this assistance to those wishing to attend a Free Will Baptist college.

Christian Education & Sunday School Board 1996 Financial Report Income

Coop Receipts - General Fund	\$	4,739.48	
Coop Receipts		1,086.74	
Loan Payments		9,645.24	
Interest Earned		215.83	
Total Income			\$ 15,687.29

Expenses

1st Semester Books	\$	2,827.31	
Office Supplies		2,133.97	
Mileage		652.25	
Student Loans Made		5,250.00	
Other Loans Made		1,500.00	
Returned Checks		105.00	
Minister's Scholarship		400.00	
Total Expenses			\$ 12,868.53

Balance Carried Forward in General Fund	\$	18,367.29
Balance Carried Forward in Ministerial Scholarship Fund	\$	8,434.94

**Christian Education and Sunday School Board
Proposed Budget for 1997**

Income

Coop Receipts - General Fund	\$	4,800.00	
Loan Payments		10,000.00	
Interest Earned		300.00	
Total Income			\$ 15,100.00

Expenses

1st Semester Books	\$	3,000.00	
Mileage		700.00	
Student Loans Made		6,000.00	
Special Projects/Seminars		5,000.00	
Minister's Scholarships		400.00	
Total Expenses			\$ 15,100.00

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the financial statement.

A motion was sustained to elect Bro. Bill Crank to the Christian Education board.

Bro. Keith Fletcher gave report from Randall House Publishing.

Bro. Eddie Payne gave report from Foreign Missions Department.

**REPORT NO. 12
1996 REPORT OF THE CTS BOARD
TO THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION**

Illinois FWB youth performed well at the National Youth Conference, July 21-25, in Fort Worth, Texas. The following entries placed first in their categories.

Music

(D) Male Solo	Chad Webb, Bear Point
(D) Vocal Sextet	Ina Sextet, Ina
(F) Vocal Sextet	Skelly Sextet, Decatur
(C) Chorales	Herald Chorale, Decatur
(B) Keyboard Ensemble	Droll/Johnston, Ina

Oral Communications

(C) Poetry	Jennifer Johnston, Ina
(C) Prose	Jennifer Johnston, Ina
(C) Interpretive Reading of Scripture	Jonathan Monday, Decatur
(D) Skit	Teen Skit, Unity

Creative Writing

(D) Essay	Jennifer Browning
(D) Song	Trudie Skelly, Decatur
(E) Multi-Media 10 Minute Radio Spot	Pittsburg Youth

Creative Arts

- (C) Sculpture/Pottery
- (B) Textile
- (C) Textile
- (B) B/W Photography

Preston Reed, Bear Point
 Susan Romer, Unity
 Katie Boudreau, Unity
 Julie Potete, Northwest

The Guidelines for the National Youth Conference Competition have significantly changed beginning in 1997. We, on the Illinois CTS Board, have adopted all the rule changes for the State competition which will be held May 9-10, 1997, Keller Convention Center, Effingham, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kelly Douglas, *Chairman*
 David Mishler, *Treasurer*
 Mike Johnston, *Secretary*
 Mike McClintock
 Mike Stephenson

STATE CTS COMPETITION WINNERS May 10 & 11, 1996 at Effingham, Illinois

	Age Group	Competitor Name	Church
Sword Drill			
	4th Grade	Jennifer Scott	Bakerville
	5th Grade	Drew Bigley	Ina
	6th Grade	Erika Monday	Decatur
Bible Tic Tac Toe			
		Tim Skelley	Decatur
		Jared Stephenson	Decatur
		Jonathan Monday	Decatur
Vocal Solos			
	A	Brandon Zerfowski	Decatur
	B	Katie McCosh	Bear Point
	C (Male)	Jonathan Monday	Decatur
	C (Female)	Becky Potete	Northwest
	D (Male)	Chad Webb	Bear Point
	D (Female)	Trudie Skelley	Decatur
	E (Female)	Tonya Stephenson	Decatur
Vocal Duets			
	A	Brian and Brandon	Decatur
	B	Ina B Vocal Duet	Ina
	C	Ina C Vocal Duet	Ina
	D	Ina D Vocal Duet	Ina
	E	Ambassador Duet	Unity
Vocal Trios			
	A	Brian & Brandon & Stacia	Decatur
	B	Adventurer Trio	Decatur
	C	Herald Trio	Decatur
	D	Crusader Trio	Decatur
	E	Ambassador Trio	Decatur
	F	Ina F Trio	Ina

Vocal Quartets	B	Adventurer Quartet	Decatur
	D	Crusader Quartet	Decatur
	E	Ambassador Quartet	Decatur
	F	Any combination Quartet	Decatur
Vocal Quintets	C	Herald Quintet	Decatur
	D	Ina D Quintet	Ina
	F	Unity Quintet	Unity
Vocal Sextets	B	Adventurer Sextet	Decatur
	C	Herald Sextet	Decatur
	D	Ina D Sextet	Ina
	E	Ina E Sextet	Ina
	F	Skelley Sextet	Decatur
Chorales	B	Ina B Chorale	Ina
	C	Herald Chorale	Decatur
	D	Crusader Chorale	Decatur
	F	Ina F Chorale	Decatur
Choirs	D	Crusader Choir	Decatur
	F	Decatur Choir	Decatur
String (Bowed) Solo	C	Tyson Conner	Ina
	D	Jacqueline Rasar	Decatur
String (Fretted) Solo	C	Traven Watts	Ina
Woodwind Solo	C	Lisha Ferguson	Tallula
	D	Tracey Starrick	Johnston City
Brass Solo	E	Rebecca Mullins	Unity
Keyboard (Manual) Solo	C	Laura Ellis	Butterfield
	D	Christie Conner	Ina
	E	Rebecca Mullins	Unity
Keyboard Ensemble	B	Ina B Piano Duet	Ina
	E	Mullins & Boudreau	Unity
Skits	B	Ina B Skit	Ina
	C	Ina C Skit	Ina
	D	Teen Skit	Unity
	F	Combination Skit	Unity
Dramatic Selection	B	Drew Bigley	Ina
	C	Jennifer Johnston	Ina

Poetry	C	Jennifer Johnston	Ina
Prose	C	Jennifer Johnston	Ina
Interpretative Reading of Scripture	A	Eric Smith	Johnston City
	B	Brianna Kirk	Johnston City
	C	Jonathan Monday	Decatur
	D	Dawn Phillips	Johnston City
Puppetry (Recorded)	B	Puppets of Praise B Team	Johnston City
	C	Puppets of Praise C Team	Johnston City
	D	Puppets of Praise D Team	Johnston City
	F	Puppets of Praise F Team	Johnston City
Duet Acting	B	Ina Dramatic Duet	Ina
	C	Ina Dramatic Duet	Ina
	D	Players of Praise D Team	Johnston City
	E	Unity Duet Acting	Unity
Sculpture/Pottery	C	Preston Reed	Bear Point
	D	Sarah Pittman	Decatur
	E	Josh Dawson	Bear Point
Painting	A	Christina Scott	Bakerville
Graphics	A	Christina Scott	Bakerville
	B	Joshua Dandurand	Unity
	D	Justin Hancock	Johnston City
Ceramic	A	Christina Scott	Bakerville
	E	Laura Eubanks	Bear Point
Textiles	B	Susan Romer	Unity
	C	Katie Boudreau	Unity
	E	Rebecca Mullins	Unity
Photography (B/W)	A	Christina Scott	Bakerville
	B	Julie Potete	Northwest
	C	Becky Potete	Northwest
	D	Josh Virden	Ina
Photography (Color)	A	Eli Reed	Bear Point
	B	Justin Mandrell	Bear Point
	C	Becky Potete	Northwest
	D	Justin Hancock	Johnston City

ILLINOIS STATE CTS BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,874.81
Income		
Coop	\$ 3,719.03	
Registration - Competition	1,350.00	
Total		\$ 8,943.84
Expenses		
Computer Time	\$ 250.00	
Gift - Executive Board	1,000.00	
Host Expense - For Competition	1,168.72	
Judges and Honoraries	870.00	
Materials for Competition	445.24	
Mileage	1,033.00	
NYC Registration - National	1,566.00	
Postage and Phone	14.08	
Printing	250.32	
Total Expenses		\$ 6,597.36
Ending Balance		\$ 2,346.48

ILLINOIS STATE CTS BOARD 1997 BUDGET

Income		
Coop	\$ 3,800.00	
Registration - Competition	1,350.00	
Total Income		\$ 5,300.00
Expenses		
Computer Time	\$ 250.00	
Host Expense - Keller Convention	1,100.00	
Judges and Honoraries	800.00	
Materials for Competition	450.00	
Mileage	935.00	
NYC Registration - National	1,500.00	
Postage and Phone	15.00	
Printing	250.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 5,300.00

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the financial statement.

A motion was sustained to elect Bro. Mike McClintock to the CTS Board.

Bro. Gene Outland gave a report from the Free Will Bible College.

REPORT NO. 13

Sister Peggy Outland gave report on Illinois WNAC. A motion was sustained this report be received as information. Report as follows:

1996 REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Illinois Woman's Auxiliary is grateful to be able to share how God has blessed the women in our state during the 95-96 year. We are very thankful for the blessings from God and the dedication and faithfulness of our women.

As our theme states: "WE ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD." We strive to fulfill our place in the Great Commission in our homes, churches, communities and around the world. The State Auxiliary is made up of two districts: The Loyal Workers and the Emily Malone. We have twenty-one auxiliaries with a membership of 199. Nineteen members were added during the past year and eighteen lost.

Our 1996 State Meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Benton. The theme "Continue in My Love" was chosen for the meeting, taken from John 15:9. The President shared some thoughts on the theme: (1) *Love Shares*, (2) *Love Sacrifices*, (3) *Love Shows*.

Greetings were brought by Bro. Ken and Sis. Bonnie Doggett, missionaries to Springfield. Team '96 members Kari Ferguson and Trudy Skelly shared with us their plans for the summer. Kari played a piano solo and Trudy sang a special "Amazing Grace." We were encouraged to pray and support all of the Team '96 members.

Our guest speaker was Marcia Ellison, missionary to Uruguay. She shared that if we love God we ought to live for Jesus. She encouraged us to be faithful sharing God's love to others.

The State Auxiliary gave a total of \$7,843.45 to Foreign Missions and \$8,032.19 to Home Missions. The State Project for 95-96 was divided between the Teagues, Owens, Doggetts and Potetes.

The women co-operated again this year in the project of cleaning the apartment at Camp Hope. The following auxiliaries were responsible for a different month during the year: Bear Point, Hazel Dell, Benton, Rescue, Ina, Nason, New Hope, Webb's Prairie, Mt. Vernon and Waltonville. Others sent supplies needed or gave an offering to purchase items needed. The State Auxiliary purchased a Table/Chair set for the kitchen. Maxine Bennett, Christy Shores and Jane Harmon served on the committee to purchase the items needed.

A special "THANK YOU" to all the auxiliaries that helped clean the Youth Camp in preparation for the summer camps. That was such a big help.

Our annual prayer retreat was held September 27 & 28 at Camp Hope. Sis. Carol Reid, Librarian at FWBBC, was a blessing and a challenge as she spoke on the theme "REFLECTIONS OF WOMANHOOD." Seminars were conducted by Sis. Geraldine Lewis and Sis. Sarah Fletcher. A craft fair was held during the retreat. Proceeds went to the purchase of items for the apartment at Camp Hope.

We request the prayers of everyone for our State Auxiliary. If we can be of help, please call Field Worker Peggy Clyatt or President Peggy Outland. We are very thankful for our women who are willing to support the work of our state with their prayers and finances. We trust that 1997 will be a great year and many more souls will be reached for Christ as we labor together with God.

The 1997 State Meeting will be held at the Nason FWBN Church on Saturday, May 3.

*In His Service,
Peggy Outland
President, Illinois Woman's Auxiliary*

**ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR MAY 6, 1995-MAY 4, 1996**

Balance brought forward from May 6, 1995 \$ 460.40

RECEIPTS:

Emily Malone District	\$ 10,501.39
Loyal Workers District	9,362.25
Prayer Retreat Fund	490.00
State Meeting Morning Offering	258.50
Donation for Camp Hope	55.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 21,127.54

DISBURSEMENTS:

Foreign Missions:

Doropo Hospital	\$ 90.00
W. Ellison	40.00
C. Hanna	60.00
S. Malone	75.00
J. Martens	105.00
Nurses	60.00
D. Owens (State Project)	3,368.82
M. Paskell	120.00
Pre-Easter	300.78
D. Teague (State Project)	3,268.85
J. Turnbough	80.00
F.M.G. Fund	95.00
Total Foreign Missions	\$ 7,843.45

Home Missions:

K. Doggett (State Project)	\$ 3,461.57
C. Donoho	165.00
G. Harvey	75.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	344.64
D. Potete (State Project)	3,970.98
B. Randall	15.00
Total Home Missions	\$ 8,032.19

WNAC:		
Co-Laborer Tithes	\$	538.95
Dues		1,990.00
Emphasis		107.00
Student Loan		15.00
WNAC Office		190.00
State Meeting:		
Fare		99.50
Speakers: Trena Owens		100.00
Mary Wisehart		50.00
Kari Milburn - Team "95"		20.00
Natalie Summers - Team "95"		20.00
Team "95"		170.00
Prayer Retreat:		
Camp Hope	\$	150.00
Expenses		10.00
Speakers: B. Doggett		300.00
P. Shores		25.00
S. Lewis		25.00
Tennessee Children's Home	\$	185.00
FWB Family Ministries		448.00
FWB Children's Ministries		258.30
Treasurer Forms		1.40
Kari Ferguson - Team "96"		88.60
Committee for Prayer Retreat "96"		60.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 20,725.39
New Balance May 4, 1996		\$ 402.15
GENERAL FUND	\$	92.15
PRAYER RETREAT	\$	100.00
CAMP HOPE (Apartment)	\$	210.00

REPORT NO. 14
REPORT OF THE STATE LAYMENS BOARD
January 1, 1996-December 31, 1996

With the State Meeting held at the Pleasant View Church, the Master's Men sponsored the annual breakfast Saturday morning at Austins Restaurant in Salem with Bro. Bill Evans speaking.

The 1996 Laymen and Pastors Regional Conference was a GREAT conference, which was held September 5, 6, 7 at Camp Hope. The conference theme was "BY ONE SPIRIT" from Ephesians 2:19-22 with Missionary David Potete from Northwest FWB Church, Steve Futrell and Rev. Vernon Barker from Tennessee and Rev. Robert Helms from Faith FWB Church in Chandler, IN, speaking throughout the conference.

On Thursday afternoon a Golf Tournament was held, with Larry Pritchett and Mark Smith taking top honors.

The "EVIDENCE TRIO" from Free Will Baptist Bible College sang for the conference. On Friday afternoon, during the recreational time, we held our first annual "TRAP SHOOT COMPETITION" which created a lot of interest.

There were lots of GOOD FOOD, fellowship, and many, many blessings. We had 41 to register, with several visiting throughout the conference.

This years conference will be held September 4, 5, 6, 1997, "THE FIRST WEEKEND AFTER LABOR DAY." We again are planning a Golf Tournament, a Trap Shoot, a Horseshoe Tournament, and a Spiritual Filling, with a theme "IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?" from I Samuel 17: 29.

The registration fee is only \$25 so make plans now to attend!

The board voted to provide \$500.00 support for the TEAM BRAZIL members from Illinois.

Signed: Mike Roberts, Chairman
Eldon Schmidt
Paul Moore
Ted Bryan
Ernie Taylor

LAYMAN'S BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1997

Anticipated Assets:

Balance Brought Forward	\$	1,513.17
Together Way Plan		1,000.00
Retreat Registration		1,000.00

Total \$ 3,513.17

Planned Expenses:

Board Members Travel	\$	225.00
Summer Missionaries (Teem/III FWB Students)		700.00
Telephone		60.00
Retreat Expenses		1,400.00
Postage/Printing		50.00
National Master's Men Office		700.00
Miscellaneous		125.00
Cash on Hand		253.17

Total \$ 3,513.17

**ILLINOIS STATE LAYMAN'S BOARD
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEARLY REPORT**

Business Transactions	Income	Expenditures
Balance Brought Forward January 1, 1996	\$915.33	
Deposited Co-op Check 1/25/96	84.91	
Check to Bonanza Restaurant 1/26/96		39.60
Check to Eldon Schmidt 1/26/96		24.00
Check to Ernie Taylor 1/26/96		18.00
Check to Mike Robertson 1/26/96		22.40
Check to Ted Bryant 1/26/96		100.00
Check to Paul Moore 1/26/96		16.00
Check to Eldon Schmidt 1/26/96		5.40
Check to Foreign Missions 3/22/96		500.00
Deposited co-op check 4/1/96	139.58	
Deposited co-op check 5/2/96	103.04	
Deposited co-op check 6/10/96	66.15	
Check to Eldon Schmidt 6/10/96		58.60
Deposited co-op check 7/26/96	146.16	
Deposited co-op check 8/31/96	78.03	
Deposited 9/6/96	1,250.00	
Check to Vernon Baker 9/6/96		75.00
Check to Rev. Robert Helm 9/7/96		75.00
Check to Steve Futrell 9/7/96		75.00
Check to Master's Men 9/7/96		75.00
Check to Ted Bryant 9/7/96		24.72
Check to Camp Hope 9/7/96		150.00
Check to Pat Shores 9/7/96		650.00
Check to Jerry Carroway 9/7/96		300.00
Deposited 9/20/96	958.66	
Check to Eldon Schmidt 10/24/96		24.60
Deposited co-op check 11/26/96	79.53	
TOTALS	3,821.39	2,232.22
One Outstanding Check from 1995	75.00	
BALANCE IN BANK 12/31/96	1,513.17	

The Bank made a \$5.00 mistake on check #2509. The check to Bonanza was for \$39.50 and the Bank shows it for \$34.50 which gives us \$5.00 more in the bank than our checkbook shows. Bank statement shows \$1,593.17.

Motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the financial statement.

A motion was sustained to re-elect Bro. Ernie Taylor to the Board.

REPORT NO. 15

Final report of Business Committee.

ITEM NO. 11

We recommend the following Co-op allocations be approved.

National Association	28%
State Missions	24%
Promotional Fund	12%
Camp Board	16%
General Fund	9%
S.S. and Christian Education	5%
CTS Board	4%
Ministerial Scholarship	1%
Laymen's Board	1%

ITEM NO. 12

We recommend the adoption of the proposed budgets as recommended by the Executive Board, Camp Board, Christian Education and Sunday School Board, CTS Board, Layman's Board, State Treasurer, and the Mission Board.

ITEM NO. 13

We recommend that the Christian Education Board consider increasing the Ministerial Scholarship by fifty percent.

ITEM NO. 14

We recommend that each standing board review and update its five-year plan, submitting it with its 1997 annual report.

ITEM NO. 15

We recommend the following concerning the Des Plains property:

1. We commend Moderator Larry Clyatt and the Executive Board for their work in this matter.
2. We further recommend that the Executive Board further pursue legal action entering a contingency agreement with legal counsel using the attorney who is best able to represent our position.

ITEM NO. 16

We recommend that the date and times of the Executive Board meetings be published in the newsletter one month prior to its meeting.

ITEM NO. 17

We have two requests for next year's state meeting. We offer both to the body for a vote.

1. Bear Point FWB, Sesser, Illinois
2. Peace FWB, Granite City

Tom Harmon
Karel Smith
Bill Crank

NOTE: Peace FWB withdrew their request.

Motion sustained to adopt Item 1
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 2
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 3.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 4.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 5.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 6.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 7.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 8.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 9.
 Motion defeated to amend Item 10.
 Motion carried to table Item 10.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 11.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 12.
 Motion to amend Item 13 to read We recommend that the Christian Education and Sunday School Board consider increasing the ministerial Scholarship to \$500 per semester carried.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 13 as amended.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 14.
 Item 15 considered topic by topic.
 Motion sustained to adopt topic 1 of Item 15.
 A substitute motion topic 2 of Item read the Executive Board pursue legal action as far as they deem wise. This motion carried.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 16.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item 17, the State Meeting will be held at Bear Point Church, Sesser, Illinois in March, 1998.

REPORT NO. 17 **REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

1. The Resolution committee recommends the State Association of Free Will Baptist stand in opposition to partial birth abortion; that a letter be sent by the clerk to elected officials stating our position as a group and that individuals send a letter to their elected officials stating their opposition.
2. We recommend the resolution committee be given to the Christian Education Board.

Signed: Sam Williams
 James Boggs
 David Turner

Motion sustained to receive report and act on item by item.
 Motion sustained to adopt Item No. 1.
 Moderator ruled Item No. 2 required constitutional change, tabled until next session.

REPORT NO. 18
REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We the Literature Committee commend Randall House Publications for the quality of the literature available to our Churches. We continue to encourage that our Churches use the publications of Randall House.

Signed: Elfrieda Monday
Joyce Hale
Ernie Taylor

Motion sustained to adopt the report and clerk write a letter to the churches encouraging them to use Randall House.

REPORT NO. 19
REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Deceased Members:

East Central District:

Manley Compber, *Blue Point*;
Freda Shaw, *Salem*

South Central District

Guy Ligon, Ruby Zeigler, *Ina*;
Velma Johnson, *Harmony, W.F.*;
Estella Masterson, Lula Levil, Ruth Duff, Burnest Cox, *Alexander*;
Henry Britton, *Benton*;
Nelma Cockrum, *New Hope*;
Patsy Clarke, Simone Bruyer, Pearl Stanley, Pete Stritzel, Bernie Johnson, *Johnston City*;

Fox River District

Judy Norris, *Elgin*

North Central District

Norman Conner, Velma Upton, *Green Rock*

West Central District

Mae Newton, Edith Young, *Rescue*;
Halic Levault, Billy Cockrum, Richard Thompson, James Robinson, *Hazel Dell*;
Shirley Evans, *Bethel*;
Ila Mae Marangni, *Waltonville*;
J. B. Joiner, Sue Renfro, Inez Humphrey, *Peace*;
Alva Darrough, *Oak Grove*

We recommend that Brother Leon McBride offer a prayer in memory of those deceased this past year, everyone stand and sing verse of "In the Sweet By and By".

Signed: H.W. Malone
Leon McBride
Jane Harmon

Motion to adopt carried.

Motion sustained to elect a nominating committee consisting of the following: Larry Cook, Ernie Lewis, Steve Hale.

Moderator appointed a Resolution Committee consisting of the following: Tracy Kerr, chairman, Danny Gray, David Turner.

Floor was opened to nominations for delegates to the National Association. Motion sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect the following to serve as delegates: Mike Robertson, Richard Smith, Pam Potete, Dennis Maynard, Reba Utley.

REPORT NO. 20

FINAL REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following names of people to serve as officers of the state association:

TREASURER	Tim Hayes
CLERK	Larry Monday
ASSISTANT CLERK	Byford Campbell
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	David Malone
MODERATOR	Larry Clyatt

Signed: Mark Shores
Ronnie Mitchell
Billy Gene Outland

Motion sustained to receive the report.

Motion sustained to elect each nominee.

Executive Board was directed to pursue the matter of dissolution clause as had been requested earlier in letter from the East Central District.

Motion was sustained to recommend Bro. Ernie Lewis to the National Association as General Board Member.

Motion was sustained to adjourn the 1997 session. Meet at Bear Point Church, Sesser, Illinois on March 20 and 21, 1998.

Dismissed by Prayer.