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**MARCH 20, 1998
FRIDAY MORNING SESSION**

The 1998 State Association meeting was hosted by the Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church of Sesser. The church was a generous host and those attending enjoyed a great time of worship, fellowship, and business. The representation of our six districts was as follows: 30 elected delegates, 67 standing delegates and 63 visitors, for a total registration of 160. Brother Byford Campbell presided over the opening Worship services with the congregation singing, "He Brought Me Out." The host pastor, Bro. Larry Cook, offered the opening prayer and then welcomed the State Association to the church. Special singing was offered by Sister Julie Wilson. The morning message was brought by Bro. Clifford Hicks from Jeremiah 6:16, "Return To The Old Paths." A message that reminded us all of the need to remember past leaders and appreciate all they have done in laying a worthy foundation for our present work. We are to be just as faithful as they were for those who follow us!

BUSINESS SESSION

The body was called to order by Bro. Larry Monday, State Clerk, introducing the Moderator, Bro. Larry Clyatt. The moderator then recognized our standing delegates, consisting of 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.

Business Committee

Tom Harmon
Adrain Smith
Jason Jean

Memorial Committee

Bonnie Doggett
Jane Harmon
Richard Smith

Literature Committee

Bill Crank
Kent Waller
Mark Shores

Following this a short recess was called.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Pauline Braggs
 Nora Browning
 LaDonna Blades
 Linda Dunford
 Mildred Rogers
 James Thompson
 Brenda Fowler
 Peggy Clyatt
 Wastina Campbell
 Marsha Sneldon
 Dola Mausey

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Dennis Maynard
 Richard Smith
 Chris Wright
 Jerry Miller

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Jane Harmon
 Peggy Outland
 Loraine Crank
 Donna Harrison
 Tonya Jasper
 Khristi Shores
 Ron Malone
 Ruth Wells
 Lawrence Lemons
 Carlene Roberts

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Kent Waller
 Bruce Shurtz
 Maxine Hicks
 Marie Rutger
 Kathy Hayes
 Debbie Woolbright
 Gloria Waller
 Carl Hawkins
 Ernie Lewis

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Irene McEvers
 Shirley Turner
 Bonnie Doggett

FOX RIVER DISTRICT

Al Walker
 Bob Ferguson
 Tom Slamans

LOCAL CHURCH DELEGATES

Marian Thompson

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

REPORT NO. 2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1997 STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE MEMBER DISTRICTS

Districts	East Central	West Central	South Central	North Central	Northern Illinois	Fox River	Total
Churches	8	10	11	9	5	3	46
# Reporting	8	10	11	9	4	3	45
Total Members	827	928	1,027	553	143	128	3,606
Members Lost	18	26	39	7	11	3	104
Members Add.	38	35	40	49	4		166
Baptisms	52	44	25	32	14		167
Parsonages	3	4	3	4	1		15
Full-Time	4	4	6	5	2		21
Part-Time	4	3	5	2	1		15
City	3	4	4	9	3		23
Rural	5	10	7				22
Property(\$)	2,415,000	2,700,000	2,571,000	2,213,000	680,000	1,032,000	11,611,000
Ordained	14	17	18	10	5	4	68
Licensed	1	2	6	1	1		11
Deacons	26	28	32	10	6	5	107

Day Cares							0
Kindergartens		1					1
Schools	1	1					2
Colleges							0
Enrollment							
S.S.	654	711	402	434	196	185	2,582
CTS	97	221		105	14	7	444
WNAC	80	92	65	60	20	12	329
Masters Men	24	13		47	11	5	100
Total Inc.	367,537	531,238	494,736	327,203	167,790	164,963	2,053,467
Budgets	4	6	4	6	1	0	21

EXECUTIVE BOARD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1998

Northern Illinois	Billy Maynard	North Central.....	Dan McEvers
East Central.....	Clifton Buchanan	South Central.....	Jason Jean
West Central	David Baker	Fox River	Daryl Ellis
	Quad Cities.....		Cliff Donoho

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES 1998

The Executive Board met following the 1997 State meeting and organized with Bro. Larry Clyatt being elected to the position of Chairman and Bro. Larry Monday elected as Secretary. The board voted to meet on Monday, May 4, 7:00 P.M. The meeting place will be at the Crossroads FWB Church in Effingham.

The Board discussed the possible settlement offer being proposed in the Des Plains Church case, the necessity of a phone conference, in which an official vote on whether to accept the offer will be taken. Our attorneys have said, "We have won the property. The listing price of the property according to Covest Bank records is in the area of \$300,000.00. The property will be deeded over to the old members of the Des Plains Church and then signed over to the State Board." We discussed the necessity of obtaining insurance and a Realtor, in order to sell the property.

The Board voted to give the legal committee, the authority to act in these areas, if the property should be turned over to the state before our next scheduled meeting.

The Executive Board will be composed of the following:

Moderator: Larry Clyatt

Asst. Moderator: David Malone

Clerk: Larry Monday

Asst. Clerk: Byford Campbell

Prom. Sec.: David Shores

Treasurer: Tim Hayes

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

South Central: Jason Jean

West Central: David Baker

East Central: Clifton Buchanan

North Central: Dan McEvers
Northern Ill.: Billy Maynard
Fox River: Daryl Ellis
Quad Cities: Clifford Donoho

BOARD STRUCTURE:

CHRISTIAN ED & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tracy Kerr (1999)
David Turner, *Chr.* (2000)
Steve Hale, *Sec. & Treas.* (2001)
Bill Crank (2002)
Danny Gray (2003)

CTS BOARD

David Mishler, *Treas.* (1999)
Kelly Douglas, *Chr.* (2000)
Mike Stephenson (2001)
Mike McLintock (2002)
Mike Johnston, *Sec.* (2003)

MISSION BOARD

Mark Shores (1999)
Sam Henderson, *Sec. & Treas.* (2000)
John Hollis, *Chr.* (2001)
James Boggs (2002)
Wallace Malone (2003)

CAMP BOARD

Ronnie Mitchell, *Sec. & Treas.* (1999)
Ernie Lewis, *Chr.* (2000)
Bob Jasper (2001)
Tom Harmon (2002)
Rusty Miller (2003)

ILLINOIS STATE MASTER'S MEN BOARD

Ted Bryan (1999)
Jerry Miller (2000)
Mike Robertson, *Chr.* (2001)
Ernie Taylor, *Sec. & Treas.* (2002)
Karel Smith, *Prom.* (2003)

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Respectively, Larry Monday, *State Clerk*

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MAY 22, 1997

The Executive Board met May 22nd at Cross Roads FWB Church in Effingham at 7:00 PM. Meeting opened with devotion given by Bro. Larry Clyatt using Acts 4:13. Topic was "Boldness For Christ."

Roll Call with the following members present: Larry Clyatt, David Malone, Larry Monday, Byford Campbell, Jason Jean, Gene Outland, James Boggs, Daryl Ellis, David Turner, John Hollis, David Shores, and

Billy Maynard. A motion carried to seat the following Proxies: Ronnie Mitchell for Tom Harmon, Sam Henderson for the North Central District, (total present, 14).

Minutes from the February 7th, and March Organizational meetings were read approved as read.

Bro. Clyatt gave a report from our court hearing on the Des Plains Property. Our attorney had faxed us a copy of his letter, explaining the judges ruling on our case, on Wednesday, May 21, 97. He states the judge had accepted the Defendants' arguments that there is no standing on any of the Plaintiffs to continue with this lawsuit. The State Association's claim, that the property should transfer to us by the By-laws, was still valid.

Since the By-laws were not attached to the complaint, he dismissed this count also, on this technicality. We have been given 35 days to file an amended complaint, if we wish to do so. Our attorney's recommendation is that we submit a Motion to Reconsider, to request that the judge reconsider issues on which they believe he improperly ruled. If this action failed, then we would amend the complaint and include affidavits from as many former members as possible.

They highly recommend that we continue forward with this case in order to rectify this wrong and if we need too, enter a contingency agreement, in order to go forward.

Bro. Clyatt informed us of the present outstanding debt of \$6000.00, still owed to our attorneys. Recommend we meet with our lawyer and work out a deal of continuing only if we can get a 100% Contingency agreement.

Motion made and seconded that we go to a proposal of 100% contingency and a sharing of some of the expenses, if we proceed with the case. A committee appointed to go with Bro. Clyatt to talk with our lawyer about this proposal, hammer out an agreement and report back to us in a called meeting.

A time for prayer was requested and the Board asked for the Lord's direction in this matter.

Motion made and seconded that we have an "All Boards Meeting," at Camp Hope on November 13-14, with individual boards meeting on Thursday, everyone together for a common mealtime, and a meeting together the next day. Moderator and officers will plan the program.

A report from the state treasurer for the first quarter was received and motion to adopt was passed.

A report of the Board of Missions was given for the first quarter. Motion carried to adopt.

A report from the Camp Board for the first quarter was received and motion to adopt carried.

A report from the CTS Board for the first quarter was given. Motion to adopt carried.

A report from Christian Education Board for first quarter was given. Motion to adopt carried. Bro. Turner shared with us the Board's discussion to offer scholarships instead of school loans, plans for a Family Seminar.

A report from Layman's Board was given. Motion to adopt carried.

A report of Promotional Secretary was given and received. He informed us that the Cuban family that many of our churches have helped with offerings had safely arrived in Miami FL. He & Bro. David Malone had met with the Black FWB Churches in their Quarterly and a resolution was presented to establish fellowship with our State Association. Missionary Dennis Own was present and shared his testimony and concerns during this report. He had been approved by the National Board to raise \$150,000.00 for a land fund for Uraquay Mission Churches, of which \$55,000.00 had already been raised.

A letter was given to the Executive Board in our February meeting, from the East Central District, requesting that the State Association present to our churches a letter of information concerning Articles of Dissolution. Attorney, John Simmons, was to be asked to make a presentation on church incorporation and dissolution to our state meeting. Fees limited to \$150.00 for his consultation.

This request was not carried out...a committee of three men, David Malone, Larry Monday, and Bro. Boggs, were appointed to meet with attorney Simmons and assist him in preparing a letter of explanation of what should be included in an article of dissolution and papers of Incorp.

General Board's next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, August 28, the Association Planning Committee meeting at 4:00 pm. and the General Board at 5:00 pm. On February 5th or 6th, 1998 board will meet again.

Planning Committee requested to consider the General Boards taking care of honorariums, mileage expenses before the State Association meets, so as to improve the appearance of our state work before visitors and to limit non-state representatives time in their presentations to five minutes each.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Closing Prayer by Bro. Ronnie Mitchell.

Respectively, Larry Monday, *State Clerk*

SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JUNE 6, 1997

Re: Des Plains Property Case

Meeting opened with a sharing of favorite verses by all men present.

Business began with a discussion of whether the monies made available to the Executive Board, by the State Boards, which enabled us to pay our attorneys fees for representing us in the Des Plains case be considered a loan, to be repaid or a gift, not to be paid back.

Motion made and seconded that: "The funds provided by the various State Boards is considered a loan, to be repaid, whether we win or lose the Des Plains Case." Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Moderator, Larry Clyatt, shared with the board what the following committee; Bro. Clyatt, Daryl Ellis, Kelly Douglas, and David Poteat discussed with our attorney in a four hour meeting, the previous Tuesday. Our attorney, believing that we still have a winnable case, proposed: "we present an amended complaint along with affidavits from four members of the old Des Plains Church."

Bro. Clyatt had talked with former members: Loyd Settle, still living in the Ina Community and Jack (Carl) Jones, one of last members still attending church before it's break-up and they had agreed to help us with the Des Plains Case. He was put in touch with the great-nephew of Charles Osborne, Mr. Clark, still living in the Des Plain area, who had the church minutes, up to 1977. Neither Mr. Jones nor Clark had personal knowledge of the Church's Constitution & Bylaws, giving property to Illinois Free Will Baptist.

Carl Devalle, member of the Osborne Family, found a copy of an agreement signed by Mrs. Osborne, with Jim Mains, on March, 1979, making him the Trustee of the property. Mr. Mains had signed an agreement with the King James Church, allowing them to use this property with the stipulation that if they prospered after 5 years, they would be given the property.

Mrs. Osborne filed a document giving the property back to the church in 1973; so the 1979 agreement would have no standing in court. This 79 agreement would be nothing more than a long term lease with the King James Church.

The King James Church asked Jim Mains in 1986, to give the property to them. He resigned as Trustee in 1986 without ever signing the property over to them. In September of 86, the church wanted to get the property in order to sell and relocate. Mr. Main, who rented the property to King James Bible Church, never gave this property to the church, raising the question, "If he had the authority to give it away, why didn't he?"

It was suggested that the daughter, Irene, who lives in Anaheim, CA. be made the Trustee. Mr. Jones and Mr. Clark and their wives, want to help us if they can.

The representative group from our Executive Board, asked our attorney to do an audit of our account to see if we had been double-billed. After the audit, found there was a month that we had not been billed; so we must now pay our attorney \$9,493 06

Our attorney suggested that we proceed with the case on a contingency agreement with fees of \$50.00 per hour. He could not negotiate a reduction in expenses because all of his clients paid their expenses. Winning the case, the contingency would be 40 0/0 of settlement, minus all fees paid, except for the first \$5000.00. He also asked us to give him permission to settle for the original agreement.

Further discussion followed after Kelly Douglas informed us that there were a total of 3 congregations and 2 garages using our facilities without permission. Carol Garner, a secretary of the church, had certified the document in 1979. Harold Clark was the Church Treasurer and Deacon according to his own testimony. He said that Dennis Maynard had other books in his possession. Bobby Thompson was another suggested person to contact, but he had left the church in March of 1973.

Motion made and seconded, "that we enter into a contingency agreement with our attorney, if no settlement can be reached with the King James Church on our original agreement; pay what we presently owe and the remaining costs of proceeding further with our case be no more than \$15,000.00."

The motion passed with a 5 to 4 vote count. A motion was then made by Bro. Boggs, as a member of the dissenting minority, "to make the vote in the affirmative, a majority vote of the Executive Board." This motion was seconded and then a question was raised concerning whether this procedure was in order because of a possible lack of quorum. The Moderator made a ruling, " This motion was in order, based on his interpretation of what the constitution says concerning the question of a quorum." The vote passed unanimously to accept this motion.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn...passed by unanimous vote.

Respectively, Larry Monday, *State Clerk*

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AUGUST 28, 1997

The Executive Board met at the Crossroads FWB Church in Effingham, IL. on August 28th, 1997. Meeting at 5:00 PM. Meeting opened with devotional thought from Exodus 3:6, 'God of Our Fathers', emphasis on the thought that good leaders become great because of their connection to God by Bro. Byford Campbell.

Roll call was taken with the following members present Larry Clyatt, Byford Campbell, Larry Monday, Tim Hays, Gene Outland, (new Camp Board Chairman) Ernie Lewis, John Hollis, Kelly Douglas, David Turner, (new North Central Representative) Karel Smith and David Shores.

Minutes of the special called June 6th meeting were read and approved as read.

Moderator Larry Clyatt gave a brief report on his meeting with our attorney, concerning the status of our court case on the Des Plains Church property. Mrs. Manestar, our attorney's assistant, went back to the 1976 incorporation papers, found the names of the original church officers, made contact with them for additional information. The majority of these officers are cooperating with us. Bro. Clyatt told us of a tape that existed concerning a meeting of the King James Bible Church

at Des Plains. Our attorneys requested a copy of this tape from the judge. We have forwarded \$15,000.00 to our attorneys and entered into a contingency agreement with them. We will now be billed \$50.00 per hour plus expenses.

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

There was no Layman's Board report given.

The Christian Ed. Board report was given by Bro. David Turner. Vote to approve guidelines for the new C.E. Scholarship was carried. Motion carried to adopt report.

The Camp Board report was given by their new chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis Ronnie Mitchell now serves as their Secretary/Treasurer. A new brick fireplace has been completed in honor of Jack Ketterman. Motion carried to adopt.

The CTS Board report was given by Bro. Kelly Douglas, encouraging more participation next year. Motion carried to adopt.

The Board of Missions report was given by Bro. John Hollis. This Board is requested to bring a recommendation to fill their board vacancy at our next scheduled meeting. Motion carried to adopt.

The promotional Secretary report was given by Bro. David Shores. He reported on an effort through the Illinois Woman's Auxiliary, to fill an 18 wheeler truck with food and supplies for the Greenville, Tennessee Children's Home. All of the Illinois Churches were encouraged to participate. The Report was received for information.

Next meeting date set as follows: regular meeting date will be November 13-14, All Boards Conference with General Board Meeting on Friday, 14 at 9:00 A.M., at Camp Hope.

Motion carried to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Byford Campbell.

Respectively, Larry Monday, *State Clerk*

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1997

The Executive Board met November 14th at Camp Hope at 9:00 a.m. Meeting was opened by each board member reading their favorite verses of Scripture and prayer by Bro. James Boggs and Bro. John Hollis.

Roll call with the following members present: Larry Clyatt, David Malone, Larry Monday, Byford Campbell, Tim Hayes, Gene Outland, James Boggs, Daryl Ellis, John Hollis, Kelly Douglas, David Shores, Karel Smith, Ernie Lewis, Billy Maynard, Jason Jean. The following proxies were seated: Steve Hale for David Turner.

Minutes from August 28th meeting were read and upon motion was approved as read.

Bro. Clyatt gave an updated report on the Des Plains Property. Motions were made to dismiss charges in the October 20 court

appearance of Herbert Bell and King James Bible Church. The judge will make his rulings on these motions on December 10, 11:30 am. In the September 30th appearance our lawyers made a motion to have the defendant's lawyers produce the original tape of the King James Baptist Bible Church's Board of Deacons & Trustees meeting.

On October 9, defense Lawyer Levine produced the tape and it was put under court seal. Upon listening to the tape, the first 2/3rds of the tape had been erased. Our attorney, Tom Planera filed two subpoenas, one to the company making a copy of the tape before it was surrendered and one to the employee; asking them what instructions were given to them concerning the making of this copy and whether the employee erased the tape or was it already erased before he got it.

Regarding our fee agreement: our attorney will not draw fees from our retainer, for the present, but will draw only expenses from it. We still owe \$4500.00 in fees and have approximately \$1800.00 of the retainer left.

Program Committee gave their report on the final plans for the March State Meeting at the Bear Point Church. Plans are under way for the Friday Evening Banquet to honor Bro. Fred Hersey for his forty-two years of missionary service. We recommend that the State Missions Board coordinate this banquet, along with the host church, and the celebration to follow in the Friday Evening Service.

Hotels for the meeting are in Benton and possibly Seasons Hotel at Rend Lake could be used as well.

A report from the Illinois State Treasurer for the third quarter was received. Bro. Hays raised the question of what mileage rate he was to pay board members. He is presently reimbursing at .25 per mile for meetings and the government is allowing 31.5 per mile. The camp will bill us for expenses of hosting this All Boards Meeting and what should we give the camp as an honorarium? Motion to adopt was passed.

A report of the Board of Missions was given and a motion was carried to adopt. The Board recommends Bro. James Boggs to replace Burt Hall who moved to Alabama. His term would end in March.

The Regional Support Plan (IRS) is estimated to need approximately \$180,000.00 to support present missionaries. Illinois gave \$280,000.00 to missions last year. A report on deficit missionary accounts, as of Nov. 1, was given as follows: Teague Act.- \$20,000.00 in red and Hersey's Act.- \$9000.00 in red. Owen's Act.- \$4000.00 in the black as of Nov. 1.

A report from the Camp Board was received and a motion to adopt was carried. Discussion about the need of lifeguards at camp followed. They serve the camp for 11 weeks and receive \$150.00 per week-paid directly to their school bill at the FWB Bible College, \$25.00 per week-spending money, and free room & board. Need two workers; one to handle camp chores only and one to assist with camping program. Need one of these to possibly handle lifesaving responsibilities as well.

A report from the C.T.S. Board was given. Motion to adopt carried. Reminded us to remind our churches to look closely at the Bible Requirements for competition this year.

A report from the Christian Education Board was given by Bro. Hale, filling in for Bro. David Turner. A seminar will be sponsored by the board, March 19, 6:00 pm.-9:00 pm., entitled, "Family Finances," given by Bro. Bill Evans of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance. Motion to adopt carried.

A report from the Laymen's Board was given and a motion to adopt carried. Plans are under way for the 1998 Retreat at Camp Hope. Everyone will receive information earlier this year.

A report of the Promotional Secretary was given and received. Bro. Shores suggested that we think about inviting some pastors, from non-member Free Will Baptist Churches from State Association to Camp Hope for a fellowship meal.

Motion was made to change our present .25 per mile mileage rate to match the government's allowed deduction of .30 per mile, beginning in January, 98. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion made and carried to make a contribution of \$200.00 to Camp Hope, for it's hosting the All Boards Conference. Expenses to be charged for meals are \$150.00.

Motion by the Board of Missions to elect Bro. James Boggs to fill it's available position till March was carried.

Motion was made and carried to pay the registration & expenses to send three representatives to the December Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN, at the Maxwell House. Motion was made and seconded to accept Travis Penn's offer to present plans in our February meeting to design a Web page on the Internet for our Illinois Executive Board.

- (a.) Recommend that at our next meeting, the Board consider a constitutional change, to change the name of the Laymen's Board to the Illinois Master's Men Board.
- (b.) we consider adding additional statements to our constitution to cover the use of the different boards in the offering of scholarships.
- (c.) statements of dissolution clauses be provided at our February 6th meeting to satisfy the request of the East Central Conference, last year for such guidance.
- (d.) appoint a committee to audit the reports of the different boards. Ernie Lewis chair, Daryl Ellis, and Mike Johnston were appointed with Bro. Boggs serving as an alternate.

Next meeting will be at Crossroads FWB Church, February 6th, at 7:00 pm.

Motion made and carried to adjourn with closing prayer by Billy Maynard.

Respectively, Larry Monday, *State Clerk*

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 1998

The Executive Board met February 6, at Cross Roads FWB Church in Effingham at 7:00 PM. Meeting opened with devotion given by Bro. David Malone using I Peter 2:13-17. Topic was "Let's Read The Newspaper," referring back to David and his sin with Bathsheba and how he tried to cover up his sexual sins. God deals with sin in the life of the Believer, this is why we should remember our President in prayer during this time. Pray that we will ALL deal with secret sins and glorify God through our honest walk with Him.

Roll Call with the following members present: Larry Clyatt, David Malone, Larry Monday, Byford Campbell, Tim Hayes, Jason Jean, Daryl Ellis, David Turner, Kelly Douglas, Mike Robertson, John Hollis, Karel Smith, Ernie Lewis and Billy Maynard. Two new members were welcomed to the Board, Clifton Buchanan for the East Central District and Bro. David Baker for the West Central District (total present, 16 members). Special guests, Bro. Travis Penn; Emie Taylor and Sam Henderson were welcomed.

Minutes from the November 14th meeting were read and approved as read.

Bro. Clyatt gave a report from our court hearing, on the Des Plains Property, the judge had accepted and given us legal standing on six out of nine charges made in our complaint. Our attorney is asking for direction and that our present attorney's bill of \$7000.00 be caught up to date. They have not been taking their fees out of our retainer, only necessary expenses. Bro. Clyatt asked the Board, "What do we tell our attorneys?" The Mission's and Camp Boards made a contribution of \$9,000.00 to our legal fund. Motion was made and carried that we accept these contributions to pay the present bill of \$7000.00 in legal fees owed and retain the balance of contributions for later use in the legal fund, as we proceed with this case. The board also asked that we direct our attorneys to seek a settlement, if possible.

Bro. Larry Cook gave a report on the Bear Point Church's preparation to host the Illinois State Association in March. A light lunch will be made available on Friday of the state meeting, by the church, for a nominal fee. The church will also provide the Friday Evening Banquet meal at 5:30 pm. It was suggested that Bro. John Hollis introduce our Summer Student Missionaries, and their money needs.

It has been suggested that we inform our guests representatives of the various represented ministries that they use no more then 3-5 minutes each in giving their reports.

Motion made and carried that we have an "All Boards Meeting," at Camp Hope in November, 98 with individual boards meeting on Friday and our General Board meeting on Saturday Morning, at 9:00 am. The exact dates to be decided on at a later date.

A report from the State Treasurer, covering the Year and first quarter

was received and motion to adopt was passed. Our Treasurer reported an increase in overall giving, especially in Missions, this last year.

A report of the Board of Missions was given for the first quarter. Bro. Hollis was excused by our moderator, because of sickness and Bro. Henderson was given permission to act as his proxy through the rest of the meeting. The Board reported an increase in Mission's giving through the state last year. On May 2, a Regional Pastor's Symposium will be held in Springfield, at the Heritage House, on I.R.S. Giving and follow up questions answered. Other such meetings will be held in the Northern and Southern parts of the state as well. Meals and mileage for these meetings will be paid by the Board. It is recommended that the vacancy on the mission board be filled at the state meeting. Motion carried to adopt this report.

A report from the Camp Board was received and motion to adopt carried. On May 1-2 volunteers are asked to meet at the campgrounds in order to re-roof the Boy's Dormitory. This will be the last of the buildings that needed to be re-roofed.

A report from the CTS Board for the first quarter was given. Motion to adopt carried. Reminded everyone to follow the new National requirements, that will be strictly enforced, this year; especially the required Bible Competition in order to qualify their music competition.

A report from Christian Education Board for the first quarter was given. Motion to adopt carried. Question concerning defaulted loans was raised. Bro. Turner said names will be turned into the Credit Union to be listed as defaulted on their credit history; but, no attempt will be made by the Credit Bureau to collect these loans on our behalf. The James Dobson Video series, "Life On the Edge," is now available in the CE Library for our churches to use.

A report from Layman's Board was given. Eldon Schmidt has resigned from the Board so the State Association has been asked to fill this vacancy. Motion to adopt the report was carried. Request was made to ask the State Association Business Committee to adopt and present the Board's proposal, "to change the name of the Illinois State Laymen's Board to the Illinois State Master's Men Board." Motion made and passed to recommend this request to the State Business Committee for the State's consideration.

A report of Promotional Secretary was not given since he was absent because of services elsewhere.

A reminder that the Nominating Committee this year is Ernie Lewis, Larry Cook, and Steve Hale.

The Auditing Committee has examined all books and found them in order. Their report was received and a word of appreciation was given to them by our Moderator.

There was a discussion concerning the need for statements within our constitution & bylaws to cover individual boards providing scholarships. This discussion is to be continued at our next meeting.

Bro. Ernie Lewis was asked to gather examples of Articles of Dissolution, being used in our state, to share with the East Central District. This material will satisfy their request for such assistance received last year.

Motion was made and carried to recommend to the state association that we retain the present Co-op allocations in our budget.

Request was made, and the Executive Board recommends that the State Association receive and accept into fellowship, a newly formed district of five churches, called the Quad City District Association.

Tim Hayes asked for permission to set up a display at the State Association meeting to advertise his trip to Utah this summer. The board extended this permission on behalf of the state.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Closing Prayer by Bro. Larry Clyatt.

Respectively, Larry Monday, *State Clerk*

Quad City Association of Free Will Baptists

February 5, 1998

Illinois Association of Free Will Baptists Executive Board

RE: State Affiliation

Dear Brothers,

The Free Will Baptist Churches of the Quad Cities have met together and formed the Quad City Association of Free Will Baptists, and would like to be accepted into the State Association as a new Quarterly.

The Churches involved include:

Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Milan

First Free Will Baptist Church, Moline

Green Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Colona

Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Davenport

Riverview Free Will Baptist Church, Bettendorf

All the aforementioned churches have sent letters of resolution from their individual congregations requesting membership, and will withdraw from the North Central Quarterly if and when the new Association is formally recognized and accepted by the State Association.

Please present this item of business to the annual Association meeting in March if this meets with your approval. On behalf of the Association, I am...

Sincerely yours,

Cliff Donoho, Moderator

(by Sam Henderson, Executive Board Representative by proxy)

Motion made and seconded to receive all the reports of the Executive Board.

REPORT NO. 3

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Where Illinois Free Will Baptists Are

My report this year is a look at where we are as a State Association in our work for the fulfilling of the great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. At our first All Boards Meeting last November, I spoke on this subject and I want to share some of those things with you this morning. Any item you wish to discuss may be discussed in this assembly or you may talk to me privately. These thoughts are simply my evaluations.

1. Where we are in doctrine. I am convinced we are still firmly planted in the Word of God. It is interesting to look at the quarrels we've had in the past: none of them centered around a major biblical doctrine. We have argued the security question, the millennium and the type of wine Jesus made, but we have never had to deal with any specific problem that called into question our stand on the Word of God. We have no theological liberals, no teachers of heresy and no easing of ministerial standards for our young preachers.

2. Where we are in worship styles. There is change coming in our style of worship. I can see a younger generation with different thoughts on how to conduct worship services. So far, I have survived two styles in my 41 years of ministry. My home church was very open to being casual in the order of service. People "talked" back to the preacher. Singers could sing at any service and at almost any time during the service. Testimonies were spontaneous and many prayers were often accompanied by the entire congregation praying along with you...aloud. The altar was a gathering place where everyone there prayed aloud.

That style gave way to a quieter service, the schedule was more structured, the music was planned. Choirs no longer just assembled spontaneously, but met, practiced and sang as a harmonious unit. More was expected of the pastor in his preaching. The people seemed to want more instruction in the sermon rather than "God puts in the back of my head and pushes it out the front".

Now, there is a trend to use worship choruses, praise songs and projectors. The song leader is being replaced by a "worship leader" and the music is contemporary, using different lyrics and a different beat. The music is definitely reflecting the taste of a new generation. Probably the next big debate we will face in our churches is the style of music we use in the services.

3. Where we are in fellowship. In the September/October 1997 edition of the *Ohio Ambassador*, Editor Edwin Hayes had an article entitled, "Our Denomination's Greatest Danger". In it, he stated, that in his opinion, "Our greatest danger is our widespread persistent refusal to forgive one another!" Later he stated, "In our Free Will Baptist Churches we have a new category of fellowship-cool fellowship. Those in 'cool fellowship' wish the brother no harm, but want nothing to do with him!" In his closing remarks, Brother Hayes says, "I find when I

take my eyes off my ego and humble myself, it is not hard to forgive an offending brother. This is the greatest danger to our churches. It is something we need to deal with in our lives, families and churches."

He is correct in his findings. It is a fellowship of toleration more than a fellowship of warm, fervent love. However, in Illinois I feel we have a good fellowship among pastors and among churches, but we must operate within the principles of our Lord to see fellowship continue. There are some other Free Will Baptist churches to whom I would like to extend the hand of fellowship. The Freedom and Franklin Quarterly Meetings have a membership of 15 or 16 churches which have chosen not to affiliate with this State Association because of disagreements in 1960. However, I feel it is important to keep them informed of our mission programs and our educational institutions, and to keep the hand of fellowship extended to them. The same applies to several Free Will Baptist Churches affiliated with

4. Where we are in co-operation. There is probably no way to estimate what we could do if we would co-operate with one another in supporting the finances of this association! This has always grieved me. As long as I have been a pastor, I have felt that God would bless us abundantly if we would only work together. The programs we develop are fine, but it takes the entire association to make them work. Each board must work in co-operation with the other boards, each church must work with the sister churches, and each pastor needs the co-operation of the other pastors. Many churches are not in a co-operative frame of mind because the pastor is not in that frame of mind himself. Petty differences can easily be put aside and we can cooperate in the overall programs when we season our attitudes with grace.

5. Where we are in communication. We have mailed a Newsletter to every FWB that wanted to read it since the inception of the State Association, and we continue to do so even today. This little publication keeps us up to date with happenings in our Illinois churches. However, we need to expand the news somewhat and list dates, places and events within the state as well as the national.

It is difficult to get information about our quarterly meetings. The secretaries (clerks) seldom send notices of meetings. We need a calendar of events printed in the December Newsletter for the coming year, which could be updated periodically. With the coming computerized mail system, we could easily receive these items and instantly transfer them onto the pages to be published. If your church has a computer, please send your items for publication by E-Mail and it will have to be typed only once.

I have mentioned at the three quarterlies I attended in January and added a brief statement in the Newsletter that we need a Web Site so that we could maintain a bulletin board for any announcements the churches wish to make. This could be updated to include upcoming revivals, youth rallies, prayer requests, etc. I do not have adequate understanding of all the things whereof I speak. I'm sure there are some here who

could enlighten us on this subject. Many opportunities pass us by because we simply did not know about them. That web site has now become a reality with the help of Travis Penn. Brother Travis deserves a big "Thank you!" for the many hours he spent in designing and developing this program for us. If you want to view our "page", the address is:

<http://members.accessus.net/~pennitum/ministry.htm>

6. **Where we are in Vision.** This is a bad word to use but many of our church programs have stagnated. Programs of the past may not fit the church of 2000 (or even 1998). We must keep up with the times! We must help retire the debt in the Capital Stewardship Campaign. In the past five years of the campaign, Illinois has contributed \$4,900 of our \$16,000 goal. Our Vision must be opened to the I.R.S. regionalized support system for missions. Our total giving to the Together Way, Designated Giving (Foreign and Home Missions, FWBBC, etc.) and Newsletter totaled \$276,335.04 for 1997. Six of our churches made no contributions through the State Association, six did not support the Together Way and one church which is not a member of our association continues to give to Foreign Missions and the Newsletter every year.

Jesus told us to "look on the fields" because there was a lot of work to do, and that we should pray that the Lord will continue to send workers into those fields. Many of these workers are being enlisted through our local CTS programs, our Youth Camp and our mission departments. We have six young ladies who will be serving in one of our summer mission programs in 1998. There are: Joy and Amy Taylor, Trudie and Wendy Skelley, Rebecca Hale and Kelly Guyton. They all need our prayers and financial support. Thank God for young people who are obedient to God's command, and may our eyes be opened to see what God can do through our churches in the coming years.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve in this office. It is very rewarding to attend the quarterly meetings across the state of Illinois and fellowship with people from all our churches.

Respectfully, David Shores, *Promotional Secretary*

Motion sustained to receive report as information.

Bro. Shores introduced Rev. Albert Ingram, Mound City, Illinois Pastor representing the "Western Division of Free Will Baptist," black churches, to give greetings to our State Association.

Recessed until 1:30 P.M.

11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

Bro. Larry Monday presided over the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. The service was opened with congregation singing and Bro. Cliff Donoho led in prayer. This was followed by congregational singing.

Bro. Byford Campbell brought the message from Genesis 35:1 on the subject, "Back to Bethel—Back to the Old Paths." Service closed with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M. BUSINESS SESSION

The session was opened with singing and devotion by Moderator Bro. Larry Clyatt, from Mark 11:11, 15-19 on "What It Takes To Upset The Lord" after which he closed in prayer.

REPORT NO. 4 DES PLAINS CASE

An oral report was given concerning the proposed settlement of the Des Plains Church case by Bro. Larry Clyatt. Bro. Clyatt reminded the state of our contingency agreement with attorneys in which we are paying \$50.00 per hour + expenses, minus 40% of the settlement, minus expenses, except for the first \$5,000.00.

Settlement Conference was set for Wednesday, March 18 with all attorneys & the judge present. Our attorneys asked for the property plus \$40,000.00 cash. The judge declared a 30 day cooling off period. Settlement is near!

Motion was sustained to adopt the report and proceed to accept the offer.

Date: February 6, 1998

To: Illinois Executive Board

Subject: Update of Des Plaines Legal Matter

Brethren:

A number of things has happened since our November 1997 meeting at Camp Hope. This report is intended to bring you up to date.

In early December 1997 our attorneys were contacted by a Mr. Rotunno. He identified himself as "lead" attorney. Our attorneys, Mr. Planera and Mrs. Manestar, have verified him to be counsel for Attorney Title Guaranty (ATG) and Mr. Bell. On December 4, 1997 he inquired of Mrs. Manestar as to a settlement offer of \$75,000.000. Mrs. Manestar and I agreed that was not acceptable.

The court date of December 10, 1997 was extended by the judge on December 8, 1997. He granted the request of defendants and set the date of December 31, 1997.

On December 12, 1997, Mr. Rotunno contacted Mr. Planera. (Mrs. Manestar was not available.) He proposed the following settlement offers:

NOTE: I understand this information was received by our attorney via phone conversation. They are presented here exactly as I received them via fax from our attorney.

1) King James will agree to deed the property over to the State Association. The State Association will reimburse King James for the improvements made by King James. The other defendants, ATG and Mr. Bell, will pay King James the additional funds King James would have lost. However as mentioned, that is none of our concern. The amount of improvements was not determined.

2) Free Will will get a designated amount of money. The defendants have agreed to combine the monies amongst themselves to pay an agreed sum to the State Association. The amount to be paid was also not offered or mentioned.

3) The State Association, along with King James, will agree to sell the property at the highest price available. The State Association would receive a percentage of the net sale and King James to receive the remainder. The percentage has also not been determined or offered.

Mr. Planera recommended we pursue item two (2), inserting a figure of \$300,000.00. He reasoned that our complaint basically asked for the property, legal fees and back rent. The figure thus represented the value of the property; an amount put forth by the defendants. This information was forwarded to our advisory committee of Larry Monday, John Hollis, Kelly Douglas, Daryl Ellis, and David Shores. We were in agreement with our attorney.

There was no response to our counter. In later phone conversations our attorneys speculated the defendants had decided to take their chances in court.

The standing of our complaint (suit), the defendants motions to dismissed, etc. were before the judge on December 31, 1997. Kelly Douglas and Daryl Ellis were present. The judge did allow some verbal arguments. The judge promised his decision within a week.

The judge's fifteen (15) page written decision was dated January 5, 1998. Of the nine (9) counts alleged in our complaint, the judge granted us standing on six (6). Our attorneys spoke of "relishing" this decision. For your information here are the counts and their titles:

- (1) DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
- (2) QUIET TITLE
- (3) SLANDER OF TITLE
- (4) SLANDER OF TITLE
- (5) TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE-CONTRACT
- (6) TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE-ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE
- (7) EJECTMENT
- (8) ACTION FOR RENT
- (9) LEGAL MALPRACTICE

We were granted standing on counts one (1), two (2), three (3), seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9). Of note is the fact that the counts dismissed, counts four (4), five (5), and six (6), all deal with Attorney Title Guaranty (ATG).

After a lengthy phone conversation on January 16, 1998, I determined we should meet with the attorneys to discuss where we go

from here. We met January 23, 1998 in Mr. Planera's Olympia Fields, IL office. Present were attorneys Planera and Manestar, myself, John Hollis, Larry Monday, Kelly Douglas, Daryl Ellis and David Potete. The attorneys wish to file a motion with the judge to reconsider the counts dismissed. They feel he got the parties mixed up in his decision. When asked how long before this whole matter goes to trial, they responded "years." We agreed for them to go ahead with the motion to reconsider, since it had to be filed by February 4, 1998. We further agreed to get an appraisal of the property. It was noted that the defendants keep saying we have the value too high. Our attorneys believe, and keep saying, we will get the property. We also advised they notify the defendants of our willingness to negotiate a settlement. Items of discovery are on going.

I spoke with attorney Planera yesterday, February 5, 1998. They were back before the judge in recent days (date unspecified) in view of the defendants motion for him to reconsider his January 5, 1998 ruling on standing. The judge was quoted as commenting that rarely does a judge in Cook County change his mind. This should mean that our standing is safe. Our attorneys did file a motion asking the judge to "correct" his ruling where we believe he got the parties confused. A ruling on the defendants motion to reconsider is due February 10, 1998. Believing it will not be granted, they will then have to answer the complaint.

According to Mr. Planera, the defendants continue to talk settlement. They keep asking "what if?" The value of the property comes up in discussions. Mr. Planera reports he has stressed the point for them to make an offer. At present there is no "real offer" on the table. Such will, of course, be passed to us for consideration, when, and if, received. Mr. Planera feels an offer will come before they are required to answer the complaint. I believe that date is April 10, 1998.

The attorneys would like for us to bring our account up to date. No hourly fees have been taken from our deposit since last fall. At present we owe them approximately \$7,000.00. A discussion on this matter must be held.

Pray with me that this matter may soon be resolved.

Serving Him With You,
Larry D. Clyatt

Date: March 9, 1998
To: Executive Board
Subject: News from Des Plaines Legal Matter

Brethren:

There is news from the Des Plaines legal matter. Our attorneys, Tom Planera and Cynthia Manestar, relayed it to me during a phone conference on Wednesday, March 4, 1998. They spoke in terms of having won a victory. I communicated this information to our Legal

Advisory Committee (D. Ellis, K. Douglas, J. Hollis, D. Shores) late last week. It seemed good to communicate the same to the board as a whole.

You will recall the judge's December 31, 1997 decision gave us standing on six (6) of the nine (9) complaint items. The defendants moved for the judge to reconsider and dismiss count three (3), which involves the King James individuals who signed the 1991 deed. We moved for the judge to reconsider and grant standing for counts four (4), five (5), and six (6), which involve Attorney Title Guaranty (ATG). The judge's ruling on these motions was given Wednesday morning, March 4, 1998. The defendant's motion was denied. Count three (3) stands. Our motion was granted in part. Counts five (5) and six (6) were given standing, but count four (4) was not. This means ATG is now in the suit. Our attorneys spoke of being very surprised, but very pleased with this decision.

There is more. After the judge announced his decision, the defendants attorney(s) asked for a settlement. The conference has been set for Wednesday, March 18, 1998. The judge and attorneys for all parties will meet in hopes of reaching a settlement agreement.

Pray for this conference! Note the timing; two (2) days before our State Association meets in annual session. Pray for our attorneys. Ask God to give them wisdom. Pray for me and the other members of our Advisory Committee. I (we) may have to make a quick decision as to a settlement proposal to recommend to the full board. Ask God to grant us a settlement agreement that can be announced at this associational meeting.

This was a settlement proposal put forth by the defendants prior to the March 4, 1998 court action described above. They proposed we execute a 1996 \$250,000.00 contract for sale of the property. Further, we would then pay King James \$25,000.00 for improvements, a 15,000.00 brokerage fee, and closing costs of approximately \$2,000.00. Our attorneys do not recommend this option. Their reasons are namely the age/validity of the contract, and the fact this proposal does not require any payment on the part of any defendant. They recommend we wait for the settlement conference.

This note will also serve as notice for a "possible" called meeting of the board during the Friday, March 20, 1998, session of the State Association.

Again, this is information I felt you should have. Feel free to contact me for further discussion.

Serving Him With You,
Larry D. Clyatt

REPORT NO. 5

ILLINOIS BOARD OF MISSIONS

Greetings Fellow Free Will Baptists of Illinois,

It is good to be able to assemble, fellowship, conduct church business, and worship together!

The Illinois (FWB) Board of Missions members are John Hollis Chairman, Sam Henderson-Sec/Treas, Wallace Malone, and James Boggs. We regret to report two board members moved out of state; thus, we have replaced Bro. Burt Hall (with Bro. Boggs) and no replacement for Bro. Randy Scott has been made.

The IBM has met eight times in 1997, with meetings from Camp Hope to Green Rock-Colona, IL. We also met in Nashville, TN while attending the National Home Missions Training Conference.

A couple of our board members also attended the Foreign Missions Symposium concerning regional support programs. We were asked to share with the FM Department and other state representatives what we were doing in this direction. (Note: Illinois is one of the leaders in promoting the inclusion of Home Missionaries in regional support plans.)

We continue oversight of our Illinois Home Mission Projects.

CHICAGO – David Potete family. The mission closed out the year averaging 24 in Morning Worship Service. Recently David reported two new families attending. \$50,000.00 has been pledged, with \$35,000.00 of that given for their building fund. The mission group continues meeting in the Painter's Union Hall. The Chicago account continues to be in good standing, and this board and the Potete's are grateful.

SPRINGFIELD – Ken and Bonnie Doggett. This mission church closed the year averaging 48 in Morning Worship, 24 in Sunday School, and 22 on Sunday night. They were excited to see 73 attend their Christmas program! They are burdened concerning their youth being inconsistent. However, they have had some adults visiting. Toward the end of the year they saw three saved and baptized! The Springfield account has improved some over the last year. We would like to see this account stronger. We feel as the Illinois Regional Support program is instituted, we can be assured the Doggett's needs will be met.

FOREIGN MISSIONS – This is also part of this board's responsibility. The Owens in Uruguay, Teagues in France, Sarah Malone and Mark King in China are missionary families and/or individuals we endeavor to monitor. We have sent funds to each of these during the year. We soon will have a more direct system to monitor Sarah and Mark's accounts as they work with FWB via ELI in China. The Owen account has improved over the last year. The Teague account has been in the red most of the year. We have helped them as much as we could from our general fund.

SUMMER MISSIONARIES – We encourage our churches to support these young people.

Please accept our thanks for your support of our IL Free Will Baptist missionaries—Home and Foreign.

WILLIAM MISHLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – The 2nd scholarship was awarded this year to Chad Donoho. The certificate was given in chapel at Free Will Baptist Bible College in January, 1998. Any questions concerning this scholarship can be asked of our board members (\$1,000.00 a year – missions related at FWBBC).

REGIONAL SUPPORT – The IRS plans and promotion are ongoing. It is exciting to see what can be done through this program. Other states are seeing great success. For example, "Alabama has over half of their commitments for 1998 already, and the plan just started this month," states Don Robirds of Foreign Missions Dept. on Jan. 30, 1998. Arkansas has also seen tremendous success in their first full year with such a program. Our goal—1,000 individuals, families, groups, or classes, etc. give 50¢ a day—will help us raise \$180,000.00 a year for missions. (One share is 50¢ a day, \$15.00 a month, or \$180.00 a year). We are excited to distribute the brand new IRS Posters at this meeting.

HERSEYS – We have made arrangements to celebrate the retirement of the Herseys. We want to endeavor to show our appreciation of their ministry in Japan since 1956.

DES PLAINES SITUATION – This board has been kept informed and attended some meetings concerning this issue. We stand ready to continue to assist and support this association in any way we can. We appreciate the hard work, prayer, and commitment of those who have endeavored to see Free Will Baptist investments protected.

ORAL REPORTS from our missionaries – time would be greatly appreciated.

Yours for missions,
John Hollis, *Chairman*
Sam Henderson, *Sec/Treas.*
Wallace Malone
James Boggs

BOARD OF MISSIONS 1997 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

Receipts from State Treasurer		
Together Way Receipts		\$ 23,705.83
Designated Accts		\$ 44,121.17
Bloomington	\$ 170.00	
Doggett	\$12,297.81	
Potete	\$20,731.83	
Chicago Land Fund	\$ 9,582.17	
Regional Support	\$ 1,339.36	
Total Received from State Treasurer		\$ 67,827.00

Received direct from Churches		\$ 71.26
Designated, IRS	\$ 71.26	
Other Receipts		\$ 706.23
Interest, Checking Acct	\$ 350.23	
Other Receipts	\$ 356.00	
Total All Income:		\$ 68,604.49
Beginning Check Book Balance, Jan 1, 1997		<u>\$ 12,568.63</u>
Total Funds Available, 1997		<u>\$ 81,173.12</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bloomington Acct:		\$ 0.00
Doggett Acct:		\$ 9,834.04
Donoho Acct:		\$ 0.00
Potete Acct:		\$24,256.54
(Advertisng; Land Fund Promo (\$11,238.99)		
General Fund (Together Way Receipts)		\$31,396.84
Board Expenses	\$ 233.11	
Other Expenses	\$ 2,695.88	
Board Travel	\$ 5,367.85	
Foreign Missions	\$ 9,000.00	
Other Giving	\$ 2,500.00	
Aid To Churches:	\$ 3,100.00	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,000.00	
State Legal Fund	\$ 7,500.00	
Total All Disbursements		<u>\$65,487.42</u>
Checking Balance, December 31,1997		<u>\$15,686.70</u>

BOARD OF MISSIONS BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1998

EXPENSES	1997 (ACT)	1998 (EST)
Missionary Salaries	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 31,500.00
(Incl. Insur, Retirmt, SS Payments, Misc.		
Itinerary, Nationals, and Other Exp.	\$ 14,090.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Mission Giving, Related Exp.	\$ 22,100.00	\$ 20,000.00
Board Expenses, Misc.	\$ 5,368.00	\$ 5,000.00
Other Expenses	\$ 3,929.00	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 65,487.00	\$ 66,500.00
INCOME		
Designated Giving	\$ 44,121.00	\$ 35,000.00
Together Way Receipts	\$ 23,706.00	\$ 25,000.00
All Other Receipts, Incl. IRS	\$ 777.50	\$ 6,500.00
Withdrawn From Investments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 68,604.50	\$ 66,500.00

TOTAL DESIGNATED AND

For All Accounts -- January 1

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Alexander-Thebes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(10.00)
Arnold View-Creal Spr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(110.00)
Bakerville-Bonnie	(115.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(55.00)
Bear Point-Sesser	(64.45)	(39.37)	(94.37)	(65.03)	(201.19)
Benton-First	(50.00)	0.00	(80.00)	(43.00)	(20.00)
Bethel-So. Roxanne	(80.00)	(40.00)	(50.00)	(100.00)	(60.00)
Blue Point-Cisne	(182.00)	(86.00)	(259.50)	(211.50)	(463.00)
Butterfield-Aurora	(310.00)	(160.00)	(10.00)	(10.00)	(160.00)
Calvary-Salem	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crossroads-Effingham	(57.00)	(65.00)	(102.50)	0.00	(235.00)
Davenport-Heritage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Decatur-First	(125.00)	(82.00)	(114.00)	(135.00)	(80.00)
Elgin-First	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Faith-Milan	(5.00)	(5.00)	0.00	(83.00)	0.00
Freedom-Marion	(50.00)	0.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00
Green Rock-Colona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
Harmony-West Frankfort	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)
Hazel Dell-Sesser	(215.00)	0.00	0.00	(329.00)	0.00
Heritage-Davenport	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel-Joliet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ina FWB-Ina	(175.00)	(175.00)	(175.00)	(175.00)	(1,175.00)
Johnston City-First	0.00	(701.72)	(407.18)	0.00	(784.95)
Mascoutah FWS-Mascoutah	0.00	(150.00)	(75.00)	(75.00)	(75.00)
Moline-First	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Olive-Vernon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Vernon-First	(10.00)	(20.00)	(10.00)	(30.00)	(20.00)
Nason FWB-Nason	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(132.98)
New Hope-INA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
North Second-Rockford	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Northwest-Chicago	0.00	(500.00)	(250.00)	0.00	(250.00)
Oak Grove-Scheller	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Valley-Geff	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)
Peace-Granite City	0.00	(154.22)	(129.26)	(134.00)	(113.20)
Peoples-Chicago	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Peoples-Louisville	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Peoria-First	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pittsburg FWB-Pittsburg	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)
Pleasant View-Walnut Hi	(40.00)	(40.00)	(20.00)	(60.00)	(40.00)
Rescue-Whittington	(30.00)	(30.00)	(35.00)	(35.00)	(30.00)
Riverview-Bettendorf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rock Springs-Thebes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salem-Wayne City	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Springfield Heritage	(150.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(200.00)
Tallula FWB-Tallula	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Togetherway	(2,310.31)	0.00	(1,889.01)	(4331.69)	(2,297.22)
Unity-Bradley	(135.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(75.00)
Waltonville FWB-Waltonville	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)
Webb's Prairie-Ewing	(30.00)	(30.00)	(80.00)	(30.00)	(30.00)
X-Camp Board	(451.88)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
X-East Central District	0.00	(75.00)	0.00	(75.00)	0.00
X-Individual Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
X-Interest on Checking	(27.14)	(27.83)	(25.31)	(28.67)	(27.20)
X-Other Income	(41.00)	(55.00)	(115.00)	(35.00)	(40.00)
X-South Central	0.00	(200.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	(4,993.78)	(3,021.14)	(4,106.14)	(6,420.89)	(7,024.75)

TOGETHERWAY RECEIPTS

rough December 31, 1997

June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(10.00)
260.00	(240.40)	(355.50)	(155.00)	(290.00)	(190.00)	(55.00)	(1,655.90)
(45.00)	(96.51)	(65.00)	(65.00)	(65.00)	(65.00)	(55.00)	(761.51)
212.10	(212.76)	(369.17)	0.00	(307.52)	0.00	(286.04)	(1,852.00)
(20.00)	0.00	(45.00)	0.00	0.00	(22.80)	(40.00)	(320.80)
(40.00)	(40.00)	(130.00)	(51.00)	(50.00)	(60.00)	(80.00)	(781.00)
134.00	(196.00)	(231.25)	(233.50)	(155.50)	(251.99)	(158.00)	(2,562.24)
(10.00)	(10.00)	(10.00)	(10.00)	(160.00)	(10.00)	(10.00)	(870.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(179.46)	(115.63)	(137.15)	(432.24)
0.00	(239.00)	(120.00)	0.00	(290.00)	(148.00)	0.00	(1,256.50)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	(189.00)	(70.00)	(5.00)	(133.00)	(72.00)	(484.12)	(1,489.12)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(31.00)	(20.00)	(73.00)	(26.00)	(26.00)	0.00	(107.00)	(376.00)
0.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00	0.00	(50.00)	0.00	(200.00)
0.00	(810.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(810.00)
(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(50.00)	(600.00)
177.00	0.00	(277.29)	0.00	(197.00)	0.00	0.00	(1,195.29)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(71.26)	(71.26)
0.00	0.00	(132.50)	0.00	(127.00)	0.00	(448.91)	(708.41)
(175.00)	(175.00)	(175.00)	(3,175.00)	(175.00)	(285.00)	(520.00)	(6,555.00)
374.92	(350.94)	(2,358.09)	(406.82)	(389.49)	(324.04)	(520.15)	(6,618.31)
(75.00)	(75.00)	(75.00)	0.00	(269.50)	0.00	(105.00)	(974.50)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
779.00	(170.00)	(67.00)	(40.00)	0.00	(10.00)	(10.00)	(1,166.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(128.64)	0.00	(261.62)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
500.00	0.00	(510.00)	0.00	(250.00)	0.00	(510.00)	(2,770.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(125.00)	0.00	(125.00)
125.00	0.00	(125.00)	(250.00)	(125.00)	0.00	(125.00)	(975.00)
128.72	0.00	(138.30)	(326.28)	(132.92)	(97.44)	(178.24)	(1,532.58)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
200.00	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(200.00)	(2,400.00)
(40.00)	(40.00)	(258.27)	(115.00)	(62.00)	(45.60)	(190.00)	(950.87)
(35.00)	(35.00)	(30.00)	(35.00)	(30.00)	(30.00)	(35.00)	(390.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(350.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(25.00)	0.00	(25.00)
566.18	(2,204.67)	(1,773.88)	(1,678.54)	(2,312.74)	(1,269.23)	(2,272.35)	(23,705.83)
0.00	0.00	(80.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(290.00)
(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(346.35)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(45.00)	(841.35)
(30.00)	(30.00)	(280.00)	(314.00)	(30.00)	(30.00)	(30.00)	(944.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(94.05)	0.00	(545.93)
0.00	(75.00)	0.00	0.00	(75.00)	0.00	0.00	(300.00)
0.00	0.00	(5.00)	(5.00)	(5.00)	(5.00)	(5.00)	(25.00)
(28.64)	(35.72)	(23.06)	(18.25)	(29.46)	(36.16)	(42.79)	(350.23)
(32.00)	0.00	(38.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(356.00)
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(200.00)
113.56	(5,540.00)	(8,160.31)	(7,505.74)	(6,161.59)	(3,785.58)	(6,771.01)	(68,604.49)

RECAP OF INVESTED FUNDS HELD BY MISSION BOARD:

	12/31/97	12/31/96
Van-Kampen Merrit Fund:	\$ 67,536.77	\$ 63,162.37
FWB Foundation Fund:	\$ 45,389.35	\$ 42,783.82
TOTAL INVESTMENTS HELD	\$112,926.12	\$105,946.19

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT:

	12/31/97	9/30/97	6/30/97	12/31/96
Bloom/Norm Fund	\$ 979.94	\$ 979.94	\$ 979.94	\$ 979.94
Doggett Fund	\$ 3,553.12	\$ 3,956.51	\$ 5,303.60	\$ 6,027.04
Potete Fund	\$32,829.32	\$30,141.64	\$28,197.99	\$26,528.58
Donoho Fund	\$ -581.06	\$ -991.99	\$ -7,007.72	
Chicago Land Fund	\$32,392.03	\$ 8,572.03	\$ 1,725.00	

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE IN NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS ACCTS (12/31/97):

Hersey Fund	\$ +800.00	-6,234.99	-7,978.46
Owens Fund	\$ +4,000.00	3,670.83	-9,739.28
Teagues Fund	\$-14,500.00	-12,398.53	-5,238.35
King Fund (ELIC)	\$ -2,229.00	?	?
Malone Fund (ELIC)	\$ -676.00	?	?

Motion to receive the report of Board of Missions and adopt their proposed budget for 1998 was seconded and carried.

REPORT NO. 6 PARTIAL REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Camp BoardRusty Miller, 2003
 Sunday School & Christian ED BoardDanny Grey, 2003
 Board of MissionsWallace Malone, 2003
 Bro. James Boggs, finish Bro. Bert Hall's term
 Bro. Mark Shores, finish Bro. Randy Scott's term, 1999
 CTS BoardBro. Mike Johnston, 2003
 Layman's Board
 Bro. Jerry Miller, finish Bro. Paul Moore's term, 2000
 Bro. Karel Smith, finish Bro. Eldon Schmidt's term, 2003

Signed Committee Ch. Larry Cook
 Ernie Lewis
 Steve Hale

Motion sustained to elect those nominated to fill the open slots of the Board of Missions.

Moderator recognized Bro. David Crowe, who gave the report on National Home Missions.

REPORT NO. 7
REPORT OF STATE TREASURER

Our treasurer announced an increase in giving last year, in all areas of ministry.

GENERAL FUND REPORT
2/1/97 Through 1/31/98

BEGINNING BALANCE		<u>\$ 3,127.46</u>
INFLOWS		
ILL FWB:		
9% Of To-Way	8,910.42	
Annal Dues	1,405.00	
Interest Income	186.37	
Legal Fund	19,500.00	
Refunds	100.00	
TOTAL ILL FWB		<u>\$30,101.79</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS		<u>\$30,101.79</u>
OUTFLOWS		
Board Expenses	2,944.00	
Delegates Expenses	500.00	
Dues	1,125.00	
Flowers	50.00	
General Board	494.83	
Honorariums	1,375.00	
Insurance	100.00	
Leadership Con	676.88	
Legal Fees	17,500.00	
Nations Bank	36.25	
Office Supplies	179.53	
Phone & Postage	66.06	
Printing	1,085.85	
State Meeting	737.50	
U.S. Post Office	75.78	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		<u>\$26,946.68</u>
ENDING BALANCE		<u>\$ 6,282.57</u>

Respectfully, Tim Hayes, *Treasurer*

1998 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

9% of Together Way	\$8,500.00
Annual Dues	1,575.00
Interest Income	<u>125.00</u>

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	<u>1,025.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$10,200.00

PROMOTIONAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

Together Way	\$11,000.00
Designated Gifts	<u>2,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$13,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Promotional Secretary's Salary	\$ 7,865.00
Printing of Newsletter	2,635.00
Newsletter Postage & Supplies	<u>2,500.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$13,000.00

PROMOTIONAL FUND REPORT 1997

2/1/97 Through 1/31/98

BEGINNING BALANCE \$2,365.14

INFLOWS

Income	13,952.59
Interest	50.30

TOTAL INFLOWS 14,002.89

OUTFLOWS

Misc	225.29
Postage	2,000.00
Printing	2,435.00
Salary	7,865.00
Service charge	1.70

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 12,526.99

ENDING BALANCE \$3,841.04

Respectfully, Tim Hayes, *Treasurer*

DESIGNATED GIVING TO NATIONAL 1997

2/1/97 Through 1/31/98

Payee	INFLOWS Assoc of FWB	INFLOWS Foreign Mission	INFLOWS Home Missions	INFLOWS TOTAL
Arnold View	110.60	70.00	80.00	260.60
Bakerville	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Bear Point	1,194.19	3,279.47	399.55	4,873.21
Begining 1997	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Benton First	0.00	1,163.20	0.00	1,163.20
Benton First Woman's Aux.	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Bethel	220.00	2,424.93	471.00	3,115.93
Blue Point	2,755.75	6,381.05	2,539.13	11,675.93
Butterfield	0.00	3,861.00	0.00	3,861.00
Calvary	951.77	935.06	74.00	1,960.83
Camp Board	0.00	527.25	0.00	527.25
Crossroads	795.00	2,133.50	143.00	3,071.50
Decatur	75.00	1,009.50	105.00	1,189.50
East Central District	0.00	375.00	0.00	375.00
Faith - Milan	0.00	280.00	200.00	480.00
Freedom	150.00	150.00	0.00	300.00
Green Rock	0.00	1,140.00	850.00	1,990.00
Harmony - West City	0.00	697.80	0.00	697.80
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00
Hazel Dell	1,835.32	1,629.03	537.22	4,001.57
Heritage	225.00	850.00	0.00	1,075.00
Immanuel	1,331.88	0.00	0.00	1,331.88
Ina	900.00	41,406.00	400.00	42,706.00
Individuals	0.00	410.00	25.00	435.00
Johnston City	2,205.00	8,605.04	20.00	10,830.04
Mascoutah	0.00	1,225.00	130.00	1,355.00
Mt. Vernon	928.21	425.00	10.00	1,363.21
Nason	0.00	1,990.24	0.00	1,990.24
New Hope	0.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
Northwest	140.00	240.00	70.00	450.00
Oak Grove	0.00	55.00	0.00	55.00
Oak Valley	483.80	655.00	0.00	1,138.80
Peace	2,528.58	650.00	1,182.36	4,360.94
Peoples	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Pittsburg	0.00	625.00	600.00	1,225.00
Pleasant View	672.00	5,445.30	120.00	6,237.30
Rescue	0.00	165.00	0.00	165.00
Salem	136.00	0.00	0.00	136.00
South Central District	200.00	200.00	0.00	400.00
Unity	305.00	200.00	345.00	850.00
Waltonville	233.65	1,492.79	755.00	2,481.44
Webb's Prairie	50.00	292.00	110.00	452.00
West Central District	0.00	900.00	100.00	1,000.00
OVERALL TOTAL	18,426.75	94,713.16	11,966.26	125,106.17

CAMP, PROMOTIONAL, & TO-WAY GIVING 1997

2/1/97 Through 1/31/98

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	4,820.69	4,880.69
Bakerville	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Bear Point	0.00	150.00	6,506.13	6,656.13
Benton First	0.00	0.00	3,008.00	3,008.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	7,590.67	7,590.67
Blue Point	0.00	120.00	1,200.00	1,320.00
Butterfield	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
Camp Meeting Association	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Crossroads	0.00	10.00	200.00	210.00
Decatur	0.00	180.00	8,331.62	8,511.62
Faith - Milan	0.00	0.00	1,267.28	1,267.28
Freedom	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
Green Rock	0.00	25.00	200.00	225.00
Harmony - West City	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	120.00	3,541.00	3,661.00
Hazel Dell	336.75	120.00	1,703.06	2,159.81
Immanuel	50.00	0.00	6,659.57	6,709.57
Ina	0.00	120.00	9,411.00	9,531.00
Individuals	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00
Johnston City	0.00	0.00	10,509.88	10,509.88
Mascoutah	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Mt Olive	0.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Mt Vernon	0.00	0.00	5,860.00	5,860.00
Nason	250.00	60.00	0.00	310.00
New Hope	0.00	77.00	1,346.79	1,423.79
Northwest	0.00	40.00	1,650.87	1,690.87
Oak Grove	0.00	5.00	856.35	861.35
Oak Valley	0.00	55.00	0.00	55.00
Peace	842.86	0.00	4,378.75	5,221.61
Pittsburg	0.00	0.00	2,913.07	2,913.07
Pleasant View	612.99	300.00	0.00	912.99
Rescue	0.00	0.00	2,019.81	2,019.81
Rock Springs	0.00	0.00	930.00	930.00
Salem	0.00	130.00	1,475.91	1,605.91
South Central District	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	2,934.00	2,934.00
Waltonville	420.28	60.00	1,753.36	2,233.64
Webb's Prairie	0.00	120.00	1,810.00	1,930.00
West Central District	0.00	0.00	1,127.11	1,127.11
OVERALL TOTAL	2,512.88	2,072.00	99,004.92	103,589.80

GIVING TO ILLINOIS MISSIONS 1997

2/1/97 Through 1/31/98

Payee	INFLWS ILLFWB Chicago Land	INFLWS ILLFWB Doggett Ken	INFLWS ILLFWB I.R.S.	INFLWS ILLFWB Potete David
Arnold View	0.00	1,760.90	0.00	70.00
Bakerville	0.00	290.00	0.00	421.51
Bear Point	250.00	803.08	0.00	1,001.87
Benton First	0.00	175.40	0.00	135.40
Bethel	0.00	536.00	0.00	250.00
Blue Point	328.00	812.75	0.00	1,255.24
Butterfield	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00	545.51	0.00
Camp Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	94.05
Crossroads	0.00	581.00	521.00	213.50
Decatur	0.00	475.00	580.13	560.00
East Central District	0.00	375.00	0.00	0.00
Faith - Milan	252.00	0.00	125.00	85.00
Freedom	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Green Rock	0.00	500.00	2,300.00	390.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Hazel Dell	65.29	320.00	0.00	883.00
Heritage	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Immanuel	708.41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ina	4,345.00	0.00	0.00	2,210.00
Individuals	93.75	0.00	150.00	30.00
Johnston City	2,225.00	700.00	0.00	4,070.22
Mascoutah	0.00	384.75	0.00	719.75
Mt Vernon	779.00	150.00	0.00	227.00
Nason	0.00	261.62	0.00	0.00
Northwest	0.00	30.00	0.00	3,000.00
Oak Grove	0.00	100.00	0.00	25.00
Oak Valley	0.00	780.00	0.00	275.00
Peace	0.00	842.86	0.00	842.86
Pittsburg	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Pleasant View	297.87	110.00	45.00	520.00
Rescue	0.00	80.00	0.00	310.00
South Central District	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	30.00	285.00
Waltonville	301.35	240.00	0.00	300.00
Webb's Prairie	0.00	617.00	0.00	327.00
OVERALL TOTAL	9,645.67	12,525.36	4,296.64	21,171.40

Crossroads gave \$155.00 to Normal Church.

Overall Total \$47,639.07

TOGETHER WAY ALLOCATIONS FOR 1997

	%	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Together-Way per month		10111.60	7037.56	7937.12	9571.80	6525.73	9186.12	7391.16	6993.91	9636.43	5288.47	9468.11	9856.91
National Cooperative Plan	28.00	1831.25	1970.52	2222.39	2680.10	1827.20	2752.11	2069.52	1958.29	2698.20	1480.77	2651.07	2759.93
Illinois Board of Missions	24.00	2426.78	1689.01	1904.91	2297.23	1566.18	2204.67	1773.88	1678.54	2312.74	1269.23	2272.35	2365.66
Promotional Fund	12.00	1213.39	844.51	952.45	1148.62	783.09	1102.33	886.94	839.27	1156.37	634.62	1136.17	1182.83
General Fund	9.00	910.04	633.38	714.34	861.46	587.32	826.75	665.20	629.45	867.28	475.96	852.13	887.12
Sunday School & Christian Ed	5.00	505.58	351.88	396.86	478.59	326.29	459.31	369.56	349.70	481.82	264.42	473.41	492.85
C.T.S. Board	4.00	404.46	281.50	317.48	382.87	261.03	367.44	295.65	279.76	385.46	211.54	378.72	394.28
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1.00	101.12	70.38	79.37	95.72	65.26	91.86	73.91	69.94	96.36	42.88	94.68	98.57
Laymen's Board	1.00	101.12	70.38	79.37	95.72	65.26	91.86	73.91	69.94	96.36	42.88	94.68	98.57
Camp Board	16.00	1617.86	1126.01	1269.94	531.48	1044.12	1469.78	1182.59	1119.03	1541.83	846.16	1514.90	1577.11
Total	100.00	10111.60	7037.56	7937.12	9571.80	6525.73	9186.12	7391.16	6993.91	9636.43	5288.47	9468.11	9856.91

REPORT NO. 8
PARTIAL REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ITEM # 1. We recommend that the expenses of the Illinois General Board Representative be paid, while representing our state at the 1998 National Convention.

ITEM # 2. We recommend the following honorariums be paid to our state officers: \$250.00 to the Moderator; \$500.00 to the Clerk; \$700.00 to the Treasurer.

ITEM # 3. We recommend \$125.00 be given to each of our IL State Delegates to help pay for expenses while representing our state at the 1998 National Association.

ITEM # 4. We recommend the adoption of the attached recommendations presented by the IL State Layman's Board.

ITEM # 5. We recommend the attached letter, from the newly formed Quad Cities Association, be read to the body and further recommend that this body accept their request to be recognized and received into this state association.

ITEM # 6. We recommend a rising vote of thanks be given to the Bear Point First Free Will Baptist Church along with \$150.00, for the use of their property.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The evening service opened with Bro. David Malone presiding. Congregation sang a congregational song, followed by prayer. Special testimony was furnished by Bro. Herman Hersey, in honor of his brother's faithfulness to the Lord. The evening message was brought by Bro. Fred Hersey, as he was honored for his more than 40 years of faithful missionary service to Japan.

Bro. Melvin Worthington brought report from the National Offices.

SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 21, 1998
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Brother Larry Clyatt presided at the final worship service with the congregation singing, followed by prayer. A special number was rendered by Bro. Rusty Miller, singing "Through It All." Rev. George Waggoner brought the message from II Chronicles 7:14, "The Principle That Is Still Right." We were challenged to remember from where we have come, and to continue to live for Christ and less for ourselves.

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REPORT NO. 9

REPORT OF ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

January 1 - December 31, 1997

The Camp Board met several times during 1997 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 the year.

I. PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED AT CAMP HOPE

1. 1997 Youth Camps – Registration figures for each week are shown below.

Leadership Camp	10	Freshman-Sophomore Camp.....	56
Junior Camp	106	Primary Camp	70
Junior High Camp	67	Junior-Senior Camp	67
Northern IL Camp	?	Total reported	367+

We had a great year of youth camp this summer with young peoples lives being touched for the cause of Christ. There were a number of decisions each week of camp. Our Camps gave \$621.30 to Missions this summer. Thank you for praying for the youth camp ministry, and thank you to all those who worked so hard this summer to make it a success.

2. Our Camp is being rented by several other groups each year. Free Will Baptist churches rent the facilities for retreats, and lockins. Families Rent the camp for reunions, and other church groups rent the camp for their weeks of youth camp. We are thankful for this extended ministry.

II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. New Fireplace/Grill – A new Fireplace with a grill along with expansion of a shelter has been completed. This has been a beautiful addition to the camp and was used regularly this summer. This project was made possible because of a donation in memory of Jack and Mabel Ketteman.
2. New Picnic Tables – We purchased new picnic tables for the canteen shelter to better facilitate eating under that shelter.
3. New Gutters – New guttering was installed on the girl's dormitory.
4. Caulking Pool Walls – The walls of the swimming pool were recaulked. This was done to stop leaks, as well as regular maintenance.
5. Extended the Pool Drain Line – We extended the Drain line to the end of the field near the lagoon to correct muddy patches in the field where we mow.

III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. Hired new Camp Manager – Matt Hannon was hired as our new camp Manager.
2. Thank you for new Road – The Camp board voted to send a thank you note to road commissioner for the entrance road to the camp improvements.
3. Appointed '98 Camp Director – The Board appointed Bro. Ernie Lewis as the 1998 General Director for Youth Camps.
4. Set Dates for Camp – Weeks for 1998 Youth camps will be held on the following weeks:
 - Junior High Camp.....June 14-19
 - Leadership Camp.....June 19-21
 - Junior Camp.....June 21-26
 - Primary Camp.....June 28-July 2
 - Freshman-Sophomore Camp.....July 26-31
 - Junior-Senior Camp.....August 2-7
 - Northern Illinois Camp.....August 9-14
5. Purchased new tools – The Camp Board voted to purchase some new tools to be used at the Camp including Stabilizer bars for the tractor, a floorjack, and a cordless drill.
6. Donation to Fire Protection District – Voted to send \$100.00 to Fire Protection District.
7. Coming Projects – We have voted to build an addition on the Camp Shed as well as roof the Boy's Dorm.
8. Proposed 1998 Budget – The following budget was proposed for the coming year.

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving & church Gifts.....	\$20,000.00	
Rentals	16,000.00	
Retreat Receipts	1,000.00	
Youth Camp '98 Income	25,000.00	
Interest on Accounts	700.00	+\$62,700.00

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$10,000.00	
Maintenance and supplies.....	10,700.00	
Campground Improvements	6,000.00	
Insurance Premiums	6,000.00	
Retreat Expenditures.....	1,000.00	
Youth Camp Expenses	19,000.00	
Manager's Compensation	5,000.00	
S.A.M. Scholarships	4,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,000.00	-\$62,700.00

Respectfully submitted, Ernie Lewis (2000), *Chairman*
Ronnie Mitchell (1999), *Secretary Treasurer*
Rusty Miller(1998), Bob Jasper(2001), Tom Harmon (2002)

CAMP BOARD '97 FINANCIAL REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance 1/1/97 \$ 2,914.38

Summary of Receipts:

State Association Co-op Gifts	\$ 15,803.92
Individual & Church Donations	2,659.51
S.A.M. Project Gifts	250.00
Interest on Account	222.32
Campground Rentals	16,651.25
Youth Camp '96 Income	<u>23,807.10</u>
Total Receipts	+\$ 59,618.10

Summary of Disbursements:

Campground Utilities	\$ 8,480.20
Campground Improvements	2,950.29
Maintenance of the Facility	11,358.39
Insurance Premiums	5,801.00
Campground Improvement Fund	3,637.38
Manager's Compensation	2,100.00
Building Maintenance Fund	1,500.00
Youth Camp '96 Expenditures	17,251.65
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>492.63</u>
Total Disbursements	-\$ 53,571.54

Balance 12/31/97 \$8,960.94

BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND

Balance 1/1/97 \$4,487.89

Receipts:

Interest on Account	\$ 175.65
Transfers from Gen. Fund	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$+1,675.65</u>

Disbursements -0

Balance 12/31/97 \$6,163.54

CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance 1/1/97 \$4,269.42

Receipts:

Interest on Account	\$ 184.23
10% of Rentals	1,665.13
10% of Registrations	<u>1,972.25</u>
Total Receipts	<u>+\$3,821.61</u>

Balance 12/31/97 \$8,091.03

SPECIAL DONATIONS FUND

Balance 1/1/97 \$12,291.25

Receipts:

Interest on Account	+180.60
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Disbursements:

Des Plaines Legal Fees	\$6,000.00
New Shelter Fireplace	<u>2,201.00</u>
	<u>-8,201.00</u>

Balance 12/31/97 \$4,270.85

Respectfully, Ronnie Mitchell, *Secretary-Treasurer*

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

A motion was sustained to re-elect Bro. Rusty Miller to the Camp Board.

Bro. Roger Bennett brought a report on the Children's Home in Alabama.

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

Bro. Kilgore brought a report on the F.W.B. Family Ministries of Greenville, Tennessee and asked for our state's continued support.

Bro. Roy Harris brought an encouraging report from The Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. Relocation Campaign of the Bible College has begun, to extend over the next 3 years.

REPORT NO. 10

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

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

The Christian Education and Sunday School Board made some bold, important decisions during the year. The board met three times: May 12, August 7, and November 13. Probably the most important decision made was to establish a scholarship fund for those who plan to return to the local church to work in an area other than as a pastor. This will most usually be a youth worker, minister of music, or a teacher in a Christian school or day care. This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to one student every year.

Other action taken was:

- Raised the Ministerial Scholarship to \$500 per semester.
- Awarded Ministerial Scholarships to Jason Scott and Johnnie Hollis.
- Approved two student loans totaling \$1600.
- Discussed but took no final action on raising the maximum student loan amount. Currently a student may borrow up to \$2250. This amount has remained fixed for several years while college costs have steadily risen. We also discussed but took no action on how much a student should be allowed per semester.
- Purchased the video series "Life on The Edge" produced by Focus on the Family
- Sponsored a seminar on Family Finances on Thursday, March 19. Our speaker was Rev. Bill Evans.

The Christian Education and Sunday School Board makes student loans and collects on those loans when students graduate or leave school. Seven loans were paid in full during 1997. We try to work with

students to get their loans paid and are working on some ways to help motivate loan holders to make systematic payments. At the same time, we wish to commend those who are faithfully repaying their student loans. The Christian Education and Sunday School Board along with the Illinois State Association are glad to be able to help those young people wishing to attend a Free Will Baptist college.

One further reminder: Our board does pay for first semester books for Free Will Baptist students from Illinois who are attending a Free Will Baptist college. The student should send his/her receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Christian Education and Sunday School Board Financial Report

1/1/97 to 12/31/97

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance		\$18,367.29
Coop Receipts	\$4,938.74	
Loan Payments	<u>\$8,736.86</u>	
Total Income		\$13,675.60
Expenses		
First Semester Books	\$2,306.90	
Lending Library	\$ 126.45	
Mileage	\$ 621.23	
Office Expense	\$ 293.94	
Seminar Expenses	\$ 364.00	
Student Loans Made	\$1,600.00	
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	\$12,000.00	
Transfer to IL State Assoc	\$5,000.00	
Ministerial Scholarships	\$900.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$23,212.52</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 8,830.37

MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Beginning Balance		\$8,499.80
Coop Receipts	\$987.74	
Interest Earned	\$281.26	
Total Income		<u>\$1,269.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$9,768.80

Christian Education Scholarship Fund **\$12,202.43**

Christian Education and Sunday School Board Proposed Budget for 1998

Income		
Coop Receipts	\$ 4,900.00	
Loan Payments	\$ 8,000.00	
Interest	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	
Total Income		\$13,200.00

Expenses	
1st Semester Books	\$ 2,500.00
Mileage	\$ 700.00
Student Loans	\$ 6,000.00
Special Projects/Seminars	\$ 3,000.00
Minister's Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$13,200.00

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

A motion was sustained to elect Bro. Danny Grey to the Christian Education Board.

Bro. Keith Fletcher gave report from Randall House Publishing.

Bro. Eugene Waddell gave report from Foreign Missions Department.

REPORT NO. 11

1997 REPORT OF THE CTS BOARD

Illinois FWB youth performed well at the National Youth Conference, July 1997, in Cincinnati, Ohio. The following entries were our State CTS competition winners May 9 & 10, 1997 at Effingham, Illinois and represented our State:

Category	Age Group	Competitor Name	Church
Bible Memorization	1st Grade	Joseph Hannis	Bethel
	2nd Grade	Jake Morley	Bethel
Sword Drill	5th Grade	Jennifer Dandurand	Unity
	6th Grade	Katie Pleckham	Unity
Bible Tic Tac Toe		Jessica Hilliard, Ashley Lewis, Ryan Lewis, Travis McGrew	Blue Point
Bible Bowl		Sam Skelley, Jared Stephenson, Jonathan Monday, Sarah Pittman	Decatur
Vocal Solos	A	Kristina Clem	Decatur
	B	Jennifer Dandurand	Unity
	C (female)	Tiffany Conner	Benton
	D (male)	Traven Watts	Ina
	D (female)	Melanie Wells	Bethel
Vocal Duet, Trios & Quartets	B	Scott Duet	Bakerville
	C	Pleckham Trio	Unity
	D	Ina D Quartet	Ina
Vocal 5-12 Ensemble	B	Decatur B Sextet	Decatur
	C	Unity Ensemble	Unity
	D	Bethel Praise Chorale	Bethel

Vocal 13+ Ensemble	D	Ina D Choir	Ina
String Solo	C	Katie Boudreau	Unity
	D	Mark Owens	Ina
Wind Solo	D	Sam Skelley	Decatur
Keyboard (Manual/ Electronic) Solo	C	Katie Boudreau	Unity
	D	Kari Ferguson	Mt. Vernon
Group Drama	B	Blue Point Duo	Blue Point
	C	Ina C Skit	Ina
	D	Ina D Skit	Ina
Individual Drama	B	Drew Bigley	Ina
Puppetry (Recorded)	B	Good News Crew	Immanuel
	C	Good News Crew	Immanuel
Painting	B	Katie Pleckham	Unity
Graphics	B	Tyler McGrew	Blue Point
	C	Earl Dean Evans, III	Bethel
	D	Jennifer Hilliard	Blue Point
Three-Dimensional Art	A	Kristofer Scott	Bakerville
Photography	A	Sean Virden	Ina
	C	Justin Mandrell	Bear Point
Fabricated Art	B	Jennifer Dandurand	Unity
	C	Melissa Ramsey	Mt. Vernon
Promotional Graphic Art	B	Eli Reed	Benton
	C	Nancy Smith	Mt Vernon

1997 National Youth Conference Winners:

Bible Sword Drill			
Grade Six:	3rd Place	Katie Pleckham	Unity
Vocal Ensembles:			
5-12 Members	C	Unity Ensemble	Unity
Promotional Graphic Art:	B	Eli Reed	Benton

At the National Association Meeting, the Ina Free Will Baptist youth group was presented the "Youth Group of the Year" award as chosen by the National Youth Conference. This is a great honor for the church and for Illinois as a State The Board congratulates the Ina Church for this award.

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

1997 CTS Board Financial Report

1997 Through 12/31/97

Beginning Balance	1/1/97		\$2,346.48
INCOME:			
Co-op		\$ 3,960.96	
Registration-Competition		\$ 1,120.00	
Total Revenue			<u>\$7,427. 44</u>
LESS: EXPENSES:			
Computer Time		\$ 250.00	
Host Expense- For Competition		\$1,050.00	
Judges & Honor		\$ 832.84	
Material Comp.		\$ 283.55	
Mileage		\$ 433.50	
NYC Reg.		\$ 790.00	
Postage & Phone		\$ 74.34	
Printing		\$ 102.08	
Total Expenses			<u>\$3,816.31</u>
Ending Balance	12/31/97		\$3,611.13

1998 Proposed CTS Board Budget

INCOME:			
Co-op		\$3,800.00	
Registration Fees		\$1,500.00	
Total Revenue			<u>\$5,300.00</u>
EXPENSES:			
Computer Time		\$ 250.00	
Host expense- Keller Covention Center		\$1,100.00	
Judges & Honor		\$ 800.00	
Material Competition		\$ 450.00	
Mileage		\$ 935 00	
NYC Reg.		\$ 1,500.00	
Postage & Phone		\$ 100.00	
Printing		\$ 165.00	
Total Expenses			<u>\$5,300.00</u>

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

A motion was sustained to elect Mike Johnston, to the CTS Board.

Bro. Roy Harris gave a report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

REPORT NO. 12

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

1997 REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

A big "THANK YOU" to all the women in the Illinois Auxiliary for your prayers, financial support and co-operation during the 96-97 year. This has been a great year for our womens work. The Illinois Auxiliary is so thankful to be able to share how God has blessed our ladies. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to our state auxiliary work.

As "LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD" we strive to fulfill our place in the Great Commission in our homes, churches, communities and around the world. We have two district associations in our state. The Emily Malone with 117 members and the Loyal Workers with 89 members. Total membership of 206.

Our State meeting met at the Nason FWB Church on May 3, 1997. The theme "MISSIONS BY ALL MEANS" was chosen for the meeting. Scripture: I Cor. 9:22. The president shared with the ladies five things that missions involves: (1) MESSAGE, (2) MESSENGER, (3) MINISTRY, (4) MONEY (5) ME. Sis. Trena Owen, missionary to Uruguay, brought the morning devotional. She shared that Uruguay is a very dark place spiritually. She spoke from I Tim. 2:16.

Greetings were brought by home missionaries Bro. Ken and Sis. Bonnie Doggett. It is always a blessing to have them at our meetings.

Bro. Dennis Owen shared in the morning message from Ruth. His challenge was that God would use each of us to being one with the purpose of reaching one for God.

The State Auxiliary gave a total of \$8,169.39 to Foreign Missions and \$7,971.77 to Home Missions. The state project for the year was divided between the Teagues, Owens, Doggetts and Potetes. Total gifts for the year were \$21,408.38. Our project for 97-98: Teagues, Owens, Doggetts and Potetes.

Our ladies co-operated this year cleaning the Apartment at Camp Hope. A special THANK YOU to all that participated.

Also a special THANK YOU to all the auxiliaries that help clean the youth camp at Camp Hope in preparation for summer camps.

The annual Prayer Retreat was held Sept. 26 - 27. The theme "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE". Sis. Sarah Malone was a blessing as she spoke during the retreat. A craft fair was held with the money raised going to our state project. We praise the Lord that we were able to give over \$1,600.00 to missions at the end of the retreat.

The officers for the next two years are: President-Peggy Outland, V-President-Helen Summers, Sec.-Paula Hayes, Treas.-Karen Shewcraft, Field Worker-Peggy Clyatt, Members-at-Large-Jackie Capps, Audrey Kash, Linda Cook.

We request the prayers of everyone for our state auxiliary work. If we can be of help, please contact Field Worker-Peggy Clyatt or President-Peggy Outland.

We are so very thankful for our women of Illinois who are willing to support the work of our state with their prayers, helps, finances and co-operation. We trust the year of 1998 will be a great year and many more souls will be won to the Lord as we LABORER TOGETHER WITH GOD.

The 1998 State Meeting will be held Sat. May 2. Place to be announced. Host the Loyal Workers District.

Serving the Lord through our Woman's Auxiliary,
Peggy Outland, *President Illinois Auxilliary*

Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer's Report

For the Year May 4, 1996 - May 3, 1997

Balance brought forward from May 4, 1996 \$ 402.15

RECEIPTS:

Emily Malone District	\$ 9,647.22
Loyal Workers District	\$ 9,804.09
Prayer Retreat Fund	\$ 1,115.50
State Meeting Morning Offering	\$ 375.62
Donation for Camp Hope	\$ 72.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 21,716.78

DISBURSEMENTS:

Foreign Missions

Doropo Hospital	\$ 90.00
F. Hersey	\$ 276.00
C. Hanna	\$ 120.00
S. Malone	\$ 60.00
J. Martens	\$ 150.00
D. Owens(State Project)	\$ 3,526.88
M. Paskell	\$ 100.00
Pre-Easter	\$ 147.00
D. Teague(State Project)	\$ 3,441.89
J. Turnbough	\$ 60.00
TOTAL FOREIGN MIS.	\$ 7,971.77

Home Missions

K. Doggett (State Project)	\$ 3,654.65
C. Donoho	\$ 120.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	\$ 227.16
D. Potete (State Project)	\$ 3,956.58
D. Potete Land Fund	\$ 211.00
TOTAL HOME MISSIONS	\$ 8,169.39

WNAC:	
Co-Laborer Tithes	\$ 355.95
Dues	\$ 1,920.00
Emphasis	\$ 90.00
Student Loan	\$ 15.00
WNAC Office	\$ 165.00
STATE MEETING:	
Fare	\$ 96.00
Speakers: Marcia Ellison	\$ 200.00
Trudy Skelley - Team "96"	\$ 20.00
Kari Ferguson - Team "96"	\$ 20.00
TEAM "96"	\$ 205.00
Camp Hope Apt. Furniture	\$ 210.00
PRAYER RETREAT:	
Camp Hope	\$ 200.00
Expenses	\$ 32.07
Speakers: Carol Reid	\$ 300.00
S. Fletcher	\$ 50.00
G. Lewis	\$ 50.00
IL Home Missionaries - D. Potete \$100, R. Doggett \$100	\$ 200.00
Love Offering - Churches, Pittsburg FWB \$100, Bethel FWB \$100	\$ 200.00
TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME	\$ 105.00
FWB FAMILY MINISTRIES	\$ 30.00
TOGETHER WAY	\$ 50.00
BIBLE COLLEGE GENERAL FUND	\$ 5.00
TREASURER FORMS	\$ 1.50
KARI FERGUSON - TEAM "96"	\$ 56.00
CAMP HOPE APT. FURNITURE	\$ 690.70
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 21,408.38
NEW BALANCE MAY 3, 1997	\$ 308.40
GENERAL FUND	\$ 143.47
PRAYER RETREAT	\$ 99.93
CAMP HOPE (Apartment)	\$ 65.00

REPORT NO. 13 REPORT OF THE STATE LAYMEN'S BOARD

January 1, 1997-December 31, 1997

Greetings from the Laymen's Board! This has been a great year for the laymen of the State. The Master's Men sponsored the annual breakfast on Saturday, March 22, 1997, at the Bonanza restaurant in Mt. Vernon, IL. Brother Ernie Lewis brought the devotion.

The 1997, 4th annual Laymen's and Pastors' Regional Conference was a Great conference, which was held September 4, 5, & 6, 1997, at Camp Hope. The theme was "Is There Not a Cause?", with the text taken from I Samuel 17:29, and Bro. Trymon Messer, and Bro. David Crowe, from the Home Missions Dept., speaking throughout the Conference.

A Thursday afternoon Golf Tournament was held, a Friday afternoon Trap Shoot, a Horseshoe pitch, Basketball and other games, (and a "Spud gun shoot!").

Our special singers for the Conference were the "Chosen Heart" singers. Of course there were lots of Good Food, fellowship and lots of R&R, (I think).

We are planning a bigger and better conference for this year, to be held the FIRST WEEKEND AFTER LABOR DAY, September 10, 11, & 12th, 1998, with a theme of, "THE COMPLETE MAN", from Colossians 2: 8-15, & 4: 12b. The registration fee is still only \$25, so we encourage every man to make plans now to attend!

The Board voted to provide up to \$800 for the Summer Missionaries from Illinois. This year we will provide \$100 for each, but they will need to contact one of our Board members to receive it.

Mike Robertson, *Chairman*
 Ted Bryan
 Paul Moore
 Eldon Schmidt
 Ernie Taylor, *Sec., Treas.*

Annual Treasurer's Report

January 1st to December 31st, 1997

Balance from December 31, 1996	\$ 1,513.17
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INCOME

Illinois State Co-op Allocations	1,160.04	
Redeposit Uncashed Checked	75.00	
Retreat Income:		
Registration	\$ 950.00	
Offering (for singers)	146.48	
Donations	100.00	
Trap Shoot	160.00	
Retreat Total	1,356.48	
Total Income		\$ 2,591.52

EXPENSES

Mileage	258.11
Meeting Expense	46.12
National Foreign Missions (Team/IL FWB Students)	700.00

Retreat Expenses:		
Camp Hope (rental)	150.00	
Chosen Heart (singers)	200.00	
Pat Shores (meals)	650.00	
Speakers (Honorarium)	300.00	
Retreat Total	1,300.00	
Charge for Checks	2.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 2306.23</u>
Balance Carried Forward		\$ 1798.46

Laymen's Board Proposed Budget for 1998

ANTICIPATED INCOME:		
Balance Brought Forward	\$1,513.17	
Together Way Plan	1,100.00	
Retreat Registration	1,000.00	
Anticipated Total Income		<u>\$3,800.00</u>
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:		
Board Members Travel	600.00	
Postage/telephone	60.00	
Newsletter	350.00	
Illinois Summer Missionaries	800.00	
Retreat Expenses	1,400.00	
National Master's Men Office	400.00	
Miscellaneous	190.00	
Anticipated Total Expenses		<u>\$3,800.00</u>

Board recognized Bro. Paul Moore and Eldon Schmidt for service as they have left the Board. Bro. Karel Smith and Bro. Jerry Miller elected to the Board.

REPORT NO. 14

FINAL REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

ITEM # 7. We recommend the following Co-op allocations be approved:

National Association	28%
Illinois State Missions	24%
Promotional Fund	12%
Camp Board	16%
General Fund	9%
S.S. & Christian Ed.	5%
CTS Board	4%
Ministerial Scholarship	1%
IL State Master's Men Board	<u>1%</u>
	100%

ITEM #8. We recommend the adoption of the proposed budget, as recommended by the Executive Board, Camp Board, Christian ED, S.S. Board, CTS Board, IL. State Master's, Men Board, State Treasurer, and the Missions Board.

ITEM #9. We recommend the approval of the request, by the Bethel FWB Church, of South Roxana, to host the 1999 Illinois State Association.

Tom Harmon, Adrian Smith, Jason Jean

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, the State Meeting will be held at Bethel FWB Church, South Roxana, Illinois in March, 1999.

REPORT NO. 15

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

No report given.

REPORT NO. 16

REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE

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

Signed: Bill Crank, Kent Waller, Mark Shores

Motion sustained to adopt the report.

REPORT NO. 17

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

We the Memorial Committee call your attention to the following listing of deceased members and ask that we stand in honor of their faithfulness. "those who have laid down the cross and picked up the crown." Let's pray that others will pick up the cross and fill in these gaps. We further request that Bro. Grant Bruce offer a prayer of thanks for their living testimonies and that the congregation sing a verse of "In the Sweet By and By."

Bonnie Doggett, *Chairman*, Richard S. Smith, Jane Harmon

East Central District:

Dwight Flota
William Barnett
Joe Martin
Freda Shaw

Nellie Corson
Melvina Milan
Eula Rector
John Short

Cletus Rector
Walter Shelton (D)
Bessie Black

South Central District:

Flossie Snell
Herman Parton
Ralph Stanley
Bob Endrizzi
Martin Browning

Lillie Masterson
Sherman Sullivan
Jim White
Dorothy Taylor

Henry McCraven
Bert Marrs
George Strunk
Alma Page Fox

North Central District

May Kelly

West Central District

Marie Bunton
Ruth Dillan
Austin Allen
Olga Robinson
Freida Harmon
Bertis Maynard

George Hart
Chesta Murry
Ida Mae Allen
Vernon Conner
Lawrence McLearn
Ruth King

Ethel McBride
Corydon Doerr
John Harvey
Grace Whittington
Mary Lou Sperry
Leora Eubanks

Motion to adopt carried.

Motion sustained to elect a nominating committee consisting of the following: Steve Hale (Chr.), Larry Cook, and Travis Penn.

Moderator delegated the appointing of a Resolutions Committee to the Executive Committee, meeting in February.

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: Elfrieda Monday, Mike Robertson Richard Smith, Dennis Maynard, and Peggy Outland.

REPORT NO. 18

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: Steve Hale, Ernie Lewis, Larry Cook

Motion sustained to receive the report, and elect each nominee.

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

Motion was sustained to adjourn the 1998 session. Meet at Bethel FWB Church, South Roxana, Illinois on March 19 and 20, 1999.

Motion to give a rising vote of thanks to our state officers for their excellent work this past year.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. David Shores.

Amen.