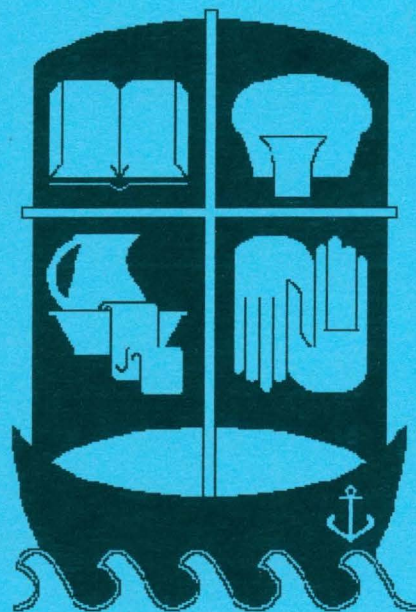


**MINUTES OF THE
FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**



2016

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**MINUTES OF THE 56TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MARCH 18 & 19, 2016**

The 56TH meeting was held at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Salem, Illinois. The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Power in The Blood" led by Bro. Mike Wrey with Sis. Paula Hayes at the piano. Bro. Tim Hayes a deacon at the Calvary Church then gave the welcome. The 56th meeting was called to order by the clerk and the moderator, Bro. John Pratt, appointed the following men to the business committee: Brad Ryan, Corey Penn and Phillip Kennedy. The standing delegates were then recognized by the moderator as he had them stand to their feet. The clerk then called attention to the statistical report and a motion was sustained to seat the elected delegates and receive the reports of the member districts.

REPORT NO. 1—2015 DISTRICT REPORTS

Districts	East Central	Rend Lake	South Central	Metro East	Northern	Fox River	Quad Cities	Total
# of Churches	7	9	7	5	2	4	1	35
# Cities	3	3	2	5	2	4	1	20
# Rural	4	6	5					15
# Reporting	7	9	7	5	2	4		34
Full-Time P	5	3	4	5		2		19
Bi-Vocational P	2	6	3		2	2		15
# of Baptisms	17	12	15	20	1	9		74
Members ++	21	7	22	34	7	0		91
Members Lost	3	10	12	10	0	9		44
Tot. Members	719	1,083	875	423	46	72		3218
Total Income	\$725,760	\$834,438	\$706,758	\$605,560	\$37,277.00	\$119,225		\$3,029,018
Church/Budget	4	5	4	5	0	2		20
# /Parsonage	2	4	2	1	0	2		11
Value- Property	\$3,824,000	\$8,700,500	\$6,480,000	4,075,000	\$250,000	\$2,200,000		\$25,529,500
# Ordained	13	15	13	8	4	7		60
# Licensed	0	0	2	1	0	0		3
# Deacons	19	35	22	8	0	3		87
Christian School	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Kindergarten	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Sunday School	431	409	335	12	35	64		1286
CTS	63	125			0	2		190
WNAC						0		
Master's Men						4		4

The numbers in parenthesis is the number of churches reports for that category. Also, the last two categories are not on the updated report forms

DELEGATES

EAST CENTRAL	REND LAKE	SOUTH CENTRAL	NORTHERN	FOX RIVER	METRO EAST	QUAD CITIES
Suzanne Lewis	Jane Harmon	Diane Ryan			Ron Malone	
Kathy Hayes	Anne Sink	Jim Thompson			Penny Pratt	
Paula Hayes	Brenda Fowler	Brian Walker			Mike McClintock	
Marie Rutger	Maxine Hicks	Darlene Zimmerman				
	Rhonda Rone	Emilee Smith				
		Patricia Smith				
		Mildred McClerren				

Motion was sustained to receive the report and to seat the delegates.

A time of prayer was then led by the moderator after requests were received.

REPORT NO. 2
REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER
2015 GENERAL FUND REPORT
2/1/15 Through 1/31/2016

Beginning Balance \$ 8,979.84
Inflows

IL. State Association of FWB:

17% of Together Way	16,767.01
Annual Dues	5,840.00
Interest Income	3.96
Refund (Brotherhood Mutual)	14,432.00
General Fund	4,000.00
Refunds	<u>3,629.47</u>

TOTAL IL. STATE ASSOCIATION FWB	44,672.44
TOTAL INFLOWS	44,672.44

OUT FLOWS

Executive Board Meeting Expense	2,168.97
National Expense for Delegates	750.00
Annual Dues	5,550.00
Flowers	165.00
Honorariums	1,600.00
Insurance	16,139.00
Leadership Conference	724.15
Legal Fees	10.00
Phone & Postage	103.80
Printing	669.00
State Meeting Expense	<u>975.00</u>

TOTAL OUT FLOWS	28,854.92
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Ending Balance \$ 24,797.36

2015 PROMOTIONAL FUND REPORT

Beginning Balance \$4,754.97

INCOME

Income	<u>13,981.54</u>
TOTAL INCOME	13,981.54

EXPENSES

Hotel at National	1,049.10
U.S. Post Office	2,295.00
Printing	2,773.71
Promotional Secretary	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,117.81

Ending Balance	\$ 2,618.70
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FWB FOUNDATION	\$42,639.69
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2016 BUDGET

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

17% OF TOGETHER WAY	\$18,000.00
ANNUAL DUES	<u>6,460.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,460.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

BOARD EXPENSES	\$2,000.00
DELEGATES EXPENSES	750.00
NATIONAL DUES	5,700.00
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER	750.00
HONORARIUMS	1,800.00
SURETY BOND	100.00
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	1,400.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	60.00
POSTAGE AND PHONE	100.00
INSURANCE	10,775.00
PRINTING MINUTES	400.00
STATE MEETING EXPENSE	500.00
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>125.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 24,460.00</u>
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PROMOTIONAL FUND

RECEIPTS:

TOGETHER WAY	\$14,200.00
DESIGNATED GIFTS	<u>2,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,200.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S SALARY	\$10,000.00
PRINTING OF NEWSLETTER	2,500.00
NEWSLETTER POSTAGE & SUPPLIES	2,500.00
OFFICE	200.00
NATIONAL EXPENSES	<u>1,000.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$16,200.00</u>
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, TIM HAYES, STATE TREASURER

DESIGNATED GIVING IN STATE 2015

2/1/15 Through 1/31/16

PAYEE	CAMP BOARD	CHURCH PLANT	IGO	PROM. FUND	TO-WAY PLAN
Alexander	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Arnold View	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	9,978.02
Bear Point	0.00	0.00	1,523.00	90.00	5,061.38
Benton 1 st	0.00	0.00	1,571.45	0.00	4,532.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00	264.00	0.00	2,400.00
Blue Point	600.00	0.00	545.00	1,200.00	3,600.00
Calvary	0.00	290.00	6,000.53	0.00	4,718.62
Crossroads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Decatur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,999.13
Harmony W F	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	1,200.00
Hazel Dell	250.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	3,000.00
IL WAC	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00
Ina	0.00	950.00	0.00	120.00	25,038.00
Johnston C.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,030.78
Loyal Workers	0.00	0.00	4,135.00	0.00	0.00
Metro East	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Vernon WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,015.00
Mt. Vernon	0.00	0.00	4,204.00	0.00	9,149.90
New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.00	3,477.00
Northwest	0.00	0.00	320.00	0.00	2,400.00
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	608.48
Oak Valley	0.00	0.00	6,760.00	0.00	0.00
Pittsburg	0.00	0.00	38,257.00	0.00	2,004.00
Pleasant V.	600.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Pleasant V. WAC	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
Rescue	2,120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,053.30
Tanner T.	0.00	0.00	724.57	0.00	724.57
Unity	0.00	0.00	630.00	0.00	0.00
Victory	0.00	900.00	900.00	0.00	900.00
Waltonville	89.58	0.00	0.00	60.00	439.39
TOTALS	3,641.58	3,340.00	66,044.85	2,146.00	98,629.57

Grand Total: \$173,802.00

GIVING TO NATIONAL MINISTRIES 2015

2/1/15 Through 1/31/16

Payee	Home Missions	International Missions	National	TOTAL
Arnold View	0.00	8,769.00	0.00	8,769.00
Bakerville	0.00	2,936.00	681.00	3,617.00
Bear Point	353.00	526.50	1,305.00	2,184.50
Benton First	0.00	2,425.00	620.00	3,045.00
Bethel	240.00	5,913.00	300.00	6,453.00
Blue Point	13,101.75	20,822.11	4,693.04	38,616.90
Calvary	1,025.00	4,693.37	7,521.04	13,239.41
Crossroads	345.00	1,510.00	165.00	2,020.00
Decatur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Central District	0.00	800.00	0.00	800.00
Harmony West Frankfort	0.00	150.00	1,200.00	1,350.00
Hazel Dell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IL. State WAC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ina	240.00	17,071.00	3,907.00	21,218.00
Johnston City	0.00	2,196.86	0.00	2,196.86
Master's Men	0.00	486.00	0.00	486.00
Metro East District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Vernon WAC	0.00	1,132.00	0.00	1,132.00
Mt. Vernon	0.00	840.14	0.00	840.14
Northwest	0.00	2,890.00	2,291.00	5,181.00
Pleasant View	1,200.00	7,075.64	769.30	9,044.94
Rescue	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
South Central District	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Tanner Trails	0.00	0.00	1,086.86	1,086.86
Unity	0.00	120.00	794.00	914.00
Victory FWB	120.00	120.00	0.00	240.00
Waltonville	150.00	674.97	330.00	1,154.97
TOTAL	16,774.75	82,551.59	25,663.24	124,989.58

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budgets.

**REPORT NO. 3
REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
2016**

This is our 56th year as a State Association and as I reported to you last year, we came together as the result of prayer, phone calls, letters and a vision to expand our ministry nationally and globally. A monthly newsletter was begun to remind us of our responsibilities to missions, evangelism and possibilities of a greater outreach. We are a very small association, but Illinois has contributed greatly by giving our finances and our young people in service to the Lord.

You will be hearing the reports of our various boards and how they continue to motivate our state to fulfill the vision our founding fathers preached. The Board of Missions keeps a lively agenda of work done to help establish new churches, help struggling churches, and send the gospel around the world. The Camp oversees Camp Hope and they have former campers who dedicated their lives to service to God and are now serving the Lord all over the world, the Christian Education Board keeps us up to date on the purpose of teaching both youth and adults. The CTS Board promotes activities for training our young people to exercise their talents and the Master's Men go near and far in getting men involved in every activity from Disaster Relief, to building houses, to relaxing together at a retreat. We also will have a report from the Illinois Women Active for Christ. You will be excited to hear these reports.

It is always a pleasure to visit our District Meetings and I try to attend as many as possible. When I do not get to be present I can usually get a report of what has happening with our church family in Illinois. Since I also serve as a pastor there are other duties in my work which sometimes allows me to speak at special events.

Of course, we continue to be astounded by the moral revolution which is sweeping across our nation. The days are past when it seemed as though everyone had a respect for the Church and the Bible. The gospel was the final word until now. Now the final word is "political correctness" and since our country is trending toward a totally humanistic philosophy, we must continue to not just stand against these social issues, we must "...earnestly content for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." It's the same old problem: ungodly men have moved and deny the Lord. I should add a note of commendation here because every member of every board in this State Association stands in complete unity against the issues of immorality being forced upon our nation.

I preached at Oak Valley Church on their Homecoming Sunday and attended Blue Point Church when they had the ground breaking for their new multipurpose building. It was a great time to visit with some folks I hadn't seen in a while. A good idea was put into action when the Rend Lake District and South Central District met at Camp Hope and they shared a Worship Service after conducting their business meetings in the same location with different Moderators. They also shared a meal together. Other districts might give this a try.

The Adult Camp Meeting Board made plans for 2016. The 2015 meeting held at Camp Hope in September was well attended. We have made plans for this year to meet again at the Chapel at Camp Hope with Pastor Jeff Jones of North Carolina serving as the evangelist. It was suggested to have the Camp Meeting at an earlier date this year, so mark your calendar for August 7 – 10. This board is not under the care of the State Association, although every member elected to the board is a member in good standing of one of our churches and I felt I should give a brief update here in my report. We appreciate all the support we receive from churches which can help us.

When I mailed the October Illinois Newsletter I received a shock. The new postal worker had not been told to give the address corrections to me, so a portion of them dated back to May. Also, the price of the postage had been raised. We have about 650 copies to address and mail each month, plus we have about 125 who get the PDF version. We keep working on getting folks to sign up for the E-Newsletter. The postal workers advised me to change our address statements and remove "Address Service Requested" above the addressee's name which calls for a correction each mailing. I will now add "Or Current Resident" above the mailing label and do the correction every third month. This will eliminate a 59 cent charge being repeated before I get the monthly returns. It is my intention to stop trying to keep up people who move. When I receive a returned Newsletter, I will remove their name. The addressee can then notify me if he wishes to continue receiving the publication. The state website <www.ilfwb.org> has been revised and updated which will also carry the electronic version of the Illinois Newsletter. Besides the Illinois Newsletter, you want to expand your news outreach by signing up for One Magazine which carries news items, articles, etc., and happenings across our denomination. It is free and postage paid, all we need is your address.

For several years our state had a group insurance policy with Brotherhood Mutual which paid an annual rebate based on our claims. The company recently announced that it had dropped that program and the dividends would no longer be available after December 31st. However, we received a check in the amount of \$13,601.00 for our participation in the program for this past year. We were still qualified for the rebate until the end of our year which was November 30th.

Some of our churches that are in need of a pastor include Oak Grove, Calvary and Alexander. We welcome the pastors who are serving the Decatur, Hoopeston and Bethel Churches and we congratulate Brother Brown on his retirement after 20+ years as pastor at Alexander. The Tanner Trails Church left our fellowship this year and united with another group.

I placed a notice in the Illinois Newsletter that Brother Alton Loveless is compiling information for an upcoming book to be published about lady preachers. Since our State Association did not ordain women, information on the subject will probably have to be provided by older members of our area or those who are related to them. Help Brother Loveless if you can.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve in this office and to serve as your representative on the General Board and the Executive Board of the National Association.

Respectfully submitted *David Shores*

A motion was sustained to receive the report.

REPORT NO. 4
REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE
February 5-6, 2016

The Auditing Committee has audited the financial records of all the boards of the Illinois State Association for the year ending December 31, 2015 (State Treasurer January 31, 2016). The Committee finds the records in order for the following boards: State General Fund, Promotional Fund, State Missions Board, Camp Board, CTS Board, Master's Men Board (including the Disaster Response Fund) and Christian Education Board.

Auditors: Francis Scott, Josh Colson, and Kelly Douglas

Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Auditing Committee.

REPORT NO. 5

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT FOR 2015-2016

The Executive Board met March 21, 2015 following the State meeting and organized with Bro. John Pratt, chairman and Bro. Larry Cook, recording secretary. The time and place for the next meeting was set for May 14th, 2015 at the 1st FWB Church in Mt. Vernon. The boards were organized as follows:

Church Training Board

Liz Lindsey, Sec.	2016
Tom Lewis	2017
Josh Colson	2018
Allen Bigley, Treas.	2019
Kelly Douglas, Chr.	2020

Christian Education Board

Ross Bunton	2016
Jason Jean	2017
David Mishler, Chr.	2018
Ivan Ryan, Treas.	2019
Eric Drake	2020

Board of Missions

Ernie Lewis, Chr.	2016
David Potete, Sec	2017
Jon Cannon	2018
Phillip Kennedy	2019
Jamie Lee, Treas.	2020

Camp Board

Corey Penn, Sec.	2016
Bryant Harris, Chr.	2017
Tim Pierce	2018
Brad Ryan	2019
Brandon Dwyer	2020

Master's Men Board

Mark Kash,	2016
Shawn Mygatt, Treas.	2017
Mike Thomas, Chr.	2018
Brian Lindsey	2014
Nathan Beaty	2020

Moderator	John Pratt
Asst. Moderator	Ricky Ham
Clerk	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus
Treasurer	Tim Hayes
Promotional Sec.	David Shores
National General Board	David Shores

Executive Board Representatives

East Central- John Hollis
Rend Lake- Tom Harmon
South Central- Curtis Smith
Quad Cities-
Fox River-
Metro-East- Paul Boyer
Northern Il.-

May 14, 2015

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB Church, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

The meeting was opened by the clerk and the roll was taken with the following being in attendance: John Pratt, Ricky Ham, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Tim Hayes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, David Mishler, Kelly Douglas, Curtis Smith, Tom Harmon, and Paul Boyer. A motion was sustained to seat Brad Ryan as proxy for Bryant Harris and David Burgess as proxy for John Hollis. The organizational minutes were noted and a motion was sustained to adopt the minutes as printed. Bro. John Pratt, the moderator, brought the devotion from I Cor. 9:13-27, Psalm 119:11; I Thess. 5:16 and Romans 1:16 and challenged us with a number of questions focusing on our relationship with God. He then closed in prayer.

REPORTS:

A motion was sustained to receive the report of the Promotional Secretary and this was followed by the report of the State Treasurer and a motion was sustained to adopt the treasurer's report. Bro. David suggested that Bro. Curtis Smith be unofficially designated as our state historian and encouraged all to provide him with any historical information that might be in our possession concerning Illinois Free Will Baptist.

BOARD REPORTS:

The following boards gave their reports: State Missions Board, Master's Men Board, Camp Board, Christian Education Board and CTS Board with motions sustained to receive each report. There was a motion to accept the verbal resignation of Mark Kash from the Master's Men Board and the floor was opened for nominations. Bro. Marty Lefler's name was placed in nomination to fill the 2016 term and a motion was sustained to elect him to that position.

The moderator declared a recess and everyone enjoyed the Bar-B-Q provided by Bro. Mike Thomas and other refreshments by the host church.

Misc. Business:

The following dates were set for the remainder of Executive Board meetings: August 6, Nov. 5 and Feb. 11, 2016. The meeting place will be Mt. Vernon 1st Church.

Motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. Paul Boyer closed in prayer.

AUGUST 6, 2015

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1ST FWB CHURCH, MT. VERNON

The meeting was opened with the clerk calling the roll and the following were present: John Pratt, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, Bryant Harris, David Mishler, Kelly Douglas, Curtis Smith, John Hollis, and Paul Boyer. There was a motion sustained to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting followed by a devotion from Bro. Paul Boyer.

He opened in prayer and then shared with us about the need for commitment of those who served on the Executive Board and how that our love for Christ and for others was our motivation. He then closed in prayer.

The Promotional Secretary then shared an oral report and a motion was sustained to receive this report as information.

Board Reports:

CTS Board- a motion was sustained to receive the report.

State Missions Board- a motion was made to receive the report after which an amendment to the report was made to have the present auditing committee to audit the books of the State Missions Board due to a new treasurer taking over. The amendment was sustained. The following motion as amended was sustained that the report of the State Missions Board be approved and that the books be audited by the present auditing committee since there had been a change in the treasurer.

Master's Men Board- Motion sustained to receive the report.

Camp Board- Motion sustained to receive the report.

Christian Education Board- Motion sustained to receive the report.

The moderator then recessed the meeting for a short break

Upon reconvening a motion was sustained to receive the resignation of Bro. Ricky Ham as Assistant Moderator due to his accepting a pastorate outside of the state.

A motion was sustained to appoint a committee composed of Paul Boyer and Ross Bunton to work with the State Promotional Director, Bro. David Shores to investigate the Illinois website and make recommendations to the State Association.

Report of the Program Committee Report

The program committee for the 2016 State Meeting met August 6, 2015 at the 1st FWB Church in Mt. Vernon. The theme for the upcoming meeting to be held at the Calvary FWB Church in Salem is "Ministering With Purpose" and the scripture will be decided at the meeting in November. The following speakers were chosen:

Friday Morning- Jamie Lee

Friday Evening- Curtis Smith

Saturday Morning- Josh Colson

A motion was made and sustained to make Bro. Mike Thomas the official food provider for the Executive Board meetings. A motion was sustained to adjourn and Bro. David Mishler closed in prayer.

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MT. VERNON 1ST

The meeting was called to order and the roll call was taken with the following being present: John Pratt, Jason Janus, Tim Haynes, David Shores, Ernie Lewis, Mike Thomas, Curtis Smith, Tom Harmon, John Hollis. Motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: Brad Ryan for Bryant Harris, Ross Bunton for David Mishler, and Allen Bigley for Kelly Douglas. There were also two visitors in attendance: Dan Bigley and Phillip Kennedy.

Bro. Tim Hayes brought the devotion using Eph. 6:10-20 and shared with us about the spiritual battle we must fight and how important the armor of God is. We must be diligent in our spiritual work and battle. Bro. John Hollis closed in prayer.

Reports:

The report of the Promotional Secretary was given and a motion was sustained to receive the report. Bro. David also reported that Bro. Jeff Jones would be the speaker at the Adult Camp Meeting this next year to be held August 7-10, 2016.

Motion was sustained to adopt the report of the State Treasurer.

Board Reports:

State Missions Board: Motion was sustained to receive the report. A motion was then sustained to receive the report of the auditing committee which audited the books following Bro. Jamie Lee taking over as treasurer. The auditing committee examined the books and found them in order.

Master's Men Board: A motion was sustained to receive the report and Bro. Tim Hayes gave a report of the DRU work in northern Illinois.

Camp Board: A motion was sustained to accept the report.

Christian Education Board: A motion was sustained to receive the report and consider the following recommendation:

To revitalize the State Association website(ilfwb.org) by transitioning it to an easier to use platform and by refreshing and updating its content more regularly. While working closely with each of the respective boards, it is recommended that the oversight of this initial effort and ongoing development be performed and/or concerns that may arise.

Motion was sustained to accept the recommendation.

CTS Board: A motion was sustained to adopt the treasurer's report.

Recess:

Misc. Business:

It was reported that the Program Committee had met and that the theme verse for the 2016 State Meeting will be Philippians 2:19-21 concerning the topic of Ministering With Purpose. All three speakers have been confirmed: Friday Morning Jamie Lee Friday Evening Curtis Smith and Saturday Morning Josh Colson. Motion was sustained to receive the report of the Nominating Committee concerning the vacancy of the office of the assistant moderator as Bro. Ricky Ham has moved from the state. The committee nominated Bro. Curtis Smith to fill this vacancy and a motion was sustained to elect Bro. Curtis Smith to this position. Motion was sustained to send Bro. Brad Ryan and one other person to the Leadership conference in Nashville, Dec. 7 & 8 and to pay their expenses. Motion sustained to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer.

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MT. VERNON 1ST

The meeting was called to order and the roll call was taken with the following being present: John Pratt, Larry Cook, Jason Janus, Tim Haynes, David Shores, Mike Thomas, Curtis Smith, Tom Harmon, John Hollis, Paul Boyer, Bryant Harris . Motion was sustained to seat the following proxies: Phillip Kennedy for Ernie Lewis. Ross Bunton was present to share a presentation concerning the revamping of the website: ilfwb.org and all the new features. We were encouraged to take a look at the website and use it regularly.

The minutes of the November 5th meeting were presented and a motion was sustained to approved these minutes with the needed corrections. It was noted that the words Christian Education Board needed to be added to the recommendation for the oversight of the website. And the spelling of some names was corrected.

Bro. John Pratt brought the devotion from Romans 12:7-9 concerning serving as leaders and developed the topic by examining the characteristics and responsibilities of a servant leader. He then closed in a time of prayer.

A motion was sustained to allow Bro. Ivan Ryan to serve as a proxy for the South Central.

The report of the Promotional Secretary was given and during this report Bro. David gave time for Bro. Ross to share concerning the website. A motion was then sustained to receive this report.

The report of the State Treasurer was given and a motion was sustained to adopt the Treasurer's Report. A motion was then sustained to recommend to the State the adoption of the proposed budgets for the Promotional Fund and the General Fund for 2016.

Board Reports:

Motions were sustained to receive the reports, adopt the financial reports and recommend to the State the adoption of their proposed budgets for 2016 for the following boards: Christian Education, Missions, Master's Men, Camp and CTS.

A recess was declared and once again Bro. Mike Thomas shared some delicious bar-b-q.

Miscellaneous Business:

A motion was sustained to recommend the following Together Way allocations for 2016:

2016 Allocations

National Association	24%	CTS Board	3%
Illinois State Missions	28%	Christian Education Board	3%
Promotional Secretary	12%	Disaster Response	0%
General Fund	17%	Master's Men	2%
Camp Board	10%	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1%

The program for the 2016 State meeting was noted and corrections made.

A motion was then sustained to give honorariums of \$200 to each of the three speakers at the State Meeting. Motion was sustained to adjourn.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and then a motion was sustained to adopt the Together Way allocations.

REPORT NO. 6

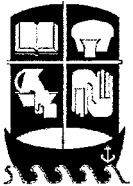
A PARTIAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following names have been placed in nomination for the State boards:

Board Members

CTS	Liz Lindsay resigned	(2021) <u>Kathy Hayes</u>
Christian Ed	Ross Bunton	(2021) <u>Ross Bunton</u>
	Eric Drake resigned	(2020) <u>Keith Fletcher</u>
Board of Missions	Ernie Lewis	(2021) <u>Ernie Lewis</u>
	Jamie Lee resigned	(2020) <u>Brian Gibson</u>
Camp Board	Corey Penn	(2021) <u>Corey Penn</u>
Illinois Masters Men	Marty Leffler	(2021) <u>Marty Leffler</u>

A motion was sustained to receive the report and place the names in nomination as each board report is given. The Moderator then recognized Bro. Ryan Lewis to share a report from the Executive Office of the National Association.



REPORT NO. 7

Illinois Free Will Baptist Board of Missions

2015 Annual Report



The **Illinois Board of Missions** has encouraged and supported mission efforts this year in four mission works in the United States and seven missionary families in overseas ministries, as well as aiding short-term mission trips. Your prayers and continued support are vital for these ministries.

The board has assisted in special projects over the past year including:

Provided use of the IBM van for missionaries on furlough in the United States.

Assisted Hope Walker on a Short-Term mission trip to Panama with Welch College.

Sent \$300 each to E-Team candidates who requested assistance with their support.

Assisted the Discovery Family Church toward self-support and with payments on their building.

Rented the Joliet Property to the 2nd Chance Church while maintaining the property.

Sent \$1,500 to the Mark King account with ELIC to help him recover from a deficit.

Sent \$1,500 to the Josh Detherage account with ELIC to help him recover from a deficit.

Met for a 2-day Summit to devise Mission Board policies for hiring new missionaries.

Assisted Shane and Joy Davison in renting a vehicle for the month of June while in the U.S..

Sent the remaining \$6,000 from the Illini Account to Tyler Penn's I.M. account.

Assisted the Davisons in France with \$2,000 for a projector and language curriculum.

Sent \$5,500 to The Marana Project to assist a teen camp and upgrade their children's ministry.

Voted to assist the J'Pense minister with \$1,500 toward a projector for Joel & Lydie Teague.

Sent a \$1,000 gift to the Discovery Church to assist in their end-of-the-year budget needs.

Sent \$3,479.47 to the IL State Association to cover IBM Insurance coverage by Bro. Mutual.

Sent a Christmas bonus to each missionary on the I-GO plan of support.

Voted to hire Jamie and Heather Lee as new church planters in Champaign-Urbana, IL.

The following reports are updates on the missionaries supported by Illinois Regional Support:

Josh and Ashley Bennett continue to grow The Springs Church in Marana, Arizona. They have led a new youth minister in growth as he has undertaken more responsibilities in the church.

Shane and Joy Davison continued to teach English classes, French literacy, cooking, and computer literacy classes in their Center in Aix-en-Provence, France. They spent one month in the U.S. visiting family and support churches.

Josh and Jennifer Detherage resigned from the ELIC ministry and moved to Campbellsville, KY to teach in the university there.

Jeff and Heather Goodman are holding two services each Sunday morning at The Springs FWB Church in Marana, AZ. They are looking for property to build a new building of their own.

Mark King has moved to Tibet to teach English in a community learning center in China with ELIC.

Sarah Malone continues in an administrative role with ELIC for Asia. She spent some time in the U.S. this year, but now has returned to Beijing with a 10-year visa to continue her ministry.

Craig and Sarah Portell were in the U.S. for the fall, but continue to teach English in their Nova Lingua School in Olgii, Mongolia. They have moved to a new location for their business.

Dennis and Carol Teague are working in France in an outreach ministry for the inquisitive youth of their area. They hold J'Pense and J'Crois events for outreach.

Joel and Lydie Teague have held several J'Pense events (services) in France and have nearly 100 people each time who are searching for answers. They have also published new booklets for teaching those who are seeking answers in the Bible. They are in the U.S. presently to raise support for their account as career missionaries.

Illinois Board of Missions
Budget for 2016

INCOME

I-GO Plan	\$ 65,000.00
Together Way Gifts	28,000.00
Designated Gifts	30,000.00
Church Plant Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 128,000.00

EXPENSES

Missionary Accounts	\$ 90,000.00
Missions Projects	20,000.00
Joliet Property Upkeep & Expenses	10,000.00
Missions Trips (<i>Short Term</i>)	5,000.00
Board Expenses	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 128,000.00

Illinois FWB Board of Missions

Treasurer's Report

January-December 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE	1/1/15	\$ 65,381.67
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INCOME

STATE RECEIPTS

TOGETHER WAY	\$ 28,110.62
CHURCH PLANT	3,165.00
IGO	65,436.68
Mark Shores	785.00
Illini Initiative	10,608.22
Second Chance Chase	16,000.00
Sale of Peoria Church	1,231.00
Brotherhood Mutual	736.86
Church Plant Donation	525.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$126,598.38
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EXPENSES

HOME MISSIONS	\$ 21,550.61
ELI-C	18,841.91
INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS	20,227.43
DISCOVERY CHURCH	2,550.00
Illini Initiative Zero Out Account	6,036.71
IMMANUEL CHURCH PROPERTY	4,832.21
Mark Shores Mountain View FWBC	1,756.57
Mission Donation Individuals, E-Team, Gifts	11,900.00
Brotherhood Mutual IBM Van –Insurance	850.00
Board Expense Meals and Mileage	3,233.55
Ill. State Association Insurance	3,749.47
Crossroads Transfer	20.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 95,278.46
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NEW BALANCE	\$ 96,701.59
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FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENT FUND

1/12/2015 – 12/31/15 TOTAL ACCOUNT VALUE	\$34,539.99 @ \$ 8.66 PER SHARE
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AMERICAN FUNDS

12.31.15 TOTAL ACCOUNT VALUE	\$ 302.20
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Treasurer, Jamie Lee

The board chairman, Bro. Ernie Lewis recognized the following to share a report concerning their respective works: Jamie Lee new missionary to Champaign, Joel Teague missionary to France and Tyler Penn missionary to the International students at the University of Illinois.

A motion was then sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. Bro. Ernie Lewis' name was placed in nomination for the 2021 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Then Bro. Brian Gibson's name was placed in nomination for the 2020 position held by Bro. Jamie Lee who resigned to start a work in Champaign. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The moderator then declared a recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The congregation was led in singing "Stand Up For Jesus" led by Bro. Mike Wrey with Sis. Susan Burgess at the piano. The moderator Bro. John Pratt presided over the service. He introduced Bro. Jamie Lee who spoke on Ministering In Love from I John 2:6 and Matthew 9:35-38. Bro. Jamie Lee closed in prayer. The moderator then recessed the meeting for lunch and led us in a word of prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon business session was opened by the moderator sharing from Ephesians 6:12 and how that we are in a spiritual warfare. He then led in a time of prayer.

REPORT NO. 8

ILLINOIS FREE WILL BAPTIST

CAMP BOARD

Annual Report

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

I. YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM AT CAMP HOPE

1. Leadership Camp was held at the beginning of June. Judson Phenicie directed a camp to train 13 teens to work in Junior and Primary Camp.
2. Five weeks of youth camps were successfully held throughout the summer of 2015:
PRIMARY CAMP - 74 Campers JUNIOR CAMP - 106 Campers
JUNIOR HIGH CAMP - 80 Campers FRESH-SOPH CAMP - 58 Campers
JUNIOR-SENIOR CAMP - 58 Campers
A total of 389 Campers registered for our Free Will Baptist camps. This was 26 more campers than registered in 2014. Several salvation decisions were recorded.

II. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITY

1. **Archery Range** backstops were constructed on the campground.
2. **Black Lights** were installed in the gym and the Foosball Court for night games.
3. The **Pavilion** was **Stained** to preserve the wooden structure.
4. The **Gym Bathrooms** were **remodeled** with new sinks and toilets and partitions.
3. All New **Toilets** were installed in the girls dormitory bathroom.
4. A new **Fence** was built around the lagoon after clearing out old brush and fencing.
5. The **Lagoon Drainage Ditch** was dug out and piping was installed there.
6. **Tons of new Rock** was delivered and spread on driveways, walkways, & parking lots.
7. **Drainage Pipes** were installed in all walkways to route water away.
8. The **Pool** was drained and **Painted** with cracks ground and epoxy applied in them.
9. Several **New Mattresses** were purchased and placed on the dorm beds.
12. A **Sandstone Ditch** was laid in August to assist in pond drainage.
13. A **New Pool Cover** was purchased and installed in October to protect it in winter.
14. A new **Air Conditioning Unit** was installed at the Caretaker's House in September.
15. Work Continued on the **Walls** in the Interior of the **Maintenance Building**.

16. **Storm Damaged Trees** were **Removed** by professionals to keep from damaging buildings.
17. A New **Cabinet** was purchased and installed in the **Camp Office**.
18. **Major Repairs** were made on the Girls Dorm A/C, the golf cart, and an **Ice Maker**.

III. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE CAMP BOARD

1. The Camp Board hired Jason Jones and Hope Walker from **Welch College** as **S.A.M.** workers.
2. The Camp Board **Set Aside Funds** for future Camp Improvement and Building Maintenance.
3. The Camp Board voted to raise funds to add **New Shower Rooms** to the girls dormitory.
4. The Camp Board set **Youth Camp Dates** for the 2016 Summer Season:

Leadership Camp - June 2-4	Junior-Senior Camp - June 5-10
Junior-High Camp - June 12-17	Fresh-Soph Camp - June 19-24
Primary Camp - June 26- 30	Junior Camp - July 3-8
5. A Board approved a **Budget** for the 2016 calendar year:

PROJECTED RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving and Church Gifts	\$ 15,000.00
Rentals	25,000.00
Youth Camp 2016 Income	<u>40,000.00</u>
	+ \$ 80,000.00

PROJECTED DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 20,000.00
Maintenance and Supplies	20,000.00
Youth Camp 2014 Expenses	28,000.00
Manager's Compensation	6,000.00
S.A.M. Scholarships	<u>6,000.00</u>
	- \$ 80,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT *January 1 to December 31, 2015*

GENERAL FUND

Balance	1/1/15	\$ 17,012.87
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RECEIPTS:

State Association Co-op	\$ 9,570.84
Individual and Church Donations	4,069.22
Rentals	26,520.00
Camp Scholarship Fund	180.00
Youth Camp Income	38,729.25
Interest on Account	<u>9.35</u>
Total Received	+ \$ 79,078.66

DISBURSEMENTS:

Campground Utilities	\$ 16,806.95
Maintenance and Supplies	23,640.46
Workman's Compensation Insurance	604.00
Campground Improvement Fund (10% Regs & Rent)	5,947.70
Building Maintenance Fund (transfers)	1,500.00
S.A.M. Workers	4,700.00
Youth Camp Expenses	26,788.31
Manager's Compensation	<u>5,700.00</u>
Total Disbursed	- \$ 85,687.42

BALANCE	12/31/15	\$ 10,404.11
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Building Maintenance Fund

Balance	1/1/15		\$ 8,423.12
Transfers from General Fund		\$ + 1500.00	
Interest on Account		+ 3.55	
Gym Bathroom Remodeling Project		- \$ 3,471.23	
Balance	12/31/14		<u>\$ 6,455.44</u>

Campground Improvement Fund

Balance	1/1/15		\$ 12,621.42
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camper Registrations)		+ \$ 3,295.00	
Transfer from General Fund (10% Camp Rentals)		+ 2,651.50	
Interest on Account		+ 3.58	
Gym Bathroom Remodeling Project		- \$ 9,696.07	
Rescue Church Donation (Girls Bathroom Project)		+ 902.00	
Kimberly Jenkins (Girls Bathroom Project)		+ 450.00	
Balance	12/31/15		<u>\$ 10,228.63</u>

Camper Scholarship Fund

Balance	1/1/15		\$ 1,095.02
Interest on Account		+ 0.53	
Transfer to General Fund (2 Camper Registrations)		- 180.00	
Balance	12/31/15		<u>\$ 915.55</u>

Maintenance Building Fund

Balance	1/1/15		\$ 966.67
Interest on Account		+ \$.05	
Building Materials & Replacement Equipment		- \$ 966.72	
Balance	12/31/15		<u>\$ - 0 -</u>

Kitchen Cabinet Fund

Balance	1/1/15		\$ 5,711.27
Interest on Account		+ 2.71	
Balance	12/31/15		<u>\$ 5,713.98</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP BOARD

Chairman - Bryant Harris **Brad Ryan**
Corey Penn **Tim Pierce** **Brandon Dwyer**

Motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget.

Bro. Corey Penn's name was placed in nomination for the 2021 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Clint Morgan to share a report from International Missions and shared with us that the purpose of International Missions was to labor with the body of Christ to fulfill the Great Commission. This Great Commission charges us to 1. Minister to the people's needs, 2. Disciple Leaders, 3. Plant churches and 4. Partner with the body of Christ.

The moderator then recognized Bro. Jamie Lee who gave a report for North American Ministries, Bro. John Brummitt who spoke for the Board of Retirement and Bro. Richard Davis who spoke for the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

REPORT NO. 9
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Greetings to the 2016 Illinois State Association,

The Christian Education Board was privileged to have Dr. Stan Toler, best-selling author, leader, and teacher to challenge us last year on Thursday night and Friday morning with his seminars "The Five Star Church" and "Total Quality Life". This year we are excited to have Bro. Curt Gwartney, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Park Hills, Missouri. Bro. Gwartney will be speaking Thursday night of the State Meeting on the topic of "Transitioning Youth to Active Adult Ministry".

The CE Board was honored to help out 11 Illinois students attending Welch College this past year with \$3,260 in scholarships. The following students shared the scholarship monies; Joshua Colson, Morgan Droll, Jacob Hannis, Allison Lewis, Jonathan Lewis, Shelby Payne, Emily Petty, Claire Ryan, Esther Smith, Keith Stegall, and Hope Walker. Because of our self perpetuating scholarship fund the CE Board has had the privilege of issuing out a total of \$33,653 in scholarship monies to Illinois students attending Welch College over the last ten years. Investing in the future of the Lord's work continues to be one of our top priorities.

Last year the CE Board helped send some of our pastors to the RHMA Small Town Pastors' Conference in Morton, IL. This year we are offering to pay the complete registration of any pastor and wife desiring to attend the conference April 18 to April 20. Information concerning this conference and registration can be obtained on our updated web site at www.ilfwb.org.

Over the past year the CE Board has taken on the responsibility of overseeing and maintaining our Illinois FWB web site. Our thanks to Ross Bunton for his willingness and expertise in setting up this valuable tool. We are still discovering what we can and cannot do with this site. Our Pastors Idea Box is a work in progress and we look forward to seeing the full potential this web site has to offer to all of our Illinois Free Will Baptist pastors and churches.

The CE Board covets your prayers as we endeavor to help meet the needs of our Illinois pastors and churches.

In Christ, David Mishler, Ivan Ryan, Jason Jean, Eric Drake, and Ross Bunton

CE Board Financial Statement for 2015
01/01/15 – 12/31/15

General Fund
Beginning Balance
Income

	\$5,237.94
Co-op	\$3,280.42
C.E. Scholarship Redemption	2,759.00
Ministerial Scholarship Redemption	500.00

Total Income \$6,539.42

Expenses

Board Expenses	\$171.96
Toler Sem/State Expense	\$1,196.60
Small Town Conference	\$195.00
C.E. Scholarships	\$2,759.00
Ministerial Scholarship	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$4,822.56

Ending Balance

\$5,954.80

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Ministerial Scholarship Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$5,768.05
Coop income	\$1,015.28
Ministerial Scholarship	(\$500.00)
Ending Balance	<u>\$6,283.33</u>

CE Board Scholarship Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$47,024.22
Redemption for C.E. Scholarships	(2,759.00)
Dividends Reinvested	932.17
Capital Gains	1,789.83
Gain/(Loss) On Investment	(\$1,481.56)
Ending Balance	<u>\$45,505.66</u>

Proposed Budget for 2016

Income:

Coop Receipts	\$3,000.00
<u>Fund Redemptions for Scholarships</u>	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

Expenses:

Board Expenses	\$500.00
Seminar Expenses	\$1500.00
<u>Scholarships</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. Bro. Ross Bunton's name was placed in nomination for the 2021 position and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect. Then the name of Keith Fletcher was placed in nomination to fill the 2020 vacancy left by the resignation of Bro. Eric Drake. A motion sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect. The moderator then recognized Bro. Ron Hunter, to share a report from Randall House.

REPORT NO. 10 ILLINOIS MASTER'S MEN / DRU ANNUAL REPORT 2015

2015 provided some opportunities for Master's Men DRU to minister to those affected by natural disasters. The Rochelle/Fairdale tornado in Northern Illinois was one such example where our group was able to help. Other trips included flood clean-up and debris removal.

22nd Annual Men's Retreat was held September 17, 18 & 19, 2015. Bro. Joe Wilson, associate pastor at Kirby Church, Flat Rock Michigan was guest speaker. Bro. Jim Beatty provided special music for the Thursday night service. Something new this year was the Friday night Communion Service. Bro. Kent Dunford from Benton Free Will Baptist Church officiated the ceremony with help from Deacons in attendance to serve the bread and juice. Plans are to make this an annual event. It was awesome!

Shooting and Archery vents are still popular, 1st – Nathan Beaty & 2nd – Ted Heater from Rescue Church won the Trap Shoot. 1st – Tyler Penn & 2nd – Lee Penn won the Archery Shoot. Roger Bennett won the "Vest of Shame" award again!

The pie auction raised \$486.00 for missions. The Illini Initiative in Champaign, Illinois was the recipient. Thank you to all who donated pies for this ministry.

The Master's Men 2nd Annual Youth Fishing Tournament was held October 17, 2015 and had 7 participants. 1st – Katie Mygatt & Seth Loucks, Bear Point with 13.2 lbs, 2nd Samuel & Benjamin Harris, Rescue with 5 lbs. other participants- Trevor & Aiden Beaty, Rescue Church and Damian Rose, Mt. Vernon 1st Church. Congratulations to all the winners!

Thanks for all your prayers and support this past year!
Submitted by: Mike Thomas, Chairman, Shawn Mygatt, Treasurer, Brian Lindsey, Secretary, Nathan Beaty and Marty Leffler.

Dates to remember: May 14th, 2016 – 3rd Annual Youth Fishing Tournament at Camp Hope
September 15, 16 & 17, 2016 – 23rd Annual Men's Retreat at Camp Hope. Bro. Brandon Bell, Pastor at Oak Lawn Free Will Baptist Church, Chapmansboro, TN will be the speaker.

**Illinois Masters Men
Disaster Response Unit
2015 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**

Balance forward from December 31, 2014	10,714.91
<u>Income</u>	
ISA of FWB	78.79
Gifts	<u>2086.07</u>
Total Income	2164.86
<u>Expense</u>	
Travel	440.02
Motel	244.22
Food	195.80
Fuel	1,329.76
License/Inspection	59.00
Calling Post	44.95
Postage	14.88
Repairs/Maintenance	<u>60.41</u>
Total Expenses	1,949.02
Balance C.F. to January 1, 2016	10,930.75

**Illinois Masters Men
Disaster Response Unit
Proposed budget for 2016**

Anticipated Income:	
Donations	<u>2100.00</u>
Anticipated Income Total:	2100.00
Anticipated Expenses:	
Repairs/maintenance	300.00
Fuel	1050.00
License/Inspection	40.00
Calling Post	50.00
Postage	10.00
Travel Expenses	500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>150.00</u>
Anticipated Expenses Total:	2100.00

**Illinois Masters Men
2015 Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**

Balance forward from December 31, 2014 1789.43

Income

ISA of FWB	1835.39
II Regional Retreat	<u>1943.68</u>
Total Income	3779.07

Expenses

Retreat	3497.69
Youth Fishing tourney	211.45
Office supplies	<u>31.37</u>
Total Expenses	3740.51

Balance C.F. to January 1, 2016 1827.99

**Illinois Masters Men
Proposed Budget for 2016**

Anticipated Income:

ISA of FWB	2000.00
IL. Regional Retreat	<u>2000.00</u>

Anticipated Income Total: 4000.00

Anticipated Expenses:

Retreat Expenses	3600.00
Youth Fishing Tournament	200.00
Miscellaneous	<u>200.00</u>

Anticipated Expenses Total: 4000.00

Signed Shawn Mygatt, Treasurer

Bro. Mike Thomas recognized Bro. Tim Hayes to give a report from the Disaster Response Unit and their activities during 2015.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and to adopt the proposed budgets. Then the name of Marty Leffler was placed in nomination for the 2021 position on the board. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

**REPORT NO. 11
ILLINOIS CTS BOARD –REPORT
January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**

The Free Will Baptist State competition was held at Decatur First Free Will Baptist Church April 24-25 2016 . There were 43 young people, 61 entries and 8 churches: Pleasant View , Rescue , Decatur, Crossroads, Harmony, Northwest , Bear Point and Ina. The Free Will Baptist of the state of Illinois was well represented at the 2015 National Youth Conference July 19-22 Grand Rapids, Mich. The following were honored by placing 1st, 2nd , or 3rd place:

Place	Name	Church	Competition
3rd	Rachel Maas	Pleasant View	B 8:80 Devotion
2nd	Callah Mathena	Pleasant View	D 8:80 Devotion
3rd	Pleasant View Youth	Pleasant View	D 9:10 Commerical
2nd	Erin Maas	Pleasant View	D 8:60 Humorous Story
2nd	Ashten Winter	Decatur	C 7:30 Mixed Media

1st	Lauren Mygatt	Bear Point	C 7:52 Photography
3rd	Trevor Beaty	Rescue	A 7:62 Textiles
3rd	Bailee Braddy	Rescue	B 7:64 Textiles
3rd	Breana Wingo	Ina	D 7:71 Ceramics

CONGRATULATIONS ! to all of the youth.

New guidelines for 2016- 2018 -50th Anniversary Edition -(Tan and yellow - CTS)

2016 Illinois CTS State Competition will be held at Ina Free Will Baptist Church on April 29-30 .

Registration deadline: March 25, 2016 The National Youth Conference will be July 17-20 2016 Kansas City, MO. Theme "TRANSFORM" Romans 12:2

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lindsey, Tommy Lewis , Allen Bigley, Josh Colson and Kelly Douglas CTS Board

ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD

2015 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2015	\$4491.95
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RECEIPTS:

Co-op Receipts	\$2,871.65	
State Competition Registration Fees	\$1,075.00	
Refund of over-paid NYC fees	\$30.00	
Debit card refund	<u>\$17.90</u>	
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 3994.55	\$8486.50

EXPENSES:

State Competition Expenses	\$1641.80
Randall House	\$215.84
NYC Registration Fees	\$1335.00
Postage NYC Registration	\$5.75
Camp Hope Canteen cards	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3298.39

ENDING BALANCE December 31, 2015	\$5188.11
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Respectfully submitted,

Allen Bigley, Treasurer

ILLINOIS STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST CTS BOARD

PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

INCOME:

Co-Op Together Way Receipts	\$, 2,900.00
State CTS Competition Registration	<u>1,350.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 4,250.00
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EXPENSES

NYC Registration	\$ 1,500.00
CTS Judges	700.00
Competition Host Church	400.00
Randall House CTS Supplies	350.00
State Competition Fellowship	700.00
Camp Hope Canteen Cards	100.00
Expenses State Competition	200.00
State Competition Hotel Rooms	<u>300.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,250.00
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Respectfully submitted, Allen Bigley, Treasurer

A motion was sustained to receive the report and adopt the budget. The name of Kathy Hayes was placed in nomination for the 2021 position on the board. A motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

REPORT NO. 12
REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

“Tree of Life”
IL WAC 2015/2016

Tree of Life – Rooted Locally – IL WAC Annual State Meeting

Revelation 22:14: Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

The Tree of Life evokes so many wonderful images from the Scriptures: the Garden of Eden Tree of Life in the very beginning, the Tree of Life awaiting us in Heaven, and, of course, the blessed Tree of Life that is the Cross and our salvation.

At our Illinois Women Active for Christ annual meeting, missionary speakers Lydie and Joel Teague will relate how the Tree of Life brings eternal life to all cultures and specifically the French culture where they work. Please join us Saturday, May 7, at New Hope FWB Church, rural Ina. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. The worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. and concludes at noon with lunch. New officers will be elected as part of the business session.

We invite all our Illinois missionaries and eTeam members to attend and bring us updates on their work.

We will have our traditional Provision Closet Shower at this year's meeting. Needed items include the following: Twin and King sheets (300+ thread count) and gift cards. You can see the WNAC website, Ministries, Provision Closet for a list of items of which there is already a good supply in the Closet.

Tree of Life – Rooted Nationally and Internationally

During the IL WAC May to May reporting timeframe, our individual groups in the Emily Malone and Loyal Workers Districts worked to send generous offerings to International and Home Missions and through the IGO Plan as well as directly to the WNAC National offices. See our annual financial report beginning next in the Digest of Reports. Praise the Lord for this giving. May we give more to Him. In addition, we upheld our missionaries and their work daily and with special emphasis at our Pre-Easter (International missions emphasis) and Pre-Thanksgiving (Home Missions emphasis) Weeks of prayer.

Tree of Life – Rooted in the Country

Our biennial Fall Women's Retreat theme is "Country Home." Join us at Camp Hope Friday and Saturday, September 23-24, 2016 for another inspirational retreat designed especially for Illinois women. Further information, including specific ways you can be involved, will be publicized as we near the date.

Plan on inviting your friends and relations. This retreat promises to celebrate our Country Home now and in our eternal future.

Please pray and mark your calendars!

All in the Name of Jesus,
Susan Burgess
ILWAC President

**ILLINOIS STATE FWB ACTIVE FOR CHRIST TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR MAY 1, 2014 – APRIL 30, 2015**

BALANCE BROUGHT FOWARD FROM MAY 1, 2014		\$ 980.70
RECEIPTS:		
State Meeting Offering.....	\$ 251.00	
Emily Malone District.....	\$ 1,508.65	
Loyal Workers District.....	\$ 788.65	
Retreat Offering.....	\$ 1,007.09	
Retreat (T-Shirts)	\$ 50.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....	\$ 3,605.39	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$ 4,586.09
DISBURSEMENTS:		
STATE MEETING:		
Brenda Carney (Speaker).....	\$ 125.00	
Emily Petty (E-Team)	\$ 25.00	
Haley Walker (E-Team).....	\$ 25.00	
Amy Johnson (WNAC Rep)	\$ 50.00	
WNAC	\$ 26.00	
RETREAT		
Wal-Mart (Food).....	\$ 95.15	
Sarah Malone (Speaker)	\$ 500.00	
Brenda Carney (Missionary)	\$ 300.00	
Camp Hope (Use of Facilities)	\$ 100.00	
Ezra Drama Team	\$ 50.00	
OTHER		
Mane Designs (Hayes Flowers).....	\$ 30.00	
IGO PROJECT.....	\$ 690.00	
WNAC:		
General Fund	\$ 29.50	
Other.....	\$ 50.00	
Dues (98 Members).....	\$ 1,470.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....		\$ 3,565.65
ENDING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2015.....		\$ 1,020.44
GENERAL FUND.....		\$ 348.76
FELLOWSHIP RETREAT.....		\$ 391.68
MEMORY SIS. ELLAMAE HILTIBIDAL.....		\$ 280.00
CHECKBOOK BALANCE.....		\$ 1,020.44

**THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF MONEY AND NON CASH GIFTS GIVEN TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
THAT WAS SENT DIRECTLY**

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS

General Fund	\$ 2,490.00
Shane Davison	820.00
Rusty Carney	1,695.00
Dennis Teague	895.00
Darren Portell	350.00
Josh Detherage	1,143.00
Mark King	550.00
David Outlaw	300.00
Josh Provow	557.00
	<u>\$ 8,800.00</u>

Tyler Penn	\$ 240.00
Mark Shores	475.76
Josh Bennett	350.00
Mark Thomas	115.76
Marana Project	240.00
	<u>\$ 1,421.52</u>

IGO (Direct)	\$ 4,276.00
(State)	<u>690.00</u>
	\$ 4,966.00

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OTHER			
WNAC General Fund (Co-Laborer)	\$	228.51	
C.A.S.T.		550.00	
Hicks Family		601.00	Total Given Direct \$ 20,438.21
Tom Malone		200.00	
Welch College		340.00	
Ketterman Scholarship		100.00	
Bear Point Youth		250.50	
Brent Loucks		250.00	Total Through State \$ 759.50
Christmas Gifts for School		141.92	
Sesser-Valier Food Pantry		350.00	
Father's Day		63.00	Dues (98 Members) 1,470.00
Avant Ministries Spain		120.00	
Ella Mae Hiltibidal Memorial		30.00	10 Member Districts 150.00
Emily Petty (E-Team)		504.50	
Haley Walker		329.50	Total Members (108) 1,620.00
Kylee Edgmon (E-Team)		250.00	
Brooklyn Penn (E-Team)		25.00	
Ben Barcroft (Truth & Peace)		150.00	Total Given \$ 22,898.71
Isaiah Penn (Truth & Peace)		150.00	
Kassidy Wilson (Truth & Peace)		150.00	
Hope Walker (Mission Trip)	\$	150.00	
Tara Roberts (Mission Trip)		100.00	
Shelby Payne		400.00	
Judy Bailey (Gift)		27.76	
Provision Closet		275.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>249.00</u>	
	\$	5,985.69	

A motion was sustained to receive the report as information. A report from the NWAC office was then given by Sis. Susan Burgess.

The moderator then recognized Mike Oliver who shared a report from Welch College and then Bro. James Foster who shared a report from Family Ministries.

The moderator declared a recess at this time and Bro. David Shores led in prayer.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The evening service was opened with Bro. David Shores presiding and the congregation was led by Sis. Tia Dunaway assisted by Angel Barnes and Alice Maynard at the piano in singing "Jesus Son of God, I Stand Amazed, and IN Christ Alone" followed by prayer. Bro. Curtis Smith then brought the evening message from Luke 16:19-31 concerning the "Eight Things in Hell That We Need in The Church".

The service was closed in prayer. A time of fellowship followed with the ladies of the church providing a variety of desserts.

MARCH 19, 2016

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The moderator opened the service with prayer and Bro. Curtis Smith brought the devotion from I Thessalonians 4-5. He then closed in prayer.

REPORT NO. 13
THE OBITUARY REPORT

EAST CENTRAL

Robert Fred Hamilton, Mt. Vernon 1st
Robert Dethrow-Mt. Vernon 1st
Edna Ryan- Pleasant View
Robert Dethrow, Mt. Vernon 1st
Edna Ryan, Pleasant View

SOUTH CENTRAL

Mary Jo McKee-Alexander
Flynn Cox-Alexander
Maxine Whitehead-Arnold View
Loren Johns-Arnold View
Robert Mousey Jr.- Arnold View
David Beyers- Arnold View
Curtis Baldwin- Benton 1st
Elnora Clayton-Harmony
Larry Pritchett-Johnston City 1st
Kathlene Wilson- Johnston City 1st
Becky Hartford-Johnston City 1st
Ron Larrison-Pittsburg
Lenard French-Pittsburg
Opal Stehenson-Pittsburg

REND LAKE

Tom Pickering-Bear Point
Neoma Mandrell-Bear Point
Bro. Gene Outland-Hazel Dell
Danny Galloway-Hazel Dell
Naomi Hayes-Ina
Byford Baltzell-Ina/Rescue
Rose Ashleman-Nason
Nolan Adams-New Hope
Fran Lentz-Rescue
Bro. Clifford Hicks-Waltonville

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Mary Helen Bryan, Unity

FOX RIVER

Maybelline Borges-Northwest Com
Denver Dingus- New Life

A motion was sustained to receive the report and to have a moment of silence in memory of the above individuals,

The moderator recognized Bro. Ernie Lewis to give a video report from Shane & Joy Davison.

REPORT NO. 14
THE REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee recommend the following:

Item #1 Honorariums be given as follows

Moderator	\$350
Treasurer	\$800
Clerk	\$600
Asst. Clerk	\$150

Item #2 A standing vote of thanks be given to the Calvary Church for their hospitality during the 2016 Association meeting and a \$100 appreciation gift for hosting the meeting.

Item #3 That we accept the invitation from the Benton Church to host the 2017 State Association.

Item #4 That the tabled items from last year, concerning changes of the constitution, be removed from the table and acted upon.

Article 11 Section 12 says "The Illinois State Master's Men Board shall seek to establish Master's Men chapters and to set up district and state groups, as well as cooperate with the National Layman's Board."

We recommend that the last portion of the sentence, "as well as cooperate with the National Layman's Board" be deleted.

We recommend the words "Reference KJV" be added after Article 17 in the Constitution after the Scripture references as a point of clarification.

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon it item by item.

A motion was sustained to adopt Items 1 thru 4

A motion was then sustained to print out all Scripture references in our constitution and by-laws.

A motion was sustained to elect the following delegates to the National Association and to give the moderator the power to fill any vacancies: Jane Harmon, Jim Walker, Christine Lewis, and Valerie Bigley

REPORT NO. 15
FINAL REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following were placed in nomination:

	Present officer holder	Nominee
Moderator-	John Pratt	Curtis Smith
Asst. Moderator	Ricky Ham	Tyler Penn
Clerk	Larry Cook	Larry Cook
Asst. Clerk	Jason Janus	Jason Janus
Treasurer	Tim Hayes	Tim Hayes
National General		
Board Member	David Shores	David Shores

A motion was sustained to receive the report and act upon position by position.

For moderator the nominee is Curtis Smith and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For asst. moderator Tyler Penn is the nominee and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For Clerk Larry Cook is the nominee and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For Asst. Clerk Jason Janus is the nominee and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

For Treasurer the nominee is Tim Hayes and a motion was sustained to cease nominations and proceed to elect.

The following names were placed in nomination for the 2016-2017 Nominating Committee: Josh Colson, John Hollis, Ross Bunton and a motion was sustained to elect.

Then the following names were appointed to the Auditing Committee for 2017: Kelly Douglas, Francis Scott and Josh Colson and a motion was sustained to elect.

REPORT NO. 16
REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The following numbers were found to be registered for the 2016 State Association

Standing Delegates	37
Elected Delegates	15
Visitors	24
Church Delegate	1

The total registered was 75

A motion was sustained to receive the report.

Motion was then made and passed to adjourn the 2015 business session.

MORNING WORSHIP

Curtis Smith presided over the service and the congregation was led in singing by Tia Dunaway with Alice Maynard at the piano "Everlasting God, Glory to His Name, Wonderful, Merciful Savior, and Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone"" followed by Sis Tia Dunaway singing "Blessed Savior Fount of Grace". Bro. Curtis then introduced Bro. Josh Colson who brought the morning message from 1 Cor. 1:18-25 "Preach the Cross". The service was closed by singing "Lord I Need Thee" and Bro. Steve Cantrell leading in prayer.

